

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

MINUTES

**Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Monday, June 6, 2022
7:00 PM
ARPA WORKING GROUP
Virtual meeting via Zoom**

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Tony Iadarola, Town Engineer
Tim Simpkins, Health Director
Tom Quigley, WPCA Chairman
Mark Beninson, BOF member
Ed Sbordone, PBC/BOE member
Cynthia Ross-Zweig, Planning Commission Chairman

Call To Order First Selectman Pat Del Monaco called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She encouraged anyone watching remotely to view the Public Forum from the May 23rd ARPA meeting that is available on the town's website.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Cynthia Ross-Zweig asked about the proposed Communications Center equipment. First Selectman Del Monaco noted that this project would only be for the dispatch console. The Radio system is a larger project that will be pursued with a much larger grant.

Discussion of proposed ARPA projects

Business/Commercial Sewer- Town Engineer Tony Iadarola showed slides of the many different phases of the sewer project. He explained the design of the sewer system and the advantages of having them in town. He noted that the proposed sewer system would be based on current Zoning Regulations and does not take into account possible future multi-housing communities. He spoke of the advantages of putting sewers in town instead of septic tanks. Health Director Tim Simpkins spoke of the conditions of some septic tanks in town and the environmental and health problems that have been created by these septic tanks. WPCA Chairman Tom Quigley spoke of his support of the project.

There was a brief discussion of which properties will be affected by the sewer system. It was noted that no homeowners would be forced to be part of the sewer system and can maintain their own septic system if they prefer.

Pat Del Monaco noted that this study will bring the project to the point that it is “shovel ready” and encompasses all the easements and permits to move forward with the project and will allow the Town to get on the list for the Clean Water Revival Fund.

Other proposed ARPA fund projects

There was a discussion of other Town projects that might be funded with the ARPA funds. These include the renovations of Company A Firehouse, funding for emergency housing, Ball Pond drainage, renovation of the Beach House, security at Town Hall, hazard pay for public safety and public health employees, vault for the Town Clerk and Small Business grants. It was noted that the purpose of these funds is to look forward instead of paying off debt for past projects.

Public Comment

Ed Sbordone asked if everything on the agenda for tonight’s meeting is covered in the grant application. It was noted that the only addition would be a possible vault replacement for the Town Clerk.

Adjournment

Lori Beninson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:46 pm. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Suzanne Kloos

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