

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 28, 2017**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Community Room at 33 Route 37**

**Members present:**

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman  
Khris Hall, Selectman  
Kim Hanson, Selectman

**Other Town Officials Present:**

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director  
Pete Viola, PBC Chairman

**Call To Order** First Selectman Pat Del Monaco called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Correspondence and Announcements**

Selectman Khris Hall thanked the Public Works crew for all their hard work in clearing the roads on Christmas morning. Selectman Hall reminded residents that fuel assistance is available for anyone needing help with heating their home. The number to call for this is (203) 312-5669.

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco presented Noah Alviti with a proclamation as a Home Town Hero for all his hard work in constructing a multi-purpose turf field.

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**

Khris Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2017 special meeting as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Budget Transfers**

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the following Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$3,000.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting) **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$3,000.00	4110-110	Board of Selectmen Salaries	\$3,000.00	4110-610	Board of Selectmen-M&S (Temporary Staffing Cost)
<b>\$3,000.00</b>			<b>\$3,000.00</b>		

### **Personnel Report**

Khris Hall made a motion to accept the Personnel Report dated December 28, 2017 as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)**

There was a brief discussion of the change in this position to full-time status from two or three part-time employees.

### **Appointments**

Khris Hall made a motion to appoint Keith Landa to the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

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

Kim Hanson made a motion to appoint Olga Nanocchio as an alternate to the Permanent Building Commission. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

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

Selectman Khris Hall reminded everyone that there are still openings on Boards and Commissions and encouraged residents to get involved.

### **Discussion of Budget Surplus for 2016-2017**

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco spoke of the budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 and noted that there is a surplus of approximately 2% of the total budget. The policy of the BOF is to put 100% of the revenue surplus into the General Fund, but up to 50% of the expenditure surplus can be put back into the respective BOS and BOE budgets. There was a brief discussion of a request for approximately \$20,000 made by the Fire Chief to add more EMTs in town especially on weekends. It was noted that it has become increasingly difficult to get volunteers for these positions. It was decided to meet with the Fire Chief and get more information regarding this request and specifically statistics on response times. Other suggestions for the surplus included a new vehicle for the Zoning Department, business machines and equipment (specifically the VOIP system) and a copy machine for the Fire Department. The Board of Selectmen will present their requests for the surplus to the Board of Finance at the BOF meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Budget Workshop Schedule**

The BOS will hold their budget workshops on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays mornings at the Town Hall Conference Room beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The schedule for these workshops is available on the Town's website. The budget will then be presented to the Board of Finance on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was noted that the public is welcome to attend any or all of the budget workshops.

### **Selectmen Facebook Page**

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco spoke of the possibility of a Facebook page and noted that the intention of this Facebook page would be Informational and not political. Events in Town and Emergency notifications would be available on this page. There was a discussion of the pros and cons of a Facebook page and whether or not the Town's website is sufficient for information. First Selectman Del Monaco noted that she will be meeting with Technology Director Alison Herold to research how to expand the Town's website. There was a suggestion of having a Facebook page on a trial basis.

**Public Comment**

Pete Viola congratulated Keith Landa and Olga Nanocchio on their respective appointments and noted that members are still needed on many boards and commissions specifically the Permanent Building Commission and the Water Pollution Control Authority.

Keith Landa spoke of the Facebook page suggestion and the Town's website. He referred to the website for the Town of Kent, CT and suggested that New Fairfield's website promote events and businesses in town. There was a brief discussion of the pros and cons of promoting businesses and events on the website.

**General Discussion: Items to be brought up by Selectmen for future agendas-** None

**Adjournment**

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion.

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