



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Meeting
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
March 14, 2023
6:30 PM**

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Link to 3/14/23 Meeting Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WiZtw_V-mgE

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 asked if the capital process can be discussed at future meetings. Motion to add "Use of Grant Writer" to the Agenda as "10.A" by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
5. **First Selectman Report/Correspondence:** The new tenant (North Stonington Early Learning Center) signed the lease today for the two-story wing at 298 Norwich Westerly Rd. The tenant will occupy the first floor for now and hopefully will occupy the second floor in the future.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Demolition of One Story 298 Norwich Westerly Road:** The building is down, and the demolition is finished. Remaining projects include the building of the wall and hydroseeding. There will be a Community

Conversation most likely in June to discuss how the Town wants to repurpose the property. First Selectman Carlson and the owner of Bestech have a difference in opinion for what the remaining balance of the project should be. First Selectman will give an update on their decision at a future meeting.

- b. Vacancies & Appointments:** Motion to appoint Peggy Merck to the Economic Development Commission by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
 - c. ARPA Funds Update and Discussion:** None
 - d. Plan of Conservation & Development Update:** The POCD Neighborhood Meetings are taking place currently.
- 7. Transfer Station Operations Discussion:** North Stonington's Assistant Highway Foreman and Tree Warden, Alan Ladd, presented to the BOS on alternate options for Transfer Station equipment. Discussion followed.
- 8. Bottle Bill Funds Discussion:** North Stonington's Administration & Finance Officer, Christine Dias, presented options on how the Bottle Bill Funds can be used. The BOS would like to gather more information and will decide on how to use the funds at their next meeting.
- 9. Ordinance Changes:** Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias briefly explained ordinances that the BOS wanted to review. Selectman Mastroianni is in favor of the Town issuing a one-day permit for alcohol consumption on town property with proper insurance for weddings and special events. The BOS will discuss this idea at a future meeting. There are two ordinances for Peddlers/Solicitors. Christine would like to remove duplicate wording and condense it down into one ordinance. The Tax Collector would also like an ordinance changed. The BOS decided to move the review of these ordinances to a future meeting.
- 10. Tax Refunds:** Motion to approve the tax refunds for the total amount of \$1,965.49 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

- Bevza & Brennan LLC- \$12.90
- Charter Oak Fed CU- \$640.27
- Chelsea Groton Bank- \$726.90
- Hughes, Nicholas R.- \$327.89
- Hughes, Jaime L.- \$185.21
- Johnson Wilfred Albro Wood Frances Johnson- \$7.18
- Lamperelli, Patricia V.- \$65.14

10A. Use of Grant Writer: Motion to allow the Town's Grant Writer to assist any nonprofit or entity that comes out of the Town's budget that the Town funds at least \$75,000 or more based on the approval of the BOS by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson. Motion to amend the original motion to say with approval of the BOS or First Selectman depending on how quickly the grant needs to be completed, as well as change \$75,000 to \$50,000 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.

11. Minutes

- a. February 28, 2023 Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

12. Public Comments*

13. Next Meeting: March 28, 2023

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:18pm by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; 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