

TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 4:00 p.m.

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room

Direct link to the recording: https://youtu.be/gNrFBCFHdCU
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Board of Selectmen Meetings:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKX0JMf1KPp9SQAH0GUQCR3yLtNYxKOWK

- **I. CALL TO ORDER** *All members present.*
- **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *Recited.*
- **III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** *None.*
- **IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN** Matt Pugliese noted that Lynn Dallas passed away. Mr. Fortuna thanked Mr. Pugliese for bringing this to the board's attention and remembered Lynn as an excellent member of the Pension and Benefits Board. Mr. Fortuna commented on the following:

The pollution cleanup at the transfer station has gone well. Total cost should be no more than \$30,000, a good majority of this amount to be paid from contingency; Electricity pricing is going to go up. The town locked into a short-term deal from March 2023 to November 2023. Current pricing expires November 30. New drainage for The Kate patio is needed and galleries will be installed on the town green; the new gazebo pad was poured by the town crew and the gazebo will be here the 2nd week of November; and as per zoning conditions of approval, 32 arbor vides trees were delivered to be planted on the Ingham Hill Road side of the field. More trees will be planted *on the* Route 1 side next year.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Board of Selectmen Meeting October 11, 2022. A MOTION was made to approve the minutes. FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Discussion and possible action on Board of Selectmen approval, and recommendation to Board of Finance, of STEAP grant and legislative earmarks.

Mr. Fortuna noted the town received three grants: one STEAP and two legislative earmarks. The STEAP grant is reimbursable and needs Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and town meeting approval. The legislative earmarks may be pre-funded or may be reimbursable. The state has not made this clear. It was decided that, for good housekeeping and for public explanation, taking these matters to town meeting was a good idea.

1. A MOTION was made by Mr. Fortuna to recommend that the Board of Finance appropriate \$500,000, to be reimbursed by a STEAP grant, for the purposes of completing sidewalk work on Route 1 from the Old Post Road to the Westbrook town line, and that said action subsequently be forwarded to town meeting.

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. A MOTION was made by Mr. Fortuna to recommend that the Board of Finance appropriate \$500,000 for work to be done for Phase II, Main Street Connections Park, said funds having been awarded to the town through a legislative earmark, and that said action subsequently be forwarded to town meeting.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. A MOTION was made by Mr. Fortuna to recommend that the Board of Finance appropriate \$769,500 for the purposes of completing sidewalk work on Route 1 from Old Post Road to the Westbrook Town line, said funds having been awarded to the town through a legislative earmark, and that said action subsequently be forwarded to town meeting.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- **B.** Appointments
- 1. <u>Conservation Commission</u>. Term re-appointment Donna Leake. This is a two-year term due to expire 11/2024. *A MOTION was made to re-appoint Donna Leake*.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting suspended at 4:35 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

VII. BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING WITH ARPA ADHOC COMMITTEE

VII. ADJOURNMENT - A MOTION was made to adjourn at 5:44 p.m. FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr. First Selectman