

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

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<u>Minutes</u>

- 1. Call to order/Roll Call: 6pm, First Selectman Urgo, Selectman Carlson, and Selectwoman Kincaid, and Christine Dias, Administration & Finance Officer in attendance.
- 2. Public Comments on agenda and non-agenda Items*
- 3. John Dean Gallup House Feasibility Study & Conditions Report
 - a. Lothrop Associates reported on the feasibility study and conditions report.

 The Hewitt Farm Committee will continue to review the report and gather public input during their next meeting on March 1, 2021.

4. Water Update

- a. First Selectman Urgo provided an update regarding water needs/wants in town. The Town of Westerly may be willing to provide water based on usage, future discussions will be held. The Selectmen will look to send a letter to Ken Labbe thanking him for his work he has done for the Town. Discussion followed.
- 5. Sustainable CT Committee Discussion Establishment of Sustainable CT Committee
 - a. Motion to establish a committee by First Selectman Urgo, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- 6. Traffic Commission Sub-Committee
 - a. Motion to establish a Traffic Safety Sub-Committee by First Selectman Urgo, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 2-1-0 (Selectman Carlson voted against).
- 7. Education Center Subcommittee Discussion
 - a. Motion to move item 7 to item 10 by Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectman Urgo. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- 8. Draft Survey of Boards and Commissions on Zoom Meetings

a. The board discussed the use of Zoom for all town boards, committees and commissions. First Selectman Urgo discussed a draft survey concerning committee's experiences with Zoom.

9. Ethics Policy Discussion

a. Selectman Carlson will speak with the Towns of Preston and Stonington about their Ethics Commission and best practices.

10. 298 Norwich Westerly Road Two Story Rental - Town Meeting

- a. First Selectman Urgo discussed the need for a town meeting and vote before renting out the two-story wing. Discussion followed, no action taken by the Board.
- b. First Selectman Urgo discussed an Education Center Subcommittee to aid in finding potential tenants of 298 Norwich Westerly Road. The Board will look to ask members of boards and committees about their interest in joining in the committee. A decision on the appointment of the committee will be made during the next regular Board of Selectmen Meeting.

11. COVID Update

a. First Selectman Urgo provided an update on the Ledge Light Health District Vaccination Clinic that will occur on February 12, 2021. Appointments for the clinic Friday filled quickly on Monday. Patience is the key word for the vaccination process. Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask and practice safe social distancing. Light Health District releases their upcoming vaccination clinics for the week on Monday mornings. For more information on LLHD vaccination process, reference llhd.org, Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS), and with your primary care office.

12. 2022 Budget Review

 a. Motion to provide a 2% increase in the First Selectman's salary by Selectwoman Kincaid, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 2-1-0 (First Selectman Urgo voted against).

13. Minutes

- a. January 12, 2021: motion to approve minutes as presented by Selectman Carlson, 2nd by First Selectman Urgo. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- b. January 13, 2021 Special Meeting: motion to approve minutes as presented by Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- c. February 3, 2021 Special Meeting: motion to approve minutes as presented by Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.

- 14. Public Comments on Agenda Items*
- 15. Executive Session Pending Litigation Tribal
 - a. Motion to enter executive session by First Selectman Urgo, 2^{nd} by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- 16. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 9:38 pm by First Selectman Urgo, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. 2-0-1 (Selectwoman Kincaid abstained).

*The Board of Selectmen respectfully requests that public comments do not exceed two (2) minutes per person in respect for everyone's time.