

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 11, 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

**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 announced that the 9/11 Ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> with a concert from 6pm to 7pm and the ceremony beginning at 7pm.

New Fairfield Day will be held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment-** Eric Alviti spoke of the proposed Lower Rebel Turf field and noted that approval has been given from the Inlands/Wetlands commission. He asked questions regarding the approval process and the timeline. The BOS explained the process for a Public Hearing and a Town Meeting to get approval for this project and noted that a document is currently being drafted by the Town Attorney which will then go to a Public Hearing and a Town Meeting. There was a brief discussion of giving approval to go to the Land Use boards.

Jennifer Hickey spoke of the approval process for the Lower Rebel Turf field and noted that a Town Meeting should be set to approve this project.

**Approval of Minutes**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2016 regular meeting and the special meeting of August 3, 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 \$500.00. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

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

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
\$500.00	4240-610	Building Inspector-M&S	\$500.00	4240-609	Building Inspector-ICC Plan Reviews/Consultant
<b>\$500.00</b>			<b>\$500.00</b>		

**Personnel Report**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated August 11, 2016 as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

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

**Appointments**- None

**Addition to the Agenda**

Susan Chapman made a motion to add Agenda Item #8A “Discuss and possibly vote to allow Eric Alviti to go to the Zoning Commission and any other necessary Land Use Boards for approval for the proposed Lower Rebel Turf field.” Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

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

**Approval to apply for Land Use Boards**

Kim Hanson made a motion to authorize Eric Alviti and/or New Fairfield Lacrosse to apply to the various Land Use Boards as necessary for approval for a turf field. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

**Approval of Town Meeting Warning**

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

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those entitled to vote at Town Meetings that a Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room at 33 Route 37 for the following purpose to wit:

1. To consider and take action upon the adoption of an Ordinance for the prevention and remediation of housing blight, defining housing blight and standards of neglect, authorizing designated agents of the municipality to remediate blighted conditions, and

providing for civil penalties for the violation of such ordinance and a lien on real estate for unpaid penalties.

The full text of the proposed Ordinance is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Selectmen.

2. To consider and take action upon the adoption of an Ordinance prohibiting the discharge of water onto public highways and roads, regulating connections to storm drains, authorizing designated agents of the municipality to enforce the ordinance and abate violations thereof, and providing for civil penalties for the violation of such ordinance.

The full text of the proposed Ordinance is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Selectmen.

3. To consider and take action upon the adoption of amendments to the Code of Ethics prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, regarding the receipt of gifts by a municipal official or employee from a family member, relative or close personal friend, and establishing a procedure for the hearing of complaints of violations of the Code in accordance with the procedures specified by the General Statutes.

Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

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

There was a brief discussion of the proposed Blight Ordinance and the definition of excessively grown lawn and the effect that lawn chemicals and fertilizer have on the lake.

Kim Hanson made a motion to revise item F of the Town Meeting Warning from “excessively overgrown lawns” to read “excessively overgrown lawns or yards unless being regularly maintained as a meadow or natural area. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

**Vote to authorize the First Selectman to sign demolition contract for the Creamery**

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the demolition contract for the Creamery. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

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

**Discussion of budget surplus**

Susan Chapman noted that the surplus on the town side is \$661,524.00 and noted that these are unaudited numbers. There was a discussion of what to do with the surplus and it was noted that the BOF has requested that recommendations be made prior to the September BOF meeting.

Susan Chapman noted that the Fire Department typically gets their surplus back to their reserve fund. This amounts to approximately \$4,570.00. Other suggestions for the surplus included Public Works vehicles, AEDs, future studies for Blue/Green Alge and milfoil for the lake, and to put money back into the General Fund.

**Addition to agenda**

Susan Chapman made a motion to add agenda item #11A “Discuss and possibly vote to authorize the First Selectman to sign the CCM Energy Agreement. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

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

**CCM Energy Agreement**

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract with the lowest bidder for the for electricity rates for the town as negotiated by CCM. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)**

There was a brief discussion of the amount of energy usage for the town and the length of the contract.

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

The Lower Rebel Turf field and the budget surplus will be discussed at meetings in the near future.

**Adjournment**

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

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