

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 25, 2021**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Virtual meeting via Zoom**

**Members present:**

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman  
 Khris Hall, Selectman (arrived 7:35pm)  
 Kim Hanson, Selectman

**Other Town Officials Present:**

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director and Town Treasurer

Paul Gouveia gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for having a virtual meeting.

**Call To Order** First Selectman Pat Del Monaco called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment-** None

**Correspondence and Announcements-** None

**Approval of Minutes**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2021. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved- Khris Hall arrived late and did not vote on this motion)**

**Budget Transfers**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to make the following Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$30,000.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$20,000.00	001-4210-0000/110.00	Police-Salaries	\$30,000.00	001-4210-001-000/130.00	Police Overtime
\$10,000.00	001-4210-0005-000/130.00	Police-SRO Overtime			
<b>\$30,000.00</b>			<b>\$30,000.00</b>		

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to make the following Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$65,000.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$25,000.00	001-4160-0000-000/140.00	Unclassified P&B Salary Adjustments	\$10,000.00	001-4140-0000-000/110.00	Communications Center Salaries
			\$5,000.00	001-4215-0000-000/112.00	Communications Center Part-Time
			\$10,000.00		Communications Center Overtime
\$15,000.00	001-4195-0000-000/626.00	Utilities-Gasoline & Diesel	\$40,000.00	001-4161-0000-004/332.01	Professional Services-Legal General
\$10,000.00	001-4160-0000-000/250.00	Payroll and Benefits-Unemployment			
\$10,000.00	001-4160-0000-000/260.00	Payroll and Benefits-Workers Comp.			
\$5,000.00	001-4162-004-000/313.00	Intergovernmental Agency-CCM			
<b>\$65,000.00</b>			<b>\$65,000.00</b>		

**Proclamation for Margaret Golden**

Pat Del Monaco read a Proclamation for Former Assistant Library Director Margaret Golden who retired after 27 years of service to the library. The entire BOS thanked Ms. Golden for her many years of dedication to the library.

**Personnel Report**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated March 25, 2021 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

The BOS thanked JoAnn Yachulke for her hard work as the Children’s Librarian and wished her well in her retirement effective June 1, 2021.

**Appointments-** None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**COVID 19 update**

Pat Del Monaco noted that the infection rate for COVID 19 in New Fairfield continues to rise.

It was noted that the new variants of the virus are both more contagious and more sickly. As a result, all residents are encouraged to continue to wear a mask and to practice social distancing.

Approximately, 28.5% of New Fairfield residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine. As of April 1, 2021, the vaccine will be available to all Connecticut residents over 16.

Selectman Khris Hall noted that 500 doses of the vaccine will be given last week and 400 this week. These doses were all the Moderna vaccine. It is hopeful that the town will receive doses of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine in the coming weeks. She thanked both the medical and non medical volunteers that have been working at the clinic and noted that everything is running very smoothly.

There was a brief discussion among the BOS regarding concerns of the numbers of infections rising in New Fairfield. The BOS discussed ways to address this and to encourage residents to be safe. There will be an article in next week's Town Tribune.

### **Discussion of the BOS 2021/2022 budget**

Pat Del Monaco noted that the BOF has asked the BOS to come up with \$150,000 of cuts to their operating budget for the 2021/2022 budget. First Selectman Del Monaco and Finance Director Ed Sbordone spoke of the following proposed cuts:

- Worker's Compensation- \$20,000
- State Police- \$40,000
- Union salaries- \$10,000
- Road repair- \$80,000

Kim Hanson spoke of his concerns regarding the cuts to road repair and his desire to see salaries cut instead. Pat Del Monaco spoke of the possibility of using some of the funds from the American Rescue Plan to fund some of these cuts.

### **Approval of Letter of Credit Reduction for Hearth Home Builders**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the letter of credit reduction for Hearth Home Builders #91332479 dated September 26, 2014 in the amount of \$500,000 to a reduced total of \$60,000.00. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Public Comment-** None

### **Executive Session for 13 and 15 Route 37**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:02 pm for the purpose of discussing 13 and 15 Route 37 and the AFSME Council 4 Town Hall Employees Tentative Agreement and to invite Finance Director and Town Treasurer Ed Sbordone into the Executive Session for as long as it takes to discuss 13 and 15 Route 37. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:16 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monco made a motion to allow the First Selectman to negotiate for the possible purchase of 13 and 15 Route 37 and to return tot he BOS as discussed in Executive Session. Kim Hanson seconded. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monco made a motion to approve the AFSCME Council 4 Town Hall Employees Tentative Agreement and the contract based on the agreement discussed in Executive Session. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Adjournment**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kloos

**Received by email on 3/29/2021 @ 8:30 a.m.  
By: Holly Z Smith, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield**