

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 28, 2021
7:30 PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Members present:

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Khris Hall, Selectman
Kim Hanson, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director and Town Treasurer
Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman

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 due to construction, anyone that normally votes at Meeting House Hill School will vote at the Middle School cafeteria for the foreseeable future. She gave a brief description of the traffic pattern for the Middle School for Election Day.

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco and Selectman Khris Hall thanked outgoing Selectman Kim Hanson for all his years of service to the Town including the Board of Selectmen, Inlands/Wetlands Commission, HRRA, and the Board of Education. They wished him well in his future endeavors.

Selectman Kim Hanson thanked all his supporters throughout the years and the opportunity to serve the Town.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2021 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the transfer from the Building Repair Reserve fund in the amount of \$21,420 (Police Dept. and Fire Dept Cat 6 wire upgrade) and \$1,684 (Town Clerk Vault repair). Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated October 28, 2021 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Finance Director Ed Sbordone gave a brief explanation of the reason for the increase in hourly wages for an employee in the Finance Department.

Appointments- None

NEW BUSINESS

Margerie Trail Final Report

Todd Fontanella from WESTCOG spoke of the project and introduced Senior Project Manager Marcy Miller from FHI.

Ms. Miller gave a presentation of the corridor study for Danbury and New Fairfield. She spoke traffic studies, major intersections, recommended changes and the feasibility of having a biking trail.

Vote to set date and approve Town Warning for the Special Town Meeting to consider the 2020/2021 budget surplus

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Warning for a Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those entitled to vote at Town Meetings that a Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at 33 Route 37, in New Fairfield, CT, for the following purpose to wit:

1. To consider and act upon an authorization to apply \$722,268.14 of the 2020-2021 town budget as follows: \$2,268.14 to Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund, \$60,000.00 to Capital and Non-Recurring Fire Co. (CoA Vinyl Siding), \$110,000.00 to Capital and Non-Recurring Police Cars and Equipment (Cameras), \$125,000.00 to Road Repair, \$425,000.00 to Purchase property located at 13 & 15 Route 37. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

OLD BUSINESS

COVID Update

Pat Del Monaco noted that the infection rate for COVID in Town is up slightly and New Fairfield is currently in the “orange” zone. The vaccination rate for New Fairfield is lower than in surrounding towns.

Selectman Khris Hall noted that she is working with Candlewood Drugs for a pediatric (ages 5-11) vaccination clinic at the high school tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 13th and Saturday, December 4th. There will be adult doses available as well and she encouraged anyone that has not yet been vaccination to do so.

Selectman Kim Hanson spoke of his disappointment regarding the low vaccination rate in New Fairfield. He encouraged anyone with concerns to talk to their health care providers or elected officials.

American Rescue Plan update

Pat Del Monaco noted that this committee met on October 25th and discussed infrastructure including a sewer study and drainage repair. They discussed improvements to Company A Firehouse and Police Department Security measures. The group will prioritize these projects and will present to the Board of Selectmen.

First Selectman Del Monaco reminded everyone that the meetings of this working group are public meetings and open tot he public. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos