

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 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

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

Lori Beninson complimented Pat Del Monaco coming up with a solution for giving out coupons for the drop off center for residents to use for cleanup for Earth Day. She further noted that the New Fairfield Lions Club will be collecting used electronics for recycling at the Senior Center.

Pat Del Monaco thanked Public Works Director Russ Loudon for coming up with the solution for coupons for Earth Day at the drop off center.

Khris Hall noted that the first rescheduled vaccination clinic will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at St. Edwards from 10am to 4pm.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 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 Intra-Departmental transfers in the amount of \$7,000. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$7,000.00	001-4220-0000-000/610.02	Fire Companies-M& S	\$7,000.00	001-4220-0000-000/430.09	Fire Companies-Maintenance & Repairs
\$7,000.00			\$7,000.00		

Budget Transfers (con't)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Inter-Departmental transfers in the amount of \$7,500. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$7,500.00	001-4197-0000-000/110.00	Land Use Salaries	\$7,500.00	001-4215-0000-000/130.00	Comm. Center-Overtime
Reason:	Staff Shortage at the Comm. Center				
\$7,500.00			\$7,500.00		

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated April 14, 2022 as presented. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Anthony Nunes as an alternate member to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Nicholas Ciminello as a full member to the Permanent Building Committee. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

New Business

Proclamation-Telecommunications Week, Animal Control Officers Week

Pat Del Monaco read a proclamation recognizing the staff of the communications including supervisor Maria Evans for their hard work and declared April 10th-16th National Telecommunications Week.

Pat Del Monaco read a proclamation recognizing New Fairfield’s Animal Control Officer Kim Kraska for her hard work and declared April 10th-16th National Animal Control Officers week.

Vote on Fair Housing Resolution, Town of New Fairfield

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adopt the following Fair Housing Resolution as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

It was noted that the town is required to adopt this resolution on an annual basis.

Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and Whereas, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and Whereas, The Town of New Fairfield is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be

supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of New Fairfield hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the chief executive officer of the Town of New Fairfield or her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of New Fairfield and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities. Adopted by the Town of New Fairfield on April 14, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

2022-2023 Budget- No decision has been made to date from the BOF to send the budget to a referendum.

COVID update

Pat Del Monaco gave an update on COVID and reported that there are 10.6 cases per 100,000 in town and cautioned that this does not include home tests so the numbers may be a little low. She Encouraged everyone to exercise caution and noted that PCR testing is available every day at the Senior Center Community Room.

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos

Received by email on 04/18/2022 @ 11:26 a.m.
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield