



Town of New Fairfield

Selectmen's Office

4 Brush Hill Road

New Fairfield, Connecticut

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

ZOOM MEETING

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95662210353>

Meeting ID: 956 6221 0353

Dial In: (929) 205-6099

Thursday, October 27, 2022

7:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment & Participation
4. Correspondence & Announcements
5. Approve Minutes of Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting October 13, 2022 and Special Meeting October 13, 2022
6. Budget Transfers
7. Personnel Report
8. Appointments

New Business

9. Discuss and Possibly Vote to Update Drop Off Center Fees
10. Discuss and Possibly Vote on Resolution to Accept DESPP Urban Grant on Behalf of Squantz Engine Co.
11. Discuss and Possibly Vote to Amend Town Ordinance Sec. 16-91 Tax Abatement for Volunteers

Old Business

12. Discuss and Possibly Vote to Set the Date for a Town Meeting to Consider and Act Upon the Sale of Property Located at 32 Calverton Drive and 39 Fulton Drive
13. Public Comment
14. Adjournment

Received by email on 10/26/2022 @ 11:58 a.m.
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield

TOWN OF NEW FAIRFIELD
PERSONNEL REPORT
October 27, 2022

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	PAY RATE	REASON	EFFECTIVE
NEW HIRES:						
1	MAPES	PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR	RECREATION	\$10.00/HR. + COMMISSION	RECREATION	10/28/2022
CHANGE IN STATUS						
2	DIBIASE	PT PUBLIC WORKS LABORER	PUBLIC WORKS	\$16.00/HR.	RETURNING TO FORMER POSITION	10/21/2022
SEPARATION						
3	DIBIASE	PT DISPATCHER	COMMUNICATION		VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION	10/17/2022
4	RUSSO	FT DISPATCHER	COMMUNICATION		VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION	10/21/2022



TOWN OF NEW FAIRFIELD

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812-2619

New hours Tuesday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. as of 2/6/2018
Thursday 4:00pm to 7:00pm as of 3/15/2018

Also you can no longer pay by cash – credit/debit card or check only.

Permits: Permit Fees as of July 1, 2019

Passenger vehicle	\$16.00/year
Vehicle with combination plates using the Drop-off Center for personal use only	\$16.00/year
Vehicle with combination plates using the Drop-off Center for Commercial purposes	\$50.00/year
Commercial vehicles.....	\$50.00/year
Residents over 65 years of age.....	\$8.00/year
Sherman Residents.....	\$32.00/year

Refuse:

13 gallon bag (large kitchen garbage bag)	\$1.50/bag
30 gallon bag (trash bag)	\$3.00/bag
Cans, lawn & leaf bags	\$6.00 bag

Recyclables:

13 gallon bag mixed <u>single stream</u> (clear or blue bags).....	\$1.00/bag
30 gallon bag mixed <u>single stream</u> (clear or blue bags).....	\$2.00/bag
Newspapers/Magazines (bundled or bagged 1' high).....	\$1.50/bundle/bag
Newspapers/Magazines (not bundled, bagged, or mixed).....	NOT ACCEPTED
Cardboard (bundled or bagged 3'X 3'X1' high).....	\$1.50/bundle
Cardboard (uncut or not bundled or bagged).....	NOT ACCEPTED

Electronics:

Fluorescent light bulbs, halogen bulbs	\$0.50/each
All other electronic recyclables i.e. answering machines, cell phones/telephones, computers, fax machines, microwaves, monitors, printers, radios, small rechargeable batteries, TVs, etc.	No Charge

Landscape Waste:

Leaves (bulk)	\$5.00/yard
Leaves (BAG – MUST BE EMPTIED BY RESIDENT & DISPOSED W/REFUSE).....	\$1.00/bag
BRUSH CANNOT BE OVER 3' LONG AND OR LARGER THAN 4" IN DIAMETER	
Brush (Commercial pick-up truck)	\$40.00/truckload
Brush (Residential pick-up truck)	\$30.00/truckload
Brush (Residential station wagon).....	\$20.00/carload
Woodchips (not mixed with brush or wood)	No Charge
Tree Stumps & Logs	NOT ACCEPTED
Grass Clippings & Mixed Load	NOT ACCEPTED
Mixed Load (pick-up truck).....	NOT ACCEPTED

Automotive:

Antifreeze	\$0.50/gallon
Motor Oil	\$0.50/gallon
Gasoline, Kerosene or Diesel fuel	NOT ACCEPTED – TAKE TO HHW COLLECTION
Automotive Lead Acid Batteries	\$1.00/battery
Battery Acid	NOT ACCEPTED – TAKE TO HHW COLLECTION
Automotive Paint.....	NOT ACCEPTED – TAKE TO HHW COLLECTION
Tires (without rims)	\$5.00/tire
Tires (with rims)	NOT ACCEPTED

Bulky Waste:

Bulk Metal (appliances such as washers, dryers, etc with out Freon/CFC).....	\$20.00/each
Bulk Metal (appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, a/c units and dehumidifiers with Freon/CFC).....	\$40.00/each
Scrap Metal	\$15.00/cubic yard (\$5.00 minimum)
Demolition Material	\$60.00/cubic yard (2yards/trip max.)
Unrestricted Bulky Waste.....	\$60.00/cubic yard (2yards/trip max.)
Carpet.....	\$50.00/cubic yard
Chairs, Recliners, Sofas.....	\$5.00/linear foot (\$10.00 min.)
<u>Clean Dry Mattresses</u>	No Charge
Wet, Frozen, Severely Damaged, Soiled Mattresses, Boxsprings (twin)	\$15.00/each
Wet, Frozen, Severely Damaged, Soiled Mattresses, Boxsprings (double)	\$25.00/each
Wet, Frozen, Severely Damaged, Soiled Mattresses, Boxsprings (queen/king).....	\$30.00/each
Lawn Mowers (push).....	\$5.00/each
Lawn Mowers (rider)	\$25.00/each
Paint (any type).....	NOT ACCEPTED – CHECK PAINTCARE.ORG or TAKE TO HHW COLLECTION

Textiles:

Clothing, shoes, belts, hats, bedding, linens, towels, curtains/draperies, etc.	No Charge
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Organics Collection:

13 gallon tote.....	\$1.00/each
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RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS TO DOC FEES

1. Increase Brush (Commercial pick-up truck) from \$40 to \$45 per truckload
2. Increase Brush (Residential pick-up truck) from \$30 to \$35
3. Revise the description only from Brush (Residential station wagon) to Brush (Residential car).
The cost of \$20/carload remains
4. Add a charge of \$5 for Brush per bag
5. Establish a charge for Woodchips at \$20 per yard
6. Increase Demolition Material from \$60/cubic yard to \$70/cubic yard
7. Increase Unrestricted Bulky Waste from \$60/cubic year to \$70/cubic yard
8. Stop accepting Antifreeze, Motor Oil and Tires

Other items:

1. Possibly eliminate Organics Collection effective 07/01/23

State of Connecticut
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Certified Resolution of the Legislative Body
Of the Town of New Fairfield, CT

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection is authorized to extend financial assistance for Public Safety projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that The Town of New Fairfield make an application to the State for \$210,170.00 in order to undertake and accept an Urban Grant in the amount of \$210,170.00 on behalf of Squantz Engine Company for the purpose of installing an elevator and necessary renovations and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, therefore, be it resolved by the New Fairfield Board of Selectmen:

1. That is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance.
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of New Fairfield in an amount not to exceed \$210,170.00 is hereby approved and that the First Selectman, Patricia Del Monaco, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, to provide such additional information to execute other documents as may be required: to execute and Assistance Agreement with the state of Connecticut for State Financial Assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments , revisions, and revisions thereto; and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of New Fairfield.

I, Holly Z. Smith, Town Clerk for the Town of New Fairfield, duly elected and qualified according to law and having custody of the seal of the Town of New Fairfield hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of New Fairfield on October 27, 2022, and, that said resolution has not been amended, rescinded or revoked and remains in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of New Fairfield this 27th day of October, 2022 A.D.

Holly Z. Smith, Town Clerk

DIVISION 5. - FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, PARAMEDICS AND AMBULANCE DRIVERS

Sec. 16-91. - Tax abatement for volunteers pursuant to ~~section 6 of Public Act 99-272~~. *CGS Sec. 12-81w*

(a) *Preamble.* The town hereby establishes a program of tax abatement for real and motor vehicle property taxes, pursuant to ~~Section 6 of Public Act 99-272~~ *CGS Sec. 12-81w* and further subject to the provisions hereof, for any fiscal year for any eligible person who volunteers his or her services as a firefighter, emergency medical technician, paramedic or ambulance driver.

(b) *Definitions.*

Volunteer means each qualified member of the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department ("NFVFD") as certified to by the program administrator for the NFVFD, who volunteers his or her services as a firefighter, emergency medical technician, paramedic or ambulance driver ("volunteer").

or member of the fire police, fire police,

Certification date means October 1 of each year.

Certification form shall mean a form prescribed by the tax collector of the town for certification of eligibility for real and motor vehicle property tax abatement.

(c) *Eligibility.* A volunteer shall establish eligibility for the benefits described herein by performing a suitable level of volunteer service to the NFVFD. That level of service shall be determined by the program administrator of the NFVFD. In order to be eligible for a tax abatement in any fiscal year, in addition to any other eligibility requirements, a volunteer firefighter must not be delinquent in any tax obligation to the town.

(d) *Benefit.* An eligible volunteer shall be entitled to an abatement of real or motor vehicle property taxes for any fiscal year during which they are deemed eligible pursuant to the provisions hereof in accordance with subsection (e) hereof. An inactive member, having served twenty-five (25) years or more of active service to the NFVFD, shall be eligible to receive a tax abatement of real or motor vehicle property taxes annually in the amount of ~~seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00)~~ *fifteen hundred 1500.00*. A "Line of Duty" death will qualify the volunteer's spouse to continue to receive an abatement of real or motor vehicle property taxes for a period of ten (10) years at the volunteer's current level of tax abatement, so long as the real or motor vehicle property is owned by the volunteer's spouse (pursuant to section 10 of Public Act 00-215). Tax abatement shall be applied first against any real property taxes and if volunteer doesn't own real property, then against motor vehicle taxes. Notwithstanding subsection (e) hereof, no volunteer shall receive an abatement greater than ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ *two 2,000.00* in any fiscal year nor greater than the volunteer's real or motor vehicle property tax liability in any fiscal year. The abatement may not be carried over into another fiscal year. (Example: Volunteer eligible for abatement of one thousand dollars

(\$1,000.00) in fiscal year 2000, with a tax liability of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00), may not carry over the two hundred dollars (\$200.00) unused portion of the abatement into subsequent fiscal years.)

- (e) *Service point system.* The program administrator of NFVFD shall track the participation of service of its members with respect to years of service, past and present, and current level of service. The service point system and the amount of abatement shall be as follows:

Service Point System

Years of Service	Tax Abatement
0—1	\$0.00
2—4	\$500.00 1000.00
5—9	\$750.00 1500.00
10 and over	\$1,000.00 2,000.00

- (f) *Certification.* Each year on or after the certification date the program administrator of NFVFD, together with the volunteer seeking the abatement, shall certify to the tax collector, on a certification form, that the volunteer is eligible for benefits hereunder. On or before December 31st of each year, the program administrator of the NFVFD shall forward the certification form to the tax collector attesting to the eligibility of each volunteer for benefits hereunder. Copies of the certification form shall be forwarded to the director of finance, the tax assessor, the first selectman and the chief of the NFVFD and shall be available for public inspection at the NFVFD headquarters.
- (g) *Jointly owned property.* If real property is jointly owned by one (1) or more eligible volunteers, an abatement shall be given to each volunteer at the abatement amount established by subsection (e).
- (h) *Recapture and termination.* On the sale, conveyance or transfer of the volunteer's real or motor vehicle property or portion thereof, the abatement shall be prorated by the tax collector for the actual days of ownership by the volunteer. On the death of a volunteer, the abatement shall apply only through the end of the fiscal year in which the death occurs, unless it is a "Line of Duty Death".
- (i) *Appeal.* Any volunteer who claims to have been wrongly denied benefits hereunder may, within

forty-five (45) days of written notice to the volunteer of his or her denial of eligibility, appeal to the board of selectmen of the Town of New Fairfield for redress, with a copy of such appeal to be sent to the program administrator. The decision of the board of selectmen with respect to each such appeal shall be final.

- (j) *Miscellaneous*. The volunteer shall be responsible for any federal and state tax consequences that may result from any abatement the volunteer receives under this division. The town shall file any documents that may be required by state or federal agencies for the abatement, however, neither the filing of documents nor any other action by the town pursuant to this division shall create or imply any type of employment or beneficiary status between the town and volunteer.
- (k) *Applicability*. The program shall be applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 201~~8~~²¹ and to any volunteer who is eligible as of October 1, 201~~8~~²¹.

(Ord. of. 10-20-00; Ord. of 6-5-07; Ord. of 11- 8-18(1).)

Sec. 12-81w. Municipal option to abate or exempt a portion of property taxes of local firefighters and certain emergency and civil preparedness personnel. The legislative body of any municipality may establish, by ordinance, a program to provide property tax relief for a nonsalaried local emergency management director, any individual who volunteers his or her services as a firefighter, fire police officer, as defined in subsection (a) of section 7-308, emergency medical technician, paramedic, civil preparedness staff, active member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team, as defined in section 5-249, active member of a volunteer underwater search and rescue team, or ambulance driver in the municipality, or any individual who is a retired volunteer firefighter, fire police officer or emergency medical technician and has completed at least twenty-five years of service as a volunteer firefighter, fire police officer or emergency medical technician in the municipality. Such tax relief may provide either (1) (A) for the period commencing July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, an abatement of up to one thousand five hundred dollars in property taxes due for any fiscal year, and (B) on and after July 1, 2021, an abatement of up to two thousand dollars in property taxes due for any fiscal year, or (2) an exemption applicable to the assessed value of real or personal property up to an amount equal to the quotient of one million dollars divided by the mill rate, in effect at the time of assessment, expressed as a whole number of dollars per one thousand dollars of assessed value. Any ordinance may authorize interlocal agreements for the purpose of providing property tax relief to such volunteers who live in one municipality but volunteer or volunteered their services in another municipality.

(P.A. 99-272, S. 6, 7; P.A. 00-120, S. 10, 13; P.A. 01-187, S. 21, 25; P.A. 04-241, S. 2; P.A. 11-21, S. 3; 11-243, S. 2; P.A. 16-99, S. 1; P.A. 19-36, S. 1.)

History: P.A. 99-272 effective June 15, 1999, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 1999; P.A. 00-120 made nonsalaried local directors of civil preparedness eligible and authorized municipalities to establish a property tax exemption in lieu of an abatement, effective May 26, 2000, and applicable to assessment years commencing October 1, 1999; P.A. 01-187 provided for tax relief for civil preparedness staff volunteers, effective October 1, 2001, and applicable to assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2001; P.A. 04-241 provided for tax relief for active members of volunteer canine search and rescue teams; P.A. 11-21 replaced "local director of civil preparedness" with "local emergency management director" and made a technical change; P.A. 11-243 provided for tax relief for fire police officers and active members of volunteer underwater search and rescue teams and made a technical change, effective July 1, 2011; P.A. 16-99 added references to retired volunteer firefighters, fire police officers and emergency medical technicians and made technical and conforming changes, effective July 1, 2016; P.A. 19-36 amended Subdiv. (1) by adding Subpara. (A) increasing maximum abatement to \$1,500 for period commencing July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, and added Subpara. (B) increasing maximum abatement to \$2,000 on and after July 1, 2021, effective July 1, 2019.

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Sec. 12-81x. Municipal option to abate taxes of surviving spouse of police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician. The legislative body of any municipality may establish, by ordinance, a program to abate all or a portion of the property taxes due with respect to real property owned and occupied as the principal residence of the surviving spouse of a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician who dies while in the performance of such officer's, firefighter's or technician's duties.

(P.A. 00-215, S. 10, 11; P.A. 13-204, S. 2.)

History: P.A. 00-215 effective June 1, 2000; P.A. 13-204 added provisions re surviving spouse of emergency medical technician as eligible for abatement.

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TOWN ELDERLY AND DEFERRAL	550,000	500,000	500,000	454,512	465,858	460,460	422,233	401,466
NEW CONSTRUCTION	(25,000)	(30,000)	(40,000)	(50,184)	(49,079)	(15,419)	(30,796)	(46,120)
DELETIONS	191,000	155,000	155,000	155,114	131,248	133,847	96,551	110,716
SUSPENSE	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	15,629	18,429	22,382	16,611
FIREMAN'S ABATEMENT	62,500	52,500	50,750	42,130	49,079	28,000	28,200	28,231
STATE OWNERS PROGRAM	120,000	112,000	112,000	107,163	109,020	106,706	102,719	102,508
REVALUATION ADJUSTMENTS	50,000	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS TO TAXES	978,500	869,500	857,750	708,735	721,755	732,023	641,289	613,412
ACTUAL BUDGET	978,500	869,500	857,750	857,750	757,750	704,000	684,600	639,000
BUDGET (SHORTAGE)/OVERAGE	-	-	-	149,015	35,995	(28,023)	43,311	25,588