

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

MINUTES

**Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 2022
6:30 PM
Senior Center Community Room
Facebook Live**

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

State Representative Pat Callahan
Town Engineer Tony Iadarola
Director of Health Tim Simpkins

Call To Order First Selectman Pat Del Monaco called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Facebook Live Presentation

ARPA Projects/Sewer Design and Permitting

Pat Del Monaco spoke of the purpose of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds and the restrictions for these funds. It was noted that these funds cannot be used to pay down debt, contribute to a rainy day fund or make contributions to a pension fund. Eight public special BOS meetings and three public forums were held to discuss and get public input for the best uses of these funds.

The proposed uses for these funds include Sewer Design and Permitting, Company A Firehouse Renovation, Public Safety Improvements, Beach House Renovation, Small Business Grants, Pandemic Premium Pay for Public Health and Safety Personnel, Ball Pond Watershed Storm water Drainage, Fire Marshal Vehicle, Community Center Feasibility Study, and Emergency Housing Fund.

Town Engineer Tony Iadarola spoke of the Sewer Feasibility study and gave specifics of what it would cover. Health Director Tim Simpkins spoke of the challenges with septic systems in town especially with town businesses and spoke in support of adding sewers to town and noted the environmental advantages.

Selectman Khris Hall spoke of the economic development in town and the challenges with septic systems in regard to certain businesses especially restaurants.

State Representative Pat Callahan spoke of the process for the ARPA funds and noted that projects must be considered “shovel ready” in order to qualify for ARPA funds.

Selectman Lori-Ann Beninson spoke in support of all the proposed ARPA fund projects and encouraged everyone to support them in the referendum on Oct. 18th.

Members of the public were given the opportunity to ask questions either in-person or through Facebook Live.

The referendum vote will be held on Tuesday, October 18th from 8am to 8pm at the Community Room adjacent to the Senior Center.

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos

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