



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Finance
298 Norwich Westerly Road/Zoom Meeting
June 7, 2023
7:00 PM**

Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** (7:00 pm) Board of Finance members in attendance were Chairman Paul Simonds (Online), Dan Smith, Gary Annino, Carl Johnston, Amy Friend (Seated), and Winona Berdine (Seated, Online). Not present were Vice-Chairman Mike Anderson and Sarah Nelson.
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Budget Process Post Mortem:** Discussion. Review of some of the challenges perceived throughout the budget process— Included the complexities posed by the funding of non-town entities with taxpayer funds, as well as, the overall communications between boards and the community to inform together with bringing more of the population into the conversation and ultimately out to vote.
4. **Capital Planning:** Discussion confirming the overall consensus of those board members present to move forward with creating a comprehensive capital plan that does not overburden the taxpayer, but allocates itemized expenses in the proper categorical contexts in reference to government operating versus capital expenditures. Discussion of the overall process to be incurred by the Board of Selectman, as it is in the works for July/August. Further discussion for the Board of Finance will be beholden to the Tri-Board Meeting.
5. **Department Submittal Expectations:** Discussion on the submittal of capital requests ahead of operational budget requisitions and requirements, as well as, the overall expectations of clearly defined department and entity needs requiring and requesting taxpayer funds.
6. **Review of Minutes:** Tabled
7. **Public Comments:** None
8. **Adjournment:** Gary Annino motioned to adjourn, with Dan Smith in to second that motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm with the unanimous vote of 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Friend

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