



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Meeting
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
January 25, 2022
6:30 PM**

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MINUTES

1. **Call to order/Roll Call:** Call to order at 6:30pm. First Selectman Bob Carlson, Selectman Nicole Porter, and Selectman Brett Mastroianni in attendance with Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items***
4. **Selectman Comments:** Selectman Mastroianni has met with people interested in bringing a Farmer's Market to North Stonington. Selectman Porter asked questions about power grids and a possible marijuana dispensary coming to town.
5. **First Selectman Report/Correspondence**
 - a. **CT Relocation Act:** First Selectman Carlson explained the CT Relocation Act.
 - b. **Shut down of 298 school wings:** Discussion about this topic occurred at The Community Conversation. If the school wings get torn down, the town will have to worry about the water lines. If demolition takes place, the town will have to reroute the water.

- c. **Transfer Station fees:** Selectman Carlson discussed the possibility of North Stonington's Transfer Station charging for stickers and bulky waste. North Stonington would administer a 2-year sticker for \$40 total. The price of the sticker would go down depending on which 6 months increment you purchase the sticker in. The Town would give a senior citizen discount. The sticker color would change every 2 years. North Stonington projects the stickers would bring in an estimated revenue of around \$30,000. Additionally, the Town would charge different fees for bulky waste. Bulky waste would be classified as either small, medium, large, or oversized. The Town projects the bulky waste will need to be capped off in 10-15 years or sooner. Revenue from the stickers and bulky waste would help with capping off the bulky waste in the future. The BOS listened to feedback from the public.

6. Old Business

- a. **COVID-19 Update:** North Stonington's Emergency Management Director, Gary Baron, gave a presentation about what his position entails, along with a background on himself. The BOS presented Gary Baron with a certificate for being nominated for The NESEC 2021 Emergency Manager of the Year Award.

7. American Rescue Plan Funds: Discussion about workshop:

The BOS discussed ARPA Funds.

- 8. **FY2023 Budget:** Budget presentations to come from various departments. The revenue is anticipated to be higher for line A3.05 (Tuition Reimbursement). Line A5.01 (Transfer Stickers) will be taken out of the budget until further discussion. The \$35, 987 that is listed in line A5.15 (Property Rent) is contributed by Buon Appetito Ristorante & Pizzeria, the hayfields, and Southeastern CT Water Authority. The 2% increase is a placeholder for town union employee raises for union negotiations. Based on the update from the Town of Groton, expenses for Line B2.00 (Expenses-Probate Court) will be increased by \$55 for a total of \$2,875. The BOS

noted that Line C3.42 (NSAA Ambulance and 2 Stretchers Lease Payment) is the final payment for the ambulance and stretchers.

9. Appointments: The Town Clerk has to be reappointed after 4 years for another 4-year term. Motion to approve Antoinette Pancaro to another 4-year term by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. Motion to approve Mariah Pfiffner and Emily Lewis to the EDC Commission by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

10. BOS Meeting Liaisons to Boards and Commissions: The BOS will split this up. The BOS will each attend different meetings and report back.

11. Minutes

a. January 10, 2022 Special Meeting: Motion by Selectman Porter to approve the minutes, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

b. January 11, 2022: Motion by Selectman Porter to approve the minutes, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

12. Public Comments*

13. Next Meeting: February 2, 2022 7pm – Joint Board of Finance meeting

14. Motion by Selectman Mastroianni to adjourn at 8:52pm, 2nd by Selectman Porter; 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,
Ivanna Hugo