

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 13, 2021**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Virtual meeting via Zoom**

**Members present:**

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman  
Khris Hall, Selectman  
Kim Hanson, Selectman

**Other Town Officials Present:**

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director and Town Treasurer  
Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman  
Dr. Pat Cosentino, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Rich Sanzo, Director of Business and Operations  
Kimberly LaTourette, BOE member

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**

Kim Hanson referred to a correspondence sent by Bob Balas regarding the possibility of finding a place for the Veteran's Association to store their cars as they are losing their current spot. There was a brief discussion of ways to help this situation.

Khris Hall noted that the last day for the New Fairfield Vaccine Clinic is Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. She spoke of the possibility of having a vaccine clinic for children ages 12-15 but noted that since there are many other clinic now available, it doesn't seem to be enough of demand.

**Approval of Minutes**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2021. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Budget Transfers-** None

**Personnel Report**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated May 13, 2021 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Steven Kraska as an Alternate member to the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### OLD BUSINESS

#### COVID 19/Vaccine update

Pat Del Monaco gave an update regarding COVID-19. She noted that the case rate is currently down to 7 per 100,000 people which is the lowest since Summer 2020. There is a 2% test positivity rate. She spoke of concerns that the vaccination rate inn New Fairfield has plateaued and is currently lower than surrounding towns. She encouraged everyone that hasn't yet to get vaccinated.

Pat Del Monaco noted that the Governor's Emergency powers have been extended until July 20<sup>th</sup>. It is expected that the order allowing for remote meetings and provisions for absentee voting will be extended

The entire BOS encouraged residents to get vaccinated so that herd immunity can be reached. Parents of young teens were encouraged to get their children vaccinated.

### Noise Ordinance

Khris Hall spoke of some amendments to the proposed noise ordinance specifically:

- The time frames
- The addition of ATVs as snow removal equipment
- Restrictions for chickens

Pat Del Monaco noted that this ordinance would need to be approved at a Town Meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### American Rescue Plan update

Pat Del Monaco gave a brief description of the American Rescue plan and noted that it meant to fund future expenses or anything that occurred after March 2021. She spoke of the restrictions for these funds and the possibility of forming an Ad Hoc committee to research the best ways to use these funds. There was a brief discussion of the which groups should be represented at this committee.

#### Discussion and vote on Community Garden Agreement for 2021

Pat Del Monaco noted that she reviewed this agreement and there are only minor changes from previous years.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Community Garden Agreement for 2021. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Discussion and vote to alter the date of the Annual Town Budget Meeting**

There was a brief discussion of the date for the Town Meeting. It was noted that the purpose of this meeting is just to set the date for the machine vote referendum.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to alter the date of the Annual Town Budget meeting to May 27, 2021. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Discussion and vote on Warning for the Annual Town meetings**

There was a discussion about the best way to conduct the Annual Town meeting and whether or not it is better to have it in-person or held virtually. It was decided that an in-person meeting at Meeting House Hill School would be the best option.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Town Meeting Warning:

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at an Annual Town Meeting to be held on May 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm. in the MHHS Multipurpose Room for the following purposes.

1. To consider and act upon the appropriation of Town Government Expenditures totaling \$12,860,682 from the General Fund, and \$770,213 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund, and \$914,231 from other Governmental Funds, as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.
2. To consider and act upon the appropriation of Education Expenditures totaling \$45,311,219 from the General Fund, and \$93,389 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund, as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Further notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen, acting pursuant to and in reliance on Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, has removed Item #1 & #2 for submission to the voters by machine vote and shall be no earlier than seven (7) days, and no later than fourteen (14) days after May 27, 2021 and further provided that such time shall be no less than the hours of 12:00 Noon to 8:00 pm.

Dated at New Fairfield, Connecticut this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

There was a discussion of the best way to conduct the Town Meeting for the proposed Noise Ordinance.

**Vote on resolutions for NFHS Pool Locker Rooms**

Director of Business and Operations Dr. Rich Sanzo spoke of revised resolutions for the pool locker rooms for the new high school project. The reason for the revised resolutions is that the State has asked that this portion of the project be separated out from the rest of the project for

grant purposes. It was noted that this change in application will not affect the budget for this project.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen authorizes the New Fairfield Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the new construction at the New Fairfield High School, including the existing pool locker rooms; and

RESOLVED, that the Permanent Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the new construction at the New Fairfield High School, including the existing pool locker rooms; and

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the new construction at the New Fairfield High School, including the existing pool locker rooms. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Public Comment**- None

**Discussion of 13 and 15 Route 37**- Executive Session

**Security Update**- Executive Session

**Executive Session**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:37pm for the purpose of discussing 13 and 15 Route 37 and give a Security update and to invite Ed Sbordone and Wes Marsh into the Executive Session. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:02 pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Adjournment**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Suzanne Kloos

**Received by email on 5/17/2021 @ 10:43 a.m.  
By: Holly Z. Smith, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield**