



**Town of North Stonington  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting  
December 13, 2022  
6:30 PM**

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**Link to 12/13/22 Meeting Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z24hD8wQW7I>

## **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 provided some ideas on how the Town could spend the funds from the Opioid Settlement. Possible ideas included purchasing Narcan for the North Stonington Ambulance Association, hosting opioid awareness preventions at Wheeler High School, and giving some of the money to the Stonington Institute. More research will be done by the BOS.
5. **First Selectman Report/Correspondence:** There will be an Agricultural Forum for farmers in the future. As of right now, Congressman Joe Courtney, State Senator Heather Somers, Paul Whitescarver from seCTer, State Representative Brian Lanoue, State Representative Greg Howard, the USDA, and the CT Farm Bureau will be in attendance. More information will be provided in the next coming weeks.

## 6. Old Business

- a. **Demolition of One Story 298 Norwich Westerly Road:** The RFP went out for the wall at 298 Norwich Westerly Road. The bids came back higher than expected. First Selectman Carlson wrote a letter to the president of Bestech to see if they can take care of the wall. First Selectman Carlson is waiting for a response.
- b. **Vacancies & Appointments:** Motion to appoint Rick Wood to the Hewitt Farm Committee by Selectman Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0. Motion to reappoint the 5 members and 2 alternates on the Hewitt Farm Committee by Selectman Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
- c. **ARPA Funds Update and Discussion:** The BOS reviewed a print out of where the Town stands with ARPA funds.
- d. **Plan of Conservation & Development Update:** First Selectman Carlson stated that the Plan of Conservation & Development is going well so far.

7. **Traffic Subcommittee Update:** First Selectman Carlson attended a Traffic Subcommittee meeting with Trooper McCarthy, Steven Sawyer, Highway Foreman Donald Hill, Assistant Highway Foreman Alan Ladd, and residents who live on Sleepy Hollow Road. Speeding is occurring and it is difficult for residents to pull out of their driveways. Brush was removed to see if that makes a difference in visibility.

8. **Accessible Trail:** The Conservation Commission would like to put in a handicap accessible trail in Town. There is a trail off Ravenwood Road and Kingswood Drive that can be used for this. First Selectman Carlson walked the trail with Chairman Bill Ricker and Highway Foreman Don Hill. First Selectman Carlson noted that there is not a trail for wheelchairs or strollers. Making a handicap accessible trail will make the Town more inclusive. First Selectman Carlson is looking at grants to fund this. First Selectman Carlson wrote a letter of support for the handicap accessible trail on behalf of the BOS. Motion to accept and sign the letter by Selectman Mastroianni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

**9. Tax Refunds:** Motion to approve the tax refunds of \$1,173.82 (\$215.65 for the Honda Lease Trust and \$693.92 and \$264.25 for Steven Congdon) by Selectman Mastroianni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

**10. Minutes**

**a. November 15, 2022 Special Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by First Selectman Carlson; motion approved 3-0-0.

**11. Public Comments\***

**12. Next Meeting:** January 10, 2023

**13. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:20pm by Selectman Mastroianni, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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