

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 26, 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

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 announced that the referendum for the budget vote will be held on Saturday, May 5th from 10 am to 8 pm at Meeting House Hill School. Absentee ballots are available in the Town Clerk's office.

Pat Del Monaco announced that there have been several bear sightings in New Fairfield. She encouraged residents to visit the town's website and Facebook page for tips on what to do in case of a bear sighting. First Selectman Del Monaco noted that residents should not call 911 in the case of a bear sighting unless it's a real emergency. Residents can call the routine Police number at (203) 312-5701 or the Selectmen's office at (203) 312-5600.

Selectman Khris Hall announced that Parks and Rec is sponsoring a "Sip and Stroll" on Saturday, May 12th from 4 pm to 8 pm. Over 30 vendors will be present at this event.

Public Comment

Laurie Landa encouraged residents to report bear sightings to the DEEP website.

Greg Moore encouraged everyone to vote at the budget referendum and suggested a possible robo call from the town to remind residents to vote. He also spoke of property values in New Fairfield.

Bob Burke spoke of the budget and specifically the surplus generated by anticipated cuts from the State may not happen.

Approval of Minutes

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the transfer of \$5,200.00 from the following line items (Town Clerk copier- \$800.00, Finance copier-\$116.00 and other equipment- \$4,284.00) to Broadcast Equipment. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

It was noted that the town will pay for half of this equipment and the Board of Education will pay for the other half.

First Selectman Del Monaco thanked the entire IT staff for all their hard work.

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated April 26, 2018 as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to elevate Kathleen DiTullio from an alternate to a regular member of the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and vote to accept donations to the Senior Center

Kim Hanson made a motion to accept with gratitude donations of a total amount of \$2,420 to the Senior Center. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Old Business

Budget update

Pat Del Monaco reminded everyone about the budget vote on Saturday, May 5th from 10 am to 8 pm at Meeting House Hill School. The full budget was published in the *Town Tribune* today and budget binders are available for review at the New Fairfield library.

School Safety and Security Committee update

Pat Del Monaco noted that the School Safety and Security committee reviewed the RFQs on vendors to perform the audit of the schools. It has been narrowed down to three firms which will be interviewed over the next two meetings. Firms have been asked to provide a quote for services at these interviews. Selectman Kim Hanson encouraged BOE members to attend these interviews as it is the BOE that will make the decision to hire the firm.

General Discussion: Items to be brought up by Selectmen for future agendas

Selectman Kim Hanson asked for an update on union contracts.

Public Comment

Bob Burke asked if it was a state mandate to hire a consultant to do the safety audit or if it could possibly be done by volunteers. Members of the BOS encouraged Mr. Burke to attend the School Safety and Security committee meetings to get more information.

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)