



Town of **North Stonington**
Connecticut



North Stonington Board of Finance

Draft Meeting Minutes of

Wednesday March 9, 2016

Old Town Hall @ 7:30pm

North Stonington, CT

1. Call to Order;

In attendance; Chairman Tim Main, Charlie Steinhart, Carolyn Howell, Emile Pavolovics and Tim Pelland. Absent; Chris Hundt and Mustapha Ratib.

2. Pledge to the Flag;

The Pledge of Allegiance was not performed due to no flag present in meeting room of old town hall.

3. Status Report from Economic Development Coordinator;

In attendance: Sam Eisenbeiser; (EDC Consultant) paid by the town and Brett Mastroianni (EDC Chairman).

- A. EDC report summary of highlights presented to BOF for 2015-2016
- B. Bi-weekly reports are attached to monthly bill.
- C. Annual visits to local businesses and attending meetings are part of routine of Consultant.
- D. Meetings with Tribal Chairman, Rodney Butler are in works for possible economic development on Tribal Land in North Stonington. Also talk of Sewer Hookup in discussion.
- E. Charlie Steinhart asked question; "What progress does the taxpayer see"? Answer given was; Economic gardening. Basically a lot of towns going after the same businesses and having someone pursue them keeps North Stonington competitive with other towns.
- F. Sam has met with most businesses that are not home based.
- G. Website paid by the town is up and was given as GoNosto.com.
- H. Brett suggested coming to more meetings. EDC meets the third Thursday of each month.

- I. Charlie Steinhart suggested that the Grand List be increased and we should be marketing our town for new business.
- J. EDC has been actively involved in the Sewer Study which is very important to attracting new businesses.
- K. EDC has been working on faster turnaround times for permits with Planning and Zoning.
- L. EDC has been actively following leads on Future Projects.
- M. EDC Consultant status could or should be changed to town employee according to EDC Chairman.
- N. BOF requested a Quarterly Overview starting with the end of March 2016.

4. Public Comment and Questions;

- A. Brent Woodward gave credit for projects being worked on and also expressed disappointment about the link on the town's website for EDC.

5. Monthly Budget Report Reviews; (BOS, BOE, and Tax Collector)

- A. Emile Pavlovics said that February compared to January was a difference of 12% to 5%. Probably due to the reason that people may pay taxes later. Suggested that Tax Collector put a date on January report.

6. BOF Discuss Upcoming 2016-2017 Budget Goals and Schedules;

- 1. Emile suggested having Mustapha work on putting Appropriation Form in a usable form so other boards will be able to use it.
- 2. List of Things for BOS Before Budget is Presented; (submitted by Charlie Steinhart)
 - a) What was cut and why
 - b) State Police schedules
 - c) Activity Log from Troopers and Shift Coverage
 - d) Longest range Capital Plan
 - e) DPW labor and equipment used for private properties and places like the Hewitt Farm.
 - f) Labor Contracts active and future
 - g) Treasures Report
 - h) Bank Accounts

3. Carolyn Howell contacted Stonington Fire Station to try to get an answer to John Olsen's question about Fire Tax added to Mill Rate. Stonington has many districts that do it different. Mr. Olsen is supposed to give an example of a town that does not incorporate Fire cost in the Mill Rate.

4. Find out room schedule for planned meetings.

7. Previous Minutes; (3/2/2016)

Charlie Steinhart motioned to accept minutes as amended.

Carolyn Howell seconded motion. Vote 4-0-1. Tim Main abstained.

8. Public Comments and Questions; None

9. Open Action Items ;

A. Letter to BOS for mentioned items before budget.

B. Find out schedule for meeting in New Town Hall.

10. Motion to Adjourn -

Motioned to adjourn by Tim Pelland. Seconded by Charlie Steinhart.

Approved 5-0-0. Adjourned 9:38 pm.

Submitted By: Tim Pelland
