

Town of North Stonington Board of Selectmen Meeting Zoom Meeting April 14, 2020 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:05pm, First Selectman Mike Urgo, Selectman Bob Carlson, and Selectman Nita Kincaid in attendance.

- 1. COVID-19: First Selectman Urgo provided an update on the COVID-19 situation in North Stonington. He is attending weekly meetings on the state and local level and has been in communication with CCM and COST to make sure small towns like North Stonington are represented as the state looks to re-open in the future.
- 2. Revaluation Update: First Selectman Urgo provided an update regarding the 2020 Revaluation. After meetings with Dan Spring, Board of Finance chair, and Darryl DelGrosso, Assessor, the town is moving forward as scheduled with the revaluation. The work had started prior to the COVID-19 closures and the company will continue to collect exterior photos of all properties. The revaluation company will be mailing information to be verified by the property owner.
- 3. Tax Collection Executive Order: The Board of Selectmen discussed the Governor's Executive Order 7S Section 6 regarding Suspension and Modification of Tax Deadlines and Collection Efforts. First Selectman Urgo met with Karen Joyal, Tax Collector, and Christine Dias, Administration and Finance Officer to discuss the options and impacts of the two programs. Motion by First Selectman Urgo to adopt the Deferment Program under the Governor's Executive Order 7S Section 6, 2nd by Selectman Carlson, Approved 3-0-0
- 4. Animal Shelter update: First Selectman Urgo provided an update of the animal shelter. A volunteer created renderings for a shelter to be located at 163 Wintechog Hill Road, the First Selectman will share those renderings with the Board of Selectmen.
- 5. Rental of John Dean Gallup House RFP: Selectman Kincaid provided an update on the painting project at the John Dean Gallup House at the Hewitt Farm. The Board of Selectmen discussed the RFP draft and suggested changes. The revised RFP will be reviewed at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

- 6. Staffing: First Selectman Urgo told the Board of Selectmen that Craig Russell has been hired as the new Grant Writer and has been working for a few weeks. He will be attending a future Board of Selectmen meeting. Christine Dias, Administration and Finance Officer, provided an update on staffing during the current COVID-19 situation.
- 7. Appointments: The Board of Selectmen is accepting applications for the anticipated vacancy for the Treasurer position. Discussion followed.
- Public Comments: Public were able to make comments via Zoom.
 Adjournment: Motion by Selectman Carlson to adjourn at 7:08 pm, 2nd by First Selectman Urgo.

Public will be able to attend the meeting by calling in through Zoom. Please call 1 646 558 8656, then enter Meeting ID: 929 7802 4263. Public will be able to listen to the meeting and will be able to comment at the end of the meeting under public comment.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Dias