

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 9, 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, Board of Finance 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

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco reminded everyone that there will be a 9/11 ceremony on Friday, September 10th at 10am the high school and another 9/11 ceremony on Saturday, September 11th at 5:00 pm at the 9/11 Memorial Site at the Senior Center.

Selectman Khris Hall spoke of a new organization in New Fairfield called FISH (Friends in Service Helping). The primary purpose of this organization is to provide rides for elderly citizens to doctor appointments and local errands. A fundraiser for this organization will be a Comedy Night on Friday, September 17th at the Senior Center. The cost to attend this event is \$20 per person and seating is limited.

New Fairfield Day will be held on Saturday, September 18th.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2021 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated September 9, 2021 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Ellen Fecci to the Historic Properties Commission. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Sue Newton to the Historic Properties Commission. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

NEW BUSINESS

COVID Update

Pat Del Monaco noted that COVID cases in New Fairfield are consistently going up. New Fairfield is the only town in the area in the “red” zone. The vaccination rate for New Fairfield residents is lower than surrounding towns. Khris Hall noted that the vaccination van will be in New Fairfield twice a week. The van will be at St. Edwards on Wednesdays from 12 noon to 7pm and the Middle School/High School from 9am to 5pm on Saturdays. There is no charge for the vaccination and no appointments are required.

Selectman Kim Hanson spoke of possible consequences for businesses in town that don’t require masks of their employees and possible warnings and spot checks for town businesses.

2020/2021 Operating Surplus

Pat Del Monaco spoke of possible uses for the 2020-2021 Operating surplus. They include Police Body and Dash Cams, vinyl siding for Company A and Road repair.

Finance Director Ed Sbordone noted that there is an expenditure surplus between the town and the BOE of \$555,735.66 and a revenue surplus for both the town and the BOE of \$1,080,739.79. The increase in revenue is primarily due to real estate conveyance taxes and permit fees.

There was a discussion of the Police Body cameras and whether or not an extra camera should be ordered.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Additional Appropriation from the Operating Surplus- Town Meeting required in the amount of \$722,268.14. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$715,443.52	E25321	General Fund- Unreserved	\$2,268.14	304-4220- 0000- 000/750.07	Fire Company Reserve (Operating Surplus)
		(2020/2021 Surplus)	\$60,000.00	301-4220-0000- 000/700.14	Cap & Non-Fire Co. (Co. A Firehouse Vinyl Siding)
\$6,824.62	E25321	General Fund- Unreserved	\$110,000.00	301-4210-0000- 000/742.02	Cap & Non Police Cars and Equipment (Cameras)
		(Prior Year Close outs)	\$125,000.00	001-4310-0000- 000/451.00	Road Repair
			\$425,000.00	301-4196-0000- 000/700.06	13 & 15 Route 37 Property Purchase
\$722,268.14			\$722,268.14		

Donation to the Police Department

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept a donation of \$500 to the Police Department from Heidi Hannafin. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Release of Maintenance Bond for Quail Ridge Subdivision

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to release the maintenance bond in the amount of \$20,000 for Quail Ridge Subdivision. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

OLD BUSINESS

American Rescue Plan update-Pat Del Monaco noted that this group met on September 8th and discussed projects primarily related to public safety improvements, infrastructure project and improvements to social services. This committee will meet again next month. Anyone interested is encouraged to listen to the September 8th meeting.

Public Comment- None

State Police contract

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:11 pm to discuss the State Police Contract and to invite Finance Director 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 8:21 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract with the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for State Trooper Services. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos

**Received by email on 9/13/2021 @ 11:27 a.m.
By: Holly Z Smith, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield**