

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Wednesday, July 28, 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- None

Correspondence and Announcements- Pat Del Monaco announced that there has been another car theft in New Fairfield and noted that this particular car was left unlocked. She reminded everyone of the importance of locking their cars and not leaving valuables in their vehicles.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2021. Khris Hall 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 July 28, 2021 as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint the following people to their respective positions:
Mark Spellman- Ball Pond Advisory Committee
Kathleen DiTullio- Economic Development Commission
Kim Hanson- Houstonic Resource Recovery Authority
Gary Mummert- Zoning Commission Alternate

Julian Laenmerhut- Ball Pond Advisory Committee
Bob Jano- Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate
Ann Brown- Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate
Tomas Kavaliauskas- Zoning Commission Alternate
Chris Van Steen- Parks and Rec Commission
George Buck- Ball Pond Advisory Committee
Jerome Bielizna- Historical Properties Commission
Jeff Main- Candlewood Lake Authority
Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Khris Hall made a motion to appoint Pat Del Monaco to the HRRRA (Houstonic Resource Recovery Authority). Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion approved- Pat Del Monaco abstained)**

NEW BUSINESS

COVID update

Pat Del Monaco gave an update on COVID 19 and specifically the Delta variant. She noted that Connecticut and the Town of New Fairfield has an increase in case rate and test positivity. The vaccination rate in New Fairfield remains flat and is still below the State average.

First Selectman Del Monaco noted that there will be a mobile vaccine clinic on Wednesday, August 4th from 8am to 7pm and Saturday, August 7th from 9am to 5pm in the high school parking lot. Vaccines will be offered free of charge for anyone over the age of 12. There is no appointment required but anyone ages 12-17 will need to be accompanied by a parent.

The entire BOS encouraged everyone to get vaccinated and to talk to their health care professional with any questions.

Margerie Trail Project

Khris Hall noted that she received information from Representative Ken Gucker that New Fairfield has been granted \$484,000 along with Danbury for the study of the Margerie Trail project. She noted that some recommendations have been received that will help with the start of the project.

Pat Del Monaco thanked Selectman Khris Hall for all her work to date with this project.

OLD BUSINESS

American Rescue Plan update

Pat Del Monaco noted that the first special BOS meeting dedicated to the working group of the American Rescue Plan was held recently and discussed main projects that they would like to see addressed by this plan. Categories for this include infrastructure, public safety, social services and premium pay for public health and safety. It was decided that this group will meet monthly.

Noise Ordinance

Khris Hall noted that she received comments back from DEEP regarding the potential noise ordinance. They approved the plainly audible standard but also recommended reinserting decibel levels.

Public Comment- None

Discussion of 13 and 15 Route 37- None

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Suzanne Kloos

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