

Town of North Stonington Board of Selectmen Meeting Zoom Meeting June 8, 2021 6:00 PM

Public will be able to attend the meeting via Zoom with the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86851030489

Or via Zoom App-Enter Meeting ID: 868 5103 0489

Or listen only via telephone by calling 646 558 8656 and enter Meeting ID: 868 5103 0489

MINUTES

- 1. Call to order/Roll Call: 6pm, First Selectman Urgo, Selectman Carlson, Selectwoman Kincaid and Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias in attendance.
 - a. Motion by Selectman Carlson to add item "Update Regarding Solar Project on Route 184, 2nd by First Selectman Urgo. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- 2. Solar Project Route 184 Update
 - a. First Selectman Urgo, Planning & Zoning Officer Juliet Hodge and Town attorney attended the evidentiary period for the solar project. Juliet Hodge provided an update regarding the evidentiary period, the public comment period and 30-day window for written testimony to be accepted by the Siting Council. The evidentiary session will continue, information regarding the continued session will be announced June 9, 2021.
- 3. Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items*
- 4. Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center Social Services North Stonington Hours
 - a. First Selectman Urgo provided an update on Social Services provided by the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center (PNC). A staff member from PNC will be available at the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 9am 4pm and can provide assistance with food insecurity, rental and mortgage assistance, fuel and energy assistance, SNAP benefits, WIC benefits, transportation issues, senior concerns and activities, and social issues. A reoccurring Facebook event will be created as well as a press release for the newspapers.
- 5. Discussion of Negotiation 298 Norwich Westerly Road
 - a. The RFP closed on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 1pm. Selectman Carlson will be leading negotiations and will provide an update during the next meeting. After negotiations, the lease will go to a Town Meeting.
- 6. NSVFC Carryover Funds Discussion

a. The board discussed the request from the North Stonington Volunteer Fire Company. The Board of Selectmen requested that the NSVFC would go through the process of additional appropriation.

7. Recap of All Boards and Commissions American Rescue Fund Discussion

a. The board discussed the meeting and feedback received both during and after the meeting of all boards and commissions. Discussion of the American Rescue Fund will continue.

8. Town Meeting and Referendum Advertising

a. The board discussed mailers, the newspapers as well as banners and signs. A special meeting to continue discussing Town Meeting mailers and advertising.

9. Call for Town Meeting

- a. The board discussed moving the budget to a Town Meeting. Those interested in attending can do so either virtually or in-person. Pre-registration is required for those interested in attending virtually and must register by Noon on Monday, May 10, 2021.
- b. First Selectman Urgo read aloud the Call for Town Meeting; please see the attachment for the full call. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the call as read, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.

10. Setting of Mill Rate Discussion and/or Action

- a. The board discussed the Mill Rate for the Town.
- b. Motion by Selectman Carlson to set the Mill Rate at 28.6 Mills, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.

11. Treasury Authorization Coronavirus Funds

- a. The board discussed the Treasury Authorization Coronavirus Funds, in order for dispersal of funds; a signature from the CEO of the Town is required to accept the funds. Approval of the funds will also be brought to a future Town Meeting for approval.
- Motion by Selectman Carlson to give the authority to the First Selectman to accept Treasury Authorization Coronavirus Funds, 2nd by Selectman Urgo.
 Motion approved 3-0-0.

12. Tax Refunds

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

Naccarato, Pamela \$229.46 VCFS Auto Leasing Co \$270.89

- 13. Selectman's Expense Line Discussion
 - a. There was no discussion.
- 14. Additional Appropriation Request
 - a. Motion by Selectwoman Kincaid to approve the additional appropriation request and send it to the Board of Finance, 2nd by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- 15. Discussion of Future Town Meeting
 - a. The board discussed holding a special meeting after the Board of Finance meets to call for a Town Meeting after the referendum for the upcoming Town Meeting.

16. Minutes

- a. March 23, 2021 Special Meeting
 - i. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve minutes as presented, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- b. May 25, 2021
 - i. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve minutes as presented, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- c. May 28, 2021 Special Meeting
 - Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve minutes as presented, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- 17. Public Comments on Agenda Items*
- 18. Adjournment
 - a. Motion by Selectman Carlson to adjourn at 7:29pm, 2nd by Selectwoman Kincaid. 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



Town of North Stonington North Stonington, Connecticut

Warning is hereby given to the electors and those entitled to vote at town meetings of the Town of North Stonington that a Special Town Meeting shall be held at the following location on the date and time indicated for the purposes of transacting the business set forth below:

Location:

North Stonington Education Center Media Center, 298 Norwich Westerly Road &

via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN -cDjmVw8R7S6wgbb571QNg

Webinar ID: 852 2638 6647

Date:

June 15, 2021

Time:

7 PM

For the purpose of verifying registered voters, those wishing to attend the meeting online and vote online will need to pre-register through the link provided by 12pm on June 15. Those who have the capability for online access are encouraged to attend virtually. In person attendance will be available following COVID-19 guidelines.

- Shall the Town of North Stonington approve the estimates and recommendations of the Board of Finance with respect to the Annual Budget including General Government Operating: \$5,177,407; Redemption of Debt: \$1,382,949; and Capital: \$242,753; for fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, in the total amount of \$6,803,109?
- 2. Shall the Town of North Stonington approve the estimates and recommendations of the Board of Finance with respect to the annual Board of Education budget for fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$14,278,721?

Notice of Referendum

Resolved, the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to its authority under Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-7, hereby removes the questions to be considered at the June 15, 2021 Special Town Meeting cited in the prior resolution, to a referendum to be held on June 28, 2021, the hours for voting at said referendum shall be established by vote at the June 15, 2021 Town Meeting, said hours are recommended by the Board of Selectmen to be 6:00am-8:00pm.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert A. Carlson

Michael A. Urgo

Nita B. Kincaid