

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2020
4:00 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

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 4:01pm.

Discussion and vote on STEAP Grant application

Pat Del Monaco spoke of the possibility of applying for a STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) grant to upgrade the ventilation system for both Town Hall and the Annex due to COVID 19. Town Engineer Tony Iadarola researched information about the systems and it was determined that a combination of adding ventilation and UV disinfection would be the best option.

There was a discussion of the possibility of getting FEMA money to cover some of the cost of this project. If FEMA money is used for this project, then it cannot be covered by the STEAP Grant. First Selectman Del Monaco noted that she has not been able to reach FEMA regarding this issue. She spoke of the importance of adequate ventilation because of COVID and noted that the project should go forward even if grants are not awarded. The cost of this project is approximately \$155,000.

Kim Hanson made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to certify and submit the STEAP application. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote on Master Retainer agreement for motion to intervene in PURA Investigation of Eversource Response to Tropical Storm Isaias

Pat Del Monaco spoke of a retainer agreement put together by Cohen and Wolfe on behalf of the Towns of Ridgefield, Newtown and New Fairfield regarding Eversource's response to Tropical Storm Isaias. Selectmen Khris Hall noted that this would give New Fairfield formal standing in this matter and will let PURA know the Town's experience and dissatisfaction of the Eversource's response to Tropical Storm Isaias.

There was a discussion the cost of this retainer and whether funds can be recouped through this agreement.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion that the Town of New Fairfield participate with the Master Retainer agreement for motion to intervene in PURA investigation of Eversource Response to Tropical Storm Isaias. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed).**

Vote to release bond held on Quail Ridge subdivision

Pat Del Monaco noted that the Town has received a recommendation from the Town Engineer and a positive referral from the Planning Commission to release the bond on Quail Ridge subdivision.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to release bond on Quail Ridge subdivision. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kloos

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