



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Meeting
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
February 28, 2023
6:30 PM**

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Link to 2/28/23 Meeting Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxWxYJ3TRxc>

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 Mastroianni read an email he received.
5. **First Selectman Report/Correspondence:** First Selectman Carlson provided a testimony this week for a Trust Land bill for Indian Affairs. This Friday, First Selectman Carlson will be testifying on a solar bill in Hartford.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Demolition of One Story 298 Norwich Westerly Road:** The one-story building at 298 Norwich Westerly Road is completely down. A new wall is under construction.
 - b. **Vacancies & Appointments:** Motion to appoint Robert Snelgrove to the Water Pollution Control Authority by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

- c. ARPA Funds Update and Discussion:** The BOS received an updated list of where the Town stands with ARPA Funds.
 - d. Plan of Conservation & Development Update:** There is one Focus Group left to meet for the Plan of Conservation & Development. The Neighborhood Meetings are about to start.
- 7. Transfer Station & Bulky Waste Fee Discussion:** The BOS discussed the Transfer Station and Bulky Waste Fee. The Town is still deciding on whether to use scales or go by truck load for bulky waste fees. Transfer Station Sticker fees will help offset the bulky waste removal fee. Logistics for the Transfer Station Stickers are still being discussed. Discussion to continue in the future BOS meetings.
- 8. FY2024 Budget Discussion:**
- For Revenue- Motion to add \$10,000 to Line Item A5.02 (Bulky Waste Fees) by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
 - Motion to increase Line Item B1.13 (Admin & Finance Officer) by 10% to \$88,194, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
 - Motion to increase Line Item B1.04 (Accounting Generalist) by 5% to \$65,664 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
 - Motion to increase Line Item B10.00 (Town Clerk) by 10% to \$57,917 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.
 - Motion to take \$75,000 in Line Item C3.53 (NSVFC Ladder Truck) and put that towards NSVFC Rescue Truck Refurb and change Line Item C3.53 from “NSVFC Ladder Truck” to “NSVFC Rescue Truck Refurb” by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
 - Motion to decrease Line Item C3.54 (NSVFC Service Truck) from \$45,000 to \$25,000 by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

- Motion to decrease Line Item B30.03 (Wheeler Library) from the \$120,000 ask to \$110,000 by Selectman Porter, no 2nd. Motion to increase Line Item B30.03 (Wheeler Library) from \$65,000 to \$100,000 by First Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni, motion approved 2-1-0. Motion approved by First Selectman Carlson and Selectman Mastroianni and opposed by Selectman Porter.
- Motion to decrease Line Item B26.12 (NSAA- Ambulance Association) from \$250,000 to \$225,000 by First Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
- Motion to increase Line Item B23.03 (Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center) by \$2,500 from \$30,000 to \$32,500 by First Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
- Motion to increase Line Item B23.17 (United Comm & Family Services) by \$436 from \$3,564 to \$4,000 by First Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
- Motion to remove the \$75 increases for Line Items B1.01 (Second Selectman) and B1.02 (Third Selectman) by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
- Motion to increase Line Items B21.00 (Registrar of Voters #1) and B21.01 (Registrar of Voters #2) by \$500 each with the total amounts increasing from \$6,928 to \$7,428 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson, motion approved 3-0-0.
- The Government Operating Expense is increased by \$254,447 for a total of \$5,573,808. Capital is increased by \$131,765 for a total of \$540,420. This does not include the BOE Budget.
- Motion to send the budget as presented to the Board of Finance by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

9. Tax Refunds: Motion to approve the Tax Refunds for the total amount of \$2,369.73 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.

- CCAP Auto Lease LTD - \$456.97

- Vault Trust - \$143.66
- Corelogic - \$1,591.89
- Guay, Gabriel A. - \$14.30
- Schwer Karin Trustee - \$61.73
- Gross, Joseph J, Estate Of - \$91.18
- Trebisacci Law Assoc. LLC - \$10.00

10. Minutes

- February 7, 2023 Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
- February 15, 2023 Special Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

11. Public Comments*

12. Next Meeting: March 14, 2023

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:36pm 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