 **Town of North Stonington**

**Board of Selectmen**

**November 18, 2014**

**New Town Hall Conference Room**

**7:00 PM**

**MINUTES-AMENDED**

**Call to Order-**7:00 PM with Selectmen Mullane, Testa, and Donahue 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 October 14, 2014, as amended, carrying. 3-0

A motion was made by Selectman Testa and seconded by Selectman Mullane to approve the minutes of October 21, 2014, carrying. 2-0-1 Selectman Donahue did not vote, since he did not attend the meeting

October 28, 2014 meeting was cancelled.

November 4, 2014 meeting was cancelled.

November 11, 2014 meeting was cancelled.

A motion was made by Selectman Donahue and seconded by Selectman Testa to approve the minutes of November 13, 2014, carrying. 3-0

**Correspondence**

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

Attorney Rob Avena -96/96A Button Road-Briefing by Rob Avena on pros and cons of accepting or rejecting the mediation agreement. A motion was made by Selectman Mullane and seconded by Selectman Donahue to approve forwarding the results of mediation to the Court for further action. Carrying. 3-0

Frank Eppinger, Esq. – Town Attorney Watson Estates, Lake of Isles-The written easement to the Town for this subdivision is OK still requires a town meeting approval. The drawings need to be improved with a legend and corrected easement markings.

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

Project-Study Costs Added Appropriation for Study-No action

* 2. Tribal Acknowledgement/Annexation Issues – Request for added appropriation-No invoice from Perkins Coie to date
* 3. Preston/North Stonington collaboration-Working on Charter Agreement between the two towns
* 4. Lake of Isles Subdivision-As above.
* 5. Long Range Regional Transportation Plan Update-Selectmen Mullane will confer with DOT for more information
* 6. Status of Center for Emergency Services Project-Excavating -Bid Results/Approval-A presentation by Mark Perkins and Committee members to accept low bidder for excavation work in the amount of $462,579. A motion was made by Selectman Testa and seconded by Selectman Donahue to approve the apparent low bid of $462,579 from Suchocki and Son, carrying. 3-0

**New Business**

* 1. Approval of 2015 Selectmen’s Meeting Schedule-The Board review the 2015 calendar and will submit a schedule to the Town Clerk’s office this week.
* 2. North Stonington Volunteer Fire Company-SCBA Grant Proposal-$15,000 Match-Chief Steinhart of the NSVFC has applied for a grant to replace the Company’s 25 Airpacs for a cost of approximately $150,000, with a 10% match. A motion was made by Selectman Testa and seconded by Selectman Donahue to approve a match amount not to exceed $20,000 for the grant request, carrying. 3-0
* 3. Funding Request for Community Quarterly Newsletter-Lisa Mazzella and Nita Kincaid were present. Selectman Mullane agreed to pay for this upcoming edition and review funding for the next 2 editions in the Spring.

**Reports**

* + - 1. North Stonington Quarterly and Community Conversation Reports
      2. Hewitt Property

Dam Repairs-Contractor committed to costs and schedule as contracted.

* + - 1. Permanent School Building Project Committee

Permanent School Building Committee Projects-List of Things to Do

* + - 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.

5. Route 184 Bridge-Will reopen December 1, 2014

6. Grant Applications/administration

* + - Water Study Ex 92 x I95- consultants are working on project
    - 2014 STEAP Grant Extension of Village Water System-DPH Contract
* 2015 STEAP Grant-Selectmen must chose project and submit

application

* + - Housing Grant Administration

8. Budget 2014-2015

Notice to Boards and Commissions for FY 15-16 Budgets

9. Special Town Meeting Future Items:

1. De-obligation of Capital Funds

2. Revision to Street Numbering proposed Ordinance

3. Watson Estates-Lake of Isles

**Public Comments and Questions**

**Adjournment-**10:06 PM