

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 24, 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

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 town received a grant for an electric charging station with two hook ups at Town Hall. This should be installed by June 1st.

First Selectman Susan Chapman noted that the Board of Selectmen received an email from the Library Board about the proposed budget for the Library for 2016-2017 and will take it into advisement.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2016 regular meeting, the special meetings of March 2, 2016 and March 14, 2016 as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the transfer of \$319.77 from Butler Building DOC and \$2796.28 from Town Hall Flood for a total of \$3,116.05 back to the Building Repair Reserve Fund. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated March 24, 2016 as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

Susan Chapman made a motion to reappoint John Hodge to the Candlewood Lake Authority. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approval of job descriptions

Susan Chapman made a motion to table the approval of job descriptions. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Addition to agenda

Susan Chapman made a motion to add Agenda item #12A "Approval of Grant application for First Light". Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion and vote to approve changes to the Community Garden Contract

Susan Chapman noted that the BOS received a request from the Community Garden committee about a change in their contract. The biggest change would be to give the committee three plots instead of their current one plot. The BOS approved increasing the size of the garden to 4,000 square feet at a previous meeting. Judi Juul and Deidre Bresha from the Community Garden Committee spoke of the committee's desire to increase plots from 12 to 21. They spoke of their fundraising efforts to raise money for these plots. Approximately \$3,000 would be needed to be raised. To date, \$800 has been raised. As of now, there are enough plots for gardeners but if in the future, there aren't enough plots, a lottery will be held. There was a discussion of the concern of Community Garden committee members possibly getting preference for plots. There was a brief discussion of whether or not approval should be tabled until funds are received.

Kim Hanson made a motion to table this item. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to approve Street Sweeping Contract

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the new Street Sweeping contract as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discuss and vote on personnel matter- Executive Session

Susan Chapman made a motion to table this item. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approval of Grant application for First Light

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the grant for the HRP Fund. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Susan Chapman noted that this grant would be used to purchase carp for Squantz Pond in order to help the milfoil problem. The amount of this grant if received would be \$4,920.75.

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

Selectman Kim Hanson suggested the possibility of having a New Fairfield Clean Up Day similar to what Sherman has. Selectman Hanson will check with Sherman to see what is involved.

Adjournment

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

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kloos