



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
November 21, 2023
6:30 PM**

Public will be able to attend the meeting in person or via Zoom with the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88269316391?pwd=WklXUzE2ZHhsZGZ1bGZOUUGFFaWg0QT09>

Or via Zoom App-Enter Meeting ID: 882 6931 6391

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Link to Meeting Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLcg7gFsgMw>

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 & Finance Christine Dias.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items*
4. Minutes
 - a. November 14, 2023 Meeting: Motion by Selectman Porter to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
5. Selectman Comments: The Board of Selectmen would like to thank Director of Administration & Finance Christine Dias for all she has done during her time at Town Hall.
6. First Selectman Report/Correspondence: None
7. 8-24 Review results Wintechog Hill Project: The Planning and Zoning Commission has voted against moving forward with this project in their 8-24 review. First Selectman Carlson shared his views on Affordable Housing and the possibilities of why it could work and not work. At this point the cons outweigh the pros, he will not be able to support this project; discussion followed. Selectman Porter made a motion to override the Planning and Zoning decision and bring it to a Town Meeting and a Referendum, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni to take it to discussion. After

further discussion Selectman Porter would still like to move forward, First Selectman Carlson and Selectman Mastroianni opposed; motion failed 1-2-0.

- 8. Enduro Trail Map:** Conservation Commission Chairman Bill Ricker and member Stephen Colgan spoke in response to town resident Brian Rathbun's letter that was read by First Selectman Carlson at the October 24, 2023, Board of Selectmen meeting; discussion followed.
- 9. Call for Special Town Meeting:** There will be a Special Town Meeting at 6:30pm on December 4, 2023, at 298 Norwich Westerly Rd. The meeting will be available for comment and viewing through Zoom. Those who attending virtually will not be able to vote. Only those who attend the Special Town Meeting can vote. The following is what will be voted on.
 - a.** Shall the Town approve the amended 5 Year Local Capital Improvement Plan as presented for fiscal years 2024-2028?
 - b.** Shall the Town approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$426,153 for the use of partially reimbursable state STEAP grant funds for improvements of buildings and athletic fields as recommended by the Board of Finance?

Motion to approve a Special Town Meeting on December 4, 2023 at 6:30pm, by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

- 10. FY25 Capital & 5 Year Capital Plan:** First Selectman Carlson commented that the Special Meeting held on November 18, 2023 with the Highway Garage and the Center for Emergency Services regarding their Capital needs went well and was very informative. Board of Selectmen went over line items in the 5 Year Capital Plan and adjusted as needed.

11. Old Business

- a.** Demolition of One Story 298 Norwich Westerly Road: Bestech agreed to the First Selectman Carlson's offer of cutting \$140,000 off of their final bill. First Selectman Carlson will put together a PowerPoint presentation for a future meeting where the Board of Selectmen will vote to approve.
- b.** Vacancies & Appointments: Reappointing Tree Warden Alan Ladd. Motion to approve by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. The SCWA is reappointing advisory members Robert Boissevain and Mike Macina. Motion to approve by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. The WPCA is reappointing

Vice Chairman Carl Johnston also members Robert Boissevain and Robert Snelgrove. Motion to approve by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. The Recreation Department is reappointing Chairman James Holdridge Jr., Secretary Emily Mastroianni, and members Matthew Broneill, LoriAnn Umphlett, Megan Perkins, Heath Dugas, and Michael Stark. Motion to approve by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. Mark Perkins Jr. resigned from his Zoning Board of Appeals position.

- c. ARPA Funds Update and Discussion: None
- d. Plan of Conservation & Development Update: Juliet Hodge drafted a letter requesting an extension which was sent to the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as the Board of Selectmen.

12. Public Comments*

13. Next Meeting: December 12, 2023

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:57pm by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; 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