

TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room

Direct link to the recording:

<https://youtu.be/ZeAyEH-Mago?si=dqgauvvnvStzSNxJ9>

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – All Members present.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Recited
- III. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN** – Mr. Giegerich commented on how well the Celebrate Saybrook Party is coming. Mr. Fortuna read the letter into the record from Tedd Levy proposing to name the police station after Edmund Mosca. Mr. Fortuna also commented on how well the street party is coming along, and spoke about the progress at Main Street Connection Park and the sidewalk continuation from Route 1 to Lynde on Elm Street. Mr. Pugliese asked to enter executive session to discuss real estate acquisition.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Special Board of Selectmen Meeting April 5, 2024 – *A MOTION was made to approve April 5, 2024 meeting minutes.*  
**FORTUNA/PUGLIESE**  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- VI. **BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
  - A. Discussion and possible action to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$87,500 so that the Town may apply for a resiliency grant to investigate alternative strategies to enhance coastal resilience from Chapman Beach to Indiantown. Mr. Fortuna mentioned that the plan was to use ARPA funding for one-half the match but that, we learned, is not allowed. So therefore, the entire \$175,000 match will be town funds. This should not affect the timing of the project. *A MOTION was made to approve.* Further noted that should we not get this grant, there will be strong consideration to move these funds to an off-budget account for further resiliency efforts.  
**PUGLIESE/FORTUNA**  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
  - B. Discussion and possible action to approve and consider at Town meeting revisions to Chapter 209 of the Town Code, Waterways.  
*A MOTION was made to approve with the clarification that fines mentioned in the chapter are levied “per day”.*  
**FORTUNA/PUGLIESE**  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- C. Discussion and possible action to set a public hearing on the 2024 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Program (NAA) application for the Connecticut Cancer Foundation. *A MOTION was made to approve to set a public hearing.*

**FORTUNA/GIEGERICH**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- D. Discussion and possible action to move to Town meeting the 2024 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Program (NAA) application for the Connecticut Cancer Foundation. *A MOTION was made to approve to move application to Town meeting.*

**FORTUNA/GIEGERICH**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- E. Building Permit fee refund request from Scott Ling: 54 Old Post Road. *A MOTION was made to approve the Building permit fee refund.*

**FORTUNA/GIEGERICH**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- F. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution of the Board of Selectmen adopting a Complete Streets Policy.

Mr. Fortuna stated that Sarah Makowicki has worked hard on keeping Old Saybrook's Sustainable CT status at silver and is hoping that we can get it to gold next year. Not only is Complete Streets a step in that direction but it is a good policy to promote different modes of transportation safely. Mr. Pugliese commented that this resolution is part of a long-term plan and it is not an end but should be a continuation of a town-wide plan for years to come. *A MOTION was made to approve the resolution adopting a Complete Streets Policy.*

**FORTUNA/GIEGERICH**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- G. Coordination of next Town meeting (May 20).

Mr. Fortuna explained that we may be expecting an NAA application from The Kate soon so he wanted to hold off on scheduling a special town meeting. A meeting could be held May 20.

*A MOTION was made to add an Executive Session to the agenda to discuss the possible sale or acquisition of property.*

**FORTUNA/GIEGERICH**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*A MOTION was made to enter Executive Session to discuss the possible sale or acquisition of property.*

**FORTUNA/PUGLIESE**

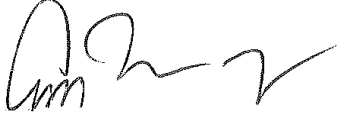
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The board went into executive session at 6:35 p.m. and exited at 6:43 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken.

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**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** – *A MOTION was made to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.*  
***FORTUNA/PUGLIESE***  
***MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl P. Fortuna Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman