

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 24, 2023
7:30 PM
Via Zoom

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

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

Tomas Kavaliauskas inquired about the recent decision to charge a fee for notary services in Town Hall. First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that any questions regarding this should be directed to the Town Clerk.

Don Kellogg thanked the Board of Selectmen for working with the police department in establishing “Safe Children Zones” for sex offenders. He spoke of his concerns that the penalties for offenders was not severe enough.

Correspondence and Announcements

Pat Del Monaco noted that there will be a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the new high school on Saturday, September 23rd at 10:00am. Residents of the town will have an opportunity to tour the building at this time.

Selectman Lori Beninson spoke of a “Cyber-Security” class that she and Selectman Hall took.

Selectman Lori Beninson spoke of concerns with the building at Company A Firehouse. First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that the Town Engineer and the Permanent Building Committee will be touring the building to address these concerns.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 27, 2023 and the special meeting of August 17, 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 for August 24, 2023 totaling \$9,987.14 as presented. 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 August 24, 2023 as presented. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Monica Santos to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to elevate Frank Yulo from an alternate member to a full member of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint George Buck to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco noted that Pete Viola is retiring from his position on the Ball Pond Advisory Committee after many years of service. The entire BOS thanked him for his service.

New Business

Bond Release for New Fairfield Medical

Pat Del Monaco read a letter from the Zoning Commission noted that they are giving a positive referral to release the bond for New Fairfield Medical at 130 Route 37. The Zoning Commission made this positive referral based on the recommendation of the Town Engineer.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to release the bond for New Fairfield Medical at 130 Route 37 in the amount of \$6,750.00. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote on Draft Sex Offender Ordinance

The BOS discussed the possibility of the First Selectman having a discussion with the police department about concerns regarding the severity of consequences in the proposed Sex Offender Ordinance.

Khris Hall made a motion to table the vote on the proposed Sex Offender Ordinance until after a further discussion of penalties. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote to set date for Town Meeting to consider and act upon the Sex Offender Ordinance

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to table the vote to set a date for the town meeting to consider and act upon the proposed Sex Offender Ordinance. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Old Business

Economic Development Commission Recommendation ARPA Small Business Grants

None

Public Comment

Khris Hall announced that New Fairfield Day will be held on Saturday, September 9th with a rain date of Sunday, September 10th.

Pat Del Monaco noted that the New Fairfield 9/11 Ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 10th at 5pm at Memorial Field behind the Senior Center.

Don Kellogg thanked the BOS for reconsidering the penalties for the sex offender ordinance.

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. Lori Beninson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos

Received by email on 08/29/2023 @ 8:30 a.m.
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield