

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 14, 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

Broadcast Coordinator Quintin Flowers 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 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 Khris Hall noted that New Fairfield Day has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 14th. There will be no rain date.

Selectman Lori Beninson spoke of a free service available from the Town Clerk that will check for property and mortgage fraud.

Alzheimer's Proclamation

Pat Del Monaco read a Proclamation for "Paint the Town Purple" in recognition of Alzheimer's Disease Awareness month. The entire BOS thanked everyone from the Alzheimer's Association Fairfield County Connecticut Chapter for all their hard work with this cause.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 24, 2023. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Finance Director Olga Melnikov gave brief description of the Intra-Departmental transfer which are needed for “true-ups” for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$42,168.00. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Olga Melnikov spoke of Inter-Departmental transfer for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. She spoke of a transfer to the Medical Fund in order to mitigate a possible deficit. All three Selectmen noted that they were supportive of the transfer to the Medical Fund.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$384,229.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Olga Melnikov spoke of an Intra-Departmental transfer for fiscal year 2023-2024. She spoke of the reallocation of LOCIP funds as a source of funding for road repair.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$42,730.00. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the transfer from Town Properties Capital Budget Building Repair Reserve Fund to Drop Off Center office in the amount of \$23,000.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Approve Tax Refunds recommended by the Tax Collector

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Tax Collector’s refund requests for September 14, 2023 totaling \$4,215.61 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 September 14, 2023 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments- None

Old Business

Vote on Sex Offender Ordinance

Pat Del Monaco spoke of a question at a previous BOS meeting about the possibility of increasing the penalties for violation of the sex offender ordinance. It was noted that the \$250 fine cannot be increased due to State Statute. The only way that this penalty can be increased is if the State Statute is amended.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the proposed Sex Offender. Lori Beninson 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 hold the Town Meeting to consider and act upon the proposed Sex Offender Ordinance on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Senior Center Community Room located at 33 Route 37. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Economic Development Commission Recommendation ARPA Small Business Grants- None

Vote on Greenleaf Letter of Intent for Solar Installation project

Pat Del Monaco spoke of an opportunity to install solar energy for some of the Town buildings. She spoke of the logistics of the program and how it will benefit both the Town and Schools.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Greenleaf Energy Solutions Letter of Intent and to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Letter of Intent. Lori Beninson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to approve early LOSAP withdrawal

Pat Del Monaco spoke of a letter received from the Program Administrator of the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department Richard Kalinka asking for the approval of early withdrawal from LOSAP (Length of Service Awards Program)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the early withdrawal from LOSAP as recommended by Program Administrator of the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department Richard Kalinka. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Public Comment

Keith Landa and John McCartney thanked the BOS for approve the Greenleaf Energy Solutions program.

Vote on Paramedic and Resident State Trooper contracts- Executive Session

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:20 pm to discuss the Paramedic Services and Resident State Trooper contracts. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:35pm. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the service agreement for EMT and Paramedic Services with Western Connecticut Health Network Affiliates Inc. and the Town of New Fairfield and to authorize the First Selectman to sign that contract. Lori Beninson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the contract between the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of State Police and the Town of New Fairfield for the services of Resident State Troopers and to authorize the First Selectman to sign that contract. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

The Tentative Agreement with Teamsters Local 443 Public Works employees will be tabled until the next regular BOS meeting.

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos