

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

MINUTES  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 24, 2022**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Virtual meeting via Zoom**

**Members present:**

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

**Other Town Officials Present:**

Olga Melnikov, Finance Director  
Ed Sbordone, BOE member

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment-** None

**Correspondence and Announcements**

Khris Hall noted that the last COVID vaccination clinic is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm. If eligibility for the vaccine is expanded in the near future, more clinic dates will be scheduled as needed.

Lori Beninson noted that she attended a field trip at the Fire House with a Daisy Troop. This Troop will be sending a letter to the BOS to formally ask that the BOS to change their titles to “Selectwomen.”

**Approval of Minutes**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2022 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 Inter-Departmental transfers in the amount of \$35,000. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$5,000.00	001-4161-0000-008/332.01	Legal- ZBA	\$5,000.00	001-4161-0000-002/332.01	Legal-Tax
\$30,000.00	001-4210-0005-000/130.00	Police-PD SRO Overtime	\$30,000.00	001-4210-001-000/130.00	Police-PD Overtime
<b>\$35,000.00</b>			<b>\$35,000.00</b>		

## **Personnel Report**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated March 24, 2022 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

## **Appointments**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Cory Neumann (Planning Commission), Steve Hanrahan (Zoning Commission) and Khris Hall (Board of Selectmen) as ex-officio members of the Housing Opportunity Committee. Lori Beninson seconded the motion.

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

It was noted that there are seven members on this committee and three ex-officio members. All committee meetings are open to the public and other residents are encouraged to get involved.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Roberta Anderson to the Housing Opportunity Committee. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

## **New Business**

### **Discussion of Affordable Housing Plan Amendments**

Khris Hall noted that she made some changes to the Affordable Housing Plan in order to be more consistent with the WestCOG (Western Connecticut Council of Governments) plan.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Annex to the 2022 Western Connecticut Regional Affordable Housing Plan, New Fairfield Annex. Lori Beninson seconded the motion.

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

### **Vote on adding Alternate members to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee**

Pat Del Monaco noted that the BPAC would like to add two additional members as alternates to the committee. The committee is currently a seven members committee with two additional members as alternates. There was a brief discussion about the advantages of having alternate members.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to establish two alternate member positions to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

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

### **Unsafe buildings- 55 Candle Hill Road, 7 Roseton Road and 60 Sawmill Road**

Pat Del Monaco noted that there are three buildings in town that have been deemed unsafe by the Building Official. She gave a brief description of these properties. The Building Official has already sent an order to the respective property owners with no response. The next step is for the BOS to send a formal letter. If there is no response within 45 days, the BOS has the authority to either board up the house, repair or demolish the buildings. The Building Official has recommended that 55 Candle Hill Road and 7 Roseton Road be boarded up with possibly a fence around the property at the expense of the homeowner with the town putting a lien on the property. The property of 60 Sawmill Road was damaged by fire. It was noted that people are

still entering the building despite the signs prohibiting this. The Building Official recommends boarding up the building to prevent people from going inside.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to the owners of 55 Candle Hill Road to restore the property to a safe condition. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to the owners of 7 Roseton Road to restore the property to a safe condition. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to the owners of 60 Sawmill Road to restore the property to a safe condition. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **2022-2023 Budget**

There has been no further direction from the Board of Finance regarding the budget yet.

#### **COVID update**

Pat Del Monaco gave an update on COVID and reported that the New Fairfield case rate has increased slightly and the Town is consistently seeing a few cases per day. It was noted that this count only includes cases that are reported to the State and not home tests.

**Public Comment**- None

#### **Adjournment**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Kloos

Received by email 03/28/2022 @ 11:03 a.m.  
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield