



**Town of North Stonington  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Zoom Meeting  
April 27, 2021  
6:00 PM**

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**MINUTES**

1. Call to order/Roll Call: 6pm, First Selectman Urgo, Selectwoman Kincaid, Selectman Carlson, Planning & Zoning Officer Juliet Hodge and Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias in attendance.
2. Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items\*
3. Solar Litigation and Scientific Testimony
  - a. First Selectman Urgo discussed the Planning & Zoning Officer Juliet Hodge provided an update on the solar project on New London Turnpike. Expert testimony is required by the Siting Council for the upcoming public hearing on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Robert Russo has provided a soil analysis and will likely attend the public hearing.
  - b. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the Selectman's Expenses in the amount up to \$2,500 for Solar Litigation and Scientific Testimony, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
4. 96 Button Road - Conservation Commission Discussion
  - a. Conservation Commission Chairman Bill Ricker discussed the current policy of monitoring for 96 Button Road and the suggested changes to the attorney general's wording through a Friendly Suit. The town attorney will review the changes and provide feedback before final submission to the attorney general.
  - b. Motion by First Selectman Urgo to approve the suggested changes as presented by the Conservation Commission as it relates to 96 Button Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 2-0-1 (Selectwoman Kincaid abstained).
5. SHPO Historic Restoration Fund Grant

- a. Planning & Zoning Officer Juliet Hodge provided an update on the resolution and two grants for the John Dean Gallup House. Discussion followed.
  - b. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the SHPO Historic Restoration Fund Grant as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
6. SHPO Survey and Planning Grant
  - a. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve the SHPO Survey and Planning Grant as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
7. 113 Pendleton Hill Road Well
  - a. First Selectman Urgo discussed the PWS Offer of Service Form to a New Water System/Water Company for 113 Pendleton Hill Road. Planning & Zoning Officer Juliet Hodge provided an explanation of the form as a formality due to the intended use of a well on the property.
  - b. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve a sign off on the form, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
8. Education Center Sub-Committee Update
  - a. Selectman Carlson provided an update from the Education Center Sub-Committee. The board discussed bringing to the Planning and Zoning Board a request to use the property as an educational facility.
  - b. Motion by Selectman Carlson to empower First Selectman Urgo to send a letter to Planning and Zoning requesting a change in the facility use, 2<sup>nd</sup> by First Selectman Urgo. Motion approved 3-0-0.
9. Tax Collector Vacancy Update
  - a. Motion by First Selectman Urgo to add agenda item "Tax Collector Vacancy Update", 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.
  - b. First Selectman Urgo provided an update regarding the vacant position of Tax Collector at Town Hall.
10. Traffic Commission Discussion Items
  - a. The Traffic Commission Sub-Committee made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the parking space on Miller Road and the tree on Legend Wood Road. Selectman Carlson requested an update on speed humps, it was requested that the Board of Selectmen bring the issue to the Traffic Commission Sub-Committee for further discussion.
11. FY2022 Budget Discussion
  - a. The Board of Selectmen discussed the budget and timeline.
12. Selectman's Expense Line Policy Discussion

- a. The Board of Selectmen discussed a draft policy regarding line item B1.06: Selectmen's Expenses. Future agendas will include a line item to discuss any purchases over \$100.
- b. Motion by Selectwoman Kincaid to approve the policy with the amendment that mileage is an exception to the rule, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 3-0-0.

#### 13. 2020 State DERA Grant Extension

- a. First Selectman Uργο provided an update regarding the submitted extension request for the 2020 DERA Grant Extension. DEEP approved an extension until next year, 2022.

#### 14. Tax Relief Program Discussion

- a. The Board of Selectmen discussed potential tax relief programs for the elderly and disabled as suggested by the Board of Finance. The board looks to continue discussions and asks that the Town's Assessor Darryl DelGrosso is in attendance at the next regular Board of Selectmen meeting to further explain impacts on taxpayers.

#### 15. Future Special Meeting Date Discussion

- a. The Board of Selectmen will hold a special meeting to call for a Town Meeting regarding the budget once it is moved forward by the Board of Finance.

#### 16. Minutes

- a. March 23, 2021 Meeting
  - i. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- b. March 26, 2021 Special Meeting
  - i. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- c. April 1, 2021 Special Meeting
  - i. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectwoman Kincaid. Motion approved 3-0-0.
- d. April 6, 2021 Special Meeting
  - i. Motion by Selectman Carlson to approve minutes as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by First Selectman Uργο. Motion approved 3-0-0.

#### 17. Public Comments on Agenda Items\*

#### 18. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Selectman Carlson to adjourn at 7:58 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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