

*Town of*  
*North Stonington*  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 13, 2017

A special Town Meeting of electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of North Stonington, Connecticut was held in the North Stonington Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 391 Norwich Westerly Rd, North Stonington, CT on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Present First Selectman Shawn Murphy, Selectman Nicholas H Mullane II, and Selectman Mark Donahue. First Selectman Murphy called the meeting to order and then asked Town Clerk Norma Holliday to read the call of the meeting. First Selectman Murphy then asked for a **MOTION** from the floor to elect a Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Charlie Smith seconded by Bill Ricker to elect Bob Shabunia as the meeting moderator. A **MOTION** made by Bill Ricker seconded by Selectman Donahue to close all nomination, **MOTIONS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Moderator Bob Shabunia stated the rules and procedures for the meeting and stated that item #3 & #4 are for discussion only and will be voted on at a Referendum scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2017 between the hours of Noon to 8 pm, then asked the Town Clerk Norma Holliday to read item one of the call.

1. 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. *A MOTION made by Dan Spring, seconded by Selectman Mullane to approve item #1 as presented. First Selectman Murphy gave a brief explanation of the Resolution, no discussion followed, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.*

2. To empower the First Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Safety for the services of two (2) Resident Troopers for a term of two years July 1, 2017-June 30, 2019. *A MOTION made by Selectman Mullane, seconded by Joe Gross to approve item #2 as presented. First Selectman Murphy gave a brief explanation of the contract, no discussion followed, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.*

3. Shall the Town of North Stonington approve the estimates and recommendations of the Board of Finance with respect to the annual General Government budget including Redemption of Debt and Capital for fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, in the amount of \$6,384,900 and make specific appropriations and authorize expenditures in connection therewith as appear advisable? *Moderator Bob Shabunia asked for a MOTION to open discussion on item #3. A MOTION made by Selectman Mullane, seconded by Dan Spring to open discussion on item #3, MOTION CARRIED UNIMOUSLY. First Selectman Murphy spoke briefly on the Audit report, the budget highlights, line item cuts and increases, discussion followed.*

4. Shall the Town of North Stonington approve the estimates and recommendations of the Board of Finance with respect to the annual Board of Education budget for fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, in the amount of \$ 12,875,068 and make specific appropriations and authorize expenditures in connection therewith as appear advisable? A MOTION made by Charlie

Smith seconded by Bill Ricker to open discussion on item #4, MOTION CARRIED. First Selectman Murphy spoke briefly on the Board of Education Budget stating there were no increases, discussion followed. Bob Carlson Chairman of the BOE answered question. ***Moderator Bob Shabunia asked for a MOTION to open discussion on item #4. A MOTION made by Charlie Smith, seconded by Bill Ricker to open discussion on item #4, MOTION CARRIED UNIMOUSLY. First Selectman Murphy touched briefly on the budget presented by the BOE stating there were no increases. Bob Carlson, Chairman of the Board of Education answered questions from the audience, discussion followed.***

***A MOTION made by Charlie Smith seconded by Joe Gross to adjourned the Town Meeting at 8:30 pm to the Referendum on Monday, November 27, 2017 in the New Town Hall Conference Room 40 Main Street. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Norma J Holliday

November 27, 2017  
Referendum Results

The November 27, 2017 Special Town Meeting reconvened at 8:04 pm on Monday, November 27, 2017 by Moderator Bob Shabunia following the Referendum, the results were read by the Referendum Moderator Paula Kent:

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308 Yes      271 No

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284 Yes      294 No

***Moderator Bob Shabunia ask for a MOTION from the floor to adjourn the meeting, A MOTION was made by Harry Melia, seconded by First Selectman Michael Uργο to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, MOTION CARRIED UNIMOUSLY.***