



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
July 19, 2021
3:30 PM**

Public will be able to attend the meeting in person or via Zoom with the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83641552332?pwd=dmNLaWo4dVlLR3QrUzhzdmNlRXF3dz09>

Or via Zoom App-Enter Meeting ID: 836 4155 2332

Passcode: 650930

Or listen only via telephone by calling 646 558 8656 and enter Meeting ID: 836 4155 2332

MINUTES

1. Call to order/Roll Call: 3:30pm, First Selectman Urgo, Selectman Carlson, Selectwoman Kincaid in attendance with Christine Dias, Administration & Finance Officer.
 - a. Executive Session:
298 Norwich Westerly Road negotiations
 - b. Animal Shelter/Wintechog Hill Road negotiations
Motion by Selectman Carlson to enter executive session at 3:31pm, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
The board exited the executive session at 4:18pm.
2. Workshop: American Rescue Plan Discussion
 - a. The board discussed potential uses for American Rescue Plan Funding based on treasury guidance. Any use that exceeds \$20,000 will be brought forward to a Town Meeting as usual. Potential uses included items relation to public health expenditures and negative economic impacts caused by the COVID-19.
 - b. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve recommendation of a contribution to NSVFC for \$165,000 to be allocated in equal parts over three years, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
3. Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items*
4. American Rescue Plan Update/Discussion/Action
 - a. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve for recommendation to the Board of Finance
 - i. A three year contribution to the NSVFC for \$165,000 distributed on an annual basis in three equal payments;
 - ii. A \$15,000 appropriation to the Ledge light Health District;

- iii. A \$15,000 appropriation to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center;
- iv. An appropriation not to exceed \$15,000 for the purpose of upgrading or purchasing a municipal notification system;
- v. An appropriation to SCCOG for \$10,092.92 for the purpose of their hiring of a planner associated with the American Rescue Plan Funds for their member towns.

2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.

5. Additional Appropriation Request

- a. The board discussed three remaining roads in the Kingswood neighborhood that are not included in the current STEAP project. The remaining roads will cost \$410,000 to complete and would be appropriated to line B27.02.
- b. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the appropriation as presented, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.

6. Staffing Discussion

- a. The board discussed the departure of the administrative assistant, the job description will be posted tomorrow.
- b. Planning and Zoning will take the lead on hiring a new Planning, Development and Zoning Officer, the board discussed the possibility of removing zoning enforcement from the position. First Selectman Urgo recommended moving forward with Planning and Zoning to discuss and advertise the position.

7. Future Town Meeting Discussion

- a. First Selectman Urgo discussed the need for a Town Meeting for the per diem staffing and the additional appropriation request if approved by the Board of Finance. A Town Meeting would likely be held in early August.

8. SCCOG Presentation Route 2 Sidewalk Conceptual Design

- a. Due to technical issues during the last meeting, the board returned to the discussion of the presentation of Route 2 Sidewalk Conceptual Design by Kate Rattan. The selectmen discussed reasons for the project and concerns. Selectman Carlson requested that a presentation be given during a Town Meeting.

9. Billings Lake State Boat Launch Parking Update

- a. First Selectman Urgo discussed changes the state is making to the parking at the Billings Lake State Boat Launch. Improvements to Billings Lake Road have been made that include speed bumps and “no parking” signs. The board

discussed other solutions such as removing the trailhead sign and a newspaper article that featured a group swimming in the lake.

10. 298 Norwich Westerly Road negotiations update

- a. Selectman Carlson provided an update on the negotiations regarding the lease of 298 Norwich Westerly Road. The board discussed a RFP and where it should be advertised.

11. Tax Refunds

- a. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve tax refunds as presented, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.

Timothy Bowden	\$62.75
----------------	---------

Phillips James	\$24.69
----------------	---------

12. Selectman Expenses Discussions

- a. First Selectman Urgo discussed the employee appreciation lunch that was held on June 29. The lunch was in the last fiscal year and did go over the agreed amount.

13. Minutes

- a. June 22, 2021: Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve minutes as presented, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.

14. Public Comments on Agenda Items*

15. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Selectwoman Kincaid to adjourn at 6:06pm, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. 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,

Bailey Talbott