

Town of North Stonington Board of Selectmen Special Meeting North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting April 18, 2023 6:30 PM

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Or via Zoom App-Enter Meeting ID: 826 8387 0795 Passcode: 600512 Or listen only via telephone by calling 646 558 8656 and enter Meeting ID: 826 8387 0795

Link to 4/18/23 Meeting Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76cl1LtURXE

MINUTES

- Call to order/Roll Call: Call to order at 6:30pm. First Selectman Bob Carlson and Selectman Nicole Porter in attendance with Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias. Selectman Mastroianni was not in attendance.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items*
- **4. Selectman Comments:** Selectman Porter asked about hydroseeding for the 298 Norwich Westerly Rd demolition project.
- 5. First Selectman Report/Correspondence: The North Stonington Lions Club is preparing for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 10:00am. The route will be the traditional route. Motion to approve the Lions Club's request to have the Memorial Day Parade by Selectman Porter, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 2-0. First Selectman Carlson received a letter from the Connecticut Municipal Animal Control Officers Association in which North Stonington's Animal Control Officer, Karcher Deshefy, and Assistant Animal Control Officer, Chelsea Wheeler, were both recognized for their hard work and dedication.
- 6. Old Business

- **a. Demolition of One Story 298 Norwich Westerly Road:** The BOS provided an update on where the project stands.
- b. Vacancies & Appointments: The new Planning, Development, and Zoning Official will start the position on April 24th.
- **c. ARPA Funds Update and Discussion:** As of right now, there is still money leftover from the 298 Norwich Westerly Road demolition project. If that money is not used, it will then go back to the ARPA Funds. The use of those ARPA Funds would have to be decided on.
- d. Plan of Conservation & Development Update: There is one Plan of Conservation & Development Neighborhood Meeting remaining on April 24th. The POCD Survey has been posted for residents to fill out.
- 7. Cemetery Commission Presentation: The North Stonington Cemetery Commission's Treasurer, David Fede, presented on what the commission has been up to and what their future plans are. The Cemetery Commission is in the process of putting up grave markers for Veterans and there will be a spring cleanup for selected cemeteries.
- 8. Ordinance Changes: The Ordinance Changes will be in the packets for the Town Meeting. New ordinances include waiving a tax bill if the original bill is less than \$5. Another ordinance change is adding a \$5 administrative fee for releasing motor vehicle delinquencies through the Department of Motor Vehicles that the Tax Collector has to do. The next ordinance change is the CT Homeowners Program Local Option that the Tax Relief Committee presented. The last new ordinance change is the prohibition of cannabis use on Town property. Changes to existing ordinances include adding to the permit for soliciting orders or purchases for future delivery of goods. Another addition is the ability of the BOS to waive a requirement for a Peddlers License for special events, peddlers working in conjunction with event organizers, and are part of event organizers plan as long as there is a waiver granted to event organizers. Changes in fees for event permits.

Lastly, the removal of Chapter 15 for Peddlers and Solicitors since it is redundant information.

9. Town Meeting Discussion: First Selectman Carlson read the Town Meeting call. Discussion followed regarding the time of the meeting and the order of the questions.

10. Minutes

- **a.** March 28, 2023 Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 2-0.
- **b.** April 2, 2023 Special Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 2-0.

11. Public Comments*

- 12. Next Meeting: April 21, 2023 10:30am
- **13. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:14pm by Selectman Porter, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 2-0.

*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