

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 26, 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/PBC
Rich Seman, Assessor

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

Quintin Flower 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 that the New Fairfield Veterans Association will hold a ceremony on Monday, May 30th at 11:00am.

Proclamation

Pat Del Monaco presented a Proclamation to Tom Quigley who was named “Outstanding Senior of the Year”. The entire BOS thanked Mr Quigley for all his hard work and dedication to New Fairfield for the past 34 years.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2022 and the special meeting of May 11, 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 \$49,000.00 Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$20,000.00	001-4210-0005-000/130.00	Police-SRO Overtime	\$20,000.00	001-4210-0001-000/130.00	Police-Overtime
\$2,500.00	001-4220-0000-000/322.00	FD-Education and Training	\$2,500.00	001-4220-0001-000/430.09	FD-Maintenance
\$1,500.00	001-4220-0000-000/610.01	FD-Portable Equipment	\$1,500.00	001-4220-0001-000/430.09	FD-Maintenance
\$1,000.00	001-4220-0000-000/630.0	FD-Technology	\$1,000.00	001-4220-0001-000/430.09	FD-Maintenance
\$3,300.00	001-4310-0000-000/291.00	PW-Uniforms	\$3,300.00	001-4310-0000-000/451.00	PW-Road Repair
\$16,300.00	001-4310-0002-000/610.01	PW-Highway and Street M&S	\$16,300.00	001-4310-0000-000/451.00	PW-Road Repair
\$4,100.00	001-4310-0000-000/421.01	PW-Disposal of Waste	\$4,100.00	001-4310-0000-000/451.00	PW-Road Repair
\$300.00	001-4310-0004-000/610.01	PW-Safety Committee	\$300.00	001-4310-0000-000/451.00	PW-Road Repair
\$49,000.00			\$49,000.00		

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated May 26, 2022 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Jeff Main to the Margerie Trail Committee. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Peter Hern to the Margerie Trail Committee. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Dr. Daniel Joynt as alternate member of the Commission on the Aging.. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Joan Archer to the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Ken Bennett to the Parks and Rec Commission. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

New Business

Discussion of strategy and negotiation with respect to pending litigation- Delgado vs. Koonitsky- Executive Session

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:53 pm to discuss strategy and negotiation with respect to pending litigation- Delgado vs. Koonitsky and to invite Attorney Jim Talberg into the Executive Session. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:08 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion approve the resolution “Be it resolved that the Board of Selectmen provides consent of the settlement of the case Delgado vs. Koonitsky as recommended by Town Litigation counsel.” Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Discussion of strategy and negotiation with respect to pending litigation- First Light vs. Town of New Fairfield Tax Appeal- Executive Session

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:09 pm to discuss strategy and negotiation with respect to pending litigation- First Light vs Town of New Fairfield Tax Appeal and to invite Assessor Rich Seman into the Executive Session. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion at 8:21 pm to invite Finance Director Olga Melnikov into the Executive Session. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:27 pm. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion approve the resolution “Be it resolved that the Board of Selectmen provides consent of the settlement of the case know as First Light vs. Town of New Fairfield Tax Appeal” as recommended by counsel.” Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote to set date for Special Town Meeting to consider and act upon capital and nonrecurring expenditures in excess of \$20,000

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to set the date for the Special Town Meeting to consider and act upon capital and nonrecurring expenditures in excess of \$20,000 for Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Community Room at 33 Route 37. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Old Business

COVID update

Pat Del Monaco noted that the COVID cases rate has increased over the last two weeks to 27.3% per 100,000. She noted that the current week is not included in this report and that those case rates have gone down. She encouraged everyone to take precautions and get vaccinated and boosted as appropriate.

Lori Beninson noted that the New Fairfield Lions Club will not be providing hot dogs at this year’s 4th of July parade due to COVID concerns. Prepackaged snacks and water will be provided.

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. Lori Beninson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos