 **Town of North Stonington**

**Board of Selectmen**

**December 9, 2014**

**New Town Hall Conference Room**

**7:00 PM**

**MINUTES-AMENDED**

**Call to Order-**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Selectmen Mullane, Donahue and Testa Present.

**Public Comments and Questions-**None presented.

**Minutes-**A motion was made by Selectman Donahue and seconded by Selectman Testa to approve the minutes of December 2, 2014, carrying.

**Correspondence**

**Boards/Commissions/Official’s Comments**

* Resolution for C-PACE Program Commercial Property Clean Energy Agreement-

APPROVING RESOLUTION

A presentation was made by Alex Kovtunenko of Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority. General Discussion and Questions and Answers.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE the following

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (“C-PACE”) AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Section 16a-40g, as amended, of the Connecticut General Statutes (the “Act”) established a program, known as the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program, to facilitate loan financing for clean energy improvements to commercial properties by utilizing a state or local assessment mechanism to provide security for repayment of the loans; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Connecticut Green Bank (the “Green Bank”), a public instrumentality and political subdivision of the State charged with implementing the C-PACE program on behalf of the State, to enter into a written agreement with participating municipalities pursuant to which the municipality may agree to assess, collect, remit and assign, benefit assessments to the Green Bank in return for energy improvements for benefited property owners within the municipality and for costs reasonably incurred by the municipality in performing such duties; and

WHEREAS, the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (“C-PACE”) Agreement (the “C-PACE Agreement”) between the City/Town of North Stonington and the Green Bank, as attached hereto, constitutes the written agreement authorized by the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) that we, the Town Meeting, constituting the legislative body of the Town of North Stonington, hereby approve the C-PACE Agreement, and (b) that Nicholas H. Mullane, II, First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver the C-PACE Agreement, substantially in the form attached to this Resolution, for the purposes provided therein, together with such other documents as he may determine to be necessary and appropriate to evidence, secure and otherwise complete the C-PACE Agreement.

A motion was made by Selectman Mullane and seconded by Selectman Donahue to endorse the C=PACE Program and forward to a Town Meeting for approval, carrying. 3-0

**Action Items**

* 1. Permanent School Building Committee Ad Hoc Committee Proposed Building

Project-Study Costs Added Appropriation for Study-No Report

* 2. Tribal Acknowledgement/Annexation Issues – Request for added appropriation-A motion was made by Selectman Mullane and seconded by Selectman Donahue to approve the request for an added appropriation to B9.01 Tribal Recognition in the amount of $32,000, carrying. 3-0

3. Preston/North Stonington collaboration-A motion was made by Selectman Mullane and seconded by Selectman Testa to accept , as amended the draft presented by Selectman Donahue,

**North Stonington / Preston Collaboration Committee Charter**

**Status of Committee:** Ad Hoc

**Objective:** To identify possible areas / resources to collaborate with the Town of Preston for mutual benefit.

**Scope:** Areas of investigation should include policies, procedures, existing services and assets, or proposed future services and assets, which pertain to either the general government or the school district.

**Criteria:** Areas of collaboration should afford tangible benefit to both towns through cost reduction/savings, time savings, or improved utilization of assets or personnel. This could include bundling of opportunities to achieve an overall mutual benefit.

**Membership:** 4 to 5 individuals with prior experience(is desired but not a requirement) on North Stonington Boards, Commissions or Committees of the Town and who are electors, or employees.

**Initial Task:** Working together with the Preston representatives, reach agreement on scope of areas to investigate, establish methodology for evaluating possible areas of collaboration (such as cost/benefit, quality of life, efficiency, etc.), and identify a minimum of six (6) opportunities for collaboration.

**Suggested Timeframe:** 12 - 18 months, at which time the Boards of Selectmen of North Stonington and Preston will assess whether the joint effort should be continued.

**Suggested Frequency of Meeting:** No less than monthly, preferably every other week if the membership can support it.

**Reporting Requirements:** Provide monthly status report to Boards of Selectmen, to include, but not be limited to, topics of investigation, evaluation of potential areas of collaboration, proposed actions, requests for information and open action items.

*This is a living document and is subject to change as necessary Adopted 12/9/2014*

carrying. 3-0

* 4. Status of Center for Emergency Services Project-General discussion on design status and estimates for work architect will gather contract documents for Contractor/Town signing for Phase I Excavation.
* 5. Budget for FY 2015-16
* 6 Legislative Agenda for State of Connecticut FY 2015-16-No action
* 7. Tax Refund(s)-A motion was made by Selectman Mullane and seconded by Selectman Testa to approve the Tax Refund to Ashaway Farms in the amount of $18,199.36, carrying. 3-0
* 8. State of Connecticut Master Municipal Agreement for Rights-of-Ways Projects-Selectman Mullane made a motion to approve the Agreement as presented, seconded by Selectman Testa, carrying. 3-0

**RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, that Nicholas H. Mullane, II, First Selectman is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement entitled “Master Municipal Agreement for Rights of Way Projects”.

ADOPTED BY THE NORTH STONINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON DECEMBER 9, 2014.

NORMA J. HOLLIDAY , TOWN CLERK

* 9. Additional Appropriation for SCBA Matching NSVFC Grant-A motion was made by Selectman Mullane and seconded by Selectman Testa to approve the additional appropriation request of the NSVFC for match grant funds in the amount of $21,431 for the 10% match and $1,500 for administration fees for SBCA pack and cylinder replacement, to be forwarded to the Board of Finance and a Special Town Meeting carrying. 3-0

A. Homeland Security Region $ Memorandum of Agreement was presented to approve executing a resolution MOA for the administration of a Homeland Security Grant Program. A motion to pass the Resolution was made by Selectman Testa and seconded by Selectman Donahue, carrying. 3-0

**New Business**

**Reports**

* + - 1. Hewitt Property

Dam Repairs –Working on bridge footing and foundation

* + - 1. Permanent School Building Project Committee

Permanent School Building Committee Projects-List of Things to Do-

Budget Item(PSPBC & BOE Action)-No action

* + - 1. Boombridge Road Bridge-Construction RFP will be issued in Jan/Feb 2015

Bids are due May/June 2015, with construction to start in July 2015.-Meeting with all parties on final design and schedule, Thursday, December 11, 2014..

4. Grant Applications/administration

* + - Water Study Ex 92 x I95- consultants are working on project
    - 2014 STEAP Grant Extension of Village Water System-DPH Contract-Will check with OPM and DPH on status.
* 2015 STEAP Grant-Submitted-Pending Awards
  + - Housing Grant Administration-No report

5. Budget 2014-2015

6. Special Town Meeting Future Items:

* 1. De-obligation of Capital Funds-Forward to Board of Finance Approval
* 2. Revision to Street Numbering proposed Ordinance
* 3. Watson Estates-Lake of Isles Subdivision
* 4. DUI/Rural Road Grant Additional Appropriation
* Additional Appropriation for Tribal Recognition

**Public Comments and Questions**

**Adjournment-**9:43 PM