

## Town of North Stonington Board of Selectmen Meeting North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting October 12, 2021 6:00 PM

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## **MINUTES**

- **1.** Call to order/Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm, First Selectman Urgo, Selectman Carlson, and Selectwoman Kincaid.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items\* Items were heard.
- 4. Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program Selectman Urgo explained there was a deadline approaching if we wanted to possibly receive funding for any of the research into these programs, such as food waste collection or unit-based pricing. The deadline was to express an interest in possibly being included in grant funding. There is not a commitment currently to implement any new program, this simply initiates our interest in learning more and possibly moving towards a program in the future. Discussion about the fact that our bulky waste pile continues to grow, trash is becoming expensive to dispose of, and the way we are doing so is not environmentally friendly (incinerating). These programs, under this grant program, would help reduce costs and improve disposal methods. Motion made by Selectman Carlson to submit our interest in the grant opportunities to the State. Selectwoman Kincaid 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved 3-0-0.

## 5. American Rescue Plan Funds

- **a. North Stonington Works** Motion made by Selectman Carlson to approve the plan as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- 6. Everbridge Update Our non-emergency system is up and running and was used to notify residents of the Town Meeting that took place last week. The system is working well. Discussion occurred about promoting the system and marketing it to get more users to sign up. There was also discussion about creating a policy for what

the system can be used for. There will be follow up on these two items at our next BOS meeting.

- 7. Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center Childcare Assistance Program Selectman Urgo updated the committee that the PNC is helping facilitate use of the ARPA funds we gave them to help with parents who need assistance getting back to work. This could be for parents who are either returning to work or are forced to get childcare due to COVID-19 quarantine requirements. Selectman Urgo also reported that PNC is still having weekly office hours at the North Stonington Town Hall from 9-12 on Tuesdays.
- 8. 298 Norwich-Westerly Road Update Discussion ensued about the library's plans for renovation. They are moving forward with plans and are open-minded to presenting plans together in the future, as well as being receptive to recreation happening in the building. There was also discussion on providing renderings of possible uses for the building to help the public have a visual idea of what the building could be. After discussion, it was agreed to move forward with renderings. Motion made by Selectman Carlson to approve the invoice as presented for the renderings in the amount of \$7,500.00. Selectwoman Kincaid 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved 3-0-0. Motion also made by Selectman Carlson to approve a request for use of the ARPA funds for the \$7,500.00 for the renderings. Selectwoman Kincaid 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- **9. Selectman's Expenses** nothing to report.
- **10.Minutes of September 14, 2021 Meeting** Motion made by Selectman Carlson to approve September 14, 2021 Meeting minutes as presented by Cheryl Lynch, Selectwoman Kincaid 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- 11. Public Comments on Agenda Items\* Items were heard.
- **12.Adjournment** Selectman Carlson made motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:15 pm, Selectwoman Kincaid 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by, First Selectman Mike Urgo

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