

Town of
North Stonington
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
October 22, 2018

A Special Town Meeting of electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of North Stonington, Connecticut was held at the North Stonington Recreation Center, 267 Norwich-Westerly Road, North Stonington, Connecticut on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Present: First Selectman Michael Urgo, Selectwoman Nita Kincaid, and Selectman Robert Carlson. Also present at the meeting were Town Attorney Robert Avena and Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias. First Selectman Urgo called the meeting to order and then asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. He called for a **MOTION** from the floor to elect a Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Lisa Mazzella, seconded by Charlie Smith to elect Bill Ricker as the Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Shawn Murphy, seconded by Tim Main, Sr. to elect Bob Shabunia as the Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Anne Nalwalk, seconded by Dick Seager to close all nominations. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Discussion followed regarding the nominations for Moderator. Vote by a show of hands to elect Bill Ricker as the Moderator: 56 YES, 16 NO. Bob Shabunia declined the position. First Selectman Urgo thanked both Bill Ricker and Bob Shabunia for wanting to serve as Moderator.

Moderator Bill Ricker stated the rules of the meeting and asked Town Clerk Antoinette Pancaro to read item one of the call of the meeting.

TOWN OF NORTH STONINGTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of North Stonington, Connecticut, will be held on the date indicated at the time and location noted below for the following purposes:

LOCATION: North Stonington Recreation Center, 267 Norwich Westerly Road

DATE: October 22, 2018

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

1. Shall the Town of North Stonington as approved by the Board of Finance approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$316,000, for the completion of the Boombridge Road Bridge?

A **MOTION** made by Robert Shabunia, seconded by Dick Seager to move the question. First Selectman Michael Urgo gave a PowerPoint presentation about this issue and explained the funding and costs of the bridge project. Discussion followed. **MOTION approved unanimously.**

Moderator Bill Ricker asked Town Clerk Antoinette Pancaro to read item two of the call of the meeting.

2. Shall the Town of North Stonington sell the properties known as 119 and 123A Clarks Falls Road?

A **MOTION** made by Charlie Smith, seconded by Joe Gross to move the question. First Selectman Michael Urgo explained that a vote was passed at the May Town Meeting to accept these properties as Town-owned properties. He then gave background information about the two properties. A **MOTION** was made by Shawn Murphy, seconded by Dick Seager to split the call into items 2A and 2B and to consider each parcel separately. Moderator Bill Ricker explained that there would now be two questions to be voted on. **MOTION carried.**

First Selectman Urgo gave background information on item 2A regarding the schoolhouse property at 119 Clarks Falls Road. Discussion and questions followed. Comments were made about the historical significance of the two properties. **MOTION carried.**

A **MOTION** made by Joe Gross, seconded by Anne Nalwalk to move item 2B regarding selling the church property at 123A Clarks Falls Road. Brief discussion followed. **MOTION carried.**

Moderator Bill Ricker asked Town Clerk Antoinette Pancaro to read item three of the call of the meeting.

3. Shall the Town of North Stonington adopt an Ordinance titled "Prohibiting Waste Associated with Natural Gas and Oil Extraction"?

Dated at North Stonington this 9th day of October, 2018.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael A. Urgo

Nita B. Kincaid

Robert A. Carlson

A **MOTION** made by Joe Gross, seconded by Dave McCord to accept the call. First Selectman Urgo introduced Teresa Eickel, who gave a detailed presentation about extraction waste from oil and gas drilling. She explained how these waste products are used, where they are found, and how they are known carcinogens. Ms. Eickel supported the passage of this ordinance to proactively protect the environment and home values.

A **MOTION** was made for discussion of the ordinance by Joe Gross, seconded by Charlie Smith. Discussion and questions followed. Shawn Murphy presented an ordinance from the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) regarding this matter. A **MOTION** was made by Shawn Murphy, seconded by Nick Mullane for suspension of the rules to suspend the two-minute rule for this evening's comments. Mr. Murphy explained that he would like sufficient time to present the CCM ordinance and to discuss what is wrong with the ordinance that is presented at this meeting. **MOTION failed.**

Discussion continued regarding the ordinance. A **MOTION** was made to move the question and to call for a vote by Charlie Smith. Town Attorney Robert Avena explained that a two-thirds majority is needed for passage when moving the question for a vote. Vote by a show of hands was 68 YES, 10 NO. **MOTION approved.**

Moderator Bill Ricker adjourned the Special Town Meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Pancaro
Town Clerk
Town of North Stonington