

*Town of
North Stonington*
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
December 4, 2023

A Special Town Meeting of electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of North Stonington, Connecticut was held at the North Stonington Education Center Media Center, 298 Norwich-Westerly Road, North Stonington, Connecticut on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. and online through Zoom for viewing and public comment only.

Present: First Selectman Robert Carlson, Selectman Brett Mastroianni, and Selectwoman Nicole Porter. Also present at the meeting were incoming Administration & Finance Officer Amanda Desnoyers, outgoing Director of Administration & Finance Christine Dias, Highway Foreman Don Hill, and Registrars of Voters Connie Berardi and Emily Lewis.

First Selectman Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. He asked three students in the audience to lead the Salute to the Flag. First Selectman Carlson explained the format of the meeting and introduced Town officials and employees. He then asked for a **MOTION** from the floor to elect a Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Stephanie Mastroianni, seconded by Mike Anderson to elect Lisa Mazzella as the Moderator. There being no other nominations for Moderator **MOTION** made to close all nominations. **MOTION TO CLOSE ALL NOMINATIONS CARRIED. MOTION TO ELECT LISA MAZZELLA AS THE MODERATOR CARRIED.**

Moderator Lisa Mazzella stated the specific rules and protocols of the meeting and voter eligibility requirements. Moderator Mazzella asked Town Clerk Antoinette Pancaro to read the call of the meeting.

Warning is hereby given to the electors and those entitled to vote at town meetings of the Town of North Stonington that a Special Town Meeting shall be held at the following location on the date and time indicated for the purposes of transacting the business set forth below:

Location: North Stonington Education Center Media Center, 298 Norwich Westerly Road
Date: December 4, 2023
Time: 6:30 PM

Only those attending the meeting in person will be able to vote. The meeting will be available for comment and viewing through Zoom at the link below, but those attending virtually will not be able to vote.

1. Shall the Town approve the amended Five (5) Year Local Capital Improvement Plan as presented for fiscal years 2024-2028?

A **MOTION** made by Anne Nalwalk, seconded by Mike Anderson to approve the call for discussion. Highway Foreman Don Hill gave background information and project details

regarding the amended Five Year Local Capital Improvement Plan. A **MOTION** to approve the question to a vote made by Mike Anderson, seconded by Stephanie Mastroianni. **MOTION to approve question carried.**

2. Shall the Town approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$426,153 for use of partially reimbursable state STEAP grant funds for improvements of buildings and athletic fields as recommended by the Board of Finance?

All supporting documentation will be available on the town website, www.northstoningtonct.gov

Zoom link for viewing and public comment only:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85989387606?pwd=am5WaUIBeUh5aTQ4dUIKYnROV0JEQT09>

First Selectman Robert Carlson gave background information regarding the STEAP grant and how the STEAP grant funds would be used for improvements of Town buildings and athletic fields. Board of Education Chairman Stephanie Mastroianni and Board of Education member/former Chairman Christine Wagner gave details about how the STEAP grant funds would be used for improvements to the athletic fields and discussed the research that was done by the Board of Education, especially regarding the irrigation of the athletic fields. Discussion, questions, and comments followed, with First Selectman Carlson, Board of Education Chairman Stephanie Mastroianni, Board of Education member/former Chairman Christine Wagner, and Selectman Brett Mastroianni answering questions and clarifying information. A **MOTION** to approve the question to a vote made by Anne Nalwalk, seconded by Mike Anderson.

Moderator Lisa Mazzella asked Town Clerk Antoinette Pancaro to again read Question 2:

2. Shall the Town approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$426,153 for use of partially reimbursable state STEAP grant funds for improvements of buildings and athletic fields as recommended by the Board of Finance?

MOTION to approve question carried (with 1 opposed).

A **MOTION** made by Anne Nalwalk, seconded by Matt Mendolia to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION carried.** Moderator Lisa Mazzella adjourned the Special Town Meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Pancaro
Town Clerk
Town of North Stonington