



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Meeting
North Stonington New Town Hall Conference Room
January 14, 2020
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:00pm, First Selectman Mike Urgo, Selectman Bob Carlson and Selectman Nita Kincaid in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments and Questions on Non-Agenda Items

1. Wheeler Library Budget Presentation

- a. Wheeler Library President Gary Annino gave a presentation on the library's finances in preparation for its budget request for fiscal year 2020-2021. The library current receives \$30K from the town and will be requesting \$125K in their budget request. Gary answered questions from the Board of Selectmen and discussion followed on the library's financial needs and plans future major improvements.

2. Review Referendum Results

- a. First Selectman Urgo reviewed the results from the Referendum on Monday, January 13. The Referendum asked whether or not the town should develop 163 Wintechog Hill into affordable housing. The Referendum failed - 347 voted no and 314 voted yes.

3. Telephone System Replacement RFP Update

- a. First Selectman Urgo reported that the town had received multiple bids to replace the town's existing telephone system. All the bids would use the current phone lines, not replace them. A new RFP will be done and sent out to bid again and to all the companies that submitted bids in the first go-round. The RFP will stipulate that all existing telephone lines be replaced and all the town buildings connected.
- b. Motion by First Selectman Urgo to approve the RFP as presented, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.

4. Hewitt Farm 1750s Farmhouse Update

- a. First Selectman Urgo gave an update on the Hewitt Farm. Trees have been trimmed and bushes cut back on the property. Discussion followed on completing needed repairs and painting. An RFP will be done and sent out for bid to do the repairs and painting.
5. Town Attorney Discussion
 - a. First Selectman Urgo announced that Avena & Kepple, the legal firm used by the town had merged with Suisman Shapiro. Discussion followed on whether the town should look for a new attorney or stay with Avena & Kepple.
6. Request for Municipal Resolution Endorsing SCCOG RPIP Grant Applications
 - a. First Selectman Urgo reported that SCCOG wants to submit a RPIP Grant Application that would fund 3 positions to be shared by the member towns: 1) Regional Grant Writer, 2) Regional Human Resource Assistant, and 3) Regional Town Zoning Enforcer. The Resolution to endorse the SCCOG RPIP Grant must be approved by all the member towns in order to get the funding. Discussion followed.
 - b. Motion by Selectman Carlson to endorse the Municipal Resolution from SCCOG, 2nd by First Selectman Urgo. Motion approved 3-0-0.
7. SCCOG Legislative and Executive Committee Update
 - a. First Selectman Urgo provided an update on SCCOG. First Selectman Urgo was appointed Treasurer of SCCOG and is a member of the SCCOG Legislative Committee.
8. Tax Refunds
 - a. The Board of Selectman reviewed the list of tax refunds. Selectman Nita Kincaid made a motion to approve all of the tax refunds, 2nd by Selectman Carlson, First Selectman Urgo abstained. Motion approved 2-0-1.

USB Leasing	\$ 336.17
Nissan Infiniti LT	\$ 535.58
Dennis Clarke	\$ 32.02
Maria Grills	\$ 141.65

Toyota Lease Trust	\$ 64.30
Ford Credit Personal Property Tax	\$ 171.24
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Michael Uργο	\$ 638.18
JP Morgan Chase Bank	\$ 194.42

9. Appointments

- a. First Selectman Uργο presented the applications for appointment to town committees. Discussion followed on the applications and committee vacancies. The Selectmen agreed to continue discussion on the other appointments at the next meeting.
- b. Motion by Selectman Carlson to appoint Marietta Anderson to the School Building Repurposing Committee at the request of the Wheeler Library, 2nd by First Selectman Uργο. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- c. Motion by Selectman Carlson to appoint Amy Kennedy to the Complete Count Committee, 2nd by Selectman Nita Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.

10. Staffing Updates

- a. First Selectman Uργο introduced Lee Ann D'Ambrosio as the new Grants and Administrative Assistant. The Highway Department is currently recruiting for a Heavy Equipment Operator for the Tuesday-Saturday shift. Discussion followed on budgeting for other staffing requests.

11. Sustainable CT

- a. The Board of Selectmen discussed what other areas and/or changes the town could make to support the efforts of the Sustainable Connecticut Initiative. First Selectman Uργο said North Stonington should receive their Silver Certification designation this year or next.

12. Minutes

- a. November 18, 2019 Special Meeting: Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.

- b. November 26, 2019: Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- c. December 2, 2019 Special Meeting: Selectman Kincaid requested to amend the first paragraph of the minutes by correcting the spelling of Dan Spring. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the minutes as amended, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- d. December 10, 2019: Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- e. December 10, 2019 Special Meeting: Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- f. December 31, 2019 Special Meeting: Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by First Selectman Uργο. Motion approved 3-0-0.

Adjournment: Motion by First Selectman Uργο to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm, 2nd by Selectmen Kincaid and Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Ann D'Ambrosio

Public Comments on agenda items will be permitted throughout the meeting. All public comments are limited to 2 minutes.