



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Meeting
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
August 22, 2023
6:30 PM**

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Link to 8/22/2023 Meeting Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ddBfNEa3ulE>

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 with Director of Administration and Finance Christine Dias.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items*
4. Selectman Comments: Selectman Mastroianni gave an update on moving the Farmers Market to 298 Norwich Westerly Rd. There was overall positive feedback.
5. First Selectman Report/Correspondence: First Selectman Bob Carlson gave an update on the reconciliation with the Board of Education. First Selectman also provided information about a letter he received from the Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed. They would like a signature to show support of their plans under the NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge. There is no cost to the Town of North Stonington. First Selectman Carlson will sign to show support.
6. Recreation Commission Pickleball Request: Recreation Commission Chairman Jim Holdridge Jr. and Member Heath Dugas spoke about the idea of repurposing the basketball court at 298 Norwich Westerly Rd into a Pickleball court. They would like to use \$2500.00 from the Recreation Commission ARPA fund. Discussion followed. Selectman Brett Mastroianni made a motion to allow the Recreation Department to resurface the basketball court at 298 Norwich Westerly Rd for Pickleball use. Selectman Nicole Porter 2nd the motion, motion approved 3-0-0.

7. Dogs at Hewitt Farm: Board of Selectman discussed if there should be an ordinance for dogs to be leashed at Hewitt Farm or if the recreation ordinance applied to Hewitt Farm. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.
8. Letter of Support for Development: Board of Selectman will not be writing a letter of support at this time for the project.
9. Fall Town Meeting: The Board of Selectman discussed items to be talked about at a future Town Meeting.
10. Tax Refunds: Motion to approve the tax refunds in the total of \$1,299.67 by Selectman Brett Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
 - a. Taters LLC: \$92.80
 - b. Kimberley D Thompson: \$116.69
 - c. Estate of Richard Geiler: \$510.53
 - d. Hayward H Gatch IV: \$26.39
 - e. Thomas H Brightman Jr: \$14.50
 - f. Leslie Allaire: \$538.76
11. Old Business
 - a. Demolition of One Story 298 Norwich Westerly Road: No updates.
 - b. Vacancies & Appointments: Motion to appoint Josh Strunk to the Conservation Commission by Selectman Brett Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Nicole Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
 - c. ARPA Funds Update and Discussion: The total unallocated funds are \$90,326.79.
 - d. Plan of Conservation & Development Update: Meeting will be held on September 9, 2023, at 9:00am. Community is encouraged to attend to be part of the conversation.
12. Minutes
 - a. August 8, 2023, Meeting: Motion by Selectman Porter to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni. Motion approved 3-0-0.
13. Public Comments*
14. Next Meeting: September 12, 2023
15. Adjournment: Motion by Selectman Porter to adjourn at 7:33pm, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; 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,
Jennifer Knight