

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 20, 2023**  
**7:30 PM**  
**via Zoom**

**Members present:**

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

**Other Town Officials Present:**

Olga Melnikov, Finance Director  
Linda Fox, Library Director  
Amy Johnson, BOE member  
Ed Sbordone, BOE/PBC member  
Mark Beninson, BOF member  
Cheryl Reedy, BOF member  
Claudia Willard, BOF member  
Linda Norris, Library Board Chairman

Video Production Coordinator Quintin Flower gave a brief description of the rules and regulations for virtual meetings.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**- None

**Appropriation from Excess Revenue to Medical Fund Insurance**

Pat Del Monaco noted that the BOF has requested an Additional Appropriation to the Medical Fund from additional interest that has been earned in this fiscal year. The appropriation must be approved by the BOF and then by a Town Meeting.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to make an Additional Appropriation (Town Meeting required) of \$650,000 out of the General Fund Interest Income to Medical Reserve Fund. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$650,000.00	001/R3400001	General Fund-Interest Income	\$650,000.00	601/R3901001	Medical Reserve Fund-Transfers
<b>\$650,000.00</b>			<b>\$650,000.00</b>		

**Fiscal Year 2023-2024 proposed budget reductions**

Pat Del Monaco noted that the Board of Finance asked the BOS to show how a reduction of \$300,000 would affect the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. She spoke of cuts that have already been made to the budget and noted that the four components that make up the budget increase which include Medical, Debt Service, BOE and BOS. Of this, the BOS accounts for approximately 6% of the increase.

Pat Del Monaco spoke of cuts to capital that have either been funded through other sources or put off for future years. The presentation included comparisons of payroll for 2023 to 2013 and 2017 and how using bond premium for debt service would affect the budget.

There was a discussion of a proposed reduction of \$300,000 as requested by the Board of Finance.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following reductions to the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget as presented. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Additional Road Paving	\$150,000.00
Utilities	\$40,000.00
Catch Basin Cleaning	\$20,000.00
Dispatch OT	\$20,000.00
State Police	\$22,000.00
Library Books and Materials	\$6,000.00
Library Automation	\$2,200.00
Library Salaries, Circulation Clerk	\$2,000.00
Senior Center Materials and Supplies	\$2,000.00
General Insurance	\$9,500.00
Land Use Assistant	\$8,167.00
Workers' Comp	\$5,000.00
Pension	\$5,000.00
Postage	\$5,000.00
Grant Administrator	\$3,500.00
Total	<b>\$300,367.00</b>

**Public Comment**- None

**Adjournment**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Kloos