



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Zoom Meeting
September 8, 2020
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: 6:00pm First Selectman Mike Uργο, Selectman Bob Carlson and Selectman Nita Kincaid in attendance with Christine Dias, Administration & Finance Officer.
2. Public Comments on non-agenda items*
Motion by Selectman Kincaid to add agenda item 12A to discuss the voting procedures for Monday, September 14, 2nd by Selectman Carlson, motion approved 3-0-0
3. Center for Emergency Services project closeout
 - a. A letter from committee chair Carl Johnston was read for the record. The project cost \$6,249,005.73 overall and \$23,809.77 will be sent to USDA toward the principal.
 - b. Motion by Selectman Carlson to accept the information as presented and closeout the project, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid. Discussion followed. Motion approved 3-0-0
4. NSVFC funding distribution discussion
 - a. The Board of Selectmen received a letter from the North Stonington Volunteer Fire Company to change the way the funds are distributed. The funds are currently distributed quarterly, the request is to distribute bi-annually. Selectman Carlson recommended we wait to make the change in FY2021/2022 budget cycle. First Selectman Uργο will draft a letter in response.
5. Equality and Inclusion conversation update
 - a. Following the panel discussion held in August, a survey was sent out to see what steps to take next. The panelists have agreed that the video of the original conversation can be shared on the Town YouTube page. The Board of Selectmen discussed the potential of having another virtual conversation.
6. Ledge Light Health District: Public Health Emergency & Resolution - Racism

- a. Jen Muggeo from Ledge Light Health District attended the meeting to discuss the issue of racism as part of the Health Improvement Collaborative of Southeastern Connecticut. A Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan was developed in fall 2019. The impacts of systemic racism was identified as one of the main issues from this assessment and is being addressed by the plan. A resolution was drafted to identify racism as a public health crisis affecting the Town of North Stonington. Discussion followed. The Board of Selectmen discussed bringing the resolution into the next panel on equality and inclusion.
7. EEE update
 - a. First Selectman Uργο provided an update on the EEE. One pool has been found in Stonington a few weeks ago, but no new positive tests have been found.
8. Village concerns discussion
 - a. Gary Annino sent a survey to the residents in the village regarding safety and speeding in the village. The survey results were sent to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen will hold a joint meeting with the Historic Village Improvement Committee to discuss the results of the survey.
9. Route 2 Sidewalks discussion
 - a. First Selectman Uργο discussed the idea of putting sidewalks on one side of Route 2 and pursuing the idea with CT DOT. He envisions sidewalks from the rotary to Holly Green. The Board of Selectmen are in agreement to explore the feasibility with the state.
10. John Dean Gallup House feasibility study RFQ
 - a. The Town has been awarded a grant through the State Historic Preservation Office for a conditions assessment and feasibility study for the John Dean Gallup House. This will review the potential uses of the building to help determine what entity will go into the house when the Town rents it out.
 - b. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the RFQ as presented, 2nd by First Selectman Uργο. Discussion followed. Motion approved 3-0-0
11. Current Ethics Policy discussion
 - a. A member of the Board of Finance has brought up the town Ethics policy on multiple occasions. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the current ethics policy. Discussion followed. Selectman Carlson will do research on what other towns have in place and report back at the next meeting.

12. Town success metrics discussion

- a. The town leadership team meets weekly and has discussed what success looks like for the town. First Selectman Uργο talked about wanting to do a survey to look at priorities for the budget and planning to align with what we define as success for the town.

13. Referendum Vote - September 14

- a. The Board of Selectmen discussed the details for the referendum vote on Monday. The vote will be held on Monday, September 14 from 12-8pm at the North Stonington Education Center, 298 Norwich Westerly Road.

14. Minutes

- a. August 21, 2020 Special Meeting: Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by First Selectman Uργο, motion approved 3-0-0
- b. August 25, 2020: Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid, motion approved 3-0-0
- c. August 31, 2020 Special Meeting: Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the minutes at presented, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid, motion approved 3-0-0

15. Adjournment: Motion by Selectman Carlson to adjourn at 7:35pm, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid, 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: 815 5331 1190.

*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,
Christine Dias