



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Meeting
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
August 23, 2022
6:30 PM**

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Link to 8/23/22 Meeting Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8i5DhmqHT0>

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 stated that an upcoming Overdose Awareness Day will be held at Wheeler Library.
5. **First Selectman Report/Correspondence:** First Selectman Carlson informed everyone that the Town has a Highway position vacancy and Tax Collector position vacancy.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Demolition of One Story 298 Norwich Westerly Road:** The contractor started on August 15th. First Selectman Carlson stated that things are going smoothly, and the Clerk of the Works is fantastic.

- b. Shared Services:** Bill and Alycia from Central Office had a good meeting going over the accounting process with Susan and Christine from Town Hall.
 - c. Purchasing Policy:** The BOS discussed the Purchasing Policy. Ultimately, the BOS decided to table finalizing the policy until next meeting.
- 7. North Stonington Quarterly:** The Town was approached by a company wanting to produce a newsletter/quarterly for North Stonington. The company, First Selectman Carlson, Lisa Mazzella, and Nita Kincaid had a meeting about this via Zoom. First Selectman Carlson talked about the pros and cons of the company's version of the Quarterly. This Quarterly would be professionally done and in color. The Town would only have to pay for postage since there will be advertising in it. The Town is not responsible for the advertising piece. Lisa from the Quarterly also discussed the pros and cons. The company's Quarterly would save the Town \$6,000-\$7,000 a year. Lisa also mentioned the pictures would be in color. A con would be the timeline. All edited articles would have to be sent 6 weeks in advance of printing. With the Quarterly the Town has now, the content is fresh and current. First Selectman Carlson mentioned that the company could accept 2-3 updates within a week or two before printing. First Selectman Carlson also suggested maybe trying the new Quarterly for a year and seeing how the Town reacts to it. Discussion followed. Selectman Porter stated that she is not in favor of the company's new Quarterly. Selectman Mastroianni stated that he is in favor of the company's new Quarterly because the pros outweigh the cons. The BOS will discuss this topic again in a future meeting.
- 8. RFP Window Replacement at John Dean Gallup House:** The Town ordered windows for the John Dean Gallup House. The Town now needs the new windows to be installed. Motion to get the RFP out by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
- 9. Tax Relief community group:** The BOS discussed the idea of a small group working on this topic and bringing back their ideas to the BOS. The BOS will

regroup next meeting and talk more on this subject. First Selectman Carlson will check in with the Tax Assessor about any prior research done on tax relief.

10. Town Property on Wintechog Hill: The Town received a letter from a family expressing interest in purchasing town owned property on Wintechog Hill. Selectman Mastroianni made a motion to send the ask to Planning and Zoning for further review, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson. First Selectman Carlson and Selectman Mastroianni are in favor of sending it to Planning & Zoning for review. Motion approved 2-1-0. Selectman Porter is opposed.

11. Tax Refunds: Motion to approve tax refunds to Toyota Lease Trust in the total amount of \$316.20 by Selectman Porter, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.

12. Minutes

a. July 26, 2022 Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.

b. August 11, 2022 Special Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.

13. Public Comments*

14. Next Meeting: September 13, 2022

15. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:12pm 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