

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 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
Ellen Perle, Economic Development Commission

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Community Development Block Grant Program Hearing

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco read the following regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program:

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen's views and input on the Town's 2017 Small Cities housing rehabilitation grant and for approval of the Program Income Reuse Plan.

The Town of New Fairfield promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low and moderate income households regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability or physical/mental disability, or sexual orientation.

Selectman Kim Hanson noted that this was a successful program that has helped many people. There were no other comments regarding this hearing.

Public Comment-None

Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco gave an update on the coronavirus:

- She has been working with Health Director Tim Simpkins who has been in contact with Danbury Hospital, New Milford Hospital and the State Department of Public Health.
- As of Friday, March 13th, the Senior Center and Library will be closed until further notice.
- Noted that there are many town services available online and encouraged residents to take advantage of these services instead of going out into large spaces.
- The New Fairfield public schools will also be closed.

Selectman Khris Hall noted that this is a confusing time and reiterated the need to close certain buildings in town.

Selectman Kim Hanson agreed with the close of the buildings and spoke of the importance of social distancing. He noted that he would be in support of continuing to pay hourly workers throughout this shutdown.

There was a brief discussion of social services and resources available to help vulnerable residents.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Pat Del Monaco made a motion approve the transfer of the following Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$106,924.12. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

| \$ | Transfer From | | \$ | Transfer To | |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| \$1,924.12 | 4160-230.00 | Unclass Payroll & Benefits-Pension | \$1,924.12 | 4160-260.00 | Unclass P&B-Workers Compensation |
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| \$105,000.00 | 4210-110.00 | Police-Salaries | \$30,000.00 | 4120-317.01 | Police-Resident Sergeant OT |
| | | | \$75,000.00 | 4120-317.03 | Police-Resident Trooper OT |
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| \$106,924.12 | | | \$106,924.12 | | |

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated March 12, 2020 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Milton Craven, Lisa Daniels and Linda Peralt to the Fire Police. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

The BOS thanked the volunteers of the Fire Police.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Danette Onofrio to the Library Board. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Selectman Khris Hall thanked Laurie Landa for all her hard work with the library as both a member of the Library Board and the Friends of the Library.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget update

Pat Del Monaco announced that the Board of Finance will meet every Wednesday in March and possibly the first two Wednesdays in April to discuss the budget. These meetings are also available online via the town’s website.

Coronavirus update

Pat Del Monaco noted that there is reliable information regarding the Coronavirus at www.coronavirus.gov or www.ct.gov or by calling 211. If anyone has any town related questions, they can call the Selectmen’s office at (203) 312-5600 or the Health Department at (203) 312-5640.

Selectman Khris Hall announced that the session regarding Elderly Tax Relief scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd has been cancelled. Anyone with questions regarding the Elderly Tax Relief programs can call Assistant Assessor Julie Blick at Town Hall. The deadline for these programs is May 15th and there is an online option on the town's website.

All three Selectmen encouraged residents to apply for these programs.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of participation in Sustainable CT

Economic Development Commission Ellen Perle spoke of the role of the Economic Development Commission and spoke of meetings with the Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut and programs for the region. She spoke of the role of the Sustainable Connecticut Community that encourages towns to get certified as a sustainable community. She spoke of the process of becoming certified and the benefits to the town.

Community Outreach Manager from Sustainable CT Abe Hilding-Salorio spoke of the benefits of being certified specifically getting access to community projects and a comprehensive checklist. It was noted that this is a free program that is meant to promote collaboration with town programs. It was noted that only one town has hired someone for this program and the rest is done by volunteers.

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

**Received by Email on 3/18/2020 @ 11:10 am
by Pamela J. Dohan, Town Clerk, New Fairfield**