

*Town of*  
*North Stonington*  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 1, 2018

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 Wheeler Gymnasium, 297 Norwich-Westerly Road, North Stonington, Connecticut on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Present: First Selectman Michael Urgo, Selectwoman Nita Kincaid, and Selectman Robert Carlson. 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 Lisa Mazzella, seconded by Nick Mullane to elect Bill Ricker as the Moderator. A **MOTION** made by Lisa Mazzella, seconded by Nick Mullane to close all nominations. **MOTIONS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Moderator Bill Ricker stated the rules and then asked Town Clerk Antoinette Pancaro to read the call of the meeting.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**February 1, 2018**

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: Wheeler Gymnasium  
DATE: February 1, 2018  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

“RESOLVED, that the Town of North Stonington continue with the construction of a new Wheeler Middle/High School addition and renovations to the Gymnasium, an addition and renovations to North Stonington Elementary School, demolition of portions of the existing Wheeler Middle and High School, and other improvements to be used for the North Stonington Board of Education Central Office, and issue bonds or notes and temporary notes to finance the portion of such appropriation not defrayed from grants.”

Dated at North Stonington, Connecticut, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018.

A **MOTION** was made by Lisa Mazzella, seconded by Nick Mullane to move the call. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Also present at the meeting were Board of Education Chairman Christine Wagner, Superintendent of Schools Peter Nero, Board of Finance Chairman Dan Spring, School Modernization Building Committee Chairman Pamela Potemri, and Douglas Gillette, Bond Counsel from Day Pitney. Moderator Bill Ricker stated the rules of the meeting and explained that he would adjourn the meeting at 8:30 to call for a referendum. Chairman Potemri of the School Modernization Building Committee gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the phases of the project and the work of the committee. Petitioners John Olsen and Anthony Palazzolo discussed the costs of the project and the impact on the residents. Dan Spring, Chairman of the Board of Finance, discussed the financial aspects of the project and their impact on the town. Bond

Counsel Douglas Gillette explained the bond resolution and the grant and reimbursement rates regarding the school project. Superintendent of Schools Peter Nero and First Selectman Michael Urgo discussed the implications to the town if the school project does not pass. Public comment and discussion followed regarding this issue.

Moderator Bill Ricker adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m. to the Referendum on February 8, 2018 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the New Town Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Pancaro  
Town Clerk  
Town of North Stonington

February 8, 2018  
Referendum Results

The February 1, 2018 Special Town Meeting reconvened at 8:17 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2018 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 continue with the construction of a new Wheeler Middle/High School addition and renovations to the Gymnasium, an addition and renovations to North Stonington Elementary School, demolition of portions of the existing Wheeler Middle and High School, and other improvements to be used for the North Stonington Board of Education Central Office, and issue bonds or notes and temporary notes to finance the portion of such appropriation not defrayed from grants?

1352 Yes      611 No

A **MOTION** was made by Nita Kincaid, seconded by Nick Mullane to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Special Town Meeting Moderator Bill Ricker adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Pancaro  
Town Clerk  
Town of North Stonington