

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 9, 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
Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that a schedule of Police overtime hours was provided to the Board of Selectmen in response to a request from Selectman Kim Hanson.

Selectman Khris Hall noted that preparations have begun for New Fairfield Day to be held on Saturday, September 15th. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Selectmen's office.

Public Comment and Participation

John McCartney gave a brief description of the findings of the New Fairfield Police Committee and spoke of the cost of hiring full-time officers vs. overtime for existing police officers. He suggested that a full-time officer be hired as a School Resource Officer instead of using overtime at the schools. First Selectman Pat Del Monaco encouraged Mr. McCartney to attend the School Safety Committee and give his opinion.

Jennifer Brakenwagen asked about the process of hiring the company for brush removal for the private communities and why it wasn't put out to bid.

Greg Moore spoke of notification of the cancellation of the July 26th meeting. The BOS explained how to find the agenda and cancellation notices on the Town's website.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2018 special meeting as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers- None

Personnel Report- None

Appointments- None

Debris Removal update

Pat Del Monaco noted that there are approximately 6-8 days left for the debris clean-up. In response to Mrs. Brakenwagen's question during public comment, she noted that there was an addendum to the contract with Supreme Industries to do the private roads since they have the necessary equipment and proper certification from FEMA. This would allow the Town to pursue FEMA reimbursement.

Squantz Pond update

The Town is continuing to enforce parking regulations on and around Squantz Pond. First Selectman Del Monaco asked residents to call dispatch for illegally parked cars and **NOT** 911. Anyone with any questions or concerns can also call the Selectmen's office.

Approve Warning for Special Town Meeting to approve the sale of the Municipal Water System to Aquarion

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Town Warning: Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those entitled to vote at Town Meetings that a Town Meeting will be held on August 20, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Community Room at 33 Route 37 for the following purposes- To consider and act upon the sale of the assets of the municipal water system located at 4 Brush Hill Road to Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut, including associated easement rights and leases related to the sale. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

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

Selectman Kim Hanson encouraged members of the public to watch the July 12th BOS meeting which includes a lengthy discussion of this subject.

Vote to approve funding SRO assignment at New Fairfield Middle School and to set a date for a Special Town Meeting to approve said appropriation

Pat Del Monaco noted that the audit report recommended having a SRO in the Middle School. She spoke of what can be funded with \$120,000. There was a discussion of the process of this and whether this approval should wait until it is formally acted on by the Board of Education. It was noted that the next BOE meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 16th. The next meeting of the BOF is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to recommend to the Board of Finance an appropriation of \$120,000 from the 2017-2018 operating surplus for the funding of an SRO in the New Fairfield Middle School. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to amend the previous motion to read that the BOS will recommend to the Board of Finance an appropriation of \$120,000 from the 2017-2018 operating surplus for the funding of an SRO in the New Fairfield Middle School should it be requested by the Board of Education. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote to amend motion: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote on motion as amended: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Town Warning: Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those entitled to vote at Town Meetings that a Town Meeting will be held on August 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at 33 Route 37 for the following purpose- To consider and act upon an appropriation of \$120,000 from the 2017-2018 operating surplus for the funding of an SRO in the New Fairfield Middle School should it be requested by the Board of Education. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

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

Additional Appropriation

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Additional Appropriation (Town Meeting Required) in the amount of \$120,000.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting) **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$120,000.00	2532-001	General Fund- Unreserved	\$85,000.00	421-130-5	Police-SRO Overtime
			\$14,500.00	4160-230	Unclass P&B-Pension
			\$6,500.00	4160-220	Unclass P&B-Social Security
			\$14,000.00	4210-317-3	Police-Resident Trooper OT (For SRO in Middle School)
\$120,000.00			\$120,000.00		

Selectman Kim Hanson noted that the Warning for the Town Meeting said that this Additional Appropriation will be funded by the operating surplus which is essentially the General Fund. There was a brief discussion as to whether or not using the General Fund for operating expenses would affect the bond rating.

Allocation from the Hindman/Bernhard Trust

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the allocation of \$27,906.94 from the Hindman/Bernhard trust. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Donations to the Senior Center

Khris Hall made a motion to accept with gratitude the following donations to the Senior Center: \$250 from Union Savings, \$100 from the Harpster family and \$50 from the Tolles family. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept with gratitude an in-kind donation of a projector worth \$950.66 from George and Angela Sabino. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Donation of land at 47 Dick Finn Road

Pat Del Monaco noted that she received a call from the attorney of the owners of 47 Dick Finn Road noting that they wish to donate the land at 47 Dick Finn Road to either the Candlewood Valley Regional Land Trust or the Town. It was noted that this parcel sits between the Land Trust and Pootatuck Forest and would be best suited for the Candlewood Valley Regional Land Trust.

Kim Hanson made a motion to recommend the donation of this parcel of land to the Candlewood Valley Regional Land Trust. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment

Jennifer Brakenwagen asked about the title for the police officer in the schools. Pat Del Monaco noted that in the State of Connecticut all officers assigned to schools are considered a School Resource Officer.

Greg Moore asked about the following:

- The possibility of sending an Alert Now message to inform residents of cancelled meetings.
- The possibility of bring hard copies of the agenda and packets to the meetings.
- Noted that the BOS should wait until the BOE requests the hiring of the SRO before approving a date for the Town Meeting.
- Asked about the process of brush removal of the cemetery across from Town Hall.

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)