



**Town of North Stonington  
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting  
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting  
February 24, 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:** Selectman Porter attended the Cultural Coalition Meeting. The Cultural Coalition discussed the possibility of purchasing a portable stage with ARPA funding. Selectman Mastroianni reported that the Farmer's Market is moving forward and is now accepting applications.
5. **First Selectman Report/Correspondence:** First Selectman Carlson reported on the active shooter training that took place this week at 298 Norwich-Westerly Road. First Selectman Carlson also had a meeting with Stand Up for Animals this past week. Additionally, First Selectman Carlson provided an update on the Affordable Housing Meeting he attended. Lastly, First Selectman Carlson went to the Connecticut State Police-Troup E meeting this week. There will be a meeting with Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation next week.

## 6. Old Business

- a. **Recreation capital and nonrecurring expense fund:** Selectman Mastroianni presented a draft ordinance. A change was made to the draft that expenditures should not exceed \$20,000. Selectman Mastroianni motioned to put forward to town meeting the ordinance as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

## 7. FY2023 Budget:

- The Board of Selectmen reviewed the FY2023 Budget and made the following changes:
- For line A3.05 (Tuition Reimbursement), the proposed revenue increased from \$57,165 to \$114,330.
- For line A4.02 (Building Official), the proposed budget increased from \$85,000 to \$95,000.
- For line B6.03 (Computer Expense-Tax Collector), the proposed budget decreased from \$10,000 to \$8,000.
- For line B15.02 (Economic Development Coordinator), the proposed budget decreased from \$7,500 to \$6,000.
- For line B22.06 (North Stonington Education Center Operating), the proposed budget decreased from \$100,000 to \$85,000.
- For line B25.02 (IT Services-Digitized Maintenance), the proposed budget increased from \$38,225 to \$40,720.
- For line B27.03 (Town Garage Expenses), the proposed budget decreased from \$24,000 to \$22,000.
- For line B27.05 (Street Lights), the proposed budget decreased from \$12,000 to \$10,000.
- For line B27.07 (Diesel & Gas), the proposed budget increased from \$54,000 to \$56,000.
- For line B27.11 (Public Works-Town Property Maintenance Labor), the proposed budget decreased from \$10,000 to \$8,000.

- For line B30.03 (Wheeler Library), First Selectman Carlson and Selectman Porter proposed to drop the total budget of \$85,000 to \$75,000. Selectman Mastroianni proposed to decrease the total budget to \$71,500. The new proposed budget for line B30.03 (Wheeler Library) is \$75,000.
  - For line B34.01 (Land Use Department-Office Expense), the total proposed budget decreased from \$3,500 to \$2,000.
  - For line B34.052 (Land Use Department-Misc./Planning), the total proposed budget decreased from \$5,000 to \$2,500.
  - Under Capital Expenditures, Line C2.03 (Mack Truck Replacement), the title for the line item will be replaced with Walking Floor Trailer. The proposed budget for line C2.03 (Walking Floor Trailer), decreased from \$120,000 to \$92,000.
  - For line C3.15 (Land Acquisition Fund), the proposed capital expenditure decreased from \$5,000 to \$2,000.
  - For line C3.04 (Town Building Maintenance), the proposed capital decreased from \$30,000 to \$20,000.
  - Motion to send the proposed budget of Govt Operating (\$5,323,751), Debt (\$1,382,949), and Capital (\$504,655) to the BOF by Selectman Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
- 8. ARPA Funding:** Motion to move the \$1,000,000 of ARPA funds to lost revenue to be used for demolition of the one-story wing of 298 Norwich-Westerly Rd by Selectman Mastroianni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Porter, motion approved 3-0-0.
- 9. Appointments:** There are two appointments for the Cemetery Commission and one appointment for the Tree Warden position. Motion to appoint Donna Brandelli and Rachel White to the Cemetery Commission by Selectman Mastroianni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. Motion to appoint Alan Ladd as the new Tree Warden by Selectman Mastroianni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
- 10. Minutes**
- a. February 8, 2022:** Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.

**b. February 16, 2022:** Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.

**11. Public Comments\***

**12. Next Meeting:** March 8, 2022- 6:30pm

**13. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 9:12pm by Selectman Mastroianni, 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