

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 8, 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
 Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman

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

Selectman Kim Hanson spoke of the Governor’s Executive order regarding absentee voting and the extension for budget process. This was discussed further during the budget update.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 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 \$18,300.00. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$800.00	001-4550-0000-000/110.00	Library Salaries	\$800.00	001-4550-0000-000/430.10	Library Maintenance
\$5,000.00	001-4161-0000-004/332.01	Professional Services-Legal General	\$5,000.00	001-4161-0000-007/332.01	Professional Services-Legal Zoning
\$2,500.00	001-4220-0000-000/423.01	Fire Companies-Contracted Services	\$12,500.00	001-4220-0001-000/430.09	Fire Companies-Maintenance and Repairs
\$18,300.00			\$18,300.00		

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated April 8, 2021 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments- None

OLD BUSINESS

COVID 19 update

Pat Del Monaco gave an update regarding COVID-19. She noted that the case rate has declined and the trend seems to be declining. The current test positivity rate is currently 6.7% and 42% of New Fairfield residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

Parks and Rec summer camps plan to go forward with mostly outdoor activities with a limit of 20 campers per group.

Selectman Khris Hall gave an update on the COVID-19 vaccination clinic in New Fairfield and noted that the 3,000th dose was given out today. It is anticipated that supply will be greater than demand and the clinic will be phasing out soon. First doses will be discontinued in the middle of April and the entire clinic will be phased out by the middle of May. She noted that some local pharmacies and primary care practices will be able to distribute the vaccine soon.

The entire BOS encouraged everyone to continue to practice safety measures.

Discussion of the BOS 2021/2022 budget

Pat Del Monaco noted that the town is still awaiting for guidance regarding the American Rescue Plan and how it will affect the budget. She noted that the Governor signed an executive order allowing for expanded absentee voting until May 20th and allows for the extension of the budget deadline until June 30th. The BOS makes the decision to extend the budget deadline to June 30th but this decision must be made before May 20th.

Noise Ordinance

Khris Hall spoke of some minor changes to the Noise Ordinance based on the BOS discussion in February. She spoke of clarifying the time interval for 15 minutes and the distance of 100 feet vs. 500 feet. A Public Hearing regarding the Noise Ordinance will be held on Tuesday, April 20th at 7:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Animal Control Ordinance Amendments

Pat Del Monaco noted that the amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance reflect the fact that the Town no longer participates in regional control. The other change to this ordinance is to say that the Animal Control Officer can surrender any dogs not claimed within a certain time to an Animal Shelter or Animal Rescue organization.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Fair Housing Resolution

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adopt the following Fair Housing Resolution as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Fair Housing Resolution- Town of New Fairfield:

Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, The Town of New Fairfield is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Town of New Fairfield hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the chief executive officer of the Town of New Fairfield or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of New Fairfield and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Public Comment- None

Discussion of 13 and 15 Route 37- None

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Suzanne Kloos

**Received by email on 4/12/2021 @ 11:24 a.m.
By: Holly Z Smith, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield**