

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 25, 2019
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
Rick Regan, BOE member

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

BOE Chairman Peggy Katkocin noted that the BOE will dedicate the first hour of their May 2nd BOE meeting beginning at 7pm, as a public forum for questions about the proposed building projects. She encouraged all residents to attend.

Peggy Katkocin further thanked the BOS arranging to have the catch basins in town cleaned out.

Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that there will be Prescription Drug Take Back Day this Saturday, April 27th from 10am to 2pm at the Police Department. She encouraged residents to bring their expired or unused prescription drugs for proper disposal.

Proclamation

The Proclamation for Bucky Riehl was tabled until the next regular BOS meeting

Addition to the Agenda

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to add the following items to tonight's agenda:

- Approval of minutes of the BOS Special meeting- March 4, 2019
- Discussion of possible rent increase for the Housatonic Probate court
- Set date for special BOS meeting with the Candlewood Lake Authority delegates

Approval of Minutes

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Approval of Minutes (con't)

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 special meeting with the amendment of the vote to set the date for a Town Meeting to show that Selectman Kim Hanson was opposed. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the transfer of \$343.86 from Town Hall Lower Level Renovation and \$378.00 from the generator hook up at the Police Department back to the Building Repair Reserve Fund for a total of \$721.86. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated April 25, 2019 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments- None

NEW BUSINESS

Boat Dock Replacement Fund

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the payment of the invoice for the anchor system for the boat docks from the Boat Dock replacement fund. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Letter of support for the School Violence Prevention Program Grant

Pat Del Monaco spoke of a possible grant for school security and noted that a letter of support is required from the stakeholders along with the application. She noted that both the Board of Education and Board of Finance has supported this grant application.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to send a letter of support for the SVPP Grant application as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Increase in Probate Court rent from the Town of New Milford

Pat Del Monaco spoke of a letter that she received from the Town of New Milford noting plans to increase the rent that they charge for the probate court offices. It was noted that the probate court is shared between New Fairfield, Bridgewater, Brookfield, New Milford and Sherman. The current amount that New Fairfield pays for rent is \$4,824.00. There was a brief discussion of getting more information specifically comparable rents in the area. It was noted that the other towns will be formally protesting this increase and it was decided that New Fairfield should protest as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and vote to increase Drop Off Center fees

Pat Del Monaco spoke of the possibility of increasing fees at the Drop Off Center in order to offset the increase in tipping fees. It was noted that the DOC is running on a deficit every year but especially this past year due to the May 15th storm. There was a discussion of the fees charged by

surrounding towns. It was decided to increase the annual permit fee and to review again in six months.

Kim Hanson made a motion to increase the annual permit fee at the Drop Off Center from \$10 per year to \$16 per year while maintaining the senior citizen discount of 50% of the annual fee. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

2019/2020 Budget update

Pat Del Monaco announced that the budget referendum will be held on Saturday, May 4th between the hours of 10am to 8pm.

Pat Del Monaco noted that she along with the Chairman of the Board of Finance and the Chairman of the Board of Education will hold question and answer sessions on Saturday, April 27th at the New Fairfield Food Center and Monday, April 29th at 1:00 pm at the Senior Center and 6:00 pm in the New Fairfield Library.

Set date for Special Board of Selectmen meeting with CLA Delegates

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to set May 9, 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: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)