

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 13, 2022
7:30 PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Members present:

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Khris Hall, Selectman

Members not present:

Lori Ann Bennison, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Olga Melnikov, Finance Director
Patty Mota, Purchasing Agent
Thora Perkins, BOF member
Cheryl Reedy, BOF member
Claudia Willard, BOF member
Dave Coleman, BOF Alternate member
Bruce Taylor, Fire Chief
Chris Gardner, Fire Department

Call To Order First Selectman Pat Del Monaco called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Quintin Flowers gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for having a virtual meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment- None

Correspondence and Announcements

Pat Del Monaco reminded everyone that salt and sand is available at the Drop off center during their regular hours.

Pat Del Monaco announced that the hill behind the high school is closed for sledding or any other activity since it is a construction zone.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 21, 2021 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Intra-Departmental transfers in the amount of \$7,000. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$5,000.00	001-4215-0000-000/110.00	Communications Center Salaries	\$5,000.00	001-4215-0000-000/130.00	Communications Center Overtime
\$2,000.00	001-4215-0000-000/112.00	Communications Center-Part Time Salaries	\$2,000.00	001-4215-0000-000/130.00	Communications Center Overtime
\$7,000.00			\$7,000.00		

Personnel Report- None

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco noted that there was a request from the Town Clerk to appoint two substitute registrars. The role of the substitute registrars is to register deaths in New Fairfield in the event that the Town Clerk is not available.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint John Falkowski from Green Funeral Home and Tayna Porta from Cornell Memorial Home to serve as substitute registrars for the Town of New Fairfield. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Mary Yulo to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco thanked Ms. Yulo for volunteering for the Ball Pond Advisory Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Donation from Connecticut Fair Plan Grant for the Fire Marshal

Pat Del Monaco spoke of a grant received from the Connecticut Fair Plan Grant in the amount of \$500 that will be used for a tripod light and a battery. She thanked the Fire Marshal for pursuing this grant.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept the Connecticut Fair Plan Grant in the amount of \$500. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Approve purchase of New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department Boat

Chris Gardner from the NFVFD spoke of the potential purchase of a new boat for the fire department. This boat would replace Marine One which was donated to the Candlewood Lake Authority. He spoke of a committee that worked with the town’s purchasing agent Patty Mota to come up with some bids. They received three bids and narrowed it down to one. He spoke of purchasing this boat from Connor Industries (Stanley Boats). The base part of the bid was \$123,489 and with options the total charge would be \$145,360.66. Of this total the town’s portion would be \$106,250 and the Fire Department would be responsible for an amount not to exceed \$39,110.66. He noted that this price is over what was budgeted but they are not asking the town to contribute more

than the original 85% of the budgeted amount. He gave a brief description of this boat and its features.

The Selectmen thanked the Fire Department for donating Marine One and for picking up the overage for the portion that was over budget.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the purchase of a boat from Connor Industries for the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to reduce bond for Barn Brook estates

Pat Del Monaco noted that the Planning Commission voted at their December 20, 2021 meeting to accept Barn Brook Drive and to release the remaining bond of \$60,000. At this point, the Selectman will need to release the bond and to call a Town Meeting to accept the road.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to release the bond for Barn Brook Estates and to set the date for a Town Meeting to accept Barn Brook Drive for Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

OLD BUSINESS

COVID Update

Pat Del Monaco noted that the current case rate for COVID is 186 per 100,000 which is the highest rate so far for New Fairfield in the pandemic. She spoke of the transmissibility of the Omicron variant and urged everyone to wear a K95 mask when out in public. She did note that cases seem to be going down in the last few days and that the number of patients hospitalized in CT has gone down. There was a brief discussion of the State distributing tests and mask to the schools in the near future.

Khris Hall thanked Director of Emergency Management Maria Evans, the CERT Team, the Fire Police, and the New Fairfield Police Department for all their hard work with the two distribution events for COVID tests. The first vaccination van of 2022 was held on January 12th at Meeting House Hill School and was well attended. Upcoming clinics will be on Saturday, January 15th at the high school and Wednesday, January 19th at the high school after school. It was noted that these clinics are held at the high school to encourage vaccination of young people.

Public Comment

Cheryl Reedy asked about reporting of positive cases for at home test kits. Pat Del Monaco noted that there is no central reporting for at home tests.

Suzanne Kloos thanked everyone involved in running the COVID test distribution on January 2nd.

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos

