



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Zoom Meeting
October 20, 2020
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: 6:00pm, First Selectman Mike Uργο, Selectmen Nita Kincaid, and Selectman Bob Carlson in attendance with Christine Dias, Administration & Finance Officer.
2. Discussion of petition
 - a. The Board of Selectmen called a meeting Monday, October 19 for Tuesday, October 20 to discuss a petition submitted to consider and act on the following: "Shall the Town of North Stonington reject the 'Agreement Between The North Stonington Board of Education and The North Stonington Federation of School Administrators July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024?'"
 - b. First Selectman Uργο led a discussion about the contract agreed upon by the Board of Education and the school union. Board of Education Chair Christine Wagner spoke and gave a statement on behalf of the Board of Education to acknowledge the reasoning for the contract and position. The board also heard from Amy French the circulator of the petition.
 - c. The Town Attorney advised that a town meeting cannot be called due to the time limit and the required referendum period that follows making the petition invalid. First Selectman Uργο explained what actions could be taken to help act on the voice of the petitioners.
 - i. Take no action thus affirming the contract.
 - ii. The Selectman and Board of Finance under Executive Order 7CC can call a joint meeting of the two boards to discuss the contract and decided on further action. If rejected, the contract would go to arbitration.
 - d. Selectman Carlson motioned to call a joint meeting between the Board of Education and the Board of Finance to continue discussions under Executive Order 7CC, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid. Discussion followed, Selectman Carlson rescinded motion, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid.

- e. First Selectman Uργο suggested that the Board of Education holds a special meeting before deciding on having a joint meeting since we are not under a time crunch to advertise a special meeting should the Board of Selectmen feel after the Board of Education meeting that a further meeting is needed, one could be called at that time.
- 3. Warning for Special Town Meeting
 - a. Due to the time constraint previously explained by First Selectman Uργο and Town Attorney Robert Avena, a town meeting cannot be held within the time period given to contract discussions.
- 4. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:57pm by Selectman Kincaid, 2nd by Selectman Carlson, motion approved 3-0-0.

Public will be able to attend the meeting by calling in through Zoom. Please call 1 646 558 8656, then enter Meeting ID: 876 9569 4659.

*Public comment on agenda items will be allowed following each item. Public comments are limited to 2 minutes in respect for everyone's time

Respectfully submitted,
Bailey Talbott