



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
March 5, 2024
6:30 PM**

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MINUTES

1. Call to order/Roll Call: Call to order at 6:30pm. First Selectman Bob Carlson, Selectman Brett Mastroianni, and Selectman Porter in attendance with Administration & Finance Officer Laura Brown.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items*
4. Minutes
 - a. February 20, 2024 Meeting: Motion to approve minutes as written by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
 - b. February 21, 2024 BOS/BOF Meeting: Minutes to be approved at March 19, 2024 meeting.
5. Selectman Comments: None
6. First Selectman Report/Correspondence: None
7. Animal Control Budget Presentation: The ACO was delayed. Selectman Porter made a motion to move the Animal Control Budget Presentation from number 7 to 10A and move up numbers 8 thru 10, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
8. Old Business:
 - a. Vacancies and Appointments: Motion to appoint two alternate members to the Economic Development Commission, Connie Berardi and Heath Dugas by First Selectman Carlson, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
 - b. Plan of Conservation & Development Update: None

9. Capital Committee Review: There have been two meetings. At the first meeting it was decided that Gary Annino will be Chair, Lou Gingerella is the Secretary and Sarah Nelson is the Vice Chair, all from the Board of Finance. First Selectman Bob Carlson is a member as well as Christine Wagner and Alex Karpinski from the Board of Education. Next meeting is 6:30pm on March 14, 2024 at the North Stonington Education Center.

10.24/25 Budget Discussion: The Board of Selectmen went through the next draft of the budget. Adjustments to the budgets were made.

- A3.13 Telecom Revenue Share State “In Lieu Of”: \$10,000 increased to \$15,432.31. Which is an addition to the revenue in the amount of \$5,432.31. This will increase the revenue from \$904,570.20 to \$910,002.51.
- B16.01 Recreation Commission Program Expense: decrease from \$70,400 to \$67,500.
- Motion to increase line item B26.10 Animal Control Operating Expense from \$6,000 to \$10,000 by Selectman Porter, 2nd by Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.
- B26.12 NSAA-Ambulance Assoc: decrease from \$275,000 to \$250,000.
- B27.08 Labor-Wages (Highway): increase from \$560,939 to \$568,053.
- B34.09 Affordable Housing: decrease from \$500 to \$1.
- Motion to approve the combined Government Operating and Capital budget in the total amount of \$6,450,217 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.
- a. Animal Control Budget Presentation: Presentation given by Animal Control Officer Karcher Deshefy; discussion followed.

11. Tax Refunds: Motion to approve tax refunds in the total amount of \$4,922.71 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

- a. Mary S Lawless: \$ 85.81
- b. Mary S Lawless: \$1,260.20
- c. Mary S Lawless: \$4,841.47
- d. Jessica Scott: \$81.23

Motion to approve tax refunds in the total amount of \$4,804.27 by Selectman Mastroianni, 2nd by Selectman Porter; motion approved 3-0-0.

- a. Elizabeth A Lewis: \$22.06
- b. Scient Federal Credit Union: \$2,859.29

c. Charter Oak Federal Credit Union: \$652.42

d. Corelogic Centralized Refunds: \$918.26

e. Ronald K Lewis: \$148.44

f. Steven M Vetovec: \$ 203.80

12. Public Comments: None

13. Meeting with BOS and BOF: March 6, 2024

14. Next BOS Meeting: March 19, 2024

15. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:03pm by Selectman Porter, 2nd by
Selectman Mastroianni; motion approved 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Knight