



**Town of North Stonington  
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting  
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting  
November 15, 2022  
6:30 PM**

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**Link to 11/15/22 Meeting Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bv99U7uYXsg>

## **MINUTES**

1. **Call to order/Roll Call:** Call to order at 6:30pm. First Selectman Bob Carlson, Selectman Nicole Porter, and Selectman Brett Mastroianni in attendance with Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items\***
4. **Selectman Comments:** None
5. **First Selectman Report/Correspondence:** North Stonington's Emergency Management Director, Gary Baron, has selected his new Deputy EMD. Chief Charles Steinhart V is the new Deputy EMD. First Selectman Carlson stated that in a year or two, both individuals will most likely switch positions.
6. **North Stonington Ambulance Association Update:** Motion by Selectman Mastroianni to move up the "North Stonington Ambulance Association Update" to number 6 on the agenda from number 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. The North Stonington Ambulance Association's Administrator, Logan Taylor, provided an update on call responses and how they are helping the community.

## 7. Old Business

- a. **Demolition of One Story 298 Norwich Westerly Road:** First Selectman Carlson gave an update on how much ARPA money has been spent. \$818,000 out of the designated \$1,000,000 has been spent. The money was used for a Clerk of the Works, Bestech, waterline issue, oil spillage in the basement, and a wall between the 1960 wing and 1994 entrance.
  - b. **Appointment of Tax Relief Committee:** There are 6 applicants for the Tax Relief Committee. The Town can still accept one more application. First Selectman Carlson would like to appoint the Tax Relief Committee after the first of the year so their 60-day terms begin after the holidays.
  - c. **Vacancies & Appointments:** The first appointment is for the new Tax Collector, Zayne Ring, who will start on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion to appoint Zayne Ring to the vacant Tax Collector position by Selectman Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0. The second appointment is for the consultant for the 2023 POCD. Motion to appoint Juliet Hodge as the consultant to the 2023 POCD by Selectman Mastroianni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. Juliet Hodge gave an overview of her thoughts for the 2023 POCD.
  - d. **ARPA Funds Update and Discussion:** Christine Dias supplied the BOS with an ARPA funds update. The BOS could see how much ARPA money was spent and remaining.
8. **Town Environmental Engineer Discussion:** First Selectman Carlson brought up the Town Environmental Engineering topic that was previously discussed at the last BOS meeting. First Selectman Carlson is hoping to use the \$2,500 out of the Selectmen's Engineering Expenses for this project. First Selectman Carlson is working with Fuss & Oneil and SCCOG to see if this amount will be enough to begin the project.
9. **Results of Planning & Zoning 8-24 Review: Wintechog Hill town owned properties:** The Planning & Zoning Commission voted to not sell the Wintechog Hill owned properties as a result of four members voting to not sell and one

member voting to sell. Also, 10 out of the 12 comments made from the public at the last P&Z meeting were in support of not selling these properties. The individuals interested in purchasing the properties withdrew their ask to purchase.

**10. Purchasing Policy Review:** The BOS discussed the Town's Purchasing Policy. 3(B) in the Purchasing Policy will have the purchases of \$1,500 raised to a new amount of \$4,000. 3(B) in the Purchasing Policy will now state, "Purchases between \$4,000 and \$19,000 must be based on at least three written quotations or bids. Purchases between \$10,000 and \$19,999 must be approved by the First Selectman." Motion to raise the limit of \$1,500 to \$4,000 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

**11. Minutes**

- a. October 25, 2022 Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
- b. November 2, 2022 Special Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

**12. Public Comments\***

**13. Next Meeting:** November 22, 2022

**14. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm by Selectman Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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,  
Ivanna Hugo