



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Meeting
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
May 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 gave an update on Ledge Light Health District. Selectman Mastroianni would like to put the rental of the pavilion at Hewitt Farm as a future agenda item.
5. **First Selectman Report/Correspondence:** First Selectman Carlson discussed speed humps and signage for speed humps. This topic will be addressed again in the future. First Selectman Carlson will be meeting with Stonington's First Selectman and State Representative Greg Howard this week regarding sewers. Additionally, First Selectman Carlson will be meeting with Preston and Ledyard to talk about the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Eastern Pequot Tribe. Lastly, there is a road race in Town this weekend and a Memorial Day Parade on Monday.
6. **Old Business:**

- a. **Portable Stage Purchase:** Laura Tillinghast provided more information for the portable stage purchase. Motion by Selectman Mastroianni to use \$12,300 out of already designated ARPA funding for the Cultural Coalition to purchase the 16x20 stage providing there is space to store it, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
- b. **John Dean Gallup House Rental:** The John Dean Gallup House will be rented by a gentleman in the Coast Guard. This individual has no pets. “No pets” was not eliminated from the lease.

7. Future Town Meeting Discussion

- a. **Meeting Format:** The Town is currently paying for 3 zoom licenses and a webinar fee. The Town is using ARPA funds to pay for this. By changing Town meeting formats, the Town can eliminate the webinar fee. Motion to keep hybrid meetings in the future with the exception of voting only being allowed for those that attend in person by First Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
- b. **American Rescue Plan Funds: Small Business Program EDC:** Motion to send the American Rescue Plan Funds (\$100,000): Small Business Program EDC to the BOF by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
- c. **298 Norwich Westerly Road Lease:** In the packet, Section 1.1 (h) has a typo. \$525 per square foot needs to be changed to \$5.25 per square foot. Per statute, a Public Hearing must be held prior, and a Town Meeting Hearing will take place on June 7th at 7:30pm.
- d. **\$1,000,000 emergency authorization:** The BOS explained what the \$1,000,000 emergency authorization is. This authorization happens almost every year and will be done again this year.

- 8. **Additional Appropriation: Rec Commission:** More Rec programs were held this year. Moreover, there has been a large increase in participation for these Rec

programs. As a result, an additional appropriation for \$5,500 is being requested for program fees. This will be for line B16.01 (Program Expense) from the undesignated fund. Additionally, an appropriation for \$1,110 is being requested for line item B16.03 (Camp & Officials) from the undesignated fund. This amount for salaries will help fund the first 9 days of camp. Increases in minimum wage, a different structure for how camp is being run, more Camp Counselors, and a new Camp Assistant Director position are all contributing reasons for more money being needed in the salary line. Motion to bring the additional appropriation to the BOF by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.

- 9. Grant Policy Discussion:** The Town Administration is seeking approval of grants up to \$10,000. Discussion amongst the BOS followed. Motion to approve the grant policy and send it to the BOF by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
- 10. Appointments:** Motion to appoint Elaine Caldarone to the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild + Scenic Stewardship Council by First Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
- 11. Tax Refunds:** Motion to approve the tax refunds for \$378.96 for Philipp H Baumann Jr, \$604.18 for VCFS Auto Leasing Co, \$85.14 for Jason Tagg, and \$66.64 for Deborah Stedman by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0. The total for the tax refunds is \$1134.92.

12. Minutes

- a. May 10, 2022 Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
- b. May 16, 2022 Special meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

13. Public Comments*

14. Next Meeting: June 7th at 7:30pm

15. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:55pm by Selectman Porter, 2nd by First
Selectman Carlson; 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