

## Town of North Stonington Board of Selectmen North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting February 20, 2024 6:30 PM

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## **MINUTES**

- Call to order/Roll Call: Call to order at 6:30pm. First Selectman Bob Carlson, Selectman Brett Mastroianni, and Selectman Nicole Porter in attendance with Administration and Finance Officer Laura Brown.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items\*
- 4. Minutes
  - **a.** February 6, 2024 Meeting: Motion to approve minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
  - **b.** February 7, 2024 BOS/BOF Meeting: Motion to approve minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
- 5. Selectman Comments: None
- 6. First Selectman Report/Correspondence: First Selectman Carlson would like to welcome Administration and Finance Officer Laura Brown to the Town Hall team.
- 7. Presentation: Proposed parking solution behind New Town Hall: Vilma Gregoropoulos gave a presentation regarding her ideas on the proposed parking solution behind Old Town Hall; discussion followed.
- 8. Old Business:
  - **a.** Vacancies and Appointments: None
  - **b.** Plan of Conservation & Development Update: Planning and Zoning will be having a public meeting in March.

- 9. Wheeler Library Building Renovations Review: The Board of Selectmen are going to speak to the Board of Finance to look for some guidance on how to present to the town. Also, the best way to handle the financing portion of the renovations.
- 10. 24/25 Budget Discussion: The Board of Selectmen went through the next draft of the budget. There were some group presentations made, there are a few groups still presenting at the next BOF/BOS joint meeting. There has been an increase in revenue in the amount of \$904,570.20. Adjustments to the budget were made.
  - B1.14 Grant Writer: \$5,000 decrease to \$3,000.
  - B1.09 Certifications/Seminars: \$1,500 decrease to \$1,000.
  - B8.00 Fees-Town Attorney: \$30,000 decrease to \$25,000.
  - B15.02 Economic Development Coordinator: \$6,000 decrease to \$1,500.
  - B15.00 EDC Operating Expenses: \$4,900 decrease to \$4,000.
  - B22.06 North Stonington Education Center Operating: \$85,000 decrease to \$80,000.
  - B27.08B Highway Overtime-Snow Removal: \$56,100 decrease to \$40,000.
  - B27.03 Town Garage Expenses: \$22,000 decrease to \$20,000.
- 11. Tax Refunds: Motion to approve tax refunds in the total amount of \$3,596.61 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
  - a. Toyota Lease Trust: \$643.30
  - **b.** Chelsea Groton Bank (Cook): \$1,755.33
  - **c.** Chelsea Groton Bank (Steele): \$740.70
  - **d.** Jason D & Christine Wagner: \$413.98
  - e. Mary Ann Buckley: \$43.30
- 12. Public Comments: None
- 13. Meeting with BOS and BOF: February 21, 2024
- 14. Next BOS Meeting: March 5, 2024
- 15. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:14pm by Selectman Mastroianni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Knight