



**Town of North Stonington  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting  
August 10, 2021  
6:00 PM**

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### MINUTES

1. Call to order/Roll Call: 6:04 pm, First Selectman Uργο, Selectman Carlson, Selectwoman Kincaid, and Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias in attendance.
2. Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items\*
  - a. Motion by Selectman Carlson to add 10A. Speed Humps and 10B. Swap Shed to the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
3. American Rescue Plan Update/Discussion/Action
  - a. Cultural Coalition: Wendy Bury of Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition presented to the Board of Selectmen an overview of the organization and grant program. The cultural coalition would be able to administer the grant program for a 10% administrative fee.  
Motion by Selectwoman Kincaid to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 for the Cultural Coalition to provide assistance with grant funding for the Town, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Uργο. Motion approved 3-0-0.
  - b. Business Recovery Grant Fund: The board discussed the special meeting held at 5:30 pm regarding funding for local businesses through American Rescue Plan Funding. First Selectman Uργο will speak with seCTer director about a grant program administered by the organization and the EDC will continue to work on finalizing the details of the business grants and application process.  
Motion by First Selectman Uργο to move forward with an appropriation for \$15,000 for the possibility of a bonus or stipend pilot program for North Stonington workers, no second.
4. Affordable Housing Plan Presentation

- a. Planning Development and Zoning Officer Juliet Hodge presented to the board the Town's Affordable Housing Plan. The Affordable Housing Plan must be updated every five years for the Town to be considered eligible for state funding related to housing plans. Juliet discussed trends found throughout the state, the difference between qualified affordable housing and naturally occurring affordable housing, Airbnb rentals have made an impact, as well as the fact that there is a shift towards renting rather than purchasing a home. It was recommended that when the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) is revised that a second survey is conducted as the most recent occurred in 2008 and that multi-family homes should be allowed in Town as this is now mandated.
5. Emergency Management Performance Grant Resolution
  - a. The board discussed the Emergency Management Performance Grant Resolution.  
Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant Resolution as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid.  
Motion approved 3-0-0.
6. Financial Software Discussion
  - a. The board discussed financial software for the Town, as the Town does not have financial software budgeted.  
Motion approved by Bob Carlson to approve an additional appropriation request from C3.47 in the amount of \$60,325 to implement infinite visions financial and human resources software, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
7. End of Year Transfer Request FY2021
  - a. The board discussed the one end of year transfer request for tax refunds  
Motion by First Selectman Urgo to approve appropriation from B2.03: Senior Center Expenses to B3.01: Tax Refunds in the amount of \$5,073.01, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.
8. Appointments
  - a. The board discussed the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority (SCWA) memberships.  
Motion by First Selectman Urgo to reappoint Michael Macina and Robert Boissevain as members of the representative advisory board for the SCWA, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.

- b. The board continued the discussion of appointing a hiring committee for filling the PDZO position. Selectman Carlson had volunteered during the last meeting to serve on the committee, the Economic Development Committee recommended Brett Mastroianni and Nicole Porter, Planning & Zoning Commission recommended Louis Steinbrecher and Robert Kappes. Discussion followed.

#### 9. Update on Municipal Notification System

- a. The board discussed a recommendation from IT Manager Jim Russel regarding Mass Communications Software for the Town. Motion by Selectman Carlson to move forward with Everbridge for town mass communications software, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.

#### 10. Selectman Expenses

- a. No update.

#### 11. Speed Humps

- a. The board continued to discuss speed humps, the cost per speed hump will be approximately \$2,500 each. First Selectman Urgo will speak with Highway Foreman Don Hill to move forward with installing eight speed humps.

#### 12. Swap Shed

- a. The board discussed images from the Swap Shed at the Transfer Station and potential solutions to address the issues at the shed including, having a nonprofit maintain what enters and leaves the swap shed, new signs, limited access. First Selectman Urgo will discuss options with Highway Foreman Don Hill.

#### 13. Minutes

- a. June 7, 2021
  - i. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- b. July 13, 2021
  - i. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. Selectman Carlson withdrew motion and Selectwoman Kincaid withdrew 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - ii. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve minutes as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. M
- c. July 19, 2021

- i. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid.

14. Future Meetings

- a. The board discussed cancelling the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. First Selectman Uργο will attend next week's Board of Finance A Town Meeting will be held on Monday, August 23, 2021

15. Public Comments on Agenda Items\*

16. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Selectman Carlson to adjourn at 7:32 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.

\*The Board of Selectmen respectfully requests that public comments do not exceed two (2) minutes per person in respect for everyone's time.

Respectfully submitted,

Bailey Talbott