

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 24, 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

Network Administrator Paul Gouviea 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

Tomas Kavaliauskas spoke of the dangerous traffic for pedestrians near Haviland Hollow Road and Route 37 specifically from the Animal Shelter to Great Hollow. There was a suggestion of putting signs in the area. First Selectman Pat Del Monaco will contact the Department of Transportation to see what can be done.

Correspondence and Announcements

Khris Hall thanked the Parks and Rec for the outdoor concert held at Memorial Field tonight and encouraged everyone to attend the many Summer activities.

Addition to the agenda

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to add item #9A “Discussion of Community Garden” to the agenda. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 10, 2021. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers-

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Intra-Departmental Transfer in the amount of \$6,400. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$6,100.00	001-4310-0000-000/421.01	Public Works-Disposal of Waste	\$6,400.00	001-4310-0000-000/423	Public Works-Contracted Services
\$300.00	001-4310-0004-000/610.01	Public Works-Safety Committee M&S			
\$6,400.00			\$6,400.00		

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated June 24, 2021 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Paul Boniello as a regular member to the Permanent Building Committee. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Ed Sbordone as an alternate member to the Permanent Building Committee. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Carolyn Rowan to the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Christina McCartney to the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Ann Brown as a regular member to the Permanent Building Committee. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

NEW BUSINESS

Route 37 Corridor Study Presentation

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to table this presentation until the next regular BOS meeting. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Discussion of the Community Garden

Pat Del Monaco noted that she was approached by the Community Garden Committee to leave an unmowed area near the Community Garden as a meadow. She spoke of the need for some open space for the area and the desire to keep an area clear by the 9/11 Memorial. There was a brief discussion of the areas that should be mowed.

OSTA Approval Letters for School Projects

Pat Del Monaco referred to two letters regarding traffic studies for the new High School and Consolidated School. It was noted that these studies have been reviewed and there is no substantial impact to the State Highway system. School Zone signage will be added to this site.

OSTA Approval Letters for School Projects (con't)

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve both letters as submitted. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Fraud policy

Pat Del Monaco noted that the BOF approved this policy at their last meeting. There was a lengthy discussion of the latest draft of this policy. It was decided that Selectman Kim Hanson will put his comments in writing and will present at the next regular BOF meeting.

Remote/Hybrid Meetings

Pat Del Monaco spoke of background of the Governor's order for Remote/Hybrid. This order allows for fully remote, hybrid and in-person meetings. These provisions are effective July 1, 2021.

There was a brief discussion of the possibility of having elected Boards and Commissions have the discretion of whether or not to have a remote or in-person meetings and appointed Boards and Commissions be at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. There was a discussion of equipment needed for hybrid meetings. It was decided that the BOS would solicit public feedback regarding this. It was decided that the BOS will continue with remote meetings for now with the hope of going hybrid in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

American Rescue Plan update

Pat Del Monaco noted that she is putting together a committee to determine the best way to use funds received for the Town through the American Rescue Plan. She suggested that the meetings be posted as Board of Selectmen meetings in order to allow for all three Selectmen to attend.

Finance Director Ed Sbordone spoke of the Revenue Calculation for the American Rescue Plan and noted that even though the Town's revenue has increased in the last year, it still qualifies for funding as it has not increased at the 4% rate that is set. He spoke of specific projects that can be funded through this plan.

Noise Ordinance

Pat Del Monaco noted that the Noise Ordinance was sent to DEEP for review.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to table the discussion of the Noise Ordinance. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Public Comment- None

Discussion of 13 and 15 Route 37- Executive Session

Discussion of 32 Calverton Drive- Executive Session

Discussion of 302 Ball Pond Road Cell Tower- Executive Session

Executive Session

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:43pm for the purpose of discussing 13 and 15 Route 37, 32 Calverton Drive and the Cell Tower at 302 Ball Pond Road and to invite Ed Sbordone 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 8:52 pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Suzanne Kloos

Received by Email on 6/28/2021 @ 3:27 pm
by Pamela J. Dohan, Town Clerk, New Fairfield