



## Town of North Stonington | Joint Meeting

Board of Finance Regular Meeting/Board of Selectmen Special Meeting  
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting February 7, 2024  
7:00 PM

### MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Michael Anderson (Board of Finance Chairman) called the Board of Finance Meeting to order at 6:58pm. All present were Dan Smith (Vice-Chairman), Carl Johnston, Sarah Nelson, Louis Gingerella, Winona Berdine; seated for Gary Annino (absent), and Amy Friend. First Selectman Robert Carlson, Selectman Brett Mastroianni, and Selectman Nicole Porter were also present for the Board of Selectmen.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Correspondence Review

4. 2024-2025 Budget Presentations:

a. Economic Development Commission: Salvatore Cherenzia (Economic Development Commission Chairman) was present to review the Economic Development Commission Budget and the commission's plans and goals for the coming year. Some items discussed included historic signage, continuing to build an online presence, retaining businesses in town, and continuing work to bolster what business are already here. Discussion also including the Coordinator Position.

b. Land Use: Susan Cullen, AICP, PhD; Planning, Zoning, and Development Official, was present to review the Land Use budget that included State of Connecticut mandated costs; Advertising; (8-7D CT Statute); Required Training; and salaries. Review of all budget line items and further discussion of changes in actuals from year to year.

c. North Stonington Volunteer Fire Company: Chief Charles Steinhart V was present to review line items for the budget presented. Cost increases are incurred from new members (new member physicals and gear) safety gear, parts, repairs and fees for testing and turnout gear. Increased costs are supplier driven. Included in discussion were Per Diem response times; EPA vehicle requirements; and Line Item B27.025, the new account for rentals.

d. Public Works: Highway Foreman, Don Hill, was present to give the Public Works and Transfer Station budget presentations for review. Presentation began with a review of responsibilities per department. Review of Public Works Progression Chart; Public Works Operating Expenses; Public Works Labor Expenses; Actuals. Don Hill also presented the Transfer Station Progression Chart. Tipping Fees continue to be the greatest increase in line B27.21. Reviewed savings from the need of contractual services, due to compactor upgrades. Reviewed sources of revenue and SCRRRA increases over the last 3 years. Reviewed vehicle expenses, equipment maintenance and repairs, maintenance contracts, and town wide diesel/gas costs/usage and reimbursements.

5. Review of Minutes: Tabled

6. Public Comments: None

7. Next Meeting: February 21, 2024

8. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Michael Anderson, with the second on that motion by Sarah Nelson. The Board of Finance voted to adjourn at 9:26pm, 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Friend  
North Stonington Board of Finance

Please connect to the link provided for the complete recording of meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/live/IkP9d-kAljM?si=lpBDVmfTUl9aXwfg>