

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 13, 2023
7:30 PM
via Zoom

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
Amy Johnson, BOE member
Ed Sbordone, BOE/PBC member
Cynthia Ross-Zweig, Planning Commission Chairman
Claudia Willard, BOF member

Broadcast Coordinator Erik Muhlenberg gave a brief description of the of the rules and regulations for virtual meetings.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment- None

Addition to the Agenda

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to add agenda item #12 to discuss and set the date for a special meeting to consider the “Fiscal year 2023-2024 proposed budget reductions”. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Correspondence and Announcements

Pat Del Monaco noted that the Earth Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 22nd from 8am to 3:30pm on Memorial Field. The rain date is Sunday, April 23rd. There will be events throughout town all day. A schedule of events is available on the town’s website.

Khris Hall noted that the Housing Survey sponsored by the Housing Opportunity Committee is available online via the town’s website and Facebook. Hard copies are also available at the Library and the Senior Center. Residents are encouraged to participate in this survey.

Proclamation

Pat Del Monaco presented a Proclamation in honor of Tax Collector Kerrie Greening and Assistant Tax Collector Nancy Poellot who are both retiring this month from the Tax Department. The entire BOS thanked both Kerrie and Nancy

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 2023 and the BOE/BOS special meeting of March 28, 2023 as presented. Lori Beninson 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 \$68,500. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$40,000.00	001-4210-005-000/130.00	Police-SRO Overtime	\$40,000.00	001-4210-0001-000/130.00	Police-Overtime
\$7,000.00	001-4215-0000-000/112.00	Communications Center-part-time salaries	\$7,000.00	001-4215-0000-000/130.00	Communications Center-overtime
\$15,000.00	001-4310-0002-000/610.01	PW-Highway and Streets M&S	\$15,000.00	001-4310-0000-000/423.00	PW-Contracted Salaries
\$6,500.00	001-4161-0000-002/332.01	Legal-Tax	\$6,500.00	001-4161-0000-007/332.01	Legal-Zoning
\$68,500.00			\$68,500.00		

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated April 13, 2023 as presented. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments- None

New Business

Authorizing Resolution Homeland Security Grant

Pat Del Monaco noted that the following resolution is approved every year for a grant that is used to offset the salary of the OEM Director.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Resolution. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

I, Holly Z. Smith, the Town Clerk of Town of New Fairfield, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its duly called and held meeting on April 13, 2023 at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Town of New Fairfield may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patricia Del Monaco, as First Selectman of the Town of New Fairfield, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Patricia Del Monaco now holds the office of First Selectman and that she has held that office since November 21, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 13th day of April, 2023.

Vote on Appropriation from Excess Revenue to Medical Insurance Fund

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to table this item until the Special BOS meeting regarding the fiscal year budget. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Set date for Special BOS meeting

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to set Thursday, April 20th at 7:30 via Zoom for a Special BOS meeting regarding the potential fiscal year budget reductions. Lori Beninson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Old Business

Vote on Economic Development Commission Recommendation ARPA Small Business Grant

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the grants in the amount of \$5,000 each for the following businesses:

- 440 Line
- ARC Fitness
- Chiropractic Life and Wellness
- Gil's Auto Repair
- New Fairfield Auto Body
- The Goodie Shop
- Prime Time Fitness

and a grant for \$2,500 for Insight Interventions LLC. Lori Beninson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Pat Del Monaco thanked the EDC for working through these applications and wished each of these businesses continued success.

Public Comment- None

Discussion of possible sale of property located at 8 Cameron Road

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:57 pm to discuss the possible sale of property located at 8 Cameron Road. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:04 pm. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos