



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
February 6, 2024
6:30 PM**

Public will be able to attend the meeting in person or via Zoom with the following link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86103934499?pwd=SVNNNUZQaXc1UmRFRm0reUFLNVc1QT09>

Or via Zoom App-Enter Meeting ID: 861 0393 4499

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Link to 2/6/2024 Meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AfV3DY49zzc>

MINUTES

1. Call to order/Roll Call: Call to order at 6:30pm. First Selectman Bob Carlson, Selectman Brett Mastroianni, and Selectman Nicole Porter in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items*
4. Minutes:
 - a. January 16, 2024, Meeting: Motion by Selectman Porter to approve the minutes as written, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
5. Selectman Comments: Selectman Mastroianni would like Animal Control Officer, Karcher Deshefy come to the next meeting on February 20, 2024. She is currently out of funds to cover costs of vet bills. Selectman Mastroianni would like to discuss a request for additional appropriation to cover these costs that should be in the budget.
6. First Selectman Report/Correspondence: First Selectman Carlson would like to mention that Laura Brown accepted the position of Administration and Finance Officer. She will be starting on February 20, 2024.
7. Town Treasurer Report: Treasurer Shawn Murphy provided a report of where the Town is at with interest revenue for the year. Discussion followed.
8. Capital Improvement Committee Appointments:
 - First Selectman Carlson would like to motion to flip Agenda numbers 8 and 9, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

- Selectman Mastroianni made a motion to approve First Selectman Bob Carlson, Board of Education members Christine Wagner and Alex Karpinski, Board of Finance members Sarah Nelson, Gary Annino and Lou Gingerella to the Capital Improvement Committee, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
- Motion to approve the creation of the Capital Improvement Committee by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

9. Old Business:

a. Vacancies and Appointments:

- Selectman Porter made a motion to appoint Catherine Holdridge to the Juvenile Review Board; 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
- Motion to reappoint Tim Brennan as Building Inspector for a 4-year term by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
- Motion to reappoint Teresa Pensis as Agent for the Elderly for a 2-year term by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
- Motion to reappoint the 5 members of the Hewitt Farm Committee Ed Harasimowitz, Deirdre Tavares, Tim Chokas, Bob Dunn, Rick Wood for 1-year terms with Nicole Gagnon as an alternate by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

b. Plan of Conservation & Development Update: There is a POCD Steering Committee meeting on February 12, 2024, at 6:00pm at the New Town Hall. There was an extension granted and Planning and Zoning will meet in March to adopt the POCD and once that is approved it should be good for 10-years.

10. Wheeler Library Building Renovations Review: The First Selectman is waiting on some information. Shawn is acquiring some more information on bonding. There were also some questions sent over to Amy Kennedy and awaiting a response. Discussion will be moved to the next Board of Selectmen meeting on February 20, 2024 as well as the joint Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen meeting on February 21, 2024.

11. 24/25 Budget Discussion: Board of Selectmen went through the first draft of the budget. There will be individual group presentations coming up, more will be discussed after the presentations. The grand list has \$869,651.20 more revenue going into this budget.

Some adjustments were made to Social Services/Welfare.

- B23.03 Pawtucket Neighborhood Center: \$40,000 to \$35,000.
- B23.17 United Community& Family Services: \$6,995.00 to \$5,000.00.
- B23.18 Lantern Hill Valley Association: Removed

12. Tax Refunds: Motion to approve tax refunds in the total amount of \$103.35 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

a. Barbara A Campagna: \$13.77

b. Timothy J Baas: \$ 89.58

13. Public Comments*

14. Joint meeting with BOS and BOF: February 7, 2024

15. Next BOS Meeting: February 20, 2024

16. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:35pm by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Knight