

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2017
7:30 PM
Community Room at 33 Route 37

Members present:

Susan Chapman, First Selectman
Mike Gill, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
John Hodge, BOF member

Members not present:

Kim Hanson, Selectman

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence & Announcements- None

Public Comment

Jim McAlister spoke of the BOS and their relationship with Candlewood Lake Authority and specifically the possibility of cutting the CLA budget and the Solitude Proposal.

Approval of Minutes

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen regular meeting of December 8, 2016 and special meetings of December 21, 2016, December 27, 2016 and January 9, 2017 and Budget workshop meetings of January 3, 2017, January 4, 2017 and January 9, 2017. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

Susan Chapman made a motion to transfer \$43,604 for trucks #25 and #31 and \$10,295 for truck #51 from Public Works Trucks and Equipment for a total transfer of \$53,899.00. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers (con't)

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the following Additional Appropriation (Town Meeting required) in the amount of \$53,899.00. 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	
\$53,899.00	301-4100-700	Unappropriated Cap & Non	\$53,899.00	301-4210-742	Cap & Non-PD Cars & Equip
\$53,899.00			\$53,899.00		

Personnel Report

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated January 12, 2017 as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments- None

Vote to set date for Public Hearing

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the Notice of the following Public Hearing:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of New Fairfield will conduct a public hearing by the Board of Selectman on February 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 33 Route 37 North, New Fairfield, CT 06812 to discuss the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input.

Maximum award limits: \$700,000 for Public Facilities; \$700,000 for Public Housing Modernization of 25 units or less, or \$800,000 for 26 units and over; \$500,000 for Infrastructure; \$400,000 for Housing Rehabilitation Program for single towns, \$500,000 for two-town consortium, and \$600,000 for three or more Towns; \$25,000 for Planning Only Grants; \$500,000 for Economic Development Activities, and \$500,000 for Urgent Need.

Major activity categories are: Acquisition, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Housing Modernization, Community Facilities, Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG allocations must carry out at least one of three National Objectives: benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, elimination of slums and blight, or meeting urgent community development needs.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen’s views on the Town’s community development and housing needs and review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development or community facilities which could be part of the Town’s Application for funding.

Also, the public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the program and for approval of the Program Income Reuse Plan. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to First Selectman Susan Chapman, 4 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812 or you may telephone Ms. Chapman at 203-312-5600. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m. and noon on Fridays.

The Community Development/Housing Department on behalf of the Town of New Fairfield anticipates applying for the maximum grant amount of \$400,000 under the housing rehabilitation category. In addition, the Town will create a revolving loan fund with program income (principal and interest) generated from the grant for a housing rehabilitation loan program.

The Town of New Fairfield promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income households regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, lawful source of income, or gender identity or expression.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Town of New Fairfield First Selectman, Susan Chapman, at 4 Brush Hill Road., New Fairfield, CT 06812 or you may telephone Ms. Chapman at 203-312-5600. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon on Fridays. . The hearing will also review and discuss the Town's prior Small Cities projects including any currently open or underway.

"All are encouraged to attend. The hearing is accessible to the handicapped. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Eric Kist, ADA Coordinator, at 203-312-5640 at least five days prior to the hearing."

Mike Gill seconded the motion

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Susan Chapman spoke of the purpose of this grant and how it helps homeowners in New Fairfield.

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, January 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at 33 Route 37 for the following purpose to wit:

1. To consider and take action upon a Resolution authorizing: (1) the construction by New Fairfield Youth Lacrosse, Inc. at no cost to the Town, of a multi-purposed turf field,

measuring approximately 200 feet by 100 feet, on a portion of Town-owned property located at 54 Gillotti Road known as “Lower Rebel Field,” (2) the First Selectman to execute on behalf of the Town a contract with New Fairfield Youth Lacrosse, Inc. regarding the construction and naming of the field in the memory of John Pendergast, Jr., and (3) the acceptance of any and all cash and in kind donations to the Town associated with the construction of the field.

2. To consider and act upon the appropriation of \$53,899 to the Capital and Nonrecurring account for Police Cars & Equipment from the Unappropriated Capital and Nonrecurring account as approved by the Board of Finance.

Dated at New Fairfield, CT this 12th day of January 2017.

Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to apply for First Light Power Resources Grant

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to apply for the HRP Fund with First Light Power. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

First Selectman Chapman noted that this grant would be used for the balance of the Solitude Proposal.

Vote to approve Solitude Proposal

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract with Solitude Lake Management in amount not to exceed \$52,410. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

First Selectman Chapman explained the purpose of the Solitude Proposal in regard to Candlewood Lake.

Vote to approve Verizon lease

Susan Chapman made a motion to table Agenda item # 13 “Approval of Verizon lease”. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Addition to agenda

Susan Chapman made a motion to add Agenda item #13A “Discuss and possibly vote to authorize the First Selectman to apply for the Recycling Award application with DEEP. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Recycling Awards application with DEEP

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to apply for the Recycling Awards with DEEP. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Selectman Mike Gill spoke of the purpose of these grants and noted it is used for Recycling efforts. It was noted that New Fairfield received approximately \$7,200 from the program last year.

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

The Verizon lease will be discussed in the near future.

The budget meetings are ongoing and the budget will be discussed at a future meeting.

Adjournment

Mike Gill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)