

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 28, 2018
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
Anthony Yorio, BOF member

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Storm update

Pat Del Monaco spoke of the following regarding the May 15th storm:

- The funds for the removal of the brush were approved at the Town Meeting held immediately prior to this meeting. The contract will be started as soon as possible and it is hopeful that the work will start next week. The Town is pursuing different avenues in order to get reimbursement for the cost of brush removal on the private roads.
- Anyone in need of volunteers to help with storm clean up can call the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Organization. This group is not endorsed by the Town but their phone number is available on the Town's website.
- Asked any residents that don't have insurance to fill out a form that is available on the Town's website and Facebook page.

Public Comment

Olga Simoncelli asked about the time frame for brush removal on the public roads. First Selectman Del Monaco noted that brush removal will start as soon as the contract is signed.

Greg Moore asked if the schedule for brush removal will be publicized. First Selectman Del Monaco noted that once the schedule is established, it will be available on the Town's Facebook page, the Town's website and the bulletin board outside Town Hall. An Alert Now message will also go out to residents.

Bob Burke asked about the procedure for FEMA reimbursement for private roads in Tax Districts and Homeowner Associations.

Addition to the agenda

Khri Hall made a motion to add agenda item #10A "Acceptance of donation". Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Approval of Minutes

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2018 special meeting as presented. Khri Hall 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 \$2,518.36. Khri Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$268.00	4120-341	Town Clerk-Vital Statistics	\$518.00	5120-610	Town Clerk-M&S
\$250.00	4120-342	Town Clerk-Ordinance update			
\$2,000.00	4310-130	Public Works-Overtime	\$2,000.00	4310-112	Public Works-Town Engineer
\$.20	4120-110	Town Clerk-Salaries	\$0.20	4120-105	Town Clerk-Elected Salaries
\$0.12	4140-110	Registrar of Voters-Salaries	\$0.12	4140-105	Registrar of Voters-Elected Salaries
\$0.04	4154-110	Tax Collector-Salaries	\$0.04	4154-105	Tax Collector-Elected/Salaries
\$2,518.36			\$2,518.36		

Town Capital budget

Finance Director Ed Sbordone gave a brief description of the transfers for the Town Capital budget transfers. There was a brief discussion of the generator for the Town Hall Annex.

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve a transfer of \$20,400.00 from the Building Repair Reserve Fund to the following line items: Police Department cameras \$4,900.00, Town Hall Generator \$13,000 and Town Hall lower level renovation \$2,500.00. Khri Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated June 28, 2018 as presented. Khri Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Roger Flock to the Fire Police. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

School Safety and Security Committee update

Pat Del Monaco noted that the School Safety audit has been completed and will be discussed in Executive Session at the next School Safety and Security Committee meeting on Monday, July 2nd. The committee will present an implementation plan to the Board of Education. She noted that the Board of Education has agreed to implement Sandy Hook Promise “Say Something” program in the schools.

Change in Agenda

Kim Hanson made a motion to move “Public Comment” on the agenda to after the discussion of the Blight ordinance. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Donation to Senior Center

Khris Hall made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$5,569.60 from Collette Tours to the Senior Center. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Discussion of public comments regarding Blight

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that she received many calls to her office regarding blight in Town and would like to have a Public Hearing regarding the proposal of a Blight Ordinance. It was noted that a Blight Ordinance has been voted down three times in recent years. The BOS discussed the process of bringing this to a Public Hearing and noted that they should start with a written document. It was suggested that they look at Blight Ordinances from surrounding towns. This will be discussed at the next regular BOS meeting.

Public Comment

Keith Landa suggested that the BOS get feedback from other board such as the Planning Commission and the ZBA for the Blight Ordinance.

Olga Simoncelli asked if the Safety Report will be made public. It was noted that since it deals with sensitive material, not all of the document can be made public.

Greg Moore spoke against the proposal for the Blight Ordinance.

Bob Burke asked if there is any obligation to buy equipment from the School Safety Audit Company and it was noted that the Town will have no obligation. He further spoke of the Blight Ordinance and gave some suggestions.

Phil Robbe spoke against the Town paying for cleanup on private roads. He also asked about the generator for the Town Hall Annex.

John McCartney spoke in support of having the Town pay for the cleanup of brush on private roads.

Selectman Kim Hanson asked the approximate cost to the Town if it were to waive the permit fees for homeowners doing house improvements due to the storm in cases where insurance does not cover the permit fees.

Executive Session- Communications Dispatchers and Town Hall Employees Union contracts to go into Executive Session at

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:25pm to discuss Communications Dispatchers and Town Hall Employees union contracts. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Khris Hall made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:42 pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Khris Hall made a motion that the Board of Selectmen hereby move to provide funding for, and to otherwise approve, the Tentative Agreement reached between the Town of New Fairfield and the Town Hall Union. The Board further delegates to the First Selectman the authority to execute the final collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the Town. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion.

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

Selectman Kim Hanson noted that he voted against this motion since he was unable to see the entire document. There was a discussion of the tentativeness of the agreement. There was a brief discussion of the terms of the contract.

Khris Hall made a motion that the Board of Selectmen hereby move to provide funding for, and to otherwise approve, the Tentative Agreement reached between the Town of New Fairfield and the Communications Dispatchers' Union. The Board further delegates to the First Selectman the authority to execute the final collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the Town. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)**

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**