

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 22, 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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment- None

Correspondence and Announcements

Selectman Kim Hanson noted that Brookfield received some FEMA money from the May 15, 2018 storm and asked about the status of the FEMA reimbursement for New Fairfield. Finance Director Ed Sbordone noted that reimbursements are done by categories and New Fairfield has received some reimbursement. It is unclear when additional reimbursements will be received.

Selectman Khris Hall noted that New Fairfield Fair Day will be held on Saturday, September 7th from noon until 6 pm. This event is run by Parks and Recreation with most events being held on Memorial Field. There will be a Beer/Wine tent this year and there was a brief discussion of the responsibility of insurance for this tent.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2019 special meeting as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve an Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$3,000.00 from Fire Companies Portable Equipment to Fire Companies Dry Hydrants. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting).

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Mike Gill gave a brief discussion of the Fire Department's need for this transfer.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve an Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$103,703.14 for year-end true ups. Khris Hall seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve an Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$589.33. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve a transfer of \$513.00 from Building Repair Reserve to the Parks and Recreation Department Air Conditioning. Khris Hall seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated August 22, 2019 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)**

There was a brief discussion of this Public Works transfer station position becoming a union position.

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Faline Schneiderman to the Historic Properties Commission. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

NEW BUSINESS

Lake Studies

Khris Hall spoke of approximately \$27,000 in the Capital and Nonrecurring fund for lake studies and surveying and weed mapping. She noted that all three delegates to the Candlewood Lake Authority have recommended having Dr. Greg Bugbee do this survey and weed mapping since he has done this study since 2007. She noted that she has spoke to surrounding towns and they may be willing to join New Fairfield in having this study done.

Khris Hall made a motion to allocate up to \$7,000 to partially fund the proposal by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station to monitor evasive plants in Candlewood Lake and Squantz Pond pending support of surrounding towns. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)**

Kim Hanson spoke of this study being redundant and noted that that is has already been done by CLA and Dr. George Knoecklein. He recommended hiring a limnologist if a study really needs to be done. Pat Del Monaco spoke of having consistency with the studies and keeping the same person.

After a discussion, Khris Hall made a motion to call the question regarding the aforementioned motion. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)**

Public Comment

Selectman Kim Hanson asked about the cost of the lake study and the possibility of overpaying for the study.

Carolyn Rowan spoke in support of the Lake Studies test being conducted by Greg Bugbee and her lack of confidence in Dr. George Knoecklein. She further noted that there have been very few weeds this summer in Candlewood Lake.

Kim Hanson also spoke of the condition of the lake for this summer and noted that there is not sufficient evidence as to why there are fewer weeds and milfoil this year.

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**