

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 27, 2023
7:30 PM
Via Zoom

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Anita Brown, Housing Opportunities Chairman
Kathleen DiTullio, Housing Opportunities Committee member
Kathy Hull, Housing Opportunities Committee member
Ed Sbordone, BOE member/PBC member

Assistant Broadcast Coordinator Rebecca Bittner 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 7:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment- None

Correspondence and Announcements

Pat Del Monaco announced that the New Fairfield Boat Parade will be held on Friday, August 4th at 7:30 pm with a rain date of Saturday, August 5th.

Approval of Minutes

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

Budget Transfers- None

Approve Tax Refunds recommended by the Tax Collector

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's refund requests as presented:

- Madeline Vilani- \$9.29
- CCAP Auto Lease- \$517.50

Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated July 27, 2023 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments- None

New Business

Housing Opportunities Committee Report

Pat Del Monaco welcomed Anita Brown, Kathleen DiTullio and Kathy Hull from the Housing Opportunities Committee.

Housing Opportunities Committee Chairman Anita Brown spoke of purpose and role of the committee. This presentation included an Introduction, an assessment of current housing needs, land use and zoning assessments and goals and strategies. She spoke of statistics of New Fairfield residents and showed income and demographics of who would qualify for affordable housing. The committee will give this presentation to the Planning Commission and Zoning Commission. A survey was made available to New Fairfield residents and received 447 responses. There was a brief discussion of the timeline for implementation of affordable housing and the next steps in the process.

Anita Brown encouraged members of the public to attend the committee meetings that meet on the first Tuesday of every month. A video regarding Affordable Housing in Connecticut Small Towns can be found at www.cthousingopportunity.org

Kathleen DiTullio thanked Chairman Anita Brown for all her hard work with the Housing Committee. The entire BOS thanked the Housing Opportunities Committee for all their hard work and dedication.

Consider Draft Sex Offender Ordinance

Pat Del Monaco noted that a Public Hearing was held on July 27th to discuss proposed changes to the Sex Offender Ordinance. These changes include changing “Child Sex Offender” to simply “Sex Offender” and including the library in the definition of the “Child Safety Zone”. A document listing the “Child Safety Zones” will be made available by the Town of New Fairfield. The next step is for the BOS to vote on this ordinance and then send it to a Town Meeting.

Discussion and Vote on changes to LOSAP

Pat Del Monaco spoke of a procedure for service awards for LOSAP (Length of Service Award Program) for the volunteer firefighters in the event that a participant becomes disabled. She thanked Town Treasurer Terry Friedman and Finance Director Olga Melnikov for their help in compiling this procedure.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the proposed procedure for payment in the event of disability. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Old Business

Economic Development Commission Recommendation ARPA Small Business Grant

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following grants each in the amount of \$5,000 for Small Business Grants: Cabin Critters, LLC, Broadsters Roadsters, and Candlewood Dental Care, Inc. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco noted that non-profit organizations are eligible to receive ARPA funds if they are a 501c3 or 501c19.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following grants each in the amount of \$5,000 for Small Business Grants- Non- Profit organizations: Great Hollow Nature Preserve and Candlewood Fishing Camp. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos

Received by email on 08/02/2023 @ 2:59 p.m.
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield