

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

MINUTES  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 22, 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

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

**Correspondence and Announcements**-None

**Approval of Minutes**

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 8, 2020. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Budget Transfers**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to transfer \$9,942.00 from the Building Repair Reserve Fund to Company A oil tank line. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco noted that transfer was necessary for the excavation and repair of the oil tank line due to a leak at Company A Fire House. There was a brief discussion of the price of the project and if multiple quotes were sought.

**Personnel Report**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated October 22, 2020 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

The entire BOS thanked Jane McGowan for all her hard work and wished her well in her retirement and wished Cara Fennessey all the best in her new position.

**Appointments**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to reappoint Jim Ogden to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Michael Kiviat to the Economic Development Commission. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

The BOS thanked outgoing member Bob Allen for his service to the Economic Development Commission.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **COVID 19 update**

Pat Del Monaco gave an update on COVID 19 and noted that there have been increases in cases throughout the state. She stressed that this increase is not caused by any singular event. She encouraged everyone to remain vigilant by wearing masks, washing hands and practicing social distancing. Kim Hanson noted that the rate of transmission has increased rapidly and urged everyone not to become complacent.

Maps can be viewed on CT-Gov website on the COVID page.

#### **Noise Ordinance discussion**

Khris Hall spoke of a draft for a potential noise ordinance and noted that this ordinance measures noise both qualitative and quantitative and defines what a reasonable person would find to be a problem. The qualitative portion of the ordinance sets decibel limits. It was noted that this draft was reviewed by the Town Attorney.

Kim Hanson expressed his concerns with enforcement and the measurement of decibel levels. He spoke of laws that are already in force that may be able to mitigate noise problems. He further spoke of concerns about setting ordinances and town policy during the pandemic when Town Meetings are not permitted.

It was decided that this will be discussed further at a BOS meeting in the near future and that a Public Hearing will be held in order to seek opinions from town residents.

#### **Donation to Ball Pond Advisory Committee**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept a donation of \$100 to help defray costs for equipment for the Ball Pond Advisory Committee from Dr. Jim Mellett. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

The entire BOS thanked Dr. Mellett for the contribution and for his multiple years of service for the town specifically for the Ball Pond Advisory Committee and the Water Pollution Control Authority.

**Public Comment**- None

#### **Adjournment**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kloos

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By: Holly Z Smith, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield**