

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 23, 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
Dr. Karen Fildes, Director of Technology
Dan McDermott, Register of Voters
Amy Johnson, BOE member
Ed Sbordone, BOE/PBC member
Claudia Willard, BOF member

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

Assistant Broadcast Coordinator Ben Levine gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for a virtual meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Addition to the agenda

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to add agenda item #9A “Discuss and possibly vote to accept donation to Social Services” Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Public Comment- None

Correspondence and Announcements

Pat Del Monaco read a letter from the Registrars of Voters Elisa Beckett-Flores and Dan McDermott announcing that there will be new polling locations due to redistricting. The House 108th District and Senate 24th District will vote at New Fairfield Middle School Cafeteria and House 108th District and Senate 30th District will vote at the New Fairfield Senior Center. Anyone with questions can call the Registrar of Voters.

Approval of Minutes

Lori Beninson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 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 \$21,000.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$1,500.00	001-4310-0000-000/742.01	PW-Trucks and Equipment	\$1,500.00	001-4310-0000-000/451.00	PW-Road Repair
\$8,500.00	001-4310-0000-000/423.00	PW-Contracted Services	\$8,500.00	001-4310-0000-000/451.00	PW-Road Repair
\$4,100.00	001-4310-002-000/610.01	PW Highway & Streets	\$4,100.00	001-4310-0000-000/451.00	PW-Road Repair
\$7,000.00	001-4220-0000-000/322.00	FD-Education and Training	\$7,000.00	001-4220-0001-000/430.09	FD-Maintenance & Repair
\$21,100.00			\$21,100.00		

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Inter-Departmental transfers in the amount of \$10,000.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$10,000.00	001-4164-0000-000/615.00	Business Machines-Postage	\$10,000.00	001-4195-0000-000/620.03	Utilities-Gasoline and Diesel
	To fill up tanks				
\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00		

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated June 23, 2022 as presented. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Bob Jano as an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

New Business

Donation to the Police Department

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept with gratitude a donation from John Cerqueira from Apex Horticulture in the amount of \$2,995 for the purchase of a radar gun for the Police Department. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

The entire BOS thanked Mr. Cerqueira for this donation.

Donation to Social Services

Pat Del Monaco read a letter from Social Services Director Cindy White regarding a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the New Fairfield Lions Club Foundation to Social Services for the food pantry, fuel bank and Social Services fund.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept with gratitude a donation of \$5,000 to Social Services from the New Fairfield Lions Club Foundation. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco and Selectman Khris Hall thanked the Lions Club for this generous donation. Selectman Lori Beninson spoke on behalf of the Lions Club and noted they are honored to serve the community.

Acceptance of Grant for Margerie Reservoir Trail

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept two urban act grants totaling \$2,284,000 to fund the Margerie Reservoir Trail project and to authorize the First Selectman to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Selectman Khris Hall thanked State Representative Ken Gucker for all his hard work with this project. She further thanked State Representative Pat Callahan and State Senator Julie Kushner for their respective roles in the project.

Vote to appropriate \$110,000 from the 2021-2022 budget surplus to fund a School Resource Officer in the MHHS/CELA Schools

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to recommend to the Board of Finance an appropriation in the amount of \$110,000 from the 2021-2022 surplus or the unassigned fund balance to fund a School Resource Officer for the MHHS/CELA building. Lori Beninson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Pat Del Monaco noted that the SRO has typically be staffed through overtime shifts. This will allow to hire a full-time person thus allowing for continuity. This has been approved by the Board of Education. Finance Director Olga Melnikov gave a brief background of the funding for this.

Old Business

ARPA Project review and approval process

Pat Del Monaco noted that she did not get the information about the renovation for Company A Firehouse in time for this meeting but will discuss the project at a special BOS ARPA meeting on Tues, June 28th.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:57 pm to discuss building security and to invite Dr. Karen Fildes and Paul Gouveia 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 8:22 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

DEEP suggested ordinance (Re: Feeding wild animals)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to table the discussion of the suggested ordinance until the next regular BOS meeting. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kloos

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Received by email on 06/30/2022 @ 8:30 a.m.
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield