

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 23, 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
Peggy Katkocin, BOE Chairman
Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Change to Agenda

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to move agenda item 4 “Public Comment” ahead of agenda item 3 “Correspondence and Announcements”. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment and Participation

Bob Jano and John McCartney thanked the following volunteers for their hard work and many years of dedication with the water system: Peggy Katkocin, Jim Mellett, Tom Quigley, Tim Simpkins and Pete Viola. They encouraged the Board of Selectman to consider a special recognition for these volunteers.

Correspondence and Announcements

Pat Del Monaco noted that the Connecticut Department of Transit has approved the City of Danbury and Town of New Fairfield with a Route 37 corridor study in the amount of \$150,000. This will be primarily a safety study that could help improve mobility, congestion and safety along Route 37.

Pat Del Monaco read a letter from BOE Chairman Peggy Katkocin informing the BOS that the BOE voted to request that the BOS assign a police officer to the New Fairfield Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year. This request would be in addition to the other three officers that are currently in the other schools. It was noted that this request was based on the safety audit of the district.

Approval of Minutes

Khris Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Finance Director Ed Sbordone spoke of the fiscal year budget for 2017-2018 and the need to do year-end true ups.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve an Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$197,346.87 for year-end true ups for the fiscal year 2017-2018. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)** (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve an Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$12,767.22 for the fiscal year 2017-2018. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)** (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve an Additional Appropriation (Town Meeting NOT required) in the amount of \$13,000.00 for monitoring and reporting for the oil tank at the Police Department. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)** (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Personnel Report

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated August 23, 2018 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Shane Cosentino as the Tree Warden for the Town of New Fairfield. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco explained the role of the Tree Warden.

Debris Removal update

Pat Del Monaco noted that the debris removal should be done by this Saturday, August 25th. 12,000 cubic yards have been removed for the private roads and 74,000 cubic yards have been removed for the public roads.

Ms. Del Monaco asked members of the public to report any leaning or unstable trees to her office by emailing nfstormdamage@newfairfield.org or calling (203) 312-5600.

Vote to approve an addendum to Tetra Tech contract

Pat Del Monaco noted that the Tetra Tech contract for monitors is still within budget but the job took longer than expected.

Vote to approve an addendum to Tetra Tech contract (con't)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to increase the not to exceed amount of \$170,000 for the Tetra Tech contract for the monitoring of the collection and disposal of debris on Town right of ways and private roads by \$230,000. **Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson abstained)**

Vote to approve funding of an SRO assignment at New Fairfield Middle School

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.

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

There was a brief discussion of the consultant’s report and the amount of money being spent on School Resource Officers and the using police overtime as place holders until a full time officer can be hired.

\$	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		

Discussion of Blight Ordinance

The BOS discussed the possibility of putting forth a Blight Ordinance. It was noted that this was voted down in New Fairfield a few times before. Members of the BOS researched Blight Ordinances from surrounding towns and specifically Ridgefield. The discussion included giving recourse to town officials and the possibility of an appeal process. It was decided that this will be discussed further at the next BOS meeting.

Public Comment

John McCartney spoke in support of the Blight Ordinance and encouraged the BOS to comprise an appeal process similar to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Pete Viola spoke of a telephone pole leaning on Route 39 by Fairfield Drive. Pat Del Monaco will send someone to look at it.

Bob Burke spoke of procedures for Town Meetings and specifically using a hand voice instead of a voice vote.

Jim Mellett complimented First Selectman Pat Del Monaco and Selectman Khris Hall on the great job that they are doing so far especially in the wake of the May 15th storm.

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco thanked residents for coming to meetings and giving feedback.

Greg Moore spoke of Robert's Rules at Town Meetings. He also noted that he provided a website regarding School Resource Officers that he would like to BOS to review. This will be forwarded to the School Security and Safety Committee.

Donald Salvato asked about the current status of School Resource Officers in the district.

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)