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**Special Meeting
Tuesday, July 29, 2008**

**New Fairfield Town Hall Conference Room
7:00.m.**

PRESENT:

Seal Loughran, Chairman, Steve Burfeind, Bill O'Keeffe, Bill Tripp, Melissa Fidanza, Fred Testor, Ray Lubus (7:55 p.m.), Steve Merullo, Director Parks & Recreation, Lyn Sheaffer, Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Sean Loughran.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. LONG RANGE PLAN – DISCUSS ITEMS

Mr. Loughran asked the Commission to begin to start thinking about the Long Range Plan. He explained that the New Fairfield Foundation may have a grant available for the bathrooms at the town park.

Mr. O'Keeffe stated there was a lot of work to do before we ask the town for money. He suggested they go to the Komlo and Cashman families and ask them to write letters to the Citizen News in support.

The Commission discussed bathroom construction. The Commission decided to apply for the grant first and then move forward. Mr. Loughran will meet with Dana Wells and move forward with the New Fairfield Foundation.

Mr. Merullo reported the playground was being installed at the Castle Town Park. The Commission reviewed the fencing costs proposed by Adessi Fencing.

Mr. O'Keeffe felt the Commission should install the playground the cheapest way possible.

MOTION

Mr. Testor motioned to add fencing along the parking lot not the other two sides with two pass throughs; fence smaller playground with 1 gate; black vinyl chain link fence 4' high. Mr. O'Keeffe seconded the motion. Vote taken:

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| Fred Testor | Yes |
| Melissa Fidanza | Yes |
| Steve Burfiend | Yes |
| Bill Tripp | Yes |
| Bill O'Keeffe | Yes |

Vote carries unanimously.

Mr. Merullo explained he would have to go out to bid on the fencing, he will report at August regular meeting.

Mr. Merullo reported Marty Morgan approached him, stating he may have the manpower if P&R rents the machine to level dirt pile, clean up area and plant grass seed. Mr. Merullo also stated the Ball Field Fund has close to \$10,000, and he still has the grading permit. The Commission discussed.

MOTION

Mr. Testor motioned to expend up to \$7,500 to rent equipment and have Property Maintenance level and seed area behind rebel turf. Mr. O'Keeffe seconded the motion. Vote taken:

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| Fred Testor | Yes |
| Melissa Fidanza | Yes |
| Steve Burfiend | Yes |
| Bill Tripp | Yes |
| Bill O'Keeffe | Yes |

Vote carries unanimously.

Mr. Lubus arrived at the meeting 7:55 p.m.

4. Waterfront Issues

Mr. Loughran read a list of water front issues from the sub-committee.

Mr. Merullo reviewed the lifeguard's daily schedule. The Commission discussed and asked if the "first-aid" room could be cleaned and if big enough hold an air hockey table.

Ms. Fidanza reported she had used the beach as a birthday party setting. She felt it would be good for the Commission to develop a program, a person could be hired to run games etc.

Ms. Fidanza reviewed Mr. Lamanna's e-mail.

Mr. O'Keeffe left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

5. Update on Summer Programs

The Commission reviewed summer program numbers. Mr. Merullo reported Mr. Stroh will come to the Commission and give update on Day Camp.

MOTION

Mr. Tripp motioned to adjourn. Mr. Testor seconded the motion. Vote taken:

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| Fred Testor | Yes |
| Melissa Fidanza | Yes |
| Steve Burfiend | Yes |

Bill Tripp Yes

Ray Lubus Yes

Vote carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lyn Sheaffer, Secretary Parks & Recreation Commission