

*Town of New Fairfield*  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**4 Brush Hill Road**  
**New Fairfield, CT 06812**

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 24, 2015**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Community Room at 33 Route 37**

**Members present:**

Susan Chapman, First Selectman  
Mike Gill, Selectman  
Kim Hanson, Selectman

**Other Town Officials Present:**

Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager

**Call To Order** First Selectman Susan Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Correspondence & Announcements**

Selectman Mike Gill announced that Danbury Public Works at 53 Newtown Road will hold Household Hazardous Waste Day this Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm.

First Selectman Susan Chapman announced that New Fairfield will hold Prescription drug take back day this Saturday from 10am to 2pm at the Police station.

First Selectman Susan Chapman noted that “New Fairfield Day” was held on September 19<sup>th</sup> and was very successful.

First Selectman Susan Chapman noted that all four schools participated in an emergency evacuation drill on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and it went very well.

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2015 regular meeting and the September 15, 2015 special meetings (9:15am and 7:00pm) as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Budget Transfers**

First Selectman Susan Chapman spoke of the budget surplus for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and noted that the BOS voted at their September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to recommend the best uses for the surplus to the BOF. The BOF met on September 16<sup>th</sup> and made some changes.

**Budget transfers (con't)**

Susan Chapman made a motion to withdraw the previous motion made by the BOS on September 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the 2014-2015 budget surplus. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the following Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$668,590.31 for the 2014-2015 budget surplus (Town Meeting required). Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
\$250,000.00	4210-317-2	Police-Other Resident Troopers	\$668,590.31	2532-001	General Fund-Unreserved
\$190,000.00	301-4330-742	Cap & Non-PW Trucks and Equipment			
\$130,000.00	301-4120-740	Cap & Non-Town Clerk/Land Records			
\$40,000.00	4310-742	PW Trucks & Equip. Maint. & Repairs			
\$35,000.00	4210-317	Police-Resident State Trooper			
\$16,735.70	304-3900-740	Fire Company Reserve			
\$6,854.61	301-4330-742-1	Cap & Non-Bridge & Drainage Streetscape			
<b>\$668,590.31</b>			<b>\$668,590.31</b>		

**Personnel Report**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Appointments**- None

**New Fairfield Veteran's presentation**

Jim Merenda from the New Fairfield Veterans Association spoke of the Veterans Association need for a new place to house their belongings and vehicles. Mr. Merenda spoke of the various missions and projects that the Veterans Association provides to town. Previously, the association had a garage to keep their belongings but that is no longer available. The Veterans are currently looking for ideas to put a structure that would be approximately 40' by 24' in size. Mr. Merenda spoke of the possibility of putting this structure by the Drop Off Center and noted that he met with the Town of New Fairfield Health Director and the Zoning Enforcement Officer regarding this.

First Selectman Susan Chapman spoke of why the option of the Drop Off Center may not be the best place and noted that New Life Community Church on Beaver Bog offered some space for the structure. Selectman Mike Gill spoke of problems that occurred with the Fire Dept. when looking to use property by the Drop Off Center.

It was decided that the Veterans will continue to look into this further. First Selectman Chapman encouraged any residents that may be watching this meeting that may have ideas for a location to call either the Veterans Association or her office.

**Presentation on Route 37 walking trail**

Peter Hearn spoke of a proposal for a trail around Margerie Reservoir that could be used for pedestrians and bicycles. This trail would connect into Danbury. He noted that the recent Plan of Conservation and Development by the Town of New Fairfield encouraged the building of walking and biking trails. Mr. Hearn spoke of the grant process in order to secure funding for this project and noted that he will be meeting with the Danbury City Council next week to ask for their endorsement.

There was a discussion among the members of the Board of Selectmen regarding this process. First Selectman Susan Chapman noted that she spoke with the Mayor of Danbury regarding this and there were some concerns about trails around drinking water reservoirs. First Selectman Chapman noted that the town applied for a STEAP grant in order to put sidewalks in town, and is awaiting results of that grant. The BOS decided that they liked the concept of this project but would like more information and to know the opinion of the Danbury Council.

Mike Gill made a motion to endorse the concept of the Margerie Reservoir Community Trail. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Agreement between Town of New Fairfield and the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Dept.**

First Selectman Susan Chapman noted that the BOS met with the Fire Department regarding the agreement with the town for purchasing new equipment. Currently, the agreement is that the town will pay 75% of the price of the equipment and the Fire Department will pay 25%. It was noted that it is getting increasingly difficult for the Fire Department to come up with the 25%. It was decided to amend this agreement to make it 85% town's responsibility and 15% Fire Department responsibility and to revisit this plan in five years.

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the agreement between the Town of New Fairfield and the Volunteer Fire Dept. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Vote to accept the bank offer for 6 Hammond Road**

Susan Chapman spoke of a property in New Fairfield that received a Small Cities grant. The balance on this lien is currently \$21,000. This property went into foreclosure and the bank has offered the town \$3,000 towards this lien. Mike Gill asked that the BOS check with Town Counsel to see if there is any way to protect the town in the future so that this will not happen with another property.

Susan Chapman made a motion to accept the offer of \$3,000 from the bank regarding 6 Hammond Road. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Vote to set a date for a special Town Meeting**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the following Warning for a Town Meeting:

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at Town Meetings that a Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room at 33 Route 37 for the following purpose to wit:

To consider and take action upon an authorization to apply the 2014-2015 town budget surplus of \$668,590.31 as follows: \$250,000.00 to Police-Other Resident Troopers, \$190,000.00 to Cap & Non – PW Trucks & Equipment, \$130,000.00 to Cap & Non – Town Clerk/Land Records, \$40,000.00 to PW Trucks & Equipment Maintenance and Repairs, \$35,000.00 to Police-Resident State Trooper, \$16,735.70 Fire Company Reserve and \$6,854.61 to Cap & Non- Bridge & Drainage – Streetscape, as verified by the audit and approved by the Board of Finance.

Dated at New Fairfield, CT this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Vote to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract for the Chiller replacement at the Police Department**

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement with MJ Daly for the chiller replacement at the Police Department. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**General Discussion: Items to be brought up by selectmen for future agendas**

The Creamery will be discussed at a meeting in the near future.

**Adjournment**

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**