

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2020
7:30 PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Members present:

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Khris Hall, Selectman
Kim Hanson, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director and Town Treasurer
Peggy Katkocin, BOE Chairman
Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman
Jane Stagno, Parks and Rec Department

Paul Gouveia gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for having a virtual meeting.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

HRRR Poster Winners- First Selectman Pat Del Monaco announced the winners of the HRRR Recycling Poster contest and showed their posters via Zoom.

Public Comment

Maria Gouveia spoke of her concerns with people renting a house in her neighborhood as a short-term rental and noted some unusual behavior with the renters. Pat Del Monaco asked Mrs. Gouveia to send her an email with details of the situation and she will look into it.

Correspondence and Announcements

The entire BOS expressed condolences on the passing of former First Selectman John Fairchild and observed a moment of silence.

Selectman Kim Hanson noted that the school district is slated to receive \$200,000 as part of the CARES Act but noted that it was not mentioned as part of the Board of Finance Budget Mark up.

Approval of Minutes

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

Budget Transfers

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to make the following Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$387,500.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$387,500.00	2532-001	General Fund- Unreserved	\$387,500.00	301-4330- 1/742.04	Cap & Non Bridge and Drainage
\$387,500.00			\$387,500.00		

Pat Del Monaco spoke of decisions made at the May 13th BOF meeting to use money from the General Fund to fund Cap & Non Bridge drainage thus lowering the budget for 2020-2021. Selectman Khris Hall noted that the General Fund is still very healthy despite this transfer. Selectman Kim Hanson spoke of his concerns regarding taking money out of the General Fund and noted these projects could instead be funded with surplus money.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to make the following Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$15,000.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$15,000.00	301-4100-700	Unappropriated Cap & Non	\$15,000.00	301-4410- 742.07	Health Department (For Testing and Monitoring)
\$15,000.00			\$15,000.00		

Pat Del Monaco noted that transfer will be used to pay for sample testing of wells required by DEEP after the Fire Department inadvertently used the wrong the firefighter foam.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to make the following Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$68,267.76. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$300.00	4194/610.00	Economic Development	\$300.00	4194/110.00	Economic Development-Salaries
\$90.00	4120/341.00	Town Clerk-Vital Statistics	\$652.55	4120/610.00	Town Clerk-Materials and Supplies
\$562.55	4120/342.00	Town Clerk- Ordinance update			
\$589.38	4220/423.01	Fire Companies- Contracted Services	\$3089.38	4220-1/430.09	Fire Companies-Maintenance & Repairs
\$2,500.00	4224-2/740.00	Fire Companies- Dry Hydrants			
\$64,225.83	4210-5/130.00	Police-SRO Overtime	\$64,225.83	4210-3/317.03	Police-Resident Trooper OT
\$68,267.76			\$68,267.76		

Personnel Report- None

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Allysa Johnson to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

NEW BUSINESS- None

OLD BUSINESS

Economic Development Commission T-shirt fundraiser

Pat Del Monaco reminded everyone that the Economic Development Commission is doing a fundraiser to raise money for local businesses. They are selling New Fairfield t-shirts and pillows. Information is available on the town's website and the Economic Development Commission's Facebook page.

Coronavirus update

Pat Del Monaco spoke of Phase I for reopening the State of Connecticut. Phase I will begin on Wednesday, May 20th and will include offices, hair salons and outdoor seating as restaurants with very specific regulations. Town Hall is considered an office and will open on May 20th with rotating shifts with only half of the staff at a time. Phase II is slated for the end of June.

There was a brief discussion of the possibility of testing Town Hall employees, first responders and restaurant employees and the logistics accompanied with this. It was noted that it is hopeful that tests will be more accurate and more available in the near future. It was also noted that New Fairfield school nurses will be getting qualified on the State's system for contact tracing.

Budget Update

Pat Del Monaco announced that the BOF approved the 2020-2021 budget at their May 13, 2020 meeting. It will be published in the Town Tribune on May 28th. The BOF will continue to meet every Wednesday in May and will adopt the budget and set the Mil Rate on June 3rd. The BOS will need to adopt the before it is confirmed by the BOF and plans to do that at their next regular meeting.

Kim Hanson asked for a list of changes to the budget that were sent to the BOF.

Public Comment

Maria Gouveia asked about the number of cases of coronavirus in New Fairfield. Pat Del Monaco noted that there are 105 confirmed cases but reminded that this number may not be accurate since not all cases are reported. It was noted that there is a lot of information on the CDC website.

Kim Hanson announced that the website for unemployment for self employed individuals is up and running and encouraged self employed individuals that are either unemployed or underemployed to look into this.

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**