

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 9, 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  
Pam Dohan, Town Clerk  
Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman  
Thora Perkins, 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**

**Proclamation honoring Pam Dohan and Ed Sbordone**

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco read a Proclamation honoring Town Clerk Pam Dohan and Finance Director Ed Sbordone on their respective retirements.

Many members of the public thanked both Mrs. Dohan and Mr. Sbordone for all their years of service to New Fairfield.

**Public Comment**

Kim Hanson encouraged the BOS to look into exactly what happened with the removal of fill from the high school project that was allegedly done without the approval of the Permanent Building Committee.

**Correspondence and Announcements**

Pat Del Monaco announced that the Holiday Sing Along sponsored by the Economic Development Commission will be held this Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at Memorial Field.

Selectman Khris Hall noted that the vaccination van will be at the high school this Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and the following Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 5pm. There will also be a clinic at St. Edward’s Church on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. At this point, these are the last dates for the clinics in New Fairfield.

Pat Del Monaco announced that Candlewood Drugs is also giving COVID vaccines during regular hours. It is suggested that anyone interested call for an appointment.

**Approval of Minutes**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 23, 2021 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Budget Transfers**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Intra-Departmental transfers in the amount of \$700. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$700.00	001-4215-0000-000/610.00	Communications Center M&S	\$700.00	001-4215-0000-000/322.01	Communications Center Training EMD
<b>\$700.00</b>			<b>\$700.00</b>		

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve a transfer of \$6,300 from the Building Repair Reserve Fund to Ball Pond Fire Co. New Oil Tank (\$4,300) and for an Additional Firewall (\$2,000). Lori Bennison seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Personnel Report**

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

**Appointments**

Pat Del Monaco noted that there was a tie at the Board of Finance meeting when electing a Chairman and Clerk. She referenced CT General State Statute 7-342 that states that the BOS shall appoint members of the BOF to these positions if the board fails to appoint someone to these positions within 30 days from the municipal election.

Pat Del Monaco spoke of the need to have an experienced member in this position and gave a brief background of BOF members Wes Marsh and Michael Cammarota. Lori Bennison spoke of her concern of not knowing any of the background of the other candidates.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Wes Marsh as Chairman of the Board of Finance and Michael Cammarota as Clerk of the Board of Finance. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion approved- Lori Bennison abstained)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Ernie Lehman as a regular member to the Library Board. Lori Bennison seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Acceptance of Donation from Timmy Masonry**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$700 to repair cracks in the chimney at Town Hall. This donation includes both materials and labor. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

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

The entire BOS thanked Timmy Masonry for this donation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **COVID Update**

Pat Del Monaco noted that the case rate for COVID is increasing throughout the State with almost the entire State in the red zone. Currently, the case rate in New Fairfield is averaging 18.5 cases per 100,000 over the last two weeks. Ms. Del Monaco noted that vaccination rates in New Fairfield are lower than surrounding towns and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated if they haven't already done so.

### **Public Comment**

BOF member Thora Perkins noted that she did not realize that the BOF positions were going to be voted on at this meeting and expressed her disappointment that she was not asked to submit a resume for this position.

Kim Hanson spoke of COVID statistics and noted that risk of dying from COVID for unvaccinated individuals is 31 times more likely than vaccinated individuals and urged everyone to get vaccinated.

Kim Hanson further noted that based on the recent election results, a change in the BOF leadership may have been warranted.

### **Adjournment**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Kloos

Received by Email on 12/13/2021 @ 12:56 pm  
by Pamela J. Dohan, Town Clerk, New Fairfield