

 Town of North Stonington

 Board of Selectmen

 March 18, 2014

 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

Minutes-

A motion was made by Selectman Donahue and seconded by Selectman Mullane to approve the minutes of March 11, 2014 as presented, carrying. 3-0

A motion was made by Selectman Donahue and seconded by Selectman Testa to approve the minutes of March 4, 2014, as presented,

carrying. 3-0

A motion was made by Selectman Donahue and seconded by Selectman Testa to approve the minutes of February 25, 2014 as amended, carrying. 2-1 with Mr. Mullane disagreeing with the rewrite of item 7 under new business.

Correspondence

Boards/Commissions/Officials Comments-None

Session with Town Attorney Robert Avena to discuss 96 Button Road-Attorney Avena explained as much as he could about the Court appearance without violating the confidentiality and reported that a mediator has been recommended.

Budget Review FY 2014-15

 Wheeler Library-Gary Annino and Steve Green asked the Selectmen to support a $100,000 appropriation for window replacements at the Wheeler Library in the FY 2014-15 budget.
 PTO School Playground-General discussion and decision to interface with the school administration

Steve Holliday, Highway Foreman was in to discuss the failed boiler and its replacement at the Town’s Highway Garage. Two options would be:

1. Total New System
2. Repair existing and add waste oil option, $30,000, next year’s budget

Old Business-

 1. Tribal Issues-Acknowledgement/Annexation Issues-BIA decision could be as late as June.

 2. Subdivision Review and Planning and Zoning Issues and Zoning Regulations Revisions

 3. Permanent School Building Project Committee

 A. Permanent School Planning and Building Committee Projects

 1. Other Projects for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15—No report

 4. Hewitt property-No report

 A. Committee Report-None

 B. Dam Repairs-Re-Engineering-No new information

 5. New Center for Emergency Services-Estimates for land clearing and leveling and square foot cost for building construction are much higher than anticipated. Committee is working to reduce costs

 6. Boombridge Road Bridge- Design-Wetlands on the Rhode Island side of bridge are being reviewed.

 7. Grant applications/administration

 Water Study Ex. 92 X I95-Consultants are working on the project

 2014 STEAP Grant—Selectman Mullane to develop an alternate on waterline extension in Village.

 Housing Grant-Public Hearing next week at 6:30 PM on the 25th.

 8. Authorities, Boards, Committees, and Commissions appointment-

 Permanent School Planning and Building Committee Water Pollution Control Authority

 Cable TV Advisory Committee

Eastern Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. Inland Wetlands Commission

Conservation Commission

 Economic Development Commission & Alt-The Selectmen would like potential Commissioners to attend a BOS meeting for introduction and interviews.

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

 Town Hall brook parking lot retaining walls-No work due to water levels and cold weather.

10. Budget 2013-2014 -

 Animal Control Officer Expenses- Estimate of additional appropriation is $6,000-$7,000

 Tribal Acknowledgment-Additional Appropriation-Estimate of additional appropriation is $19,100

Zoning Enforcement Action (Ames property, Pendleton Hill Road) –Additional Appropriation-Selectmen will draft a RFP for bidding

11. Special Town Meeting-

 Items for Future Town Meetings

 Lake of Isles subdivision granting of easements to the Town

 Borrowing Short Term Notes Authorization

 DUI Grant Additional Appropriation-$49,975

 Exempt Tax Payments of Outstanding Taxes on Open Space received by a Non-Profit Organization-Mr. Hixson from the Land Alliance spoke in favor
 Tax Collector Appointment Ordinance

Tax Assessor Appointment Ordinance

 12. Tax Collector Appointment/Tax Policy-Selectman Mullane will provide information for comment

New Business

1. Tax Refund(s)-None
2. Selectmen’s Public Communications-None
3. Proposed School Building Project Elementary / Middle / High School-Selectmen will ask the Superintendent and Consultant to attend a BOS meeting for presentation.
4. Rocky Hollow grant request of Conservation Commission –Tabled per Mr. Ricker’s (Conservation Commission)
5. Unapproved Dirt Road Maintenance-Town is plowing private roads because of school bus traffic. Roads are not being maintained by owners and a town plow truck got stuck in mud during last storm and had to be towed. Trucks and buses should not be on private roads unless they are maintained..
6. Old Trolley Lane-Property is for sale, would make an excellent trail for walking.
7. Small cities resolution housing rehabilitation grant & citizen participation plan documents-A motion was made by Selectman Testa and seconded by Selectmen Donahue to approve the resolution for participation in the grant process, carrying 3-0
8. Resolution: Transfer lease agreement Town’s 386 Norwich Westerly road (Buon Appetito) of Georgias Holdings LLC to Sander Marku-A motion was made by Selectman Mullane and seconded by Selectman Testa to approve the partner change on the lease for the Buon Appetito Restaurant from Fotis Georgias tp Sander Marku, carrying. 3-0 Subject to town attorney approval that all conditions are met.
9. Executive Session-Strategy related to Collective Bargaining Unit-No action

Public Comments and Questions-None presented

Adjournment-10:45 PM