

*Town of New Fairfield*  
School Safety and Security Committee

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

7:30 P.M.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Quintin Flower gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for having a virtual meeting.

**Members present:**

Patricia Del Monaco, First Selectman  
Samantha Mannion, BOE  
Nick Ieraci, Sgt. Resident Trooper  
Phil Ross, Director of Facilities  
Mark Beninson, BOF  
Carrie DePuy, Director of Business Operations  
Maria Evans, OEM Director

**Other Town Officials Present:**

Derrek Guertin, Fire Marshal  
Bruce Taylor, Fire Chief  
Don Kellogg, PBC Chairman  
Dominic Cipollone, BOE Chairman  
Lori-Ann Beninson, Selectman

**Call to Order**

Patricia Del Monaco, First Selectman, called the meeting to order on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at approximately 7:40 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**

Resident Amy Johnson asked about there being no approval of prior meeting minutes on the agenda and she was wondering how often the Committee meets since she could not find the previous meeting on the website. First Selectman Del Monaco said this was an omission on the agenda and the approval of the minutes would be on the agenda at the next quarterly meeting. The purpose of the Committee is to meet quarterly if there is subject matter to discuss and any if there are any issues, they can be discussed with all three boards simultaneously, the BOE, BOF and BOS.

**Meeting Dates**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the quarterly 2024 calendar on the second Tuesday of the month for regular meetings since that seems to be a day with the fewest meetings of other boards. She referred to the dates on the proposed calendar. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion and all were in favor and the motion passed.

**Discuss and Possibly Vote to Add Fire Marshal to Committee**

Pat Del Monaco discussed adding the Fire Marshal and Lead Dispatcher in the SOC to the Committee since it is important for them to be involved in the decision making to add information from time to time. She made a motion to approve adding them to the Committee. Samantha Mannion seconded the motion and all were in favor and the motion passed.

**Review Safety/Security Assets of New Schools**

Pat Del Monaco said that reviewing the safety and security assets of the new schools is a sensitive security issue and she made a motion to enter into Executive Session and to invite Vinny Mancuso, Security, Derrek Guertin, NF Fire Marshal, Don Kellogg, PBC Chairman, Dominic Cipollone, BOE Chairman, Lori-Ann Benison, Selectman, Christine O'Hare, JCJ Architecture, Bruce Taylor, Fire Chief and James D'Amico, NF High School Principal into the

Executive Session. Maria Evans seconded the motion and all were in favor and the motion passed. Executive Session was entered at approximately 7:48 p.m.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reenter the regular meeting at approximately 8:48 p.m., which was seconded by Samantha Mannion and voted in favor and passed by all members.

**Adjournment**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori-Ann Beninson seconded the motion. All were in favor to adjourn. Pat Del Monaco thanked Christine O'Hare and Don Kellogg for attending the meeting.

Received by email on 10/30/2023 @ 12:13 p.m.  
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield