

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 12, 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:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Storm update

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that the debris removal in town is right on schedule.

Public Comment and Participation

Jim Joyce spoke in support of proposing a blight ordinance and spoke of specific incidents in town.

Greg Moore asked about the following:

- What was done with the debris that was removed at the Drop Off Center and why cash can no longer be used at the Drop Off Center.
- He asked about the 2017-2018 surplus and Education Cost Sharing from Hartford. There was a brief discussion of the budget process and the BOS noted that all budget hearings are open to the public and encouraged Mr. Moore to attend.

Addition to the agenda

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to add items #4A “Announcements” and #11A “update on New Fairfield Day” to the agenda. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Announcements

Selectman Khris Hall spoke of suggestions that the BOS has received for blinking yellow lights in areas in New Fairfield. This includes the center of town, the intersection by Icons Restaurant and the Thrift Store and Route 37 by the Senior Center. She noted that the BOS is looking into this further but any lights installed must be approved by the State.

Selectman Khris Hall also noted that many residents have inquired about making donations to families in New Fairfield that may be in need due to expenses after the storm. Any donations can be given to the Director of Social Services Cindy White who will disperse as per the normal process.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers- None

Personnel Report

Khris Hall made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated July 12, 2018 as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)**

There was a brief discussion of the addition of part-time food service inspector and it was noted that this is a new position that was put in the 2018-2019 budget.

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Gary Remley to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Addendum to contract with Supreme Industries

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the addendum to the contract with Supreme Industries for debris removal on private roads. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)**

Pat Del Monaco spoke of the contract with Supreme Industries to remove debris from the private roads. The contract for the public roads and private roads was kept separately due to the possibility of FEMA reimbursement for the public roads. There was a discussion of the bidding process and the possibility of getting a lower price from local bidders.

Vote to recommend the sale of the municipal water system to the Planning Commission for an 8-24 referral

Khris Hall made a motion to recommend sending the sale of the municipal water system to the Planning Commission for an 8-24 referral. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)**

Pat Del Monaco spoke of the potential sale of the municipal water system in the center of town to Aquarian. This system currently supplies water to some of the businesses in the center of town. She spoke of the challenges of the town owning this system and the liability that the town endures if the system fails. If this system is sold to Aquarian, they can possibly connect this system to the two existing water systems in town. Kim Hanson spoke of his concerns regarding the 200 foot easement in this contract and the fact that there is no limit in the contract as to the

amount of water they can pump. Khris Hall spoke of the history of the water systems and the sale price.

There was a further discussion of the language of the contract.

School Safety and Security Committee update

Pat Del Monaco noted that the School Safety and Security Committee is continuing to review the auditor's report and will hopefully make a recommendation to the Board of Education soon.

Update on New Fairfield Day

Khris Hall noted that New Fairfield Day will be held on Saturday, September 15th with a rain date of Sunday, September 16th. There will be a dinner dance sponsored by the Community Service Club on Saturday night. The proceeds from this dance will go to the storm recovery fund. There was a suggestion of having a concert on Friday, September 14th. Anyone with any suggestions should contact Selectman Hall.

Public Comment

Donald Salvato asked about the following issues:

- The location of the blinking traffic lights and the cost to the town.
- Noted that a Blight Ordinance may be subjective
- Asked if there were any other bids for the water system.

Greg Moore noted that he liked the healthy debate among the Selectmen. He noted that he supports using local companies for debris removal.

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)