

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 8, 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
Peggy Katkocin, BOE Chairman

Call To Order First Selectman Pat Del Monaco called the meeting to order at 7:34pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Addition to Agenda

Khris Hall made a motion to add agenda item 9A "Vote to set date for Public Hearing on School Safety" for Monday, March 19th at 7:00pm at the High School Media Center. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Correspondence and Announcements

The entire Board of Selectmen thanked all the Public Works employees and Emergency Personnel employees for all their hard work and dedication during these past two storms.

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco read several emails and letters from residents supporting additional security in all the schools and specifically School Resource Officers and/or armed guards.

The St. Patrick's Day parade will be held this Saturday, March 10th at 10am. Beginning at St. Edward's Church and ending at New Fairfield Library with refreshments.

The Commission on the Aging will be hosting a Community Forum on Saturday, March 24th at 10am at the Senior Center.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Kim Hanson made a motion to amend the motion to change the minutes for February 22, 2018 under Public Comment regarding School Safety to read "Public Forum" instead of "group". Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that there has been a lot of discussion and correspondence from residents and the town boards regarding school safety in the wake of the Parkland School shooting. She noted that she spoke with Resident State Trooper Sergeant Adam Wagnblas and he proposed the idea of using existing certified officers working overtime to patrol the schools for the remaining 64 days of this school year. Overtime funds are available since the town did not have to pay the full budgeted amount for resident state troopers. It was noted that this proposal would ultimately be a decision of the Board of Education.

Selectman Kim Hanson spoke of the timing of this proposal and whether or not it should have been brought to the Board of Education before Board of Selectmen approval. He asked the Board of Finance not to take any formal action until there has been a formal vote from the Board of Education. There was a discussion of the whether or not money would be better spent to hire an independent audit instead.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$70,000.00. 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 To		\$	Transfer From	
\$70,000.00	4210-317-3	Police-Resident Trooper OT	\$56,000.00	4210-130-1	Police Overtime
			\$9,700.00	4160-230	Unclass P &B-Pension
			\$4,300.00	4160-220	Unclass P &B-Social Security
\$70,000.00			\$70,000.00		

Personnel Report- None

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Ann Brown to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Carolyn Rowan to the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Jennifer Licht to the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Amy Mikalay to the Youth Commission. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

NEW BUSINESS

Budget update

Pat Del Monaco noted that the BOS presented their budget to the Board of Finance on March 3rd. Specific topics discussed included support for school safety and School Resource Officers, road repair schedule, payroll positions and utilities. The BOS budget will be discussed further at the BOF meeting on March 14th. It was

noted that there will be two informal meetings regarding the budget on March 12th and 15th at the New Fairfield Library for anyone with questions or concerns. The budget book is available for reference at the New Fairfield library and also available on the town's website.

Set date for Public Hearing

Pat Del Monaco noted that there have been a lot of questions and comments regarding school safety. As a result, the BOS will host a Public Hearing on Monday, March 19th at 7:00 pm at the High School Media Center. Kim Hanson reminded everyone that very specific safety cautions and security measures may not be able to be released to the public.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to set the date for the Public Hearing on School Safety as Monday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the High School Media Center. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote on Fire Department vehicle

Pat Del Monaco spoke of the Fire Department chief's truck that scheduled to be replaced this year. The bid for this vehicle is \$39,157.00. This is the cost of the base price of this vehicle.

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the purchase of the Fire Department vehicle. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Investment policy

Pat Del Monaco noted that the auditors have requested an updated policy for the Treasurer's office. This does not change the current policy but is more specific.

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's policy as presented. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Selectman Kim Hanson thanked Treasurer Phil Cammarano for all his hard work.

OLD BUSINESS

Drop off Center hours

The drop off center will be open on Thursday nights from 4-7 pm on a trial basis beginning Thursday, March 15th. There is no budget impact due to the change in hours.

Public Comment- Jennifer Brakenwagen suggested that the town host informal "coffee with cops" to allow residents to ask questions and get to know their local police officers.

General Discussion: Items to be brought up by Selectmen for future agendas- None

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)