



**Town of North Stonington  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting  
February 8, 2022  
6:30 PM**

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## **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**
5. **First Selectman Report/Correspondence:** The town signed an agreement for a lower electric rate for 8 months with Titan Energy today. Beginning February 14<sup>th</sup>, wearing a mask at Town Hall will become optional. Motion to end the mask mandate at Town Hall by Selectman Mastroianni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
6. **Old Business**
  - a. **BOS Meeting Liaisons to Boards and Commissions:** The BOS divided up meetings amongst themselves to attend for the town's boards and commissions.
  - b. **Recreation capital and nonrecurring expense fund/ordinance change:** Selectman Mastroianni explained that there is a state statute that allows the town to create a fund for the Recreation Commission to use whether it's through

donations, capital campaigns, or line items in the budget. This allows the Recreation Commission to use this money for any projects or nonrecurring capital that they desire. Selectman Mastroianni and Christine Dias will work on drafting an ordinance for this.

- 7. FY2023 Budget:** The BOS reviewed the budget. For line B20.06 (Employee Benefits/Pension), the total can be reduced by \$600 to equal \$146,400 since the NSVFC is getting their own Employee Assistance Program. For line B15.00 (Operating Expenses), the line can be dropped by \$2,000 for a total of \$4,900. The EDC will be using in house IT. For line B26.04 (State Troopers), the line was reduced by \$20,000 to equal \$30,000. For line B34.00 (Land Use Attorney), the line was reduced by \$2,500 to equal \$10,000. For line B34.01 (Land Use Office Expense), the line was reduced by \$1,000 to equal \$3,500. For line C3.15 (Land Acquisition Fund), the line was reduced by \$5,000 to equal \$5,000. For line B23.03 (Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center), the line was reduced by \$10,000 to equal \$30,000. For line B23.06 (Women’s Center/Safe Futures), the line was reduced by \$250 to equal \$2,250. For line B23.07 (Frank Olean Ctr/Comm Vocational), the line was reduced by \$250 to equal \$1,750. For line B23.10 (TVCCA), the line was reduced by \$400 to equal \$1,250. For line B23.13 (Always Home-Mystic Area Shelter), the line was reduced by \$250 to equal \$1,750. For line B23.17 (United Community & Family Services), the line was reduced by \$5,000 to equal \$3,564.
- 8. NSVFC ESO Funding:** Motion by Selectman Porter to send the request of using \$7500 out of ARPA funding for the ESO software and \$5000 for the United Community & Family Services to the BOF, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
- 9. Minutes**

  - a. December 28, 2021 Special Meeting:** Motion by Selectman Porter to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.
  - b. January 25, 2022 Special Meeting:** Motion by Selectman Porter to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

- c. **January 25, 2022:** Motion by Selectman Porter to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

**10. Public Comments\***

**11. Next Meeting: February 16, 2022 7pm – Joint Board of Finance meeting**

- 12. Adjournment:** Motion by Selectman Mastroianni to adjourn at 9:00pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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