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| http://www.northstoningtonct.gov/Icons/0 | Town of North Stonington  Board of Selectmen  February 25 2014  New Town Hall Conference Room  Special Meeting  6:30 PM-7:00 PM Executive Session  Regular Meeting  7:00 PM  MINUTES  Call to Order -7:00 PM with Selectmen Mullane, Donahue, and Testa present  Public Comments and Questions-Questions were brought up about gasoline usage by State Police at Highway Garage.  Questions were brought up about the IRS and decisions made to treat firefighters from NSVFC as contracted workers with 1099 tax statements or employees of the NSVFC with W-2s. After research it was decided to follow the IRS determination that they are employees.  Minutes-A motion was made by Selectman Donahue and seconded by Selectman Testa to approve the minutes of February 18, 2014, carrying. 3-0  Correspondence  Budget Review FY 2014-15  •             Registrars-Gladys Chase and Marilyn Mackay were in. Noted no changes from current fiscal year, discussed State mandates and unknown number of primaries for upcoming elections.  •             P & Z-Budget going forward to implement Plan of Conservation and Development and revise zoning regulations. Questioning the large raise requested for SPZO not in keeping with Collective Bargaining Agreement for new union.  •             EDC-Standard budget with addition of funds for new EDC coordinator to be proactive and market our town.  Old Business-                    1.  Tribal Issues-Acknowledgement/Annexation Issues-Time is running out. BIA and Department of Interior not listening or cooperating. Decision on new regulations could come at any time. If new acknowledgement regulations are put in place as proposed the Eastern Pequots and Schaghticokes would be recognized immediately and possibly the golden Hill Paugussetts. In that case the towns and State will have to sue the Federal government to overturn the regulations/decision which would be expensive and very difficult.     2.   Subdivision Review and Planning and Zoning Issues and                                  Zoning Regulations Revisions-Major task to revise regulations to match the new plan of conservation and development.     3.   Permanent School Building Project Committee-Still no list of projects from Board of Education for 2014-15.                  A. Permanent School Planning and Building Committee Projects                                  1.  Other Projects for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15     4.  Hewitt property                  A.  Committee Report-None                  B.  Dam Repairs-Re-Engineering-Karl Acimovic will be in next week to discuss the dam bids and specifications.     5.  New Center for Emergency Services-Modified AIA Contract has been signed with Architect sent to USDA for signature.     6.  NSVFC Engine 2 Fire Truck Refurbishment status-On schedule and within budget expected to be completed sometime by the end of month.     7.  Boombridge Road Bridge- Design-Conducting Flood Management Certification, Rhode Island storm water management, project is in permitting process. Final design due late Spring for review.     8.  Grant applications/administration                  Water Study Ex. 92 X I95-Study is underway                  2014 STEAP Grant-Possible Project Candidates and Application-No new data     9.  Authorities, Boards, Committees, and Commissions appointment  Permanent School Planning and Building Committee  Water Pollution Control Authority Cable TV Advisory Committee  Economic Development Commission & Alt Eastern Regional Mental Health Board  Inland Wetlands Commission Conservation Commission  Recreation Commission  Marilyn will have letter to the Board for action on EDC alternates next week.  10.  Flood Damage Status Report/Repairs Update/ Action Items                  Town Hall brook parking lot retaining walls-No work weather and high water  11.   Budget 2013-2014                  Animal Control Officer Expenses-$3,500-No action                  Tribal Acknowledgment-Additional Appropriation-No action  12.  Special Town Meeting-DRAFT                  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  New Business  1.            Tax Refund(s)-None presented  2.            Ethics Commission-New subject, general discussion, favorable response for development of a Committee or Commission for the town.  3.            CDBG Small Cities Program Bid-2 bids were received from Lisa Low and Associates and Eastern Connecticut Housing Opportunities, Inc. and will be evaluated  4.            Selectmen Public Communications  5.            Town Traffic Concerns-Letter of complaint from Brian Cooper, Main Street about the two new stop signs outside his residence.  6.            Tax Collector Appointment/Tax Policy-Met with town attorney on procedures.  7.            NSVFC Oil Tank Removal-There was discussion about Mr. Holliday not appearing before the BOS after his presence was requested by Mr. Testa for follow up to the oil tank situation as well as the Highway Budget. Mr. Mullane stated that he instructed Mr. Holliday not to appear. Mr. Testa made a motion to add Executive Session: Personnel- Highway Foreman and a second item Possible Action regarding Highway Foreman. There was no second. There was discussion. In response to a question from Selectman Donahue, Mr. Testa felt that based upon the information and circumstances the Selectman should consider placing the Highway Foreman on leave with pay pending the outcome of the inquiry.  Public Comments and Questions-None presented  Adjournment-11:44 PM | http://www.northstoningtonct.gov/Icons/0 |
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