



Town of North Stonington
Board of Finance Special Meeting
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting April 24, 2024
7:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to order / Roll Call: (7:01pm) Michael Anderson (Chairman), Dan Smith (Vice Chairman), Carl Johnston, Gary Annino, Louis Gingerella, Amy Friend, and Winona Berdine.

First Selectman Robert Carlson and Finance Director Laura Brown are present.

2. Public Comments: None
3. Executive Session: Tribal Annexation|Litigation and Strategies: Dan Smith makes the motion to enter executive session with First Selectman Robert Carlson, inviting Laura Brown to join, and Gary Annino with the second on that motion and the Board of Finance Voting to go into executive session at 7:05 pm. 5-0-0 vote.

Return from executive session at 7:27pm

4. The Board of Selectmen request an appropriation to satisfy past due attorney's fees in reference to Tribal matters of litigation and strategic planning in order to satisfy Perkins Coie invoices 7012331, 70122332, and 70122333 for professional services dated 8/2023-3/2024. An additional \$17,893.08 is requested for line B9.01 in litigation fees incurred through matters opposing tribal recognition in the Town of North Stonington per town charter. Gary Annino motions to approve an additional \$17,833.08 is requested for line B9.01 in litigation fees in order to satisfy Perkins Coie invoices 7012331, 70122332, and 70122333 for professional services dated 8/2023-3/2024, with Dan Smith in to second that motion. Note that \$5,000 has been satisfied through prior budget. Gary Annino amended above motion to the corrected amount of \$17,893,08 as all else previously stated and noted as above. Dan Smith seconds. Winona Berdine is seated for Sarah Nelson. Board of finance votes to unanimously approve with a vote of 6-0-0 .
5. FY2024/2025 Budget Discussion: Review of budget meeting that took place on April 22, 2024 and if any board members are interested in making adjustments to either the Board of Selectman or Board of Education budgets. Michael Anderson moves to direct the Board of Selectman to call a town meeting for May 6, 2024 for the Town of North Stonington to vote to approve whether the

Board of Selectmen should move to town referendum the estimated budget of:

\$5,795,031 (Government Operating)

\$1,382,949 (Debt Redemption)

\$638,436 (Capital)

\$15,438,918 (Board of Education)

An estimated budget total of \$23,255,334. Dan Smith seconds. Motion passes with the vote of 6-0-0.

6. Review of Minutes: Carl Johnston motions to approve the minutes on 4-17-24, with Gary Annino in to second and the minutes are approved 6-0-0.
7. Public Comments: Heard
8. Next Meeting May 1, 2024
9. Adjournment ____ 7:51pm _____ (time) Michael Anderson motions to adjourn with Gary Annino in to second that motion meeting is adjourned at 7:51pm with a vote of 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Friend