

Town of North Stonington

Board of Selectmen

December 3, 2013

New Town Hall Conference Room--Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order -7:00 PM with Selectmen Mullane, Testa, and Donahue present

Public Comments and Questions-Mrs. Davis, Main Street, read a letter about traffic problems in the Village. She also stated she now understands why stop signs are not up. Amy Foster agreed with Mrs. Davis’ letter. Joe Gross stated there is speeding all over town. Tim Pelland also agreed with speeding in town. Charlie Smith don’t forget the poor end of Town; Route 49, Clarks Falls Road are neglected, ask Lt. Thomas what can we do about it and invite him to a meeting.

Minutes-A motion was made by Selectman Donahue and seconded by Selectman Testa to approve the minutes of November 19, 2013, carrying. 3-0

A motion was made by Selectman Donahue and seconded by Selectman Testa to approve the minutes of November 26, 2013, carrying. 3-0

Correspondence

# Old Business-

1. Tribal Issues-Acknowledgement Issues-Selectman Mullane made a comment about the seriousness of the new BIA regulation changes being proposed and if they are not changed will allow the combined tribe of Eastern Pequots/Paucatuck Eastern Pequots (Historic Pequots) to obtain Federal Recognition. Tentative meeting is scheduled with Representative Joe Courtney in his Norwich office.

2. Subdivision Review and Planning and Zoning Issues and

Plan of Conservation and Development and Zoning Regulations Revisions-No new data

3. Permanent School Building Project Committee

A. Permanent School Planning and Building Committee Projects

1. Things to Do List-Signed Engineering and Architectural received/now develop HS emergency generator bid specifications

2. Other Projects for FY 2013-14-No report

4. Hewitt property

A. Committee Report-None

B. Dam Repairs-Re-Engineering-January bidding

C. Greene Gables-No new data

5. New Center for Emergency Services-Estimates and prospectus received from architectural/engineering firms, now under review

6. NSVFC Engine 2 Fire Truck Refurbishment-Contract is signed and waiting commencement date for refurbishment

7. Boombridge Road Bridge- Design-Additional wetlands permitting is needed on Rhode Island side of bridge

8. Grant applications/administration

Water Study Ex. 92 X I95-Approval has been received from CT DPH to start work

2014 STEAP Grant-Possible Project Candidates and Application-Selectmen need to choose a town project

9. Authorities, Boards, Committees, and Commissions appointment

Permanent School Planning and Building Committee Water Pollution Control Authority

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Economic Development Commission-Robert Kimball-Unexpired term through 11/2015

Eastern Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. Inland Wetlands Commission

Conservation Commission EMS Facility Members

No action

10. Flood Damage Status Report/Repairs Update/ Action Items

Hewitt Dam Rebuilding-January bidding

Town Hall brook parking lot retaining walls-Award-Work is underway

11. Budget 2012-13-Closeout-No action waiting on auditor’s draft audit report, to present to BOF December 18th

Budget 2013-2014 Draft resolution to borrow for BOF approval provided.

Budget 2014-2015 Selectmen will arrange for tri-board meeting third week in January.

Animal Control Officer Expenses-Due to high activity ACO expenses will go over budget, but do not have a total estimate

Tribal Acknowledgment-Additional Appropriation-Amount still unknown

12. Unions/Personnel Matters-Executive Session-A motion was made by Selectman Mullane and seconded by Selectmen Donahue to enter executive session at 10:23 PM to discuss union business, out at 10:55 PM. No action

AFSCME Union Application

1. Special Town Meeting

Items for Future Town Meetings

Lake of Isles subdivision granting of easements to the Town

Ordinance Revisions-Purchase Cost Limit

Selectmen Elections Rules CGS 9-188

Borrowing Short Term Notes Authorization

DUI Grant Additional Appropriation-$49,975-A motion was made by Selectman Mullane and seconded by Selectman Donahue to request appropriation for $48,975 for DUI Grant, carrying. 3-0

1. 2014 Legislative Agenda-No action

New Business

1. Tax Refund(s)-None presented
2. Utility Audit-Tabled
3. Selectmen Public Communications-General discussion, no action taken
4. Town Traffic Concerns-Discussed above
5. Grants-A draft RFP was requested to hire a part time grant writer for capital projects.
6. Transfer Station-Mr. Testa would like to investigate opening the Transfer Station on Sundays, Selectman Mullane noted it would add to operating costs and we may have to reinstitute the $60 fee or close the Station for Municipal Solid Waste and designate a hauler and have the residents pay to haul no decisions made.

Public Comments and Questions

Adjournment-10:56 PM