

Town of North Stonington Board of Selectmen Meeting North Stonington New Town Hall Conference Room January 8, 2019 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:00pm, First Selectman Mike Urgo, Selectman Bob Carlson and Selectman Nita Kincaid and Administration/Finance Officer Christine Dias Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments and Questions

- 1. Center for Emergency Services
 - a. First Selectman Urgo read the letter from Attorney Eric Callahan regarding the construction of the 3 bay garage as part of the scope of the original project voted on by the town at the Town Meeting on July 22, 2013.
 - b. Discussion of the quote from Enterprise Builders followed. First Selectman Urgo will meet with the Center for Emergency Services Building Committee to have forward movement. The Town will host an information session about the need for the 3 bay garage in the future.

2. NSAA building

- a. The North Stonington Ambulance Association is open for the building to be used for an animal shelter. The First Selectman would like to see a nonprofit organization work on the creation of a shelter in this facility. He will follow up with Stonington about the possibility of the ability of North Stonington to use the facility in Stonington in the interim.
- 3. Commission appointments
 - a. Motion by Selectman Kincaid, 2nd by Selectman Carlson to appoint Stefan Grufstedt to Economic Development Commission and Matt Bergel to Recreation Commission; Approved 3-0-0

Motion to add agenda item 11: Boombridge Road Bridge and item 12: Executive Session regarding staff by First Selectman Urgo, 2nd by Selectman Carlson, Approved 3-0-0

- 4. Building Official appointment/discussion
 - a. Ed Diamond, recently hired Building Official, has accepted a full time position in another town. Lou DiCesare is willing to continue to assist in the interim. First Selectman Urgo suggests that we put out advertisement for full or part time position and review the need and interest. The position should be funded by the fees collected through the Building Department. Selectman Carlson would like to explore shared services with neighboring towns.

- 5. FY2020 budget calendar draft review
 - a. Draft has been shared with the chairs of the Board of Ed and the Board of Finance.
- 6. 1750s house discussion and/or action
 - a. The house located at Hewitt Farm, currently vacant. Selectman Kincaid would like to see a workshop with the Board of Selectman and Hewitt Farm Committee to discuss the use of the building and how much repair is needed. She will check with Hewitt Farm Committee to see if the meeting can take place Monday, January 14.
- 7. FY2017/2018 Audit
 - a. The audit has been completed and is available for the public.
- 8. Selectmen's planning and development priorities
 - a. Meeting with Planning & Zoning and Economic Development on Thursday, January 10. Discussion of the priorities from the Board of Selectmen to be focused on for these commissions.
- 9. 163 Wintechog Hill Road update
 - a. Planning and Zoning recommends a request for information rather than a request for proposal after the pro forma is completed regarding the feasibility for the property. It will be discussed at the joint meeting on Thursday.
- 10.119 & 123a Clarks Falls Road update
 - a. The attorneys have been in contact about the closing for 123a Clarks Falls Road. The buyer for 119 Clarks Falls Road is going to have test pits dug on the property with a closing set for January 25.
- 11. Boombridge Road bridge update
 - a. First Selectman Urgo had a conference call today about the bridge project with RIDOT, CTDOT and Westerly.
- 12. Executive Session: staff
 - a. Motion by First Selectman Urgo to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing staffing at 7:27pm, 2nd by Selectman Carlson including Christine Dias, Administration and Finance Officer.
 - b. Executive session ended at 7:51pm.

Minutes-December 11, 2018: Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by First Selectman Urgo, approved 3-0-0 Public Comments and Questions

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:58pm by Selectman Carlson, 2^{nd} by First Selectman Urgo

Public Comments limited to 2 minutes on Agenda Items Only

Respectfully submitted, Christine Dias