

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

**MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2023
9:00 AM
via Zoom**

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Olga Melnikov, Finance Director
Holly Smith, Town Clerk

Call To Order First Selectman Pat Del Monaco called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Discussion of the 2023/2024 Budget

Pat Del Monaco spoke of her concerns regarding the \$100,000 cut from the Police overtime budget that was made by the BOF at their May 31st special meeting. She spoke of the uses for Police overtime including how this line item is used to fund the SRO in the elementary school. There was a brief discussion of the difficulty of funding this line item through transfers from other departments.

The entire Board of Selectmen noted that they cannot support this most recent cut to the budget and spoke of other proposals including some of the medical fund instead of cutting police overtime.

Finance Director Olga Melnikov spoke of the financial implications in delaying the passage of a budget including the cost of a referendum and loss of interest revenue.

Vote to approve Warning and set the date for Special Town Meeting

Pat Del Monaco spoke of the logistics and timing of the vote and noted that the referendum must be held no sooner than 7 days and no later than 14 days from the Special Town meeting.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Warning for a Special Town Meeting:
Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at Town Meetings that a Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm. at the Senior Center Community Room at 33 Route 37, New Fairfield, CT for the following purposes.

1. To consider and act upon the appropriation of Town Government Expenditures totaling \$13,621,500 from the General Fund, and \$822,070 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund, and \$3,091,605 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 \$52,311,168 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.

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 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 June 13, 2023 and further provided that such time shall be no less than the hours of 8:00 am. to 8:00 pm.

Dated at New Fairfield, Connecticut this 5th day of June 2023.

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

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 am. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos

Received by email on 06/06/2023 @ 8:30 a.m.
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield