

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Wednesday, August 3, 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:

Linda Fox, Library Director
Terry Friedman, Town Treasurer
Ed Sbordone, BOE/PBC member
Mark Beninson, BOF member

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

Network Administrator Paul Gouveia 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 announced that Preserve New Fairfield will hold Open Houses on Sunday, August 14th and Sunday, August 28th from 2pm to 4pm. They will be showing a documentary on the history of Candlewood Lake.

Selectman Khris Hall announced that the COVID vaccination clinic will be held at the High School Cafeteria on Saturday, August 13th and Saturday, August 20th from 10am to 4pm. Arrangements are being made to have the vaccination van at New Fairfield Day.

Proclamation for Linda Fox

Pat Del Monaco presented Linda Fox with a Proclamation for 50 years of service to the New Fairfield Library. Selectman Khris Hall and Selectman Lori Beninson thanked Mrs. Fox for all her hard work and dedication to the library and the Town of New Fairfield.

Linda Fox thanked the entire BOS for this honor.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 23, 2022 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers- None

Personnel Report

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

Appointments

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

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Daniel Jowdy as sub-registrar of vital statistics for the Town of New Fairfield as recommended by the Town Clerk for a term ending January 5, 2026. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

New Business

Discussion and vote to adopt revised Debt Policy

Town Treasurer Terry Friedman spoke of four updates to the Town's Debt policy. The first amendment adjusts the policy to reflect that the current amount of short-term and long-term debt is \$78,000,000 as of May 1, 2022. The other three changes bring the policy in line with the recent bonding for the school project. They include:

- The debt should be structured to have read that the first principal payment should be 75% or more of the even equal principal amount.
- The debt policy should be updated to read that the number of credit ratings should be one or more as there is no need to get additional ratings if the first rating is AAA.
- The debt policy should read that the BOF is responsible for determining the annual amortization amounts.

It was noted that the BOF has approved the amendments to the Debt Policy at their July 20, 2022 meeting.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the updated Town of New Fairfield Debt Policy dated May 2022. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote to release Bond for 4 Sawmill Road, Warren's Hill Subdivision

Pat Del Monaco noted that she received a letter from the Planning Commission noting that they approved to release the bond for 4 Sawmill Road as recommended by the Town Engineer.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the release of the bond for 4 Saw Mill Road in the amount of \$209,000. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote to set date for Town Meeting to consider and act upon an appropriation of \$195,500 from General Fund-Unreserved

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to set Tuesday, August 30th at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center as the date for a Town Meeting to consider and act upon an appropriation of \$195,500 from General Fund-Unreserved as follows: \$22,500 for Paramedic/EMT Services, \$5,000 for Police Vehicle, \$69,500 for SRO Vehicle, \$40,500 for salary for MHHS/CELA SRO, \$58,000 for Communications Center Salaries. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote to amend the Hahlawah Rifle and Pistol club Use Agreement to include training exercises

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to table the consideration of the amendment to the Hahlawah Rifle and Pistol Club agreement until the next regular BOS meeting of August 11th. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote to set date for Town Meeting to consider and act upon the sale of property at 32 Calverton Drive and 39 Fulton Drive

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to set Thursday, September 8th at 7:00pm at the Senior Center to consider and act upon the sale of property at 32 Calverton Drive and 38 Fulton Drive. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote to set date for Town Meeting to consider and act upon the amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance approved by the BOS on November 23, 2021

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to set Thursday, September 8th at 7:00pm at the Senior Center to consider and act upon and act upon the amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance approved by the BOS on November 23, 2021. 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 7:55 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos

Received by email on 08/08/2022 @ 4:09 p.m.
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield