

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 12, 2023
7:30 PM
Via Zoom

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman

Eric Muhlenberg explained the rules and procedures for a virtual meeting.

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

Lori Beninson asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for all the victims of the attacks in Israel.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 2023.
Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Pat Del Monaco gave a brief description of the need for a transfer from Police SRO Overtime to Police Training Overtime.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Intra Departmental transfer for fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$5,000.00. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$5,000.00	001-4210-0005-000/130.00	Police-SRO Overtime	\$5,000.00	001-4210-0004-000/130.4	Police-Training Overtime
\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00		

There was a brief discussion of the responsibility of the Town for the maintenance of the HVAC in the Firehouses. Pat Del Monaco noted that a surplus in the Annex building HVAC can be used to finance the Squantz HVAC project.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to transfer of \$10,000 from Replace Air Handler and AC Unit Annex Building to Squantz Engine Company Boiler replacement. 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 October 12, 2023 totaling \$4,363.74 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 October 12, 2023 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments- None

Addition to agenda

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to add agenda Item #9A "Discuss and vote to accept a grant from the Department of Infrastructure Grant Program for Employee Education" Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Grant from CT Department of Public Health

Pat Del Monaco spoke of a grant from the Connecticut Department of Public Health specifically for the workplace development for Health Departments. The amount of this grant is \$32,323.17. It was noted that it is the opinion of the Health Director that the best use of this grant would be for education for the Town Sanitarian.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept a grant in the amount of \$32,323.17 from the Public Health Infrastructure Grant through the Connecticut Department of Public Health for the purpose of employee education and training. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

There was a discussion of specific uses for this grant and if it can be used for anything other than education and training.

New Business

Vote to accept \$475,272 STEAP Grant for Town Green Project

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to table the approval of the STEAP grant until the next regular BOS meeting. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote on 2024 Meeting Calendar

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept the Calendar of Meetings for the BOS for 2024 as presented. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Discussion of Plan of Conservation and Development Listening Session

Pat Del Monaco noted that the Planning Commission will have two listening sessions for Boards and Commissions to give feedback for the POCD. There was a discussion of the priorities of the BOS and it was noted that the development of the Town Center and the preservation of the natural resources are the biggest priorities at this time.

Khris Hall encouraged the Planning Commission to refer to the results of the Town survey when making decisions for the Plan of Conservation and Development. There was a suggestion that the Planning Commission work with the Housing Opportunities Commission.

The Plan of Conservation and Development will be discussed further at the next regular BOS meeting.

Old Business

Economic Development Commission Recommendation ARPA Small Business Grants

The BOS discussed planning for leftover ARPA funds and will have future meetings to discuss this if necessary.

Public Comment

Millie Kellogg thanked the entire BOS for all the work they do for the Town.

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. Lori Beninson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kloos

Received by email on 10/17/2023 @ 8:30 a.m.
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield