

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

MINUTES  
**Board of Selectmen Special Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2020**  
**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 and Town Treasurer  
Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman

**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 Khris Hall noted that she is installing solar panels on her home and encouraged homeowners to look into the program. She spoke of state credits for the program and noted that the state credits expire on July 1, 2020. She further noted that there are municipal programs for solar energy that she will be exploring.

**Approval of Minutes**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Town Properties Capital Budget Transfer**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the following transfer from the Building Repair Reserve Fund:

- \$1,600.00 for the Conference Room at the Police Department

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 February 18, 2020 as presented.

Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)**

Selectman Kim Hanson expressed concern with increasing salaries in the middle of the budget year. First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that this increase was due to increase in responsibilities.

**Appointments**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Tom Quigley to the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Appointments (con't)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Gerry Schwalbe to the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

The entire BOS thanked both Mr. Quigley and Mr. Schwalbe for their continuing hard work to the Inland/Wetlands Commission.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint George Marginetti to the Permanent Building Committee. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Vote on Board of Selectman 2020/2021 budget**

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco gave a brief description of the BOS proposed budget for 2020-2021 and explained the process. She noted that this budget will be presented to the Board of Finance on Saturday, March 7 at 10:45 am. The Board of Education budget will be presented immediately preceding this at 9:00am on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Del Monaco spoke of the priorities for the budget and compared the proposed budget to last year's BOS budget. Kim Hanson spoke of concerns regarding the 5% increase in the salary total and the cost of the sewer study. Khris Hall noted that this is a starting budget and that there will be changes once it is presented to the BOF. She noted that this budget will be combined with the BOE budget that represents the majority of the budget.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Board of Selectmen budget for presentation to the Board of Finance in the amount of \$13,229,511 for an increase \$712,779 or 5.69% over the 2019-2020 approve budget. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)**

#### **Veteran's Abatement/Refund**

Pat Del Monaco spoke of a resident in town that was granted a disability rating from the Department of Veterans' Affairs retroactive to 2014. She noted that the BOS would like to approve a reimbursement for tax abatement but according to State Statue they can only go back three years. The total of this refund would be \$1,095.60. There was a brief discussion and it was decided that a reimbursement would be given to veterans in the future if a similar situation should arise.

Selectman Khris Hall spoke briefly about the Tax Abatements for both veterans and senior citizens. She noted that Town of New Fairfield Assistant Assessor Julie Blick will be attending Selectman Hall's listening hours on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:45 to 12:30 at the Senior Center to answer any questions about the Tax Abatement programs.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the reimbursement for Tax Abatement for a New Fairfield resident for 2016, 2017 and 2018 for a total of \$1,095.60. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Public Comment**- None

### **Adjournment**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**