

Town of
North Stonington
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
January 6, 2020

A Special Town Meeting of electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of North Stonington, Connecticut was held at Wheeler Middle High School, 297 Norwich-Westerly Road, North Stonington, Connecticut on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: First Selectman Michael Urgo, Selectman Robert Carlson, and Selectwoman Nita Kincaid. Also present at the meeting were Planning, Development & Zoning Official Juliet Hodge, Administration & Finance Officer Christine Dias, and Town Attorney Rob Avena.

First Selectman Urgo called the meeting to order and then asked for a **MOTION** from the floor to elect a Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Robert Utter, seconded by Dan Spring to elect Bill Ricker as the Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Anne Nalwalk, seconded by Connie Berardi to close all nominations. **MOTIONS CARRIED.**

Moderator Bill Ricker stated the rules of the meeting. He explained that a vote will not be taken on the question but only a vote on the hours of voting. There will be a presentation by Planning, Development & Zoning Official Juliet Hodge, with questions and comments to follow. The meeting will then be adjourned to a Referendum on January 13, 2020 to vote on the question. Moderator Ricker asked Town Clerk Antoinette Pancaro to read the call of the meeting.

WARNING OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND REFERENDUM

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: Wheeler Middle High School, 297 Norwich Westerly Road

Date: January 6, 2020

Time: 7 PM

1. Shall the Town of North Stonington be authorized to negotiate the sale of the property located at 163 Wintechog Hill Road for the development of affordable housing?

Notice of Referendum

Resolved, the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to its authority under Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-7, hereby removes the question to be considered at the January 6 Town Meeting cited in the prior resolution, to a referendum to be held on January 13, 2020, the hours for voting at said referendum shall be established by vote at the January 6, 2020 Town Meeting, said hours are recommended by the Board of Selectmen to be 6:00 am-8:00 pm.

Planning, Development & Zoning Official Juliet Hodge gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the affordable housing issue in the town. She gave detailed background information, including the benefits to the town. Discussion and questions followed. Juliet Hodge, Town Attorney Rob Avena, and First Selectman Urgo clarified information and answered questions regarding the affordable housing project. A **MOTION** made by Ed Harasimowitz, seconded by Laura Degoursey to set the hours of voting at the January 13 Referendum at 6:00 in the morning to 8:00 in the evening. **MOTION carried.**

Moderator Bill Ricker adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m. to the Referendum on January 13, 2020 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to be reconvened at the New Town Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Pancaro
Town Clerk
Town of North Stonington

January 13, 2020
Referendum Results

The January 6, 2020 Special Town Meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020 by Special Town Meeting Moderator Bill Ricker following the Referendum. The results were read by the Referendum Moderator Paula Kent:

Shall the Town of North Stonington be authorized to negotiate the sale of the property located at 163 Wintechog Hill Road for the development of affordable housing?

314 Yes

347 No

Special Town Meeting Moderator Bill Ricker adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Pancaro
Town Clerk
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