

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 9, 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:

Ed Sbordone, BOE/PBC

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

Selectman Lori Beninson spoke of an email that she sent to Public Works asking them to power wash the gazebo on Memorial Field and also inquired about the possibility of putting out orange highway signs during town referendums to increase voter participation.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 26, 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 \$4,034.09. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$2,694.09	001-4210-0000-000/340.00	Town Clerk-Indexing & Microfilming	\$2,694.09	001-4210-0000-000/610.00	Town Clerk-M& S
\$1,250.00	001-4210-0000-000/342.00	Town Clerk-Ordinance Update	\$1,250.00	001-4210-0000-000/610.00	Town Clerk-M& S
\$90.00	001-4210-0000-000/3401.00	Town Clerk-Vital Statistics	\$90.00	001-4210-0000-000/610.00	Town Clerk-M& S
\$4,034.09			\$4,034.09		

Budget Transfers (con't)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the transfer of \$11,519.00 from the Building Repair Reserve Fund to Flooring in the Police Dept. (\$5,875.00), Electrical installation in the Police Dept. (\$2,475.00), Electrical Installation for the Town Garage (\$2,840.00) and Company A Bay Doors repair (\$329.00). Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated June 9, 2022 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Khris Hall made a motion to appoint Pat Del Monaco to the Western Connecticut Tourist Board. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion approved- Pat Del Monaco abstained)**

New Business

Addition to the agenda

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to add agenda item #8A "Discussion of the Juneteenth Holiday" Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Discussion of the Juneteenth Holiday

Pat Del Monaco noted that Juneteenth will officially become a Federal Holiday in 2023 but is being recognized as a State Holiday this year on June 20th. State offices and banks in Connecticut will be closed that day. There was a brief discussion of closing Town Hall to show support for this holiday.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to close all Town buildings and offices on Monday, June 20th in observance of Juneteenth. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

ARPA Project review and approval process

Pat Del Monaco noted that the ARPA working group is getting very close to sending a recommendation to the BOS regarding the best uses of ARPA funds. They are still waiting for cost estimates for the renovation of Company A Firehouse. It is hopeful that this information will be available soon and the Selectmen can begin their process of reviewing the projects. It was noted that a possible addition to the list would be a new vault for the Town Clerk's office. There was a brief discussion of having a Town Meeting for the taxpayers to approve the uses of the ARPA funds once the review of the BOS is complete. There was a suggestion of having a Public Forum specifically inviting members of other town boards to discuss the plans.

DEEP suggested ordinance (Re: Feeding wild animals)

Pat Del Monaco noted that she received a call from a concerned citizen about residents feeding wild animals. Guidance from DEEP noted that the State Legislature is trying to pass a law that would regulate feeding wild animals in residential areas. There was a discussion of the possibility of the Town drafting an ordinance regarding the feeding of wild animals. This will be discussed further at the next BOS meeting.

Public Comment- None

School Security- Executive Session

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:48 pm to discuss School Security and to invite BOE member Ed Sbordone 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 8:00 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Lori Beninson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos
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Received by email on 06/14/2022 @ 2:15 p.m.
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield