

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Monday, May 1, 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
Ed Sbordone, BOE/PBC member

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

Ed Sbordone thanked the BOS for approving the inclusion of Advisory questions on the budget referendum ballots.

Correspondence and Announcements

Selectmen Khris Hall and Lori Beninson thanked Jean Green and the Lions Club and Leos Club for all their hard work and organization with putting together the Earth Day Activities.

Khris Hall noted that the Housing Opportunities survey is still available and encouraged residents to fill out the survey. There will be a public forum regarding housing opportunities on Tuesday, May 9th. Information regarding the public forum is available on the Town's website.

Proclamation- Mental Health Month

Pat Del Monaco read a Proclamation in honor of Mental Health Month and proclaimed May 2023 as Mental Health Month in New Fairfield. She thanked the Prevention Council for all the work they do for New Fairfield.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023 special meeting 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 \$10,220.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$4,000.00	001-4420-0000-000/423.01	FD-Contracted Services	\$4,000.00	001-4220-001-000/430.09	FD-Maintenance and Repairs
\$4,000.00	001-4420-0000-000/322.00	FD-Education and Training	\$4,000.00	001-4220-001-000/430.09	FD-Maintenance and Repairs
\$2,220.00	001-4210-0000-000/291.00	Police-Uniforms	\$2,220.00	001-4210-0000-000/430.07	Police-Equipment Maintenance
\$10,220.00			\$10,220.00		

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$41,400.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$300.00	001-4310-0004-000/610.01	Public Works-Safety Committee M&S	\$300.00	001-4310-0000-000/451.00	Public Works-Road Repair
\$2,700.00	001-4310-0004-000/291.00	Public Works-Uniforms	\$2,700.00	001-4310-0000-000/451.00	Public Works-Road Repair
\$10,000.00	001-4310-0004-000/130.00	Public Works-Overtime	\$10,000.00	001-4310-0000-000/451.00	Public Works-Road Repair
\$10,000.00	001-4310-0004-000/120.01	Public Works-Seasonal Personnel	\$10,000.00	001-4310-0000-000/451.00	Public Works-Road Repair
\$18,000.00	001-4310-0004-000/610.01	Public Works-Snow M&S	\$18,000.00	001-4310-0000-000/451.00	Public Works-Road Repair
\$400.00	001-4440-0000-000/110.00	Social Services-Salaries	\$400.00	001-4440-0000-000/610.00	Social Services- M&S
\$41,400.00			\$41,400.00		

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated May 1, 2023. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Peggy Katkocin to the Water Pollution Control Authority. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

The entire BOS thanked Peggy Katkocin for all her volunteer work for the town.

New Business

Date for Annual Town Meeting

Pat Del Monaco noted that a date of Wednesday, May 10th was set for the Annual Town meeting at a special BOS meeting held on Monday, May 1st at 9:30 am. It was explained that the date had to be set at a special meeting at 9:30 am in order to meet the deadline with the Town Tribune. She explained the timeline for the vote.

Pat Del Monaco read the following Warning for the Annual Town Meeting that was approved at a special meeting on May 1st.

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at an Annual Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at the Senior Center at 33 Route 37, New Fairfield, CT for the following purposes.

1. To consider and act upon the appropriation of Town Government Expenditures totaling \$13,721,500 from the General Fund, and \$822,070 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund, and \$3,391,605 from other Governmental Funds, as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.
2. To consider and act upon the appropriation of Education Expenditures totaling \$51,911,168 from the General Fund, and \$148,575 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund, as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.
3. To consider and act upon the advisory questions “is the Town Budget too high or too low” and “is the Education Budget too high or too low.”

Further notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen, acting pursuant to and in reliance on Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, has removed Item #1 & #2 & #3 for submission to the voters by machine vote and shall be no earlier than seven (7) days, and no later than fourteen (14) days after May 10, 2023 and further provided that such time shall be no less than the hours of 12:00 Noon to 8:00 P.M.

Dated at New Fairfield, Connecticut this 1st day of May 2023.

Old Business

Vote on Economic Development Commission recommendation for the ARPA Small Business

Grants- None

Public Comment- None

Discussion of possible sale of property located at 8 Cameron Road- None

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos