



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Meeting
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
November 23, 2021
6:00 PM**

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MINUTES

- 1. Call to order/Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. First Selectman Bob Carlson, Selectman Nicole Porter, and Selectman Brett Mastroianni in attendance with Christine Dias, Administration & Finance Officer.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items***
- 4. Selectman Comments:** Selectman Mastroianni wants to put two items on the agenda for a future date. Selectman Mastroianni is in favor of putting out signs to notify the public when town meetings are and is wondering if the town can continue to do so. Furthermore, Selectman Mastroianni wants to revisit the cut off times for registering for a zoom meeting and if the town can legally put a cut off time for online registration. This topic will be put on the agenda for December 14th. The town's registrars will be asked if they can extend online cut off times.
- 5. First Selectman Report/Correspondence:** First Selectman Carlson updated the public on the cell towers. The cell towers are used by various vendors and require routine upgrades. There is one upgrade for Wintechog Road and two upgrades for 267 Norwich Westerly Road. Dating back to July, work has to be done at the Shunock Substation. The Shunock Substation will receive some additions, a storm wall, and a fence. Neighbors have

been notified and the work will begin later this month. Lastly, the Town of North Stonington got asked to join the National Opioid Settlement. If all 169 towns in CT register and participate, then the State of Connecticut will receive \$300 million. All 169 towns will be able to receive funding. Funding can only be used for recovery, preventiveness, classes, and/or medical concerns. Registering the town does not cost the town anything.

6. Old Business

- a. Solar Project Update** –First Selectman Carlson met with Silicon Ranch. The company met with abutting neighbors and came up with compromises. In early December, Silicon Ranch is going to try to get the citing council to approve their new plan. First Selectman Carlson is calling a special meeting for next Tuesday, November 30th, at 6:30pm to discuss this matter. First Selectman Carlson will personally invite every abutting neighbor to this meeting.
- b. Speed Humps & Paving:** The town decided to hold off with paving until the spring. Speed humps were supposed to start this week but haven't yet.
- c. Community Conversation:** The Community Conversation Committee was appointed this evening. Motion by Selectman Mastroianni to appoint the new committee, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. Motion by Selectman Porter to appoint the committee named, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0. Stephanie Mastroianni, Lisa Mazzella, Nita Kincaid, and Breeze Floyd were appointed. The Community Conversation Committee asked the BOS for feedback on a proposed budget. Selectman Porter asked if the committee needs to use a town official email. Christine Dias replied yes. The Community Conversation Committee is thinking about using every door direct mail. Selectman Porter and Selectman Mastroianni are in favor of using every door direct mail.

- 7. 2022 Schedule of Meetings:** BOS meetings will continue to be held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The meeting start time has changed to 6:30 pm. Motion by Selectman Mastroianni to approve the 2022 Schedule of Meetings with the elimination of the meeting for December 27th, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion

approved 3-0-0. Selectman Mastroianni asked if we could change the location of a meeting if needed and Christine Dias replied yes with the correct amount of notice.

- 8. EMPG Grant Resolution:** Selectman Carlson explained that if there is an emergency in town, then the First Selectman has the power to act in the best interest of the town. Motion by Selectman Porter to approve the resolution as written, 2nd by Brett; motion approved 3-0-0.

- 9. Appointments:** Selectman Porter asked if all the people about to be appointed were notified about wanting to continue to serve on these boards? First Selectman Carlson explained that they still will have the option to resign. Motion by Selectman Mastroianni to appoint Christopher Anderson to the EDC, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. Motion by Selectman Porter to reappoint Joseph Rubino to a 2-year term as Tree Warden, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0. Motion by Selectman Mastroianni to appoint Robert Carlson, Brett Mastroianni, Nicole Porter, Mark Grigg, and William Ricker to a 2-year term on the Flood and Erosion Control Board, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. Motion by Selectman Porter to appoint Gary Baron, Robert Carlson, Christine Dias, Don Hill, Jim Russell, Richard Bauer, James Tuttle, and Jason McCarthy to a 2-year term on the Civil Preparedness Advisory Board, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0. Selectman Mastroianni asked if we could add animal control to this board. Motion by Selectman Porter to appoint Bradford Currier, Carl Johnston, Robert Boissevain, Andrea Sadowski, and Ryan Mason to a 2-year term on the Water Pollution Control Authority, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0. Motion by Selectman Porter to appoint Megan Perkins, Emily Mastroianni, Matthew Broneill, LoriAnn Umphlett, and James Holdridge, Jr to a 2-year term on the Recreation Commission, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0. Motion by Selectman Mastroianni to appoint Ed Harasimowitz, Nita Kincaid, Deidre Tavares, Tim Chokas, and Brian Banker to a 1-year term on the Hewitt Farm Committee, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. Motion by Selectman Porter to appoint Joe Cassata to the Emergency Services Operations Committee, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

10. Tax Refunds: Motion by Selectman Porter to approve the tax refund for Kenneth Neville in the amount of \$168.08, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

11. Minutes

a. November 9, 2021: Motion made by Selectman Porter to approve the minutes as amended, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.

b. November 16, 2021 Special Meeting: Motion made by Selectman Porter to approve the minutes, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.

12. Public Comments*

13. Next Meeting: November 30, 2021 6:30pm 2 items, solar project 184 and comments

14. Adjournment: Selectman Mastroianni motioned to adjourn at 7:39pm, 2nd by Selectman Porter, motion approved 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ivanna Hugo

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