



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Meeting
North Stonington New Town Hall Conference Room
August 27, 2019
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:02pm, First Selectman Mike Urgo, Selectman Bob Carlson, and Selectman Nita Kincaid in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments and Questions

Motion by First Selectman Urgo to add agenda item A) EEE update, 10) Farmer's Market Discussion Update, 11) Greater Village Community Conversation update, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid, Approved 3-0-0

A) EEE update: First Selectman Urgo gave an update on the recent findings of EEE in North Stonington, Stonington and Voluntown. A conference call was held today. Recreation programming will end at 6:30pm and communication went out to the townspeople.

1. Ongoing Staffing Review: Tax Collector

- a. Tax Collector was changed from a full time to part time position last fall. The position is currently working 30 hours/week during tax collection months and 25 hours during non-collection months. A discussion was held that more hours will be worked in July & January than had been discussed and will be balanced out on off months.

2. Land Acquisition Fund Ordinance review

- a. First Selectman Urgo presented the ordinance that was approved at the last Board of Selectmen Meeting. The ordinance will move to town meeting for approval.

3. Avalonia Investment discussion and/or action

- a. First Selectman Urgo began discussion on the Avalonia investment as tabled from the May 2019 Town Meeting. Bill Ricker, chair of the Conservation Commission, read a letter to the Selectmen requesting support for the investment. Sue Sutherland, member of Avalonia Land Conservancy, attended the meeting to present information on the property on Puttker Road. Discussion followed. Motion by First Selectman Urgo to move the land

acquisition fund ordinance and Avalonia investment forward to Town Meeting, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid. Approved 3-0-0.

4. 119 Clarks Falls Road RFP

- a. First Selectman Uργο reviewed the status of the school house at 119 Clarks Falls Road. The Town is looking to put out a request for proposals for someone to purchase the structure and move it off the grounds. Motion by First Selectman Uργο to move forward on advertising the RFP for 119 Clarks Falls Road, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid. Approved 3-0-0

5. Assekonk Swamp Update: First Selectman Uργο provided an update that occurred in the Kingswood & Meadowwood area of town as a result of blockage at the dam in the Assekonk Swamp.

6. Boombridge Road bridge update: First Selectman Uργο reported that the project will go out to bid the third week of September for construction in Spring 2020.

7. Bridge at 49/216 update: The bridge reopened as of Thursday, August 22. Painting still needs to be done to finish the bridge.

8. FY2019/20 Deobligation of Funds

- a. Motion by Selectman Kincaid to deobligate the funds as listed, 2nd by Selectman Carlson, Approved 3-0-0

9. Minutes

- a. August 13, 2019 Special Meeting: Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid, Approved 3-0-0
- b. August 13, 2019 Regular Meeting: Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, 2nd by Selectman Kincaid, Approved 3-0-0

10. Farmer's Market Discussion update: A meeting was held Monday to talk about a pop-up farmer's market. Dates discussed were October 3 & 4 from 3:30-6:30pm at the Rec Center. The group will get feedback from vendors to see which date is better.

11. Greater Village Community Conversation: Meeting will be September 7 from 9am-11am. Juliet Hodge will lead the event. It will be an opportunity for the townspeople to come together and provide their feedback.

Public Comments and Questions: Request from Margaret Leonard to use any money generated from the sale of the structure at 119 Clarks Fall Road to establish a revolving housing fund to secure affordable housing.

Adjournment: Motion by Selectman Kincaid to adjourn at 7:43pm, 2nd by First
Selectman Uργο.

Public Comments limited to 2 minutes on Agenda Items Only

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Dias