

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 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:

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 7:35pm.

Pledge of Allegiance- None

Public Comment- None

Correspondence and Announcements

Selectman Khris Hall thanked Registrars of Voters Donna Freeborn and Elaine Jordano as well as Town Clerk Pam Dohan and everyone involved in the smooth running of the primary elections held on Tuesday, Aug. 11. She noted that she was thankful for absentee and mail-in votes.

Approval of Minutes

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

Budget Transfers- None

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made motion to approve the Personnel Report dated August 13, 2020 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Roberta Ilardo to the Commission on the Aging. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

The Board of Selectmen thanked Roberta Ilardo for her continued service to the Commission on the Aging.

NEW BUSINESS

Tropical Storm Isaias update

Pat Del Monaco spoke of her frustration on behalf of the Town regarding the response from Eversource with the power outages caused by Tropical Storm Isaias. She spoke of the lack of communication and the scarcity of “Make Safe” crews. She spoke of issues that were potentially life threatening. She noted that she sent a letter expressing concerns to the Governor’s office and to State and Federal Representatives. She noted that she met with Senator Blumenthal on Tuesday, August 11 and will participate in a phone call to Governor Lamont’s office on Friday, August 14.

There was a discussion among the Selectmen about the possibility of filing a lawsuit against Eversource or filing a complaint with PURA either as New Fairfield or jointly with surrounding towns.

The BOS thanked the many people and organizations that helped with storm clean up and the many other needs of the town due to the storm. These organizations included Civil Air Patrol, Republican Town Committee, Democratic Town Committee, Candlewood Lions Club, New Fairfield Lions Club, New Fairfield Service Club, High School Athletic teams, Public Works and First Responders. It was noted that the citizens of the town were very helpful and cooperative.

OLD BUSINESS

Candlewood Lake Isles

Pat Del Monaco noted that there has been an improvement with the problem of large parties and noise at the Candlewood Isles over the last weekend. It is hopeful that this improvement will continue that there will be enforcement from the State if necessary. Kim Hanson noted that the noise issue seems to have abated.

STEAP Grant update

Pat Del Monaco noted that the deadline for the STEAP Grant application has been extended due to Tropical Storm Isaias. She noted that Town Engineer Tony Iadarola is putting together proposals for a ventilation system with UV light sanitation for both Town Hall and the Annex. The new deadline for the application is August 24. It is possible that a special meeting of the BOS may be necessary to approve this application.

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kloos