

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 19, 2008

MINUTES

A special Town Meeting of electors and those entitled to vote at Town Meetings of the Town of North Stonington, CT was held at 7:00 P.M., Monday, May 19, 2008 at the North Stonington Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 311 Norwich Westerly Rd., North Stonington, CT. Present were First Selectman; Nicholas Mullane II, Selectman; Shawn Murphy, Town Attorney; Frank Eppinger, absent Selectman; Bill Ricker. First Selectman Nicholas H. Mullane II called the meeting to order then stated that the Budget Information, a letter from the Attorney Generals Office regarding the Hewitt property, and the Little League Local Capitol Improvement Plan were available as handouts. Selectman Mullane also stated that Items #1, 2, & 3 would be voted on at the meeting and Items #4, 5, 6, 7 would be adjourned to a Referendum on May 27, 2008. Selectman Mullane also stated that Item #6 would not be voted on at the Referendum in anticipation of gathering more information regarding environmental studies and further costs associated with the purchase of the Hewitt property. A MOTION made by Tim Main Sr., seconded by Nita Kincaid to elect Bob Shabunia as moderator, Warren Speh made a MOTION to close all nominations, seconded by Charles Smith II so carried. Bob Shabunia was declared Moderator, and then asked Town Clerk Norma Holliday to read each item separately.

1. To hear and act upon the following Resolution: Resolved: that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, for the expenditure of all highway funds available to said Town from the State Highway funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 under provisions of Chapter 240 of the Connecticut General Statutes, 1958 Revision, as amended. A MOTION made by Charles Smith III, seconded by Kathy Bond to approve the Resolution as presented. First Selectman Nicholas Mullane gave a brief explanation, no discussion followed. Motion approved by a show of hands.

2. To hear and act upon the following Resolution: Resolved: that the Board of Selectmen is hereby, authorized and empowered to obtain loans at current interest rates for loans to municipalities in anticipation of the receipt of tax collections and in anticipation of the receipt of federal and/or state grants with respect to a project or program on such terms and conditions as follows: (a) the amount borrowed shall not exceed \$1,000,000, at any one time; and (b) the Board of Finance shall receive, as early as possible, prior notification of any borrowing. The Board of Selectmen is further authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary and required. A MOTION made by Kathy Bond, seconded by Nita Kincaid to approve the Resolution as presented. First Selectman Nicholas Mullane gave a brief explanation, discussion followed. Motion approved by a show of hands.

3. To hear and act upon the amendment of the Town of North Stonington's Local Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2008-2009 through 2012-2013. A MOTION made by Warren Speh, seconded by Nita Kincaid to approve the request as presented. First Selectman Nicholas Mullane gave a brief explanation, no discussion followed. Motion approved by a show of hands.

4. “Shall the Town of North Stonington approve the estimates and recommendations of the Board of Finance with respect to the annual budget for fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, in the amount of \$ 5,938,323 for the General Government, including Redemption of Debt and Capital and make specific appropriations and authorize expenditures in, connection therewith as appear advisable?” First Selectman Mullane gave a brief explanation, discussion followed regarding the Fire Truck, job descriptions and caps on raises.

5. “Shall the Town of North Stonington approve the estimates and recommendations of the Board of Finance with respect to the annual budget for fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, in the amount of \$11,902,560 for Board of Education, and make specific appropriations and authorize expenditures in, connection therewith as appear advisable?” Crescentino Secchiaroli, a representative of the Board of Education gave a brief explanation stating there were no changes made to the budget since the Board of Finance Hearing held on Monday, May 5, 2008, discussion followed.

6. “Shall the Town of North Stonington approve the purchase of the Mystic Seaport property located on Route 2 for the price of \$655,000 (\$647,890 purchase price and \$7,110 – first year maintenance costs) contingent upon the fulfillment of all the conditions of the real estate purchase and sales agreement?” Moderator Bob Shabunia reminded everyone that this item will not be voted on at the referendum. The Selectmen are collecting more information pertaining to any related cost associated to the purchase. When all the information is collected it will be presented at a town meeting and a referendum will be held to determine if the Town will purchase the property, discussion followed.

7. “Shall the Town of North Stonington approve a donation to the North Stonington Little League in the amount of \$300,000?” Tim Baas; Fund Raising Director for the North Stonington Little League gave a brief overview of the Little League Complex, discussion followed regarding why the funds weren’t raised privately, who will maintain the facility, safety issues on entering and exiting Swantown Hill Road from Route 2 and if the Grange will still be used for Little League practices?

Mark Donahue; Chairman of the Board of Finance spoke briefly on the presentation made at the Board of Finance Hearing on May 5, 2008 regarding increases and how it will affect the tax payers.

The meeting was adjourned by Moderator Bob Shabunia at 8:40 PM to the Referendum on May 27, 2008 between the hours of 12:00pm to 8:00pm.

May 27, 2008 Referendum Results

The May 19, 2008 Special Town Meeting reconvened at 8:14 pm on May 27, 2008 following the Referendum, the results were read by the Town Meeting Moderator Bob Shabunia:

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Government, including Redemption of Debt and Capital and make specific appropriation and authorize expenditures in, connection therewith as appear advisable?"

Total: 447 Yes 303 No

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Totals: 378 Yes 370 No

"Shall the Town of North Stonington approve a donation to the North Stonington Little League in the amount of \$300,000?"

Totals: 286 Yes 463 No

A MOTION made by First Selectman Mullane, seconded by Joe Gross to adjourn at 8:16 pm, so carried.

ATTEST: Norma J Holliday, Town Clerk