



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen Meeting
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
May 23, 2023
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 Mastroianni, and Selectman Nicole Porter in attendance with Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items***
4. **Selectman Comments:** Selectman Porter received an email asking if the Town could post an advertisement on the Town's website. The BOS will look into the Town's policies for what types of postings are allowed on the website. Selectman Mastroianni mentioned that Keeping North Stonington Affordable will be having a presentation on June 1st. KNSA will be presenting to the BOS on June 13th. Selectman Mastroianni also talked about the Farmers Market that was held on last Sunday.
5. **First Selectman Report/Correspondence:** First Selectman Carlson received an inquiry from a resident regarding when Transfer Station stickers are being sold. Another resident had a suggestion about how funds could be used from the Opioid Settlement Funds.
6. **Old Business**

- a. **Demolition of One Story 298 Norwich Westerly Road:** The hydroseed is in. The fire company came and sprayed the area once. A water cannon will be used over there next. Lastly, a cap will be going on top of the brick wall.
 - b. **Vacancies & Appointments:** Motion to appoint Emma Sutphen to the Sustainability Committee by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0. Motion to appoint Monica Dumont to the Conservation Commission by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. Motion to reappoint Cheryl Beickert and Wayne Coats to the Juvenile Review Board by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. Motion to increase the range of pay for the First Selectman's Administrative Assistant to \$16-\$18 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
 - c. **ARPA Funds Update and Discussion:** Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias gave an update on the Town's ARPA funds usage. \$1,227,953.20 has been spent. \$61,000 has not been allocated. Around \$33,000 is expected to come back from the EDC COVID Business Grants.
 - d. **Plan of Conservation & Development Update:** The POCD survey can still be completed. 126 surveys have been submitted so far. On June 24, 2023, there will be a visioning session for the Town. 10-11:30am will be used for the POCD. After a lunch break, the next session will be from 12-2pm for a Community Conversation and walking tour. Motion to approve the visioning session by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0. A mailer will be sent out with more information.
7. **Sustainability Committee Presentation:** This presentation will be given at a future BOS meeting.
8. **Community Conversation 298 Norwich Westerly Road property:** This topic was discussed during the POCD update.
9. **Lake of Isles Conservation Easement Discussion:** North Stonington's Conservation Commission has met. The Town's attorney is waiting to hear back from the Mashantucket Pequot's attorney. The Conservation Commission's

recommendations are as follows: 1. To stop all further timbering in the conservation area (which the Mashantucket Pequots have done). 2. The Conservation Commission would like the Mashantucket Pequots to pay for the Town's attorney fees. 3. Place alternative property into a conservation easement. 4. Replant disturbed areas with indigenous plantings. 5. Mashantucket Pequots to forfeit any money they received from timbering and put it into the Town's Land Acquisition Fund or Conservation initiatives. The Town is still waiting for additional information.

10. Use of Opioids Settlement Funds: The Town has \$17,374.60 in Opioid Settlement Funds. An additional payment of \$3,007.56 is coming in June or July. The BOS will think about how to spend this money.

11. Tax Refunds: Motion to approve the tax refunds for a total of \$10,573.93 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

- James Campo-\$22.70
- Anthony Castagno-\$60
- Dolgencorp LLS-\$16.66
- Mary Lawless-\$144.52; \$6,793.45; \$2,449.18
- Krystin Maine-\$143.90
- Patricia Tenant-\$929.62
- Dennis Walley & Kirsten Montgomery-\$13.90

Motion to approve the tax refunds for a total of \$180.43 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

- Timothy Beattie-\$25.07
- Giuseppe Cardillo-\$63.73
- Samuel Joslin-\$14.23
- Samuel Young-\$77.40

Motion to approve the tax refunds for a total of \$780.88 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

- CT Light & Power-\$415.27
- Justin & Michael Gray-\$327.18
- Michael Greene-\$21.64
- Petro Holdings-\$16.79

12. Minutes

- a. **April 18, 2023 Special Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2nd by First Selectman Carlson. Motion approved 2-0-1. Selectman Mastroianni abstained.
- b. **April 21, 2023 Special Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

13. Public Comments*

14. Executive Session: Personnel-Animal Control Officer: Motion to go into Executive Session with Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias and Animal Control Officer Karcher Deshefy by First Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

15. Next Meeting: June 13, 2023

16. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:55pm 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