

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

**MINUTES**

**Board of Selectmen Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 30, 2023**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Via Zoom**

**Members present:**

Melissa Lindsey, First Selectman  
Pat Del Monaco, Selectman  
Tom Perkins, Selectman

**Other Town Officials Present:**

Olga Melnikov, Finance Director  
Holly Smith, Town Clerk  
Shareen Langdon, Tax Collector  
Mark Beninson, BOF Member  
Doug Jendras, BOF Member  
Thora Perkins, BOF Member  
Cheryl Reedy, BOF Member  
Peggy Katkocin, BOF Alternate Member  
Ed Sbordone, BOE/PBC Member  
Amy Johnson, BOE Member  
Samantha Mannion, BOE Member  
Elisa Beckett-Flores, Registrar of Voters  
Dan McDermott, Registrar of Voters

Quintin Flower explained the rules and procedures for a virtual meeting.

**Call To Order** First Selectman Melissa Lindsey called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**

Thora Perkins wished the entire BOS the best of luck in the new term.

**Correspondence and Announcements**

First Selectman Melissa Lindsey thanked everyone involved with the very successful Santa's Workshop and Tree Lighting held on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

First Selectman Melissa Lindsey announced that the New Fairfield/Sherman Animal Welfare Society will hold its Holiday Boutique on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am to 4pm at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

**Approval of Minutes**

Tom Perkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 14, 2023.  
Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Budget Transfers**

Melissa Lindsey made a motion to approve the following Intra-Departmental transfer of \$25,000. Tom Perkins seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	<i>Transfer From</i>		\$	<i>Transfer To</i>	
\$25,000.00	001-4215-0000-000/112.00	Communications Center-Part Time Salaries	\$25,00.00	001-4215-0000-000/130.00	Communications Center Overtime
<b>\$25,000.00</b>			<b>\$25,000.00</b>		

**Approve Tax Refunds recommended by the Tax Collector**

Melissa Lindsey made a motion to approve the Tax Collector’s refund requests for November 30, 2023 totaling \$4,907.36 as presented. Tom Perkins seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Personnel Report**

Melissa Lindsey made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated November 30, 2023 as presented. Tom Perkins seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

The entire BOS thanked Wendy Williams for all her hard work at Recording Secretary for the Board of Assessment Appeals.

**Appointments**

Melissa Lindsey made a motion to appoint Eric Huff as an alternate member of the Board of Finance. Tom Perkins seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Tom Perkins made a motion to appoint the law firm of Marino, Zabel & Schellenberg PLLC as Town Counsel for the Town of New Fairfield. Melissa Lindsey seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion approved- Pat Del Monaco abstained)**

Selectman Pat Del Monaco expressed concerns that she was not given information on this firm ahead of time and thus not able to make an informed vote. She further thanked Cohen and Wolf for all their work as the previous Town Counsel.

Selectman Tom Perkins gave a brief description of the background of Marino, Zabel & Schellenberg specifically their expertise in land use cases.

**Old Business-** None

**New Business**

**Vote to allow First Selectman to lock in fuel rates**

Tom Perkins made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to lock in fuel rates for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Melissa Lindsey seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Public Comment**

Thora Perkins spoke in support of the appointment of Eric Huff as an alternate member of the BOF.

**Adjournment**

Tom Perkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Melissa Lindsey seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Kloos

Received by email on 12/5/2023 @ 8:30 a.m.  
by Chrystie M. Bontempo, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield