

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 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:

Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman
Don Blackwell, BOF member
Gail Lehman, Library Board Chairman
Ernie Lehman, Planning Commission member
Pete Viola, Permanent Building Committee Chairman
Jack Keating, Town Counsel

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence & Announcements

First Selectman Susan Chapman announced that the Grand Reopening for the library will be held on Saturday, October 17th from 10am to 12 noon at the library.

First Selectman Susan Chapman noted that the response time for emergencies in New Fairfield is now below the national average since switching to the 24 hour EMT service. The national average is eight minutes and New Fairfield's response time is currently six minutes.

Selectman Mike Gill noted that the Household Hazardous Waste Day held on September 27th was very successful. The next one will be held in May.

Public Comment

There was a formal request by a resident to have the First Selectman request a free analysis on the Independent Police Force vs. the hybrid Police Force that the town currently has.

Don Blackwell noted that there was an article in the *Citizen News* that addressed the Police Department and it was noted that a committee will be set up after the election to research this.

Approval of Minutes

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Susan Chapman made a motion to transfer from the Building Repair Fund \$9,000 for the Town Hall HVAC and \$7,000 for the Butler Building at the Drop Off Center for a total transfer of \$16,000. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report- None

Appointments

Susan Chapman made a motion to reappoint Helen Gallagher, George Buck, Gary Mummert and Cynthia Stevens to the Ball Pond Advisory Commission. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

The Selectman thanked all the Ball Pond Advisory members for their service.

Turkey Run donations

Susan Chapman made a motion to accept the following donations for the New Fairfield Annual Turkey Run: Dom's Garden Center (\$250.00), Picture Perfect Landscaping (\$250.00) Savings Bank of Danbury (\$250.00), Winter Bros. (\$250.00) and World Champion Tae Kwon Do (\$250.00) for a total donation of \$1,250.00. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

The Selectman thanked everyone for their donations.

Approval of Public Works Director job description

Kim Hanson made a motion to table the approval of the Public Works Director job description until the next regular BOS meeting. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to have the First Selectman sign the CRCOG MORE Hosting Services Agreement

Susan Chapman explained that CRCOG MORE is a pilot program for the backing of data off site and is free for the first two years. This was recommended by the Town's IT Dept.

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the CRCOG MORE Hosting Services Agreement. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Proposed Water Supply agreement between the Town of New Fairfield and Aquarion

Water Company of Connecticut

Susan Chapman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:42pm to discuss the proposed Water Supply agreement between the Town of New Fairfield and Aquarion Water Company and to invite Town Counsel Jack Keating into the Executive Session. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Susan Chapman made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:09pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Susan Chapman made a motion to table the authorization to sign the proposed Water Supply agreement. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

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

Susan Chapman noted that the assessment for the Creamery recently came in. The Historic Properties Commission will present it at the next regular BOS meeting.

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)