

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2019
7:30 PM
Community Room at 33 Route 37

Members present:

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Khris Hall, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director

Members not present:

Kim Hanson, Selectman

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Addition to the Agenda

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to add agenda item #11A “Approval of a date for a Special Board of Selectmen meeting.” Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Public Comment

Greg Moore spoke about the following:

- Inquired about the cost for the referendum for the Blight Ordinance vote. First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that the cost was \$3,110.58.
- Spoke against the removal of John Hodge from the Candlewood Lake Authority. First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that Mr. Hodge’s term from the CLA had expired and thought it was time for a change.
- Spoke against the possibility of appointing a Town Treasurer vs. electing a Town Treasurer.

Tomas Kavaliauskas thanked the BOS for the budget workshops and noted that the information was helpful. He further asked about the possible increases to the fees at the Drop Off Center. First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that this will be discussed further at a meeting in the near future.

Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that the New Fairfield Sherman Animal Welfare will be hosting a Shred-It event on Saturday, April 13th from 9am to 12 noon at the Stop and Shop parking lot.

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that the Prevention Council will be sponsoring speaker Chris Herren on April 25th at 7:00 pm. She encouraged parents of high school and middle school aged students to attend with their children.

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that there was an article in the Town Tribune regarding the proposed school construction project and it was also discussed at the last BOE meeting. She encouraged residents to get involved in the process and get as much information as possible. She noted that there will be tours of the existing school and a review of the proposed designs on April 30th at 6:30pm and May 4th at 10:00 am. It was also noted that June 30th is the deadline for applications for state funding but that is only the first step in a very lengthy process. Selectman Khris Hall noted that this proposal is in the very early stages and that ultimately it would be the New Fairfield taxpayers that make the final decision.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$25,000.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$10,000.00	4160-250	Unclass P&B-Unemployment	\$25,000.00	4221-338	Ambulance- Para/EMT
\$7,500.00	4160-260	Unclass P&B-Workers Compensation			
\$7,500.00	4160-230	Unclass P&B-Pension			
\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00		

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the transfer of \$3,000.00 from Building Repair Reserve Fund to replace the Air Conditioning at the Police Department. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated April 11, 2019 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Dr. James Mellett to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and vote to approve Warning for Annual Town Meeting

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following Warning for the Annual Town Meeting: Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at an Annual Town Meeting to be held on April 25, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room @ 33 Route 37 for the following purposes.

1. To consider and act upon the appropriation of Town Government Expenditures totaling \$12,516,732 from the General Fund, and \$762,306 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund, and \$849,757 from other Governmental Funds, as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.
2. To consider and act upon the appropriation of Education Expenditures totaling \$42,949,443 from the General Fund, and \$398,369 from the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund, as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Further notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen, acting pursuant to and in reliance on Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, has removed Item #1 & #2 for submission to the voters by machine vote and shall be no earlier than seven (7) days, and no later than fourteen (14) days after April 25, 2019 and further provided that such time shall be no less than the hours of 12:00 Noon to 8:00 P.M. Dated at New Fairfield, Connecticut this 11th day of April 2019. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Selectman Khris Hall encouraged residents to come out and vote on this referendum. She spoke of additions from last year's budget and encouraged everyone to read the column in today's *Town Tribune*.

Reschedule Public Hearing regarding Town Treasurer position

Pat Del Monaco noted that the Public Hearing regarding the Town Treasurer position will be rescheduled from April 30th to May 8th at 6:30 pm in the Community Room.

Set date for Special Board of Selectmen meeting

Pat Del Monaco noted that the three Candlewood Lake Authority delegates would like to meet with the Board of Selectman. Khris Hall spoke of the need to discuss the Shoreline Management Plan at this meeting.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to set April 25, 2019 at 6:45 pm in the Community Room for a special BOS meeting regarding the Candlewood Lake Authority. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Discuss and vote to increase Drop Off Center fees

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to table the vote on the Drop Off Center fees until more information is received. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

OLD BUSINESS

2019/2020 Budget update

Pat Del Monaco announced that the Annual Town Meeting regarding the budget will be held on April 25th. She encouraged everyone to read her article in the *Town Tribune*. She noted that the proposed Mill Rate increase is 1.05%. This budget includes the addition of EMT paramedics, a permanent SRO position and a public works employee for preventative maintenance.

Question and Answer sessions for the public regarding the budget will be held on Monday, April 29th at 1:00 pm at the Senior Center and 6:00 pm in the New Fairfield Library. There is also a possibility that one more session will be scheduled for Saturday, April 27th with a time and place to be determined.

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)