



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
January 9th, 2024
6:30 PM**

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88695107123?pwd=cG9pNUREKzZ0ZnZiWEFSditQY2sxUT09>

Or via Zoom App-Enter Meeting ID: 886 9510 7123

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Link to 1/9/23 Meeting Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=As2wIB0FdJs>

MINUTES

1. Call to order/Roll Call: Call to Order at 6:30 pm. 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. December 6, 2023, Special Meeting: Motion to approve minutes as presented by First Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectmen Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
 - b. December 12, 2023, Regular Meeting: Motion to approve minutes as presented by First Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
5. Selectman Comments: None
6. First Selectman Report/Correspondence: None
7. Wheeler Library Building Renovations Presentation: Wheeler Library Board Member Jonathan Edwards gave a presentation. He is asking the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to approve a Town wide referendum to help finance the renovation and restoration plans for the Wheeler Library. Cost estimate for the project is \$4,000,000 and they are requesting \$2,000,000 from the Town. Discussion followed.
8. Call for a January 22nd, 2024, Town Meeting: Selectman Mastroianni made a motion to approve notice of Town Meeting on January 22, 2024, at the North

Stonington Education Center at 298 Norwich Westerly Rd at 6:30pm, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

9. Undesignated Fund Balance: First Selectman Carlson passed out information regarding the current undesignated fund balance.
10. Letter of Support Handicap Accessible Trail: There was an attempt to receive a Grant to create a Handicap Accessible trail near the school. The town was unable to secure the grant. There will be a second attempt made to receive this grant to fully cover any costs associated with this trail. Motion to sign the letter of support by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
11. Tax Refunds: Motion to approved tax refunds in the amount of \$1900.00 by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
 - a. Toyota Lease Trust: \$481.60
 - b. VW Credit Inc: \$614.50
 - c. Honda Lease Trust: \$412.57
 - d. Millar William A 2nd: \$391.33
12. Old Business:
 - a. Vacancies and Appointments: There is a vacancy on the Water Pollution Control Authority.
 - b. Plan of Conservation & Development Update: The POCD was able to receive an extension approved by the state. Next step will be a public hearing.
 - c. ARPA Funds Update: If the town meeting passes the \$90,000 for the demolition of 298 Norwich Westerly Rd there will be \$326.79 left in the funds.
 - d. Demolition of the One Story 298 Norwich Westerly Rd. Building: After the town meeting on January 22, 2024, this project will be completed and closed out.
13. Public Comments: Selectman Mastroianni would like to pay tribute to Town residents Joseph J Gross Jr, Thurlow Coates, and Brad Currier. They dedicated their time to this community and made it a better place, they will be missed.
14. Next meeting: January 16th, 2024 (20-year Capital Plan)
15. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:39pm by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Knight