

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 27, 2022**  
**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:**

Olga Melnikov, Finance Director  
Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman  
Linda Fox, Library Director

**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 cars should be removed from the road ahead of the impending snow storm for Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Khris Hall announced that the vaccination clinic scheduled for Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> is cancelled due to the upcoming snow storm.

**Approval of Minutes**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 13, 2022 as presented. Lori Bennison 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 \$3,600. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$700.00	001-4550-0000-000/110.00	Library Salaries	\$700.00	001-4550-0000-000/610.04	Library Technical Supplies
\$1,000.00	001-4151-0000-000/610.00	Board of Finance-Materials and Supplies	\$1,000.00	001-4151-0000-000/336.00	Board of Finance-Town Audit
\$400.00	001-4151-0000-000/110.00	Board of Finance-Salaries	\$400.00	001-4151-0000-000/336.00	Board of Finance-Town Audit
\$1,000.00	001-4210-0000-000/322.0	Police-Education and Training	\$1,000.00	001-4210-0000-000/610.00	Police- Materials and Supplies
\$500.00	001-4210-0000-000/742.00	Police-Vehicle Maintenance	\$500.00	001-4210-0000-000/610.00	Police- Materials and Supplies
<b>\$3,600.00</b>			<b>\$3,600.00</b>		

**Personnel Report**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated January 27, 2022 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Appointments-** None

**Addition to the Agenda**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to add agenda #13 “Discussion and possibly vote to approve the Warning for a Town Meeting”. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Donations to Social Services**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept donations from various donors in the amount of \$6,377.31 to Social Services. Lori Bennison seconded the motion.

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

The Selectmen thanked the various donors that gave to Social Services.

**Donation from Timmy Masonry**

Pat Del Monaco noted that Mr. Timmy Shej from Timmy Masonry was due a return of a bond in the amount of \$1,000. Mr. Shej has generously offered to return this bond to the town as a donation. The Selectman thanked Mr. Shej for this donation as well as his recent donation of repairs to the chimney at Town Hall.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Timmy Masonry to the Town of New Fairfield. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

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

### **Approval of the 2022 Community Garden Agreement**

Pat Del Monaco noted that this agreement was revised only to update dates on the agreement. The Selectmen spoke of the new location for the Community Garden and thanked everyone involved in its success.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the 2022 Community Garden Agreement. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Discussion of 2022-2023 Budget**

Pat Del Monaco gave an update of the budget and explained the process. She noted that each Town Department Head meets with the BOS to explain the needs for their respective department. She gave details of the components of the budget and noted that the total budget is approximately \$58 million with approximately \$45 million for the Board of Education and approximately \$12 million for the Town. She noted that 2022-2023 is a peak year for the school construction bonding in the amount of \$35 million. The cost of this bonding is less than originally estimated due to reductions in interest rates.

Pat Del Monaco spoke of Capital projects and the possibility of funding some of this through the unappropriated Capital and Nonrecurring fund instead of next year's budget. She also spoke of projects that can be deferred to future years.

A copy of the budget summary is posted to the Town's website. The BOS will vote to bring this budget to the Board of Finance at their next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **COVID update**

Pat Del Monaco gave an update on COVID:

- Approximately 1600 test kits have been distributed to members of the community.
- An additional 200 have been kept on hand for first responders.
- Additional kits will be received for vulnerable populations including the schools.
- The Town is considering having a walk up PCR Testing facility at no cost to residents from the middle of February to April.
- Disabled residents in need of assistance in getting a COVID test should call the Selectmen's office.
- The State's positivity rate is down to 10% with cases in Town down from 200 to approximately 60. There is also a decrease in hospitalizations in Connecticut. Despite this, First Selectman Del Monaco cautioned residents to remain vigilant and to wear masks and to socially distant.
- It is hopeful that in-person activities in the Senior Center and Library will return by the second week of February.

**Approval of Warning for Town Meeting**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Warning for a Town Meeting:

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at Town Meetings that a Town Meeting is to be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at 33 Route 37, in New Fairfield, CT, for the following purpose to wit:

1. To consider and take action upon the acceptance of Barn Brook Drive in Phase 2, Barn Brook Estates as a Town Maintained Road.

Dated at New Fairfield, CT this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

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

**Public Comment**- None

**Adjournment**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Kloos

Received by email on 02/01/2022 @ 10:35 a.m.  
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield