

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Thursday, August 30, 2022
7:30 PM
Senior Center

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Olga Melnikov, Finance Director
Mark Beninson, BOF member
Ed Sbordone, BOE/PBC member
Cynthia Ross-Zweig, Planning Commission Chairman

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

John Martins spoke of his concerns that he didn't know about the sale of the property located at 32 Calverton Drive and 39 Fulton Drive and didn't get the opportunity to consider this purchase.

Correspondence and Announcements

Selectman Lori Beninson noted that she reached out to arrange a meeting with the new Superintendent of Schools and is looking forward to meeting with him.

Selectman Khris Hall noted that New Fairfield Day will be held on Saturday, September 17th. The vaccination van will be there in addition to many other booths. She further noted that there will be a 50's event sponsored by FISH (Friends in Service Helping) on Friday, September 16th at the Senior Center.

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Consolidated Early Learning Academy on Saturday, September 10th. Tours will be available after the ceremony.

The annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 11th at 5:00pm outside behind the Senior Center.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2022 and the special meeting of August 25, 2022 as presented. Lori Beninson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Inter-Departmental transfer (end of year true-ups) for fiscal year 2021-2022 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Finance Director Olga Melnikov gave a brief explanation for the need for the true ups.

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated August 30, 2022 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments- None

New Business

Preliminary 2021-2022 surplus update

Finance Director Olga Melnikov noted that the surplus for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is expected to be approximately \$982,000. Revenue is higher than budgeted due in part to the motor vehicle supplement tax and a tax sale. Expenditures are less than budgeted due in part to savings in State Trooper salaries, library personnel and savings from some professional training sessions that did not occur due to COVID.

Pat Del Monaco noted that the BOS will start to discuss uses for the surplus at the next regular BOS meeting.

Vote to accept donation for Animal Control Roof

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to table the acceptance of the donation for the Animal Control Roof. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Building Repair Reserve Fund transfer

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to transfer \$17,034 from the Building Repair Reserve Fund for the following uses: Library HVAC Repair (\$9,300), Ball Pond Firehouse Ductless Split A/C unit (\$7,734). Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote to approve fourth amendment to Communication Tower Lease Agreement for 302 Ball Pond Road

Pat Del Monaco noted that T-Mobile is replacing nine antennas on the cell tower.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the fourth amendment to the Communication Tower Lease Agreement with T-Mobile. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Public Comment

Planning Commission Chairman Cynthia Ross-Zweig commented that the Planning Commission did not issue a report on the purchase of any land for the Town of New Fairfield but instead opted to take the 35 days that is allowed by State Statute.

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos

BOS- Minutes
08/30/22

Received by email on 09/06/2022 @ 8:30 a.m.
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield