Town of North Stonington

Board of Selectman Special Meeting

North Stonington New Town Hall Conference Room

May 22, 2018

6:00pm

Call to Order: 5:59pm, M. Urgo, R. Carlson, N. Kincaid

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments and Questions

1. Executive Session: Urgo motion to go into Executive Session with S Pike, R Roohr, C Dias at 6:01pm; 2nd by Selectman Kincaid. Came out of Executive Session at 7:02pm.
2. 284 Providence New London Turnpike Blighted Property: building inspector will walk the property on Thursday 10:00am, Selectman Carlson will attend the walk through.

Recorder not working, using First Selectman Urgo’s phone instead; 7:04pm

1. Green Gables demolition update:
   1. Selectman Kincaid: Bids received last Thursday, 2 of 4 companies bid on the project. Murdock Abatement and Deleading Company has presented a bid that is higher than expected but the funds are available. Soil testing for lead contamination and removal was added to the project which is driving the project price up.
   2. First Selectman Urgo: Eagle Environmental has reviewed the bid and made a recommendation on which bid should be accepted. Once the project is completed, the property will be safe.
   3. Selectman Kincaid motion to accept the bid from Murdock; Selectman Carlson 2nd; Approved 3-0
2. SCBA unit sale or donation
   1. NSVFC has notified the BOS that the equipment needs to be disposed of.
   2. Selectman Kincaid motion that the NSVFC can donate the tanks, First Selectman Urgo 2nd; Approved 3-0
3. Memorial Day Parade: Do the Selectmen want to walk in the parade? Selectman Kincaid will communicate with Denise Murphy from the Lions about the participation in the parade and ceremony.
4. Appointments
   1. Civil Preparedness Advisory Council
      1. First Selectman Urgo: will need to appoint this committee at some point. Supposed to be appointed at the start of the term; after speaking with Gary Baron today, it should be the First Selectman, Highway Foreman, Fire Chief, President of Ambulance, Head of IT and representative from Communications Committee. Discussion of council, Gary will chair and present ideas to Selectmen.
   2. Juvenile Review Board Appointments: letter from chair, Joseph Gross. 7 members on board, hold the juveniles accountable and show an interest in their success. For consideration to reappoint to the 3-year position: Larry Chappell. For consideration to reappoint to a 1-year position: Cheryl Biekert. Selectman Carlson motion to approve the appointments, Selectman Kincaid 2nd, Approved 3-0
   3. Communications Committee Appointments: Nicole Porter is the new appointee to the committee; Selectman Carlson motion to approve the appointment, Selectman Kincaid 2nd, Approved 3-0
   4. Hewitt Farm Committee Appointments: Tim Chokas to fill the regular position; Deirdre Tavares to fill the alternate position; First Selectman Urgo motion to approve the appointments; Selectman Carlson 2nd, Approved 3-0
5. Fiscal Year 2018-2019 update: Additional revenue was received from the state as outlined in the town meeting last night. Board of Finance has proposed to use a lower mil rate than previously projected in the budget. 28.2 vs 28.7. Building fee increase resolution failed last night, may result in a shortfall in the budget. Planning and Zoning voted to increase their fees, which does not need to go to a town meeting per ordinance. Selectman Carlson-Building fee might have passed if the increase was not as large. In the fall, possibly look at a smaller increase at the next town meeting.
6. Town Organizational Chart: Compiled by the Town Government Structure Committee Discussion of the chart took place. After discussion First Selectman Urgo motions to approve the organizational chart, Selectman Kincaid seconds, Approved 2-0-1 with Selectman Carlson Abstaining
7. Town Meeting Review:  
   Selectman Carlson: civil, good information and presentations, good venue, would have liked to see more people. Moving toward a more productive town meeting. Selectman Kincaid: Could have improved by putting Question 8 (budget) first, lost people in the middle of the meeting. Great to see so many new faces at the meeting. First Selectman Urgo: didn’t get the same feeling as other meetings, doesn’t like to see people leaving in the middle of the meeting. Not sure where the budget question needs to be placed in the agenda. Selectman Kincaid will talk to the Communications Committee about encouraging people to vote in the upcoming budget referendum.

Selectman Kincaid: motion to add the agenda item to discuss phones, Selectman Carlson 2nd

1. Tax Refunds
   1. Corelogic: $18532.37
   2. Corelogic: $1808.73
   3. John Tillinghast: $15.81
   4. Tabled for next meeting after clarification
2. New phones for Town Hall
   1. Quotes were obtained for the Center for Emergency Services, Avaya is providing those phones. Jim Russell was asked to obtain quotes for new phones for Town Hall since they are 23 years old. Money is in line item for Admin/Finance Officer. $9,348 for 17 phones. will be discussed further at next meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn: Selectman Kincaid, Selectman Carlson 2nd; 8:29pm

Respectfully submitted, Christine Dias