

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

MINUTES

Board of Finance Special Meeting
Monday, June 13 2022
7:30 PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Members present via Zoom

Wes Marsh, Chairman
Mark Beninson (arrived late)
Michael Cammarota
Thora Perkins
Cheryl Reedy
Claudia Willard
Chris D'Esposito, Alternate
Greg Williams, Alternate
Board members absent
Dave Coleman, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present via Zoom

Network Administrator Paul Gouveia gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for a virtual meeting.

Call To Order Chairman Wes Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Appointments- Wes Marsh noted that Mark Beninson will not be in attendance and has asked Chris D'Esposito to serve in his absence.

Discussion and training session regarding the importance of full inclusion and respect for people with disabilities

Wes Marsh introduced Deborah Dorfman and Kasey Considine from Disability Rights Connecticut (DRCT) who gave a power point presentation regarding the importance of full inclusion and respect for people with disabilities. This presentation included information about the purpose of DRCT and who they help, the history of disability discrimination and modern-day discrimination. They spoke of both Federal and State anti-discrimination laws, the individuals with disabilities education act (IDEA) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Board members asked questions of the presenters especially regarding education which included the funding and notification of educational services for students with disabilities and the ages for which they qualify. There was a brief discussion of outplacement of students and how these students are identified and keeping students in-district if possible.

Board members thanked Attorney Dorfman and Attorney Considine for their presentation. Deborah Dorfman noted that DRCT will be having an online Town Hall meeting to generate

comments and concerns from constituents on June 29th. The link is available on the DRCT website and the public is encouraged to attend. A copy of the Power Point presentation will be provided to the BOF members,

Board Member Comments

Claudia Willard thanked everyone for the presentation and noted that she thought is very informative.

Wes Marsh noted that this information was very helpful and emphasized their role as both BOF members and citizens.

Adjournment

Mark Beninson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm. Cheryl Reedy seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

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