

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

MINUTES
(REVISED)

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2016
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/BOE member
Bruce Taylor, Fire Chief

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements- None

Public Comment

Iris Raynor spoke of the endangered wildflowers near the Senior Center and asked the BOS to consider permanently suspending the mowing of the meadow near the Senior Center in order to preserve these wildflowers.

Bob Carbone spoke of the Candlewood Lake Authority budget and referred to an incident that occurred on the lake eight years ago.

Tom Nicholosen spoke of the proposed development from the New Fairfield Housing Trust and compared the approval process to that of the proposed turf field.

Fire Chief Bruce Taylor spoke of the new ISO rating for the Town effective July 1st due mostly to the water supply and excellent record keeping. Residents that are renegotiating their insurance rates should mention this. Anyone looking for a copy of a letter regarding this can go to the Selectmen's office.

Chief Taylor and the BOS thanked the entire Fire Department.

Approval of Minutes

Mike Gill made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2016 regular meeting and the special meetings of April 6, 2016, April 11, 2016 and April 12, 2016 as presented. Kim Hanson 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 \$400.00. Mike Gill seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
\$400.00	4215-322	Comm. Center- Training EMD	\$400.00	4215-610	Comm. Center- M&S
\$400.00			\$400.00		

Personnel Report

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated April 14, 2016 as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

Susan Chapman made a motion to reappoint Chris Van Steen to the Parks and Rec Commission. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to approve Letter of Intent between Town of New Fairfield and the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association Inc. (CARA)

John Morelli from the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association approached the BOS to request the use of the Fire tower at Company A Firehouse for their repeater antenna. This would give extended range and increase coverage with no cost to the Town. Electricity would be charged to New Fairfield but it is anticipated that it would be less than \$25/year. The letter of intent was reviewed by Town Counsel and returned with minor changes.

Mr. Morelli gave some information about the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association and noted that it was the oldest radio club in the State of Connecticut.

Fire Chief Bruce Taylor gave his support for this approval and noted that Ham radio was very useful in New Jersey during Hurricane Sandy and allowed for communication when other forms of emergency communication were down.

Mike Gill made a motion to approve the Letter of Intent between the Town of New Fairfield and the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association, Inc. unless there are substantial changes to the document reviewed by Town Counsel. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to approve changes to the Community Garden Contract

Susan Chapman noted that the Community Garden Club has raised the necessary funds to build additional plots.

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the changes to the Community Garden contract. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to have the First Selectman sign an agreement with Rosemark Law regarding leasing space at the communications facility located at 212 Tower Hill Road to Verizon

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign an agreement with Rosemark Law regarding leasing space at the communication facility located at 212 Tower Road to Verizon. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Mike Gill made a motion to amend the previous motion to strike the words “including any renewal thereof” on line 8 of the agreement. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote to amend motion: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote on motion as amended: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to have the First Selectman sign the New England Archives Center Land Use Scanning Agreement

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the New England Archives Center Land Use Scanning Agreement. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Addition to Agenda

Susan Chapman made a motion to add item #12A “Vote to have BOS approve the list of qualified depositories for the Town of New Fairfield”. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to have BOS approve the list of qualified depositories for the Town of New Fairfield

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the list qualified depositories for the Town of New Fairfield as presented by the Town Treasurer. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of Candlewood Lake Authority

Selectman Mike Gill noted that the Board of Finance met on April 13th and made a recommendation to fund the Candlewood Lake Authority and put money in a special account until they pay the approximately \$55,000 back into the restricted fund account. First Selectman Susan Chapman will talk to the CEOs from the other surrounding towns around the lake regarding this.

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

The contract with Western Connecticut Health Network regarding the EMS service will be up in June 2016. Selectman Mike Gill suggested entertaining a one year extension.

The Creamery will be discussed in the near future.

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,