

Town of North Stonington Board of Selectmen Meeting North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting January 24, 2023 6:30 PM

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Link to 1/24/23 Meeting Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gi2hxYwarY

MINUTES

- 1. Call to order/Roll Call: Call to order at 6:30pm. First Selectman Bob Carlson, Selectman Nicole Porter, and Selectman Brett Mastroianni in attendance with Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items*
- 4. **Selectman Comments:** None
- 5. First Selectman Report/Correspondence: None Lou Steinbrecher Recognition: First Selectman Carlson honored Lou Steinbrecher. Fire Chief Steinhart recognized Ethan Emert. State Senator Heather Somers and State Representative Greg Howard also recognized both individuals.

6. Old Business

- **a. Demolition of One Story 298 Norwich Westerly Road:** The wall is under construction. This project will be completed at the end of March/early April.
- **b. Vacancies & Appointments:** There are no appointments. There is one application to fill a vacancy for WPCA.

- c. Tax Relief Committee: The Tax Relief Committee is currently meeting. The Tax Relief Committee voted to meet Monday nights at 6pm. The meetings will be hybrid. The Tax Relief Committee will dissolve March 10th.
- **d. ARPA Funds Update and Discussion:** Motion to deobligate \$11,150 from the "North Stonington Works!" Employer Hiring Bonus Grant Program and send it back to the pool of covid money by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. Three businesses received grants and \$3,850 was spent out of the \$15,000.
- e. Plan of Conservation & Development Update: Neighborhood and Focus Group meetings are coming up. A mailer with more information will be sent out to residents.
- 7. Capital Plan Review: Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias presented updates and answers to questions from the last BOS meeting. The North Stonington Volunteer Fire Company changed their ask from \$22,000 to \$11,000 for Rescue Gear. The North Stonington Ambulance Association quoted the Lucas Device for \$17,870 and Portable Radios for \$5,580. The BOS will defer conversations on Capital until after they receive presentations from the departments.
- **8. FY2024 Budget:** The grand list increased by \$380,126. Discussion followed. The Board of Selectmen is not making changes until hearing budget presentations. More discussion to come.

9. Minutes

a. January 10, 2023 Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

10. Public Comments*

- **11. Next Meeting:** February 1, 2023 (Board of Finance joint meeting)
- **12. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 9:10pm by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; 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, Ivanna Hugo