Ordinance and Ordinance Amendment Adopted at the May 16, 2022 Town Referendum, as Presented at the May 2, 2022 Annual Town/Budget Meeting

AN ORDINANCE
CREATING A MUNICIPAL PARK AND RECREATION CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENSE FUND
FOR THE TOWN OF NORTH STONINGTON

Be it ordained by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of North Stonington

Section 1. Purpose

Pursuant to the provisions Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 97 Section 7-129a there is hereby established a special fund which shall be known as the Park and Recreation Capital and Non-Recurring Expense Fund.

Section 2. Deposit of Funds

There shall be deposited in said fund:

1. All monies received by the Town of North Stonington, from whatever source and by whatever means, as gifts for park or recreation purposes;

2. All monies received by the Town of North Stonington from whatever source and by whatever means, as governmental grants or loans for park or recreational purposes;

3. All monies received by the Town of North Stonington from the sale or voluntary or involuntary conveyance of land intended to be used for park or recreational purposes, and

4. All money appropriated to said fund by the Town of North Stonington.

Section 3. Custody of Fund

Said fund shall be in the custody of the Treasurer of the Town of North Stonington.

All or any part of the monies in said fund may, from time to time, be invested in any securities in which public funds may lawfully be invested. All income derived from such investments shall be paid into the fund and become a part thereof.

The monies so invested shall at all times be subject to withdrawal from such investment for use as provided in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

Annually, the Town Treasurer shall submit to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the legislative body of the Town a complete and detailed report of the condition of said fund, which report shall be made a part of the annual Town Report.

Section 4. Expenditure of Funds
(a) Upon authorization by the annual budget meeting of the Town or upon authorization by a special Town meeting of the Town, the monies in said fund may be used for capital and non-recurring expenditures incurred for any of the following:

1. Acquisition, development, improvement, maintenance and expansion of park and recreation lands;
2. Acquisition, erection, installation, maintenance, improvement, repair and replacement of park or recreation facilities and equipment;
3. Development, establishment and improvement of Park or recreation programs;
4. Any other capital or non-recurring expenditure incurred for park or recreational purposes.

(b) Upon Board of Selectmen authorization, gifted monies that have been received for a specific purpose may be expended directly from this fund, in accordance with the purpose in which the funds were gifted. Such expenditures shall not cumulatively exceed $20,000 in a fiscal year.

No budget proposed or approved or appropriation made for park or recreational purposes in the Town shall be reduced, proportionately or otherwise, in consideration of any monies in said fund.

Section 5. Severability

If any section, or part of a section, of this Ordinance shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such holding shall not be deemed to invalidate the remaining provisions hereof.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication in local newspaper.

Ordinance Revision

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 14-1. Recreation Commission.

(c) Expenditure monies. The Recreation Commission may expend monies budgeted to it in each current Town Budget for the purposes stated in this article. Any monies paid to or collected by the Recreation Commission for activities sponsored by the Commission shall be paid over to the General Fund of the Town and any indebtedness incurred by the Commission within said budget shall be paid from the General Fund. Gifts made specifically to the Recreation Commission for specific recreation purposes may be retained by the Commission in a special gift account until used for the intended purpose.

Passed and approved by the legal voters of the Town of North Stonington at the Town Referendum held on the 16th day of May, 2022.

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ATTEST: ANTOINETTE PANCARO, Town Clerk