

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 12, 2017
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, Finance Director
Kerrie Greening, Tax Collector
Douglas DeRito, BOE member

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements

Mike Gill announced that the Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday, November 4th from 9am to 2pm at Danbury Public Works.

Mike Gill noted that Fire Prevention Day will be held this Saturday, October 14th at Stop and Shop parking lot from 10am to 3pm.

Susan Chapman noted that the Lions Club will have their Car Show this Sunday, October 15th at Squantz Pond from 10am to 4pm.

Susan Chapman announced that the 9/11 Memorial Park will be dedicated this Sunday, October 15th at 1:00pm.

Susan Chapman noted that Trunk or Treat will be held on Halloween (Oct. 31st) at Memorial Field from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

Public Comment

Resident Greg Flanigan spoke of tree that fell on Shortwoods Road and thanked the Town and Public Works for the prompt response to getting it cleared.

Approval of Minutes

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers- None

Personnel Report

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments- None

Discussion of Budget surplus

It was noted that the budget surplus for 2016-2017 is approximately \$647,000 from the BOE and the Town. There was a discussion of using this surplus to fill gaps created by the cuts to New Fairfield from the State budget. There was a brief discussion of getting an opinion from the auditors as to what a surplus can be used for. It was noted that the Fire Department has sent a request for their surplus.

Discussion of State Budget

Susan Chapman noted that the State still has no budget. It was noted that a legal opinion was received from Town Counsel Jack Keating that Capital and Nonrecurring money cannot be used for operating expenses.

Kim Hanson spoke of a lawsuit started by the Connecticut Education Association by other towns in Connecticut against Governor Malloy regarding this budget. He suggested getting an opinion from Town Counsel as to what it would cost the Town and what the exposure would be to file an amicus to this lawsuit.

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

The State budget will be discussed at future meetings.

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)