

Board of Selectmen
May 7, 2012

The **Board of Selectmen** held a regular meeting on Monday, May 7, 2012 in the Council Chambers, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT. First Selectman Llodra called the meeting to order at 7:50p.m.

PRESENT: E. Patricia Llodra, William F.L Rodgers

ABSENT: James Gaston, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, five members of the public and two members of the press.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Selectmen Rodgers moved to accept the minutes of April 2, 2012. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Llodra shared the following correspondence: A letter from concerned seniors who believe a new senior center is not needed, a better planned senior center is; a complimentary letter for the building department staff from a developer; a letter received after the failed referendum asking for further budget reductions across the board and a letter of response to a resident concerned about the budget. Selectman Rodgers said that the veteran's memorial plaque group may have met today and are scheduled to meet next week as well.

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: none.

ADD TO THE AGENDA: Selectman Rodgers moved to add a transfer relative to the Senior Center to the agenda as item # 8 under New Business. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

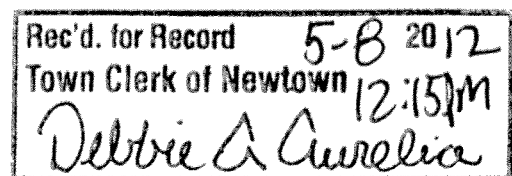
Discussion and possible action:

- 1. Implementation Plan – Plan of Conservation and Development:** this item will be on the August 6 agenda.
- 2. Tick Borne Disease Action Committee – next steps:** A DEEP representative will be at the May 21 meeting which will begin at 7:00pm. The discussion will be between Dr. Kilpatrick and the Board of Selectmen and will involve deer management and strategies.
- 3. Hook & Ladder:** The fire department has secured the purchase of land from Dan Amaral on Main Street. They have been advised to refine their site plan and will report to Board of Selectman, possibly at the end of June.
- 4. Hawleyville Sewers: June 4** – this item will be carried and addressed at the June 4, 2012 meeting.
- 5. Animal Welfare Ad Hoc Committee Language:** The Board of Selectmen will review the draft language (Att. A) and finalize at the May 21 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action:

- 1. Driveway Bond Release/Extension:** Selectman Rodgers moved the release of the driveway bond for Gary Platt, LLC at Hoseye Coach Road, M49, B2, L2.89 in the amount of \$1,000. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor. Selectman Rodgers moved the release of the common driveway bonds for BSS Development, Holmes Farm Rd. M32, B3, L1.14 & 1.15 in the amount of \$18,000 and Hundred Acres Rd., M32, B3, L1.08 & 1.09 in the amount of \$12,000. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.



- 2. Road Work Acceptance, Road & Drainage Work Agreement: Hundred Acres Road & Dug Hill Road, "Foxview Farm Estates" Subdivision:** Selectman Rodgers moved the road work acceptance, road and drainage work agreement for Hundred Acres Road & Dug Hill Road, "Foxview Farm Estates" Subdivision and the release of the \$180,000 bond in connection with such work. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Road Acceptances:** Selectman Rodgers moved to accept Ridge Valley Road into the Newtown Highway System and to release the remaining subdivision road bond in the amount of \$180,600 as recommended by the Town Engineer and the Town Attorney. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor. Selectman Rodgers moved to accept Serene Way into the Newtown Highway System. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
- 4. Tax Refunds:** Selectman Rodgers moved the April 2012 Refunds, Refund No. 14, 2011-2012 in the amount of \$32,888.49. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
- 5. Appointments/Reappointments:** First Selectman Llodra moved the appointment of JoAnne Albanesi (R) as an alternate member of the Commission on Aging, for a term to expire on 1/6/13. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor. Selectman Rodgers moved the following appointments: James A. Gulalo (R) to the Sustainable Energy Commission for a term to expire 1/6/15 and Mark Sievel (D) to the Sustainable Energy Commission for a term to expire 1/6/13; Laura Lerman (D) to the Cultural Arts Commission for a term to expire 1/6/15; John Feder (R) to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire 1/6/16; George Hill (U) to the Water and Sewer Authority for a term to expire 1/6/15; 2012 Lake Lillinonah Patrol Officers Tony Augustine, Kevin A. Brooks, John G. Puglisi, Christopher Rosado, Kevin J. Seeley and Jameson A. Zaloski. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
- 6. Transfer Station Rate Increases:** Mr. Hurley was present to discuss the proposed increases in the transfer station rates saying there has been no sticker price increase in fifteen years. (Att. B & Att. C). The annual stickers are effective July 1 therefore the increase will go into effect immediately; the daily and monthly pass increase will not go into effect until July 1. Selectman Rodgers moved the Transfer Station Rate Increases as reflected in a memo from Fred Hurley, Director of Public Works, dated April 9, 2012. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
- 7. Resolution:** Selectman Rodgers moved the following resolution: RESOLVED that the First Selectman, E. Patricia Llodra, is empowered to enter into or amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Newtown, with the State of Connecticut Department of Education for a Child Day Care program if such an agreement is offered and to have the corporate seal affixed to all documents required as part of any offered agreement. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
- 8. Transfer:** Selectman Rodgers moved to transfer \$950 from 01220-2017 Dues & Travel and \$1,450 from 01570-2000 Contingency Fund for a total of \$2,400 to 01220-2022 Senior Center Operating Expenses. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 8:30.m.


Susan Marcinek, Clerk

Att. A:
Att. B:
Att. C:

As provided in Newtown's Charter provision 4-01 (e), the Board of Selectmen by resolution do authorize the First Selectman to appoint an advisory group known as the Animal Control Advisory Board.

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to provide support and guidance to the Municipal Animal Control Officer and the Assistant Control Officer in the implementation of the animal control policies and practices and to promote program development.

This group is comprised of five persons, residents and voters in Newtown, appointed by the First Selectman as authorized by the Board of Selectmen. The Animal Control Advisory Board is advisory in nature and does not possess decision-making authority regarding any fiscal, personnel or procedural matters related to the control facility.

The organization of the Board, in terms of positions and roles, is to be self-determined, as is their meeting schedule. The Board will include the Municipal Animal Control Officer and the Assistant Animal Control Officer in any and all meetings or other Board sessions.

The First Selectman and/or Board of Selectmen may, from time to time, solicit an update from the Advisory Board members.



Att. B

TOWN OF NEWTOWN
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To: Pat Llodra, First Selectman
From: Fred Hurley, Director of Public Works
Date: April 9, 2012
RE: Rate Increases at the Transfer Station

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Hurley", is written over the "From:" line of the letterhead.

The increases in the industry and the handling costs to the town at the transfer station have increase over the years however the rates to residents have remained flat. In order to balance our costs to our revenues, I propose the following rate increases:

	Current Rate	Proposed Rated
Year Permit purchased at TS	\$80	\$90
Year Permit purchased on-line	\$85	\$85
Second Car	\$5	\$5
Day Pass	\$6	\$10
Month Pass	\$10	\$20
Construction and Demo	\$39/CY	\$75/CY

We are currently in the process of upgrading our Cash Register at the Transfer Station to accept credit cards to reduce the amount of cash that is handled daily. Also, in an effort to reduce foot traffic into the office at the transfer station, reduced prices are offered on-line where they can purchase using a credit card and their permit will be mailed to them.

NEWTOWN TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONAL CHANGES

MAY 7, 2012

PERMIT: This will change from an annual color coded replacement sticker to a permit bar coded sticker. The attendants will have hand held bar code readers updated daily from the central computer server with all permit information to poll and validate each permit. These permits only allow the citizen to deposit household refuse or MSW for the price paid. Other services for deposit of "construction & demolition material" (C&D) or tree limbs over 3" are fee based to all residents. All other deposit facilities for recyclables, waste oil, metal etc. are free to all residents.

SALES/CREDIT CARD & CHECK: The transfer station will be connected by fiber optic during May/June which will allow direct connection to the Town computer server and greater use of the internet both for sales and site security. We are proposing an emphasis with on-line purchase and maintenance of permit sales. We would like to get as much administrative work as possible out of the transfer station office and have the attendants more focused on the site operation. In addition we are proposing a switch to credit card and check sales only. We would like to remove "cash" entirely from the operation. Our enhanced ability to handle debit/credit cards will make this service reasonable for the public. Cash is an ongoing problem in reconciling daily accounts. Both of the historical theft incidents at the transfer station involved cash. Neither incident would have been possible without the presence of cash.

PRICING: While operational costs have continued to increase, the direct charge to residents for annual citizen garbage drop off (MSW) has remained steady at \$80.00 per annum. We have proposed a modest increase of \$10.00 to \$90.00 per year for an annual permit. There would be a \$5.00 incentive if purchased online for an end cost of \$85.00. It is hoped that the \$5.00 discount would bring more people online and keep them out of the transfer station office.

We are proposing substantial increases for the day pass and the monthly pass from \$6 and \$10 to \$10 and \$20 respectively. There has been nothing less than massive abuse of these permits where annual permits are forgone and enormous quantities of MSW are delivered for the smaller fee. These increases should shift the emphasis back to annual permits.

Finally, we have proposed a very substantial increase for "construction & demolition waste" (C&D) climbing from \$39 per cubic yard to \$75 per cubic yard. Last year we took in revenue of \$44,000 for C&D and paid out \$92,000 for disposal. The proposed increase will close the financial gap and steer some of the waste to a designated site in Danbury. We accept C&D as a service for homeowners and not as a primary dump for what effectively are commercial accounts. Enhanced camera security available from our new fiber optic system will also deter the improper use of the C&D dumping.