

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 25, 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

Public Comment- None

Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that this is the final weekend for the Haunting on the Hollow. Due to the possibility of weather cancellation on Saturday, October 27th, she encouraged residents to attend on Friday night.

Approval of Minutes

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Finance Director Ed Sbordone spoke of the closing out of the Ball Pond Road Repair (Aquarion) project and noted that approximately \$84,000 will be put back into the Town Properties Capital Budget. He also spoke of additional projects that need to be funded for an approximate total of \$23,000.00

There was a brief discussion of the design for the pedestrian safety signage and not having an approximate cost for the design.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion make a transfer **to** the Town Properties Capital account in the amount of \$84,469.78 (Ball Pond Road Repair (Aquarion) and a transfer **from** Town Properties Capital in the amount of \$23,000.00 (\$5,000-Pedestrian Safety Signage) (\$5,000.00-Bigelow Road and Route 39 intersection) (\$7,000.00-Generator hook up-Police Department) and (\$6,000.00 Annex Generator). Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved-Kim Hanson opposed)**

Personnel Report- None

Appointments

Kim Hanson made a motion to reappoint Pete Viola to the Water Pollution Control Authority. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

NEW BUSINESS

Vote to accept donations from the New Fairfield Community Garden Committee

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept with gratitude a donation from the New Fairfield Community Garden Committee in the amount of \$200.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

It was noted that this donation will go to Parks and Recreation.

Discussion of possibility of establishing Economic Development Commission

Pat Del Monaco spoke of the possibility of establishing an economic development commission to do studies, surveys, marketing and outreach efforts to attract businesses to New Fairfield and to fill some of the empty store fronts in town. It was noted that this has been successful in surrounding towns. Selectman Kim Hanson expressed concern of having additional commissions in town and the difficulty of measuring the success of this commission. It was decided to continue this discussion at future meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Vote to adopt Town of New Fairfield Debt policy

Kim Hanson made a motion to adopt the Town of New Fairfield Debt policy. 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 BOS voted previously to ask the Board of Finance for 100% of the 2017-2018 surplus to be used for a public works vehicle and dock replacement. At their October 17th meeting, the BOF expressed concern that there is not sufficient money in the dock replacement fund and that the Parks and Rec commission did not keep up with contributions to this fund. First Selectman Del Monaco spoke of the possibility of creating a separate account in order to build up this fund. There was a discussion of the total cost of replacement and increase of slip fees and how money will be funded to this separate account. There was a discussion among the members of the BOS regarding getting a written agreement from Parks and Recreation to ensure that the dock replacement fund is kept up in the future.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Inter-Departmental transfer. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting and forwarded to the Board of Finance at their November 14th meeting). Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved-Kim Hanson opposed)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$30,000.00	301-4510-700	Recreation Capital-New Field/Facility	\$209,869.56	301-4150-700	Boat Dock Replacement Lock Box
\$74,286.90	205-4900-002	Transfer out to Capital and Nonrecurring			
\$105,582.66	301-4510-700	Recreation Capital-Boat Dock Replacement			
\$209,869.56			\$209,869.56		

Additional Appropriation

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Additional Appropriation (TOWN MEETING REQUIRED). (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting and forwarded to the Board of Finance at their November 14th meeting). Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved-Kim Hanson opposed)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$280,775.66	2532-001	General Fund- Unreserved	\$24,912.69	304-3900-740	Fire Company Reserve
			\$64,000.00	301-4330-742	Public Works Trucks and Equipment
			\$195,862.97	301-4150-700	Boat Dock Replacement Lock Box
\$280,775.66			\$280,775.66		

Set date for Town Meeting for transfer of ownership of Open Space located at Elwell Road

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to set Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at 33 Route 37 for a Town Meeting to act upon the transfer of ownership of Open Space located at Elwell Road. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Town Meeting for tax abatement for volunteers

The Town Meeting to consider and take action upon the amendment for tax abatement for volunteers will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:15 pm in the Community Room at 33 Route 37

Vote to accept changes to proposed Blight Ordinance and set date for Public Hearing

The members of the BOS reviewed changes to the draft anti-blight ordinance in response to the Public Hearing that was held on Monday, October 22nd. Specific revisions included the definition of a working farm, not having the Director of Social Services serve on the prevention board but to notify her if necessary, and a more detailed description of the violation process.

It was decided to hold a public hearing regarding this on Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at 33 Route 37.

Public Comment

Greg Moore spoke of his concerns about the possible creation of an Economic Development commission and asked about the rebuilding of the docks using surplus money.

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**