

*Town of  
North Stonington*  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 22, 2021

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 Education Center Media Center, 298 Norwich-Westerly Road, North Stonington, Connecticut on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and online through Zoom.

Present: First Selectman Robert Carlson, Selectman Brett Mastroianni, and Selectwoman Nicole Porter. Also present at the meeting were Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias, Highway Foreman Don Hill, IT Manager Jim Russell, Assessor Darryl DelGrosso, Democratic Registrar of Voters Constance Berardi, and Republican Registrar of Voters Amy French.

First Selectman Robert Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He introduced the new Board of Selectmen and spoke briefly about the item up for a vote at this meeting. First Selectman Carlson asked for a **MOTION** from the floor to elect a Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Nita Kincaid, seconded by Shawn Murphy to elect Lisa Mazzella as the Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Anne Nalwalk, seconded by Shawn Murphy to close all nominations. **MOTION TO CLOSE ALL NOMINATIONS AND TO ELECT LISA MAZZELLA AS THE MODERATOR CARRIED.**

Moderator Lisa Mazzella stated the rules and protocols of the meeting and voter eligibility requirements. She noted that paper ballots would be used for voting at this meeting. Moderator Mazzella asked Town Clerk Antoinette Pancaro to read the call of the meeting.

Warning is hereby given to the electors and those entitled to vote at town meetings of the Town of North Stonington that a Special Town Meeting shall be held at the following location on the date and time indicated for the purposes of transacting the business set forth below:

Location: North Stonington Education Center Media Center, 298 Norwich Westerly Road &  
via Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_HiHx-aysR1OAFJiFYIvxeQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HiHx-aysR1OAFJiFYIvxeQ)  
Webinar ID: 812 4046 5762  
Date: November 22, 2021  
Time: 7 PM

For the purpose of verifying registered voters, those wishing to attend the meeting online and vote online will need to pre-register through the link provided by 12 pm on November 22. In person attendance will be available following COVID-19 guidelines.

1. Shall the Town approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$53,000 for a replacement truck for Public Works as recommended by the Board of Finance?

A **MOTION** made by Shawn Murphy, seconded by Anne Nalwalk to approve the question for discussion. **MOTION carried.** Highway Foreman Don Hill gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the replacement of Truck 42. He discussed the current status of the truck's condition, showed pictures of the truck, and provided details regarding the problems with the truck, including

its rotting condition and exhaust leaking into the cab of the truck. He also showed several bids on the replacement truck. Discussion and questions followed, with Highway Foreman Don Hill, First Selectman Robert Carlson, Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias, and Selectman Brett Mastroianni answering questions and clarifying information. Board of Finance member Sarah Nelson gave detailed insight into the budget process and the work involved by the Board of Finance in putting together the Town's budget and listening to the residents. More discussion and questions followed. A **MOTION** made by Joe Gross, seconded by Shawn Murphy to move the question to a vote. **MOTION carried.**

Moderator Lisa Mazzella asked Town Clerk Antoinette Pancaro to again read Question 1:

1. Shall the Town approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$53,000 for a replacement truck for Public Works as recommended by the Board of Finance?

Vote by paper ballot and online to approve the question was 28 YES, 8 NO. **MOTION carried.**

A **MOTION** made by Anne Nalwalk, seconded by Shawn Murphy to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION carried.** Moderator Lisa Mazzella adjourned the Special Town Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Pancaro  
Town Clerk  
Town of North Stonington