

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 28, 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
 Pat Cosentino, Superintendent of Schools

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- None

Public Comment- None

Correspondence and Announcements- Pat Del Monaco announced that the new town website is up and running as of today.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2020 meeting as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to make the following Intra-departmental transfer in the amount of \$15,200.78. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Selectman Kim Hanson expressed concerns about the process of the transfer and whether or not the transfer should have been made before the expenses was incurred.

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$10,000.00	4310-3/610.01	Public Works-Snow Materials and Supplies	\$15,000.00	4310/112.01	Public Works-Town Engineer
\$5,000.00	4310-2/610.01	Public Works-Highway & Streets M&S			
\$200.78	4151/801.00	Board of Finance-Contingency	\$200.78	4151/610.00	Board of Finance-Materials and Supplies
\$15,200.78			\$15,200.78		

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made motion to approve the Personnel Report dated May 28, 2020 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco noted that the outdoor cinema has become very popular and is being rented to other towns thus the reason for the hiring of additional outdoor cinema technicians.

Appointments- None

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and possibly vote to authorize the BOF to adopt the 2020/2021 budget and set the Mill Rate

Pat Del Monaco spoke of the Governor's Executive Order that authorizes the BOF to adopt a budget and set the Mill Rate in lieu of a referendum due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to authorize the Board of Finance to adopt the 2020-2021 budget and set the Mill Rate. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved-Kim Hanson opposed)**

Selectman Kim Hanson spoke of his opposition to the 2020-2021 budget proposed by the Board of Finance. Selectman Khris Hall thanked the Board of Finance for their transparency and diligence in putting together the budget. First Selectman Pat Del Monaco thanked the Board of Finance for their hard work and many hours that they spent to put together this budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Coronavirus update

Pat Del Monaco announced that Town Hall will reopen beginning June 1st with 50% of the staff working at a time. The public will be allowed to come in by appointment only. The Annex will operate under similar procedures. Masks and social distances will be required at all times. Plexiglas shields will be installed in each department and the building will be cleaning more often. Employees will be responsible for cleaning surfaces and disinfecting their work area. Outside service windows will be installed.

The New Fairfield Social Services/Congregational Church Food Pantry is still in need of food and is accepting donations every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 11am to 2pm. Food pick up is from 3pm to 5pm on Thursdays.

All inland beaches included Squantz Pond are closed to swimming and picnicking. The Town Beach is currently not open but the situation will be reviewed again for a possible July 1st opening.

Public Comment

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pat Cosentino announced that she and her administrative staff will hold a question and answer webinar for parents regarding the plans for next year. The first session will be for parents of students from Pre K to 5th grade on Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30. The second session will be for parents and students from 6th to 12th grade on Monday, June 8 at 6:30.

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**