

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 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 and Announcements

First Selectman Susan Chapman noted that the annual Tree Lighting will be held this Saturday, November 28th beginning at noon with the Light Parade at 5pm.

Public Comment

Resident Tom Nickelson asked about the Senior Housing project and inquired about how he may be able to obtain more information in order to make an informed vote.

Approval of Minutes

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the following Intra Departmental transfer in the amount of \$22,500.00. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
\$22,500.00	4210-130-1	Police-Overtime	\$22,500.00	4210-110	Police-Salaries
\$22,500.00			\$22,500.00		

Personnel Report

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated November 24, 2015 as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

Susan Chapman made a motion to reappoint Rourk Traynor as the Tree Warden. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Susan Chapman made a motion to appoint Jim Ogden to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Susan Chapman made a motion to reappoint Gary Remley to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Susan Chapman made a motion to appoint Susan Chapman, Kim Hanson and Mike Gill to the Legal Traffic Authority. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Susan Chapman made a motion to reappoint Chris Baldwin as the Town's Building Inspector. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Susan Chapman made a motion to reappoint Linda Fox as the Town Historian. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

First Selectman Chapman noted that there are still vacancies on many commissions. Anyone interested should contact the Selectmen's office.

Creamery update

First Selectman Chapman noted that she spoke with the employees in the Land Use Department about options for the Creamery. The building can be taken down and rebuilt but must keep the original footprint. There was a brief discussion about rebuilding the Creamery and making it historically accurate and possibly reusing some of the historic wood. Selectman Hanson suggested finding out the value of the wood.

It was noted that approximately \$75,000 is already banked towards this project. The Town will put out an RFP for demolition of this building.

Police budget

First Selectman Chapman noted that the State has increased the cost of the Resident State Troopers which affects the budget of the Town's Police Department. There was a brief discussion of how many officers are needed in town and compared what New Fairfield is paying in comparison to similar towns.

It was decided to form a committee of approximately five people to look into options for the Police Department. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact the Selectmen's office.

This will be discussed further at the next regular BOS meeting.

Addition to Agenda

Susan Chapman made a motion to add agenda item 10A "Discuss and vote to allow Town of Sherman to apply for a grant on behalf of Candlewood Lake Authority." Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discuss and vote to allow Town of Sherman to apply for a grant on behalf of Candlewood Lake Authority

First Selectman Chapman noted that this grant would be used to purchase a new boat. At this point, they are just asking to apply for the grant with no obligation to New Fairfield. The deadline for the grant application is December 1st. There was a brief discussion of the finances of CLA and the need for a boat. It was noted that the other four towns around the lake have already voted to allow the grant application.

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to authorize the Town of Sherman to apply for a grant on behalf of Connecticut Lake Authority. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

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

The following will be discussed in the near future:

- Creamery update
- Review and clarification of Ethics ordinance
- Update on Senior Housing project once hearing from the Housing Trust.

The Selectmen wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)