

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

**AGENDA**  
**BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, March 30, 2022**  
**7:30 PM**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**  
**Meeting Code: <https://zoom.us/j/92593608167>**  
**Or dial in phone: (929) 205-6099**

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Appointments
4. Correspondence/Announcements
5. Public Comment
6. Approval of Minutes – March is 23, 2022 regular meeting
7. Budget Transfers
8. Discuss - Medical Plan 2022/23 budget - Tom Kowalchik, SVP, USI
9. Discuss - Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget Planning
  - Communications
  - Percentage (%) mill rate increase (tax increase)
10. Public Comment
11. Future Agenda items
12. Board Member Comments
13. Adjournment

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by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield

# We Want to Hear What You Have to Say

## FY 2022-23 Town of New Fairfield Requested Budget

### New Fairfield Board of Finance

It's budget season in New Fairfield for the 2022-2023 fiscal year (July-June).

Every year a public process takes place over several months, in order to prepare the budgets for referendum by the townspeople.

This is the time of year that the Board of Education, the town departments and local agencies develop and present budget requests to the respective boards for the next fiscal year.

Budget workshops begin meeting in December and January of every year.

The Board of Education reviews and approves the Superintendent's Budget.

The town departments and local agencies submit their requests to the Board of Selectmen for final approval.

Then, both finalized budget requests are presented in a public meeting, to the elected Board of Finance for consideration and approval. This year the presentation meeting was held on March 5, 2022.

The Board of Finance meets every Wednesday in March, in order to complete the review and approval of the FY 2022-23 budgets. After the Board of Finance approves the budget, it will be published in the Town Tribune. The Selectmen will schedule the date for the referendum at a Board of Selectmen meeting.

When the budget is approved by the citizens of New Fairfield, then the Board of Finance will set the mill rate for property taxes, basing it upon the approved budget.

This year also has to take in account the third of four years of debt service, for the construction of two new schools, which may have an impact on the mill rate.

Attached is a copy of the Board of Finance meeting schedule. These meetings are public and the townspeople are encouraged to attend and participate in the meetings. We want to hear what you think and what you have to say. We welcome your comments and questions. Please join us.

Please note:

- You can attend and talk to the Board of Finance during public comment, at the beginning and end of the public meetings.

- You can email us with your comments and questions about the budget at [BOF@newfairfield.org](mailto:BOF@newfairfield.org). These emails are forwarded to every member of the Board of Finance and are acknowledged at every Board of Finance meeting.
- In addition to the weekly March meetings, the Board of Finance meets regularly, once a month, on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. The schedule and agendas for all of these meetings can be found on the town website at [newfairfield.org](http://newfairfield.org).
- The Zoom link for these meetings can be found at least 24 hours in advance of scheduled meetings. Scroll down the town home page to the Events Calendar and click on the link for the meeting date you are looking for. The agenda will have the Zoom link on it.

Another way to navigate the website is to do a search for [newfairfield.org](http://newfairfield.org), click on Minutes and Agendas, click on Board of Finance, click on Agendas, click on 2022, then click on the date of the upcoming meeting that you want to attend. The Zoom link will be printed on the agenda.

- You can also write a letter to the Town Tribune, with your ideas and comments on the budget, in addition, to attending meetings.
- On-Demand Previously Recorded Meetings are available at [newfairfield.org/our-town/community-calendar/-curm-2/-cury-2022](http://newfairfield.org/our-town/community-calendar/-curm-2/-cury-2022).
- The FY 22-23 Requested Budget can also be viewed on the town website at [newfairfield.org](http://newfairfield.org). There is a special link for it on the Town home page.
- A copy of FY2022-23 Town of New Fairfield Requested Budget is being provided in the New Fairfield Free Public Library, 2 Brush Hill Road, for those who prefer to review hard copy documents.

You will be able to review the copy during Library hours. In addition to daily and Saturday hours, the Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings until 7 PM.

Thanks for your interest and we hope you will join us and share your comments.

Your Board of Finance—Mark Beninson, Mike Cammarota, Wes March, Thora Perkins, Cheryl Reedy, Claudia Willard, Dave Coleman, Chris D’Esposito and Greg Williams