

**DRAFT**  
**TOWN COUNCIL OF NEW CANAAN**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 22, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark De Waele  
Kenneth Campbell  
Kathryn Devereaux  
Paul Foley  
Christine Hussey  
Elizabeth Jones

Steve Karl  
Tucker Murphy  
Thomas O'Dea  
Johnny Potts  
Dick White

ALSO PRESENT: Jeb Walker, First Selectman (and member, ex-officio, Town Council); Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer; Tiger Mann, Senior Engineer and Assistant Director of Public Works

Dr. De Waele convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Upon motion of Mr. Potts and second of Ms. Murphy, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Devereaux as Acting Secretary until Mr. O'Dea arrived at 8:12 p.m. Ms. Devereaux called the roll, noting the absence of Mrs. Young and Mr. Karl and that Mr. O'Dea would arrive after the meeting began. Mr. Karl arrived as the meeting began.

Item 1, To hear a report from the Pesticide Subcommittee of the Town Council

Ms. Murphy gave a brief update. The subcommittee has had four or five meetings, and Ms. Murphy noted that there was no public participation or attendance. She distributed maps showing the location of treatments and what they were. The treated areas will be expanded from fields used by K through grade 8 to K through grade 12, as of July 1, 2009. The current IPM will continue to be used as it is the least toxic choice. A committee will reconvene annually to evaluate the fields.

Item 2, To hear authorize the First Selectman to enter into an intercommunity agreement for Cooperation in the Conduct of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days.

Tiger Mann presented this item to the Council. A new agreement between surrounding towns has been drafted. Residents from towns within the agreement may dispose of hazardous waste on collection days of the other towns within the agreement, for which their town will be billed. The first collection day is Saturday, April 25, 2009, in Wilton.

Upon motion of Mrs. Hussey and second of Mr. White, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the First Selectman to enter into an intercommunity agreement for Cooperation in the Conduct of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days.

Item 3, To hear a presentation from the Public Works Department

Mr. Mann gave a brief presentation with regard to public works projects. Highlights included the completion of the South Avenue sidewalks, the ongoing Town Hall drainage project and receipt of \$950,000 in stimulus funds from AARA for pavement projects. The projects will involve crack sealing, surface treatment, HMA overlays, milling and paving functional overlays of various roads in town. Some of the roads involved include Ponus Ridge, West Road, Weed Street, Marvin Ridge Road, White Oak Shade Road, North Wilton Road and Park Street.

Item 4, To review the annual budget process

Members of the Council gave general comments on the recent budget process. Overall, those present felt that the process went well, and that working with liaisons from town departments and members of the Board of Finance, along with appointed task forces and subcommittees was productive and helpful. Suggestions for the next budget cycle included forming a calendar to better organize meeting dates for the liaison groups and task force subcommittees, as well as members acting for liaisons for different groups year to year.

Mr. O’Dea asked Council members to consider an upcoming agenda item, lighting the Gerf Field. This will increase the area of play and practice during evening hours while making it safer.

Mr. Conrad gave a brief report on the third quarter analysis and forecast shortfall as of March 31, 2009.

Dr. De Waele thanked Mr. Conrad for his hard work and efforts during the budget process in an especially challenging economic environment.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mrs. Hussey and second of Mr. Foley, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Devereaux, Acting Secretary