

North Stonington Board of Finance Meeting
Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, June 17, 2020
North Stonington Zoom Meeting @7:00pm
North Stonington, CT

1. **Call to Order:** 7:02pm, Members present: Chairman Dan Spring, Dan Smith, Paul Simonds, Carolyn Howell, Brett Mastroianni, Anne Akin, Michael Anderson
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **BoS: Updates:** Nothing to address
4. **Profit/Loss, Tax Report, BoE Profit/Loss:**
 - a) 98% of taxes collected through end of May, more have come in since then, on track to meet 98.5% collection.
 - b) BoS- most line items are on track to spend approved budgets, but still expect some giveback by end of fiscal year
 - c) BoE- Same as BoS
5. **ReVal 2020 Update:**
 - a) Nearly complete
 - b) Assessment was broken down into batches of 400-500 buildings.
 - c) Working on batch 4 of 5
 - d) Reval numbers are coming in better than expected, grand list should increase.
 - e) Should conclude by early or mid-July
6. **Future Strategies, Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Closeout, BoF Policies:**
 - a) Next meeting will be July 15
 - b) Dan Spring sent out 4 policies that govern the BoF for us to review and discuss at the next meeting. There is one more that Christine Dias is searching for. It will be sent to us once found.
 - c) Carolyn Howell submitted several ethics policies from neighboring towns for review and discussion in hopes that we can draft a more detailed policy for NS. Ours is 1 paragraph while the others range from 5-11 pages
 - d) Discussion on special meetings- Agreement among all board members that Chairman would reach out to board members to assess availability for proposed day and time. Topic can be included in notification, but to avoid any impropriety, board member responses should be limited to availability.
 - e) Discussion on proper procedure for obtaining information since opengov does not provide the "deep dive" look into town expenditures as was promised in sales demo. Chairman Dan Spring insists that if the info is germane to the BoF, then the request for info should come through him. Question remains on how to address issues on not getting answers to questions sent.
 - f) The BoS has discussed hiring a consultant to evaluate the town government structure. The BoF should be privy to this info as town employee salaries are a large part of the BoS budget.
 - g) Discussion on how agendas are set, who is involved in setting them, how and when agenda items are added for a meeting, setting a deadline for when info germane to an agenda item has to be submitted.

- h) Vacant alternate position- Request for applicants went out in 1st Selectman's weekly update last week and this week, Chairman Dan Spring has also reached out to DTC requesting candidates. All candidates will be interviewed/vetted maybe at regular meeting, most likely at special meeting. BoF will vote at special meeting. Meeting will take place next month on or around the 15th.
7. **Public Comment:** None
 8. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 8:05pm by Mike Anderson, 2nd by Dan Smith. Approved 6/0/0.
 9. Final comment by Chairman Dan Spring- Next issue of NoSto Quarterly will be coming out soon. He will be writing a piece covering the budget process this year as well as the budget that was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Akin
BoF Secretary