

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

MINUTES

**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 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
Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman
Nick Mellas, CLA Chief of Patrol
Joan Archer, CLA delegate (NF)
Jeff Main, CLA delegate (NF)
Phyllis Schaer, CLA

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

Public Comment- None

Change in Agenda

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to move agenda item #9 “Candlewood Lake Authority Public Safety Presentation” to agenda item #11A. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco announced that there will be a Flag Ceremony on Tuesday, October 13 at 4 pm to retire the old flag and raise a new one in front of Town Hall.

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco announced that the Thursday hours for the Drop Off Center have changed from 4-7pm to 2-5pm. The Drop Off Center is also open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 3:45pm.

Pat Del Monaco read a letter from resident Dr. Jim Mellett about his concerns with the possibility of sewers in town and how they would affect water supply.

Approval of Minutes

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 24, 2020. Khris Hall 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 \$250.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

| \$ | Transfer From | | \$ | Transfer To | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| \$250.00 | 001-4162-0004-000/313.00 | Intergov-Agency-CCM | \$250.00 | 001-4162-0000-000/312.00 | Intergov. Agency-COST |
| \$250.00 | | | \$250.00 | | |

Personnel Report

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated October 8, 2020 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

The entire BOS thanked all the outgoing employees for their service to the town.

Appointments- None

OLD BUSINESS

COVID 19 update

Pat Del Monaco announced that there is currently one active COVID 19 case in New Fairfield. She noted that both the CT Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control have issued guidelines for safely celebrating Halloween. This is posted to the town’s website.

Selectman Kim Hanson noted that the number of cases of COVID 19 in Connecticut has recently increased and encouraged everyone to practice safe measures and to remain vigilant.

Noise Ordinance discussion

Khris Hall noted that she is continuing to work with the attorney on this draft ordinance and will continue to update the board at future meetings.

Candlewood Lake Authority Public Safety Presentations

Joan Archer from the Candlewood Lake Authority gave a presentation regarding the need for new patrol boats for the lake. She spoke of the benefits of increasing the number of boats from two to four. Joan Archer spoke of the possibility of asking all five lake surrounding towns for \$60,000 to purchase boats. She noted that the boats should be ordered by October 2020 in order to be delivered by May 2021. It was noted that Brookfield has already approved the funding of the \$60,000 towards the boats and New Milford will vote in two weeks. There was a discussion as to the cost of these new vessels and whether or not the State should be responsible for funding some of the cost. There was a suggestion of asking First Light and DEEP to contribute to this

appropriation. The BOS noted that it is difficult to vote on an appropriation for these vessels until it is known how much will be funded by First Light and DEEP.

Public Comment

Louise Cammarano and Maria Gouveia spoke of their concerns with a potential boarding house and excessive noise from a house on Pondfield Road. The BOS responded to these concerns and noted that multiple inspections have been done on this property by the Zoning Enforcement Officer and there is no evidence of any illegal activity. There is also an opinion to this effect from Town Counsel. First Selectman Del Monaco suggested that the police be called if there is any late night excessive noise.

Executive Session

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:47 pm to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of New Fairfield and Teamsters 677. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:10 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of New Fairfield and Teamsters 677 regarding the Public Works Union contract and to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract reflecting the changes in the Memorandum of Understanding. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kloos

Received by Email on 10/13/2020 @ 10:34 am
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