

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2021
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

There was a brief discussion of the opioid abuse prevention grant. Pat Del Monaco noted that she sent a letter of endorsement for this grant.

Approval of Minutes

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 28, 2021. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers- None

Personnel Report

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated February 11, 2021 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Appointments- None

OLD BUSINESS

COVID 19 update

Pat Del Monaco noted that the infection rate for COVID 19 in New Fairfield is currently 29.9 cases per 100,000 which is down from 44.3 cases per 100,000 from last week. She noted that 79% of residents over 75 have been vaccinated so far.

Selectman Khris Hall noted that the fourth vaccination clinic was held in New Fairfield today. There will be another clinic on Saturday, February 13th. She thanked all the volunteers that have made the clinics successful. It is hopeful that 300 doses will be available next week.

Selectman Kim Hanson noted that clinics in Kent, CT had some appointments for Saturday, February 27th as of yesterday and encouraged residents to check into this.

Noise Ordinance

Selectman Khris Hall spoke of the latest draft of the noise ordinance. She referenced the noise ordinance from Rocky Hill, CT and noted that DEEP has recommended an ordinance similar to this. This ordinance uses both decibel limits and plainly audible limits. There was a discussion of using decibel limits for this ordinance and the definition of plainly audible. The Selectmen also spoke of the enforcement for this ordinance. The next step for this ordinance would be to have a Public Hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Small Cities Loan Pay off- 5 Fulton Drive

Pat Del Monaco spoke of a potential pay off for 5 Fulton Drive. The total mortgage that New Fairfield holds on the house is \$52,331 and the proposed payoff is \$39,887.29. This would result in a loss of \$12,443.71. She noted that this house is in foreclosure and it is unlikely that the any more money will be recouped on this property. Any loss would be taken out of the balance of the money in the Small Cities program.

Finance Director Ed Sbordone spoke of the history of this program and noted that this situation has happened before.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept the reduced payoff of \$39,887.29 for the Small Cities loan for the property located at 5 Fulton Drive. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

New Fairfield Tax Abatement Committee

Kim Hanson made a motion to table the discussion of the New Fairfield Tax Abatement Committee. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Approval of the BOS 2021/2022 budget

Pat Del Monaco gave a brief overview of the budget process for the town. She showed comparisons of this year with last year's budget. The documents related to the Town's budget are available on the Town's website at www.newfairfield.org

There was a discussion of the budget specifically a reduction in road repair and drainage projects. They spoke of changes to the operating budget and capital and non-recurring projects. Kim Hanson spoke of his concerns regarding increases in salaries and changing part-time positions to full-time and how that affects the budget.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Board of Selectmen budget for presentation to the Board of Finance in the amount of \$12,943,101 for an increase of \$666,381 or 5.43% over the 2020-2021 approved budget. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson opposed)

Executive Session for 13 and 15 Route 37

Kim Hanson made a motion to table the discussion 13 and 15 Route 37 until the next meeting. Pat Del Monaco seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Public Comment

Kim Hanson encouraged everyone to practice safety measures for COVID and to stay vigilant.

Adjournment

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kloos

Received by Email on 2/16/2021 @ 1:57 p.m.
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