

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Public Hearing
Wednesday, January 9, 2019
7:15 PM
Community Room at 33 Route 37

Members present:

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Khris Hall, Selectman

Members not present:

Kim Hanson, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director

Call To Order First Selectman Pat Del Monaco called the Public Hearing to order at 7:15pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of proposed Ordinance for Economic Development Commission

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco explained that the purpose of this public hearing was to give an explanation and hear comments of the goals and expectations of the proposed Economic Development Commission. She noted that approximately 140 of the 169 Connecticut towns have an Economic Development plan. The main responsibility of the commission would be to collect information about what types of businesses would do well in town and ways to help the existing businesses in town. This commission would be an advisory commission to the Board of Selectmen and must meet at least ten times a year. The costs associated with this commission would be for a recording secretary and possibly some seed money for surveys and materials.

Selectman Khris Hall noted that she researched the Economic Development Commissions for both Brookfield and Newtown. She spoke of the background and skills of the optimum people that would volunteer for this commission.

The next step towards putting together this commission would be to have a Town Meeting.

Public comment

Jean O'Neill suggested that current store owners and service organizations be consulted regarding this commission.

Keith and Laurie Landa also spoke in support of the proposed Economic Development Commission and agreed that information should be compiled for current and past business owners in town.

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:32 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

