

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 27, 2022**  
**7:30 PM**  
**via Zoom**

**Members present:**

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

**Other Town Officials Present:**

Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman  
Olga Melnikov, Finance Director  
Ed Sbordone, BOE/PBC  
Mark Beninson, BOF member  
Bruce Taylor, Fire Chief  
Paul Gouveia, Director of Technology

Director of Technology Paul Gouveia gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for having a virtual meeting.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**- None

**Correspondence and Announcements**

Pat Del Monaco noted that:

- The Tricks or Treat Fest will be held on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:30 pm starting at Town Hall.
- A list of Halloween decorated houses is listed on the Parks and Rec page on the Town's website.
- The vaccination van will be at St. Edward's Church from 12pm to 6pm on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The most recent booster will be available.
- Absentee ballots for the November 8<sup>th</sup> election are available in the Town Clerk's office.
- Frontier will be installing fiber optic infrastructure in New Fairfield over the next 2-3 months. Trucks will be installing wires and some trenching will be done. Information regarding this will be posted on the website.

**Approval of Minutes**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2022 and the special meeting of October 13, 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 Transfer in the amount of \$13,000. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$10,000.00	001-4215-0000-000/112.00	Comm. Center-Part Time salaries	\$10,000.00	001-4215-0000-000/130.00	Communications Center-Overtime
\$3,000.00	001-4161-0000-008/332.00	Legal- ZBA	\$3,000.00	001-4161-0000-007/332.01	Legal-Zoning
<b>\$13,000.00</b>			<b>\$13,000.00</b>		

**Personnel Report**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated October 27, 2022 as presented. Lori-Ann Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Appointments-** None

**New Business**

**Discuss and vote to update Drop-Off Center Fees**

Pat Del Monaco spoke of fees for the drop off center and noted that there is a deficit in the Drop-Off Center line. She spoke of possible changes to the fees and procedures for the center. She also noted that the Town is losing money on the rental for the tire dumpster but it is not getting a lot of use from residents. There was a discussion of whether or not there is a viable alternative to disposing of tires. It was decided to exclude tires from the vote until more information can be found.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the changes to the Drop Off Center fees as recommended with the exception of tires from the list. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Vote on Resolution to accept DESPP Urban Grant on behalf of Squantz Engine Co.**

Pat Del Monaco noted that Squantz Engine Co. received grant money for the elevator project in order to make their building ADA compliant. This grant must come through the municipality and will fund 100% of the project.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Resolution:

Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Vote to amend Town Ordinance Sec. 16-91 Tax Abatement for Volunteers**

Pat Del Monaco noted that State Statute has been revised to increase the amount of tax abatement that municipalities can provide to public safety volunteers. The projected cost of this program would be approximately \$105,000.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the proposed changes to New Fairfield Ordinance 16-91 Tax Abatement for Volunteers. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion approved- Lori Beninson abstained)**

### **Old Business**

#### **Discuss and vote to set date for a Town Meeting to consider and act upon the sale of Property located at 32 Calverton Drive and 39 Fulton Drive**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to set the date of November 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm for a Town Meeting to consider and act upon the sale of Property located at 32 Calverton Drive and 39 Fulton Drive. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

#### **Public Comment**

Melissa Grant and John Martins from 37 Fulton Drive asked about the possible splitting of the property that is for sale located at 32 Calverton Drive and 39 Fulton Drive. First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that a Town Meeting has already been held for this and the process is now to go to a Town Meeting.

Fire Chief Bruce Taylor thanked the BOS for their support of the tax abatement for the volunteers.

### **Adjournment**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Kloos

Received by email on 11/03/2022 @ 10:54 a.m.  
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield