

Town of
North Stonington
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
October 2, 2023

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, October 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. and online through Zoom for viewing and public comment only.

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, Assistant Foreman Alan Ladd, and Registrars of Voters Connie Berardi and Emily Lewis.

First Selectman Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. He explained the format of the meeting and introduced Town officials and employees. He then asked for a **MOTION** from the floor to elect a Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Judy Main, seconded by John Gaccione to elect Shawn Murphy as the Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Anne Nalwalk, seconded by Mary Ann Ricker to elect Bill Ricker as the Moderator. Shawn Murphy yielded to Bill Ricker to be elected Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Anne Nalwalk, seconded by Nick Mullane to close all nominations. **MOTION TO CLOSE ALL NOMINATIONS CARRIED. MOTION TO ELECT BILL RICKER AS THE MODERATOR CARRIED.**

Moderator Bill Ricker stated the specific rules and protocols of the meeting and voter eligibility requirements. Moderator Ricker 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
Date: October 2, 2023
Time: 6:30 PM

Only those attending the meeting in person will be able to vote. The meeting will be available for comment and viewing through Zoom at the link below, but those attending virtually will not be able to vote.

1. Shall the Town approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$59,816 to LoCIP funds for Transfer Station Compactor upgrades as recommended by the Board of Finance?

A **MOTION** made by Nick Mullane, seconded by Shawn Murphy to approve the question as presented. Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias gave background information.

Assistant Foreman Alan Ladd gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding questions 1 and 2. His presentation included the specific upgrades that are to be made to the Transfer Station compactor with the use of these funds, as well as the additional uses for the truck. He indicated the expenses and the revenue/savings of the Transfer Station compactor upgrades. He explained the different funding sources, such as the LoCIP funds, Capital funds, and the additional appropriation of \$190,000 from the undesignated fund for the truck and containers for the Transfer Station. Highway Foreman Don Hill indicated that the implementation of questions 1 and 2 will save the town a lot of money. Discussion, comments, and questions followed, with Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias, Highway Foreman Don Hill, First Selectman Robert Carlson, and Assistant Foreman Alan Ladd answering questions and clarifying information. **MOTION to approve question carried.**

2. Shall the Town approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$190,000 to purchase a truck and containers for Transfer Station Compactor upgrades as recommended by the Board of Finance?

A **MOTION** made by Nick Mullane, seconded by Charlie Smith to approve the question as presented. First Selectman Robert Carlson noted that this question is a follow up to the first question. Brief discussion and comments followed. **MOTION to approve question carried.**

3. Shall the Town of North Stonington empower the First Selectman to enter into a contract with the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for the services of two (2) Resident Troopers for a term of two years July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025?

A **MOTION** made by Nick Mullane, seconded by Aaron Warren to approve the question as presented. First Selectman Robert Carlson gave background information and details regarding the contract for the two Resident Troopers to serve North Stonington. Discussion and questions followed, with First Selectman Carlson answering questions and clarifying information. **MOTION to approve question carried (with 1 opposed).**

4. To hear and act upon the following Resolution: Resolved: that the Board of Selectmen is hereby, authorized and empowered to obtain loans at current interest rates for loans to municipalities in anticipation of the receipt of tax collections and in anticipation of the receipt of federal and/or state grants with respect to a project or program on such terms and conditions as follows: (a) the amount borrowed shall not exceed \$1,000,000, at any one time; and (b) the Board of Finance shall receive, as early as possible, prior notification of any borrowing? The Board of Selectmen is further authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary and required.

All supporting documentation will be available on the town website, www.northstoningtonct.gov

Zoom link for viewing and public comment only:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86832073133?pwd=UHI1a05Cbnp5ZE9JaEVLeFVaVXNXZz09>

A **MOTION** made by Charlie Smith, seconded by Shawn Murphy to approve the question as presented.

First Selectman Robert Carlson gave background information regarding this resolution. He explained that the intent of this resolution is in the event of an unforeseen event or emergency, it gives the Board of Selectmen the ability to quickly borrow money. Shawn Murphy clarified information. Nick Mullane stated that this procedure has never been used in the history of the town and as long as the town has good management it will not have to be used. **MOTION to approve question carried.**

Moderator Bill Ricker adjourned the Special Town Meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Pancaro
Town Clerk
Town of North Stonington