

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 23, 2021
7:30 PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Members present:

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Lori Ann Bennison, Selectman
Khris Hall, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director
Olga Melnikov, incoming Finance Director
Pat Cosentino, Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Reedy, BOF member

Call To Order First Selectman Pat Del Monaco called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Paul Gouveia gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for having a virtual meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco introduced Lori Bennison as the new Selectman.

Proclamation honoring Kim Hanson

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco read a Proclamation honoring Kim Hanson for the many volunteer roles that he served in New Fairfield for the last two decades.

Many members of the public thanked Mr. Hanson for all his years of service to New Fairfield.

Public Comment

Ernie Lehman noted that recently elected Library Board Director Claudia Willard has resigned from the Library Board and asked to be considered as a director in her place. First Selectman Del Monaco asked Mr. Lehman to send a brief email with his intention.

Kim Hanson spoke of revisions to the Animal Control ordinance and asked if animals other than dogs could be included in this ordinance. First Selectman Del Monaco noted that by State Statute, Animal Control officers only deal with dogs.

Correspondence and Announcements.

Selectman Khris Hall noted that the vaccination van will be at St. Edward's Church on November 24th. There will not be a vaccination clinic this Saturday, November 27th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The second pediatric clinic will be held on Saturday, December 4th for children only. The clinic on Saturday, December 11th will be for adults. There are not currently any plans to extend the clinic past the end of the year so residents are encouraged to get the vaccine as soon as possible. First Selectman Del Monaco thanked Selectman Hall for all the work she has done for the clinic.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2021 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve a transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Building Repair Reserve fund to the Communication Room Tricaster and additional 48 port switch at the Police Department. 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 November 23, 2021 as presented. Lori Bennison seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments- None

NEW BUSINESS

Authorizing Resolution EMPG Grant MOU

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following resolution. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

_____, I, Pamela J. Dohan, the Town Clerk of Town of New Fairfield, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its duly called and held meeting on November 23, 2021 at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Town of New Fairfield may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patricia Del Monaco, as First Selectman of the Town of New Fairfield, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Patricia Del Monaco now holds the office of First Selectman and that she has held that office since November 21, 2017.

Vote to set date for Town Meeting to consider and act upon amended Animal Control

Ordinance

Pat Del Monaco noted that a Town Meeting is required in order to vote on an amendment for the Animal Control Ordinance. Such amendment is to take out the word “regional” in the ordinance. It was suggested that this meeting be an in-person meeting.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to set the date for the Town Meeting to consider and act upon amended Animal Control Ordinance for December 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Lori Bennison seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

OLD BUSINESS

COVID Update

Pat Del Monaco noted that the case rate for COVID in Town is holding pretty steady at 7 cases per 100,000. The vaccination rate is currently 71%. She noted that age groups between 12-17 and 25-44 have vaccination rates lower than the surrounding towns and encouraged them to speak to health care providers.

Public Comment- 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)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos

Received by email on 11/29/2021 @ 3:51 p.m.
By: Holly Z. Smith, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield