

North Stonington Board of Finance Meeting - Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 27, 2020
North Stonington Zoom Meeting @7:00pm
North Stonington, CT

1. **Call to Order:** 7:01pm, Members present: Chairman Dan Spring, Dan Smith, Paul Simonds, Carolyn Howell, Anne Akin, Michael Anderson Absent: Chris Hundt
2. **Emergency Management Services: Chief Charles A. Steinhart V:**
A question and answer session between the BoF and the NS Fire Chief. A number of points were brought up.
 - a) Issue first brought up in 1993, and then went dormant. In 2012 attended statewide seminar to increase recruitment. Issue brought forward again in 2018, 2019, and this year.
 - b) Majority of calls are daytime calls. On average 6 volunteers show up to calls during the day. Of those 6 at least 2 are senior members (40+ yrs of service) and not all are certified at all levels.
 - c) Per Diems will be firefighter/EMT trained. Most likely will be off duty firefighters from nearby towns.
 - d) Cost will be for time and uniforms only.
 - e) Response time is expected to decrease by 2-4 minutes with Per Diems.
3. **BoF Alternate Vacancy & Applicant Reviews:** 4 applicants for position. Discussion covered town attorney's rendering that strongly recommends filling position with non-republican candidate as well as Town Clerk/Secretary of State's rendering that with only 2 alternates there is no minority representation violation if both are republican.

Paul Simonds nominates Brett Mastroianni to fill the vacant alternate position on the Board of Finance. 2nd Dan Smith. Discussion of candidates follows.
Mike Anderson would nominate Sarah Nelson to fill the vacant alternate position on the Board of Finance but thinks we should have the candidates in to vet.

Nomination by Paul Simonds to have Brett Mastroianni fill the vacant alternate position on the Board of Finance. 2nd Dan Smith.
Vote: 4/2/0 Brett is seated as an alternate on the Board of Finance.

4. **Previous Minutes:**
06May2020- no changes needed
20May2020 Special Meeting- no changes needed
20May2020 Regular Meeting- spelling correction, agenda item 3 "therefor".
Clarification in agenda item 9 comments by Shawn Murphy, 0.85mil rate is Shawn Murphy's estimate, number not provided by BoF. Clarification in agenda item 3b,

motion was tabled at 06May2020 meeting and was brought forward again at 20May2020 meeting and voted on.

Motion by Chairman Dan Spring to approve the minutes as amended. 2nd Dan Smith
Vote: 6/0/0 Motion passes

5. **Public Comment:**

- a) Beth Cooper Vetolino- Disappointed that we didn't talk to the other candidates for the BoF vacancy. A fresh view would be nice, have watched the board be stuck in discussion for the last 4 weeks. Disappointed we didn't even give them a chance to speak.
- b) Joe Cassata- Why did we waste the Fire Chief's time if we weren't going to consider adding Per Diem firefighters? It wasn't put into the selectmen's budget, we're not addressing it, why aren't we funding it?

6. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 8:48pm by Chairman Dan Spring, 2nd by Dan Smith. Approved 6/0/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Akin
BoF Secretary