

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 11, 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
Cindy White, Director of Social Services

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Change to the agenda

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to amend the agenda to move agenda #11 “Discuss and possibly vote to accept donations to the Storm Recovery Fund to agenda #8A.” Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment

Greg Moore asked about procedures for Town Meetings and specifically the calling of the question and the counting of votes. The Selectmen noted that these procedures were in line with Robert’s Rules.

Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that:

- Governor Malloy announced that the Small Business Administration has approved the request for disaster assistance for the May 15th storm. Loans will be available for eligible residents. Information about this will be in the Selectman’s column in the Town Tribune.
- Absentee ballots for the November 6th election are now available in the Town Clerk’s office. Information regarding the election is in the Town Tribune.
- The Office of Emergency Management is looking for volunteers for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). An application for this is on the town’s website.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers- None

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel report dated October 11, 2018 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Jim Mellett to the Water Pollution Control Authority. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)**

OLD BUSINESS

Donation to the Storm Recovery Fund

Director of Social Services Cindy White thanked members of the Community Service Club for their donation to the Storm Recovery Fund in the amount of \$8,900.20. Ms. White noted that residents in need of assistance from the storm should contact the Social Services Department. Members of the Community Service Club encouraged residents to join the Community Service Club and noted that information can be found on their website. The entire BOS also thanked the Community Service Club.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$8,900.20 to the Storm Recovery Fund. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

There was a discussion of the procedure for accepting donations and it was noted that any donation over \$5,000 would be required to go to a Town Meeting. The Selectman will set a date for the Town Meeting to accept this donation.

Set date for Public Hearing on proposed Blight Ordinance

Pat Del Monaco proposed a date of Monday, October 22nd for a Public Hearing for comments from residents regarding the proposed Blight Ordinance. The draft of the Blight Ordinance will be posted to the Town's website and Facebook. There was a discussion among the Selectmen of the proposed draft and specifically the responsibility of owners vs. occupants, the definition of dilapidated, the exemption for working farms and who will make up the Board for Blight issues.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to set Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:15pm in the Community Room at 33 Route 37 for a Public Hearing on the Blight Ordinance. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Recommend to Board of Finance an appropriation of the 2017/2018 surplus

Pat Del Monaco noted that the town is having a difficult time finding a contractor for the dock replacements. She suggested proposing using the 2017-2018 surplus for dock replacement to the BOF at their meeting on October 17th with the notation that concrete numbers will be available by their November meeting. BOF Chairman Wes Marsh noted that there is no concrete time frame for this so that would be amenable to the BOF. The BOS will also recommend the purchase of a Public Works vehicle using surplus money.

Pat Del Monaco will attend the next Parks and Rec meeting to discuss the dock replacement and will note that a permanent dock replacement fund should be established.

NEW BUSINESS

Set date for Town Meeting

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to set Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at 33 Route 37 for a Town Meeting to discuss and act upon a donation in the amount of \$8,900.20 from the Community Service Club to the Storm Recovery Fund. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote to amend tax abatement for volunteers

There was a brief discussion of the proposed amendment to the tax abatement for volunteers. A specific issue discussed included not giving an abatement for more than the volunteer's total tax.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Warning for a Town Meeting:
Warning for a Special Town Meeting to: 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 November 8, 2018 at 7:15pm in the Community Room at 33 Route 37 for the following purpose to wit:

To consider and take action upon the amendment of an ordinance authorizing the Board of Selectmen to revise the tax abatement for volunteers, said ordinance to be codified by amending Chapter 16, Article II, Section 16-91 of the Code of Ordinances, New Fairfield, Connecticut, entitled "Sec. 16-91 Tax Abatement for Volunteers." The full text of the proposed ordinance is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Selectmen. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to authorize the First Selectman to sign the 2018 EMPG application

Pat Del Monaco made a motion that RESOLVED, that the Town of New Fairfield may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patricia Del Monaco, as First Selectman of the Town of New Fairfield, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of New Fairfield and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote to recommend to the Board of Finance reimbursement of \$6,500 to the Knollcrest Community for storm debris removal

Pat Del Monaco spoke of a request that she received from the Knollcrest Community for a reimbursement in the amount of \$6,500.00 for money spent on debris clean up in the wake of the May 15th storm. There was a discussion about the invoice for this bill and the need for more specific details. It was noted that this community is a Tax District and as such is entitled to apply for FEMA reimbursement directly. If the Town reimburses this community it will not be eligible for reimbursement for this bill. Mr. Philip Naryniecki from Knollcrest spoke on behalf of the community.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to recommend to the Board of Finance the reimbursement of \$6,500.00 to the Knollcrest Community for storm debris removal. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion denied- Pat Del Monaco and Khris Hall opposed, Kim Hanson abstained)

Public Comment

John McCartney thanked the Community Service Club for all their hard work and specifically for their donation to the Storm Recovery Fund. He encouraged residents to volunteer and get involved in the many organizations in town.

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)