



Town of **North Stonington**
Connecticut



North Stonington Board of Finance

Draft Meeting Minutes of

Wednesday March 16, 2016

Old Town Hall @ 7:30pm

North Stonington, CT

1. Call to Order;

In attendance; Chairman Tim Main, Tim Pelland, Emile Pavlovics, Charlie Steinhart, Carolyn Howell and Chris Hundt. Absent; Mustapha Ratib.

2. Pledge to the Flag; Completed

3. Public Comment and/or Questions; None

4. Monthly Budget Report Reviews; (BOS, BOE, and Tax Collector)

A. Request made to the First Selectman for upcoming Budget Deliberations were supplied by the First Selectman for BOF review.

B. Emile Pavlovics mentioned moving forward with a plan for possible future strategies about leveling Capital numbers.

C. Questions about employee non-union employees, are they under contract?

D. Charlie Steinhart will provide last year's State Police numbers to date to compare with this year.

5. BOF Bill from Auditor

A. Bill from Auditor \$10,450 does not include BOE part of audit, Town portion only. Motion made to accept Bill made by Tim Main. Tim Pelland seconded. Vote -5-0-0

6. BOF Future Strategies;

- A. Discussion of alternate BOF position members. Emile Pavlovics suggested we get a legal opinion as to how the Alternate can vote in a quorum.
- B. Attached to the minutes is a report made by Carolyn Howell on the EDC website GoNosto.com. Carolyn is the point of contact on this issue.
- C. Charlie Steinhart suggested a Liaison to the EMS Committee to be able to keep both the BOF and the EMS Committee informed. Bob Testa was mentioned for that position.
- D. Scheduling for meeting room is not currently done by anyone, as there has not been conflicting meetings in the past.

7. Previous Minutes; (3/2/2016)

Motion to accept minutes with amendments made by Charlie Steinhart.
Tim Main seconded. Vote 5-0-0

8. Public Comments and Questions; None

9. Adjournment;

Motioned to adjourn made by Charlie Steinhart and Tim Pelland seconded.
Approved 5-0-0. Adjourned 8:29 pm.

Submitted By: Tim Pelland

March 15, 2016

I went onto the EDC website that Brett referred us to at last week's meeting:
GONOSTO.com

The front page is beautiful and easy to look at, however, there were many issues that need to be fixed/tweaked.

The Inn At Lower Farm is listed on the front page and shows a picture of the Wheeler Public Library. The last time my parents came to visit they told me they tried to book at the Inn and that they were closed.(not sure if this was permanent) If they are still open, the photo of the actual farm should be placed there. If they are not, perhaps something else should be placed there.

There were only 6 Businesses featured:

- 1) Dunkin Donuts
- 2) Kidds & Co.
- 3) Highland Orchards (Now is KOA & has been for many years) - needs to be updated.
- 4) Jonathan Edwards
- 5) Photo of Nita Kincaid's barn (not sure what this is for)
- 6) Inn at lower Farm- as above - see notes

I'm surprised that more businesses are not listed. Like Mystic Pizza, Green Onion, Goodies, Bon Appetito, Press On, Bellisimo, Chelsea Groton Bank, Drs/Dentist in town..A/Z..etc.

Under the EDC Members Robert Kimball is listed and he is unfortunately deceased. Andrea Sudowski is listed and I believe she was not chosen to run at the caucus last year. I don't know the other members so I can't comment on their status, other than Brett.

List of taxable properties is linked to the Grand List Tables that show totals on the Town of North Stonington Website.

The photo gallery includes a photo of a light house. Not sure why and there is no photo of the Old Town Hall or any Town Hall for that matter.

When you click on schools it brings you to the North Stonington Education Foundation.

The EDC Commision Minutes only list the following years: 2008, 2014 & 2015.

Not sure what the cost would be to have that support every month. I do feel it's a very attractive website/home page, however, it definitely needs to be updated and managed better.

Carolyn Howell