



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Zoom Meeting
March 9, 2021
6:00 PM**

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MINUTES

1. Call to order/Roll Call: 6pm, First Selectman Uργο, Selectman Carlson, Selectwoman Kincaid and Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias in attendance.
2. Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items*
3. Undesignated Fund Policy
 - a. Motion by Selectman Carlson to direct the First Selectman to sign the Undesignated Fund Policy as presented, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
4. Appointments
 - a. Motion by Selectman Carlson to appoint Jennifer Dayton and Nicole Porter of the Economic Development Commission, Stephanie Mastroianni of the Board of Education, Carolyn Howell of Board of Finance, and Pat Lewis from the Planning and Zoning Commission, and Bob Carlson from the Board of Selectmen to 298 Norwich Westerly Road Marketing Sub-Committee, 2nd by First Selectman Uργο. Motion approved 3-0-0.
5. FY2022 Budget Discussion
 - a. A1.00 – new grand list number at a mill rate of 27.4 for a new total of \$15,398,327 to equalize the new grand list to the tax collection for FY2021.
 - b. Motion by First Selectman Uργο to increase five revenue item lines, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
 - i. A3.23: Other Intergovernmental increased by \$9,000 for lake treatment and \$20,000 for the John Dean Gallup House SHPO grant.
 - ii. A4.02: Building Official increased by \$10,000 to a new total of \$85,000.
 - iii. A5.03: Zoning Enforcement Officer increased by \$500 for a new total of \$6,500.

- iv. A5.05: Planning & Zoning increased by \$500 to a new total of \$3,000.
- c. Motion by First Selectman Uργο to reduce line item A5.15: Property Rent by \$6,000 for a new total of \$66,694.53, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- d. Motion by Selectman Carlson to reduce line item B1.06: Selectman's Expenses by \$2,000 for a new total of \$2,450, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- e. Motion by Selectwoman Kincaid to maintain the level of funding from FY2021 for line items B1.00: First Selectman at \$64,948, B1.01: Second Selectman at \$2,703 and B1.02: Third Selectman at \$2,703, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 2-0-1 (First Selectman abstained from the vote).
- f. Motion by Selectwoman Kincaid to reduce line item B8.00: Town Attorney by \$4,000 for a new total \$30,000, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- g. Motion to reduce line item B9.01: Tribal Recognition by \$5,000 for a new total of \$5,000 Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectman Uργο. Motion carries, 2-1-0 (Selectwoman Kincaid voted against the motion).
- h. Motion to remove the First Selectman from the pension plan: line item B20.06: Employee Benefits/Pension, reducing the line item by \$6,625 for a new total of \$151,487 by Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- i. Motion to reduce line item B26.04: State Troopers by \$14,160 to new total of \$425,390 by First Selectman Uργο, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- j. Motion by Selectman Carlson to reduce line item B26.06: Civil Preparedness Operating by \$1,575 for a new total of \$5,000, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 2-1-0 (Selectwoman Kincaid voted against the motion).
- k. Motion to reduce per diem firefighter staffing to one individual, and to reduce line item B26.14 by \$50,000 a new total of \$60,000 by First Selectman Uργο, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- l. Motion to reduce line item B27.10: Town Property Maintenance by \$10,000 to a new total of \$7,500 by Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.

- m. Motion to reduce line item B27.11: Town Property Maintenance - Labor by \$30,961 to a new total of \$10,000 by Selectman Carlson, 2nd by First Selectman Uργο. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- n. Motion to reduce line item B29.03: Senior Citizens Operating Expenses by \$1,000 to a new total of \$32,336 by First Selectman Uργο, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- o. Motion to reduce line item B34.09: Affordable Housing by \$1,000 to a new total of \$500 by First Selectman Uργο, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- p. Motion by Selectman Carlson to remove line item C1.09: Dump Truck Refurbish, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- q. Motion by Selectman Carlson to reduce line item C3.04: Town Building Maintenance by \$5,000 to a new total of \$15,000, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- r. Motion by Selectman Carlson to reduce line item C3.35: Farm 1750 House Repairs by \$5,000 to a new total of \$10,000, 2nd by First Selectman Uργο. Motion approved 2-1-0 (Selectwoman Kincaid voted against the motion).
- s. Motion by First Selectman Uργο to reduce line item C3.21: Plan of Conservation & Development by \$15,000 to a new total of \$15,000, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- t. Motion by Selectman Uργο to increase line item C3.15: Land Acquisition Fund by \$2,000 to a new total of \$10,000, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- u. Motion by First Selectman Uργο to reduce line item C1.19: F250 Pickup Truck by \$35,000 to a new total of \$20,000 for a three-year lease, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- v. Motion by Selectman Carlson to remove line item C3.48: NS Education Center Furniture, 2nd by First Selectman Uργο. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- w. Motion by Selectman Carlson to remove line item C3.52: Department Review Consultant, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- x. Motion by First Selectman Uργο to remove \$15,000 from line item C4.00: Assessor – Revaluation, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- y. Motion by First Selectman Uργο to remove line item C3.51: Water Infrastructure, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.

- z. Motion by First Selectman Uργο to reduce line item C3.49: Flight and Mapping by \$6,500 for a new total of \$6,500, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- aa. Motion by First Selectman Uργο to reduce line item B22.06: North Stonington Education Center by \$50,000 for a new total of \$50,000, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- bb. Motion by Selectman Carlson to reduce line item B30.03: Wheeler Library by \$10,000 for a new total of \$70,000, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 2-1-0 (First Selectman Uργο against the motion).
- cc. Motion by First Selectman Uργο to remove line item C3.47: Financial Software, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 2-1-0 (Selectwoman Kincaid voted against the motion).
- dd. Motion by First Selectman Uργο to reinstate line item B25.04: OpenGov, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 2-1-0 (Selectwoman Kincaid voted against the motion).
- ee. Motion by First Selectman Uργο to remove line item C3.50: NSVFC Radio Replacement, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- ff. Motion by Selectman Carlson to reduce line items B23.01-B23.17 (Social Services/Welfare) by 50%, 2nd by First Selectman Uργο. Motion approved 3-0-0.
 - i. B23.03: Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center reduced by \$2,500 for a new total of \$2,500.
 - ii. B23.06: Women's Center/Safe Futures reduced by \$250 for a new total of \$250.
 - iii. B23.07: Frank Olean Center/Community Vocational reduced by \$250 for a new total of \$250.
 - iv. B23.10: TVCCA reduced by \$250 for a new total of \$250.
 - v. B23.13: Always Home – Mystic Area Shelter reduced by \$250 for a new total of \$250.
 - vi. B23.16: Keeping NS Affordable reduced by \$125 for a new total of \$125.
 - vii. B23.17: United Community & Family Services reduced by \$50 for a new total of \$50.

- gg. Motion by First Selectman Urgo to reinstate line item C3.47: Financial Software, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 2-1-0 (Selectman Carlson voted against the motion).
 - hh. Motion by First Selectman Urgo to remove line item B25.04: OpenGov, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 2-1-0 (Selectman Carlson voted against the motion).
 - ii. Motion by Selectman Carlson to move forward the general government budget with a proposed general government operating budget of \$5,261,414, a proposed capital budget of \$341,578, and a proposed debt budget of \$1,382,949 for a total of \$21,105,679 to the Board of Finance for recommendation, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
6. Minutes
- a. February 23, 2021 Special Meeting: Motion to approve minutes as presented by Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
 - b. February 23, 2021 Meeting: Motion to approve minutes as presented by Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
 - c. March 3, 2021 Meeting: Motion to approve minutes as presented by Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
7. Public Comments on Agenda Items*
8. Executive Session – Pending Litigation FOIA
- a. Motion by Selectman Carlson to enter Executive Session at 8:49pm, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
 - b. Executive Session ended at 9pm.
9. Adjournment
- a. Motion by Selectman Carlson to adjourn at 9pm, 2nd by First Selectman Urgo. Motion approved 2-0-1 (Selectwoman Kincaid abstained from vote).

*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,
Bailey Talbott