

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 22, 2016
7:30 PM
Community Room at 33 Route 37
(REVISED)

Members present:

Susan Chapman, First Selectman
Mike Gill, Selectman

Members not present:

Kim Hanson, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager/BOE member
Patty Mota, Purchasing Agent
Bruce Taylor, Fire Chief
Pete Benzinger, Fire Dept.
Various members of the Fire Dept

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements

Selectman Mike Gill announced that there will be a Household Hazardous Waste Day this Saturday, September 24th from 9am to 2pm at the Danbury Public Works Facility.

Public Comment-None

Approval of Minutes

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 regular meeting and the September 19, 2016 special meeting as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the following Additional Appropriation (Town Meeting Required) in the amount of \$299,655.44 for the 2015-2016 budget surplus. Mike Gill seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)- **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
\$4,655.44	304-3900-740	Fire Company Reserve	\$299,655.44	2532-001	General Fund-Unreserved
\$220,000.00	301-4330-742	Cap & Non-PW Trucks & Equipment			
\$25,000.00	301-4210-742	Cap & Non-Police Cars and Equip			
\$30,000.00		Cap & Non-Lake Studies			
\$20,000.00		Cap & Non-Town Vehicles			
\$299,655.44			\$299,655.44		

Personnel Report

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated September 22, 2016 as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

Susan Chapman made a motion to appoint Craig David Rosen and Jenna Alviti to the Youth Commission. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Susan Chapman made a motion to appoint John McCartney to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion and vote on ambulance purchase

Fire Chief Bruce Taylor spoke of the purchase of a new ambulance for the Fire Department and noted that they have chosen to purchase from New England Fire Equipment. The bid price for this ambulance is \$182,688.00. The Fire Department is requesting \$195,000.00 from the Fire Department Reserve fund less 15% (\$29,250) which will be funded by the Fire Department for a total withdrawal from the Reserve Fund of \$165,750. The build time for this ambulance is 185 days.

Mike Gill made a motion to authorize the purchase 91-1 ambulance for an amount not to exceed \$195,000 with the Fire Department maximum contribution of \$29,250 and a withdrawal of \$165,750 from the Reserve Fund. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion and vote on 4 Guys Fire Apparatus

Pete Benzinger from the New Fairfield Fire Dept. spoke of a contract with 4 Guys Fire Apparatus and a penalty clause for the inability of the company to deliver the fire truck by the agreed upon date. It was noted that the bond was signed on October 1, 2015 with a promised delivery date of October 26, 2016. The penalty would begin on October 27, 2016.

John Cares from 4 Guys Fire Apparatus spoke of the process and of the building of apparatus and approached the Board of Selectman with a possibility of negotiating the penalty. The BOS discussed the consequences of renegotiating the contract and decided not to renegotiate the contract with 4 Guys. Susan Chapman will contact Town Counsel to ask him to draft a letter to 4 Guys on behalf of the Town to put them on notice.

Addition to agenda

Susan Chapman made a motion to add agenda item #12A "Discuss and vote on Memo of Understanding with Public Work Teamsters Union. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Memo of Understanding with Public Work Teamsters Union

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the Memo of Understanding with the Teamsters Union as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of the Plan of Conservation and Development

Mike Gill noted that the Planning Commission has asked all Town departments to look at the revised Plan of Conservation and Development. There was a discussion of suggestions included in the POCD and the feasibility of doing them. It was noted by the BOS that more work is needed with this plan. It was suggested that the BOS possibly have a workshop to discuss the suggestions and to invite the Planning Commission to attend.

Vote to set date for 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 13, 2016 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 2015-2016 town budget surplus of \$299,655.44 as follows: \$25,000.00 to Cap & Non-Police cars & Equipment, \$220,000.00 to Cap & Non – PW Trucks & Equipment, \$4,655.44 to Fire Company Reserve, \$30,000.00 to Cap & Non-Lake Studies and \$20,000.00 to Cap & Non-Town Vehicles as verified by the audit and approved by the Board of Finance.

Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

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

Susan Chapman noted that the Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a Haunted Trail at Great Hollow on Friday and Saturdays in October.

The Town will host “Trunk or Treat” at the high school on Halloween.

Anyone interested in getting a kit or more information at the Organics recycling program at the Drop Off Center should come to the Community Room on Saturday, October 1st at 10:00am.

Adjournment

Mike Gill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,