



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING *changed location
MINUTES
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
8:30 a.m.

The 11/8 Board of Selectmen recording has been uploaded to the Town video library. It should be available shortly after YouTube finishes upload processing.

Direct link to the recording: <https://youtu.be/xnAD008-K7o>

It is also included in the following playlists:

Board of Selectmen Meetings: _

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKX0JmF1KPP9SQAHO0GUQCR3yLtNYxKOWK>

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – All member present.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Recited.
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – None.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN:** Mr. Fortuna advised the board that the town will be proceeding with an internal investigation on the Bonin matter. Mr. Pugliese inquired how this would proceed, whether it would be concurrent with the criminal matter. Mr. Fortuna commented that the internal proceeds on its own timeline for internal disciplinary matters.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Board of Selectmen Meeting October 25, 2022.
A MOTION was made to approve the October 25, 2022 minutes.
FORTUNA/GIEGERICH
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
 - A.** *A MOTION was made to add to the agenda discussion and possible action on multiple resolutions relating to HVAC improvements to the Goodwin and Middle School.*
FORTUNA/PUGLIESE
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 - B.** Discussion and possible action on multiple resolutions relating to HVAC improvements to the Goodwin and Middle School.
Mr. Fortuna explained that he recently met with Superintendent Perruccio and the Director of Operations, Julie Pendleton to discuss applying for state grants to assist with the cost of HVAC improvements to the Goodwin and Middle School. There is a very tight deadline of December 1st to apply and depending on whether we are successful, other town actions may need to occur for funding. Ms. Pendleton explained that the funds are in place for the Goodwin School but we can still ask for reimbursement for a portion of the funding that was used (ESSER funds to be excluded). The Middle School project is a bit more complex and expensive but applying for the grant is the prudent move to offset the cost. Ms. Pendleton stated that the town's match from the state is usually about 25%. We are applying for these grants because this work is going to have to be done eventually and it is important that the town maximize its funding and funding sources. Therefore:

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RESOLVED, that the Old Saybrook Board of Selectmen authorizes the Old Saybrook Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the Kathleen E. Goodwin Elementary School for the installation of air conditioning and power upgrade. *A MOTION was made to approve.*

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLVED, that the Old Saybrook Board of Education is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the installation of air conditioning and power upgrade at the Kathleen E. Goodwin Elementary School. *A MOTION was made to approve.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLVED, that the Old Saybrook Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the installation of air conditioning at the Kathleen E. Goodwin Elementary School. *A MOTION was made to approve.*

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLVED, that the Old Saybrook Board of Selectmen have hereby approve that the project is completely funded by the following sources and approved through the Town of Old Saybrook and Board of Education processes to draw these funds for the named project:

ARP/ESSER FUNDS: \$ 681,216. (These funds are not eligible for reimbursement under this grant application.)

\$ 592,151. FY 22 Board of Education Budget

\$ 245,560- Air quality/HVAC Improvements 9/28/22-Town Meeting

\$ 275,000- BOE Off Budget Fund

TOTAL: \$1,793,927

A MOTION was made to approve.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLVED, that the Old Saybrook Board of Selectmen authorizes the Old Saybrook Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the Old Saybrook Middle School for the installation of air conditioning and power upgrade. *A MOTION was made to approve.*

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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RESOLVED, that the Old Saybrook Board of Education is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the installation of air conditioning at the Old Saybrook Middle School. *A MOTION was made to approve.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLVED, that the Old Saybrook Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the installation of air conditioning at the Old Saybrook Middle School. *A MOTION was made to approve.*

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLVED, that the Old Saybrook Board of Selectmen have hereby authorized that the project funding will go to town meeting by February 2023. *A MOTION was made to approve.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- C.** Discussion and possible action to approve an appropriation of \$5,106.38 from the capital non-recurring account for the purposes of upgrading the Town's two digital signs located at the Town Green and Gateway East (by Mystic Market).

Mr. Fortuna explained this request that originates from the IT department. Our software is no longer supported and this new software will give the town much more flexibility with messaging. *A MOTION was made to approve.*

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- D.** Discussion and possible action to approve an appropriation of \$125,000 from the capital non-recurring account for a software upgrade to the town's security camera software system and replace servers as needed.

Mr. Fortuna explained that the software supporting our current system expires at the end of 2022 for the town and 2023 for the Board of Education (BOE). The BOE has the vast majority of the cameras governed by this system but this is a town project. *A MOTION was made to approve.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- E.** Discussion and possible action to approve an appropriation of \$30,200 from the capital non-recurring account for the purposes of contributing the town match to a sidewalk system on Route 1 from Old Post Road to Westbrook.

Mr. Fortuna explained that after depositing surplus funds from FY 2022 into the sidewalk account, the town was still short on its funding to match the \$769,000 legislative earmark and the \$500,000 STEAP grant to build sidewalks from Old Post Road to the Westbrook town line. These funds allow us to provide 100% of the match and the funds will be segregated specifically for this project. *A MOTION was made to approve.*

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- F.** Discussion and possible action to approve an appropriation of \$20 thousand from the capital non-recurring account for electrical work for the Gazebo on the town green.

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Mr. Fortuna explained that for the new gazebo we want to be able to provide any and all community members with the power and IT capabilities that they need. In addition, we will be adding more power to other areas of the town green as we have had complaints that during summer concerts and during the art show, there is not enough power. *A MOTION was made to approve.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- G.** Discussion and possible action to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$4 thousand from the capital non-recurring account for the purpose of staining the new fence at Whisper Cove.

Mr. Fortuna explained that the gentleman putting up the fence indicated that staining the cedar could add up to ten years of life to the fence. *A MOTION was made to approve.*

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- H.** Discussion and possible action to approve the following American Rescue Plan Funding (ARPA) requests, as recommended by the ad hoc ARPA committee created by the Board of Selectmen. See attached.

All members of the board expressed their gratitude to the ad hoc committee and stated they appreciated their thoughtfulness for the projects selected. *A MOTION was made to approve all projects.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- I.** Discussion and possible action on the Call for Annual Town Meeting. *A MOTION was made to approve the Call for Annual Town meeting.*

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- J.** Discussion and possible action on the 2023 Holiday Schedule. *A MOTION was made to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- K.** Discussion and possible action on the 2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule. *A MOTION was made to approve the 2023 Board of Selectmen meeting schedule.*

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- L.** Appointments

- 1.** Historic District. Term expiration regular member Laura Gray. This is a five-year term due to expire 12/2027. *A MOTION was made to re-appoint Laura Gray.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2.** Historic District. Term expiration alternate member Richard Peters. This is a five-year term due to expire 12/2027. *A MOTION was made to re-appoint Richard Peters.*

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3. Water Pollution Control. Term expiration regular member Frederick Strickhart. This is a three-year term due to expire 12/2025. *A MOTION was made to re-appoint Frederick Strickhart.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Water Pollution Control. Term expiration regular member Ian Featherstone. This is a three-year term due to expire 12/2025. *A MOTION was made to re-appoint Ian Featherstone.*

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Water Pollution Control. Term expiration regular member Peter Stump. This is a three-year term due to expire 12/2025. *A MOTION was made to re-appoint Peter Stump.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Water Pollution Control. Term expiration alternate member Michael Galler. This is a two-year term due to expire 12/2024. *A MOTION was made to re-appoint Michael Galler.*

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. ADJOURNMENT *A MOTION was made to adjourn at 9:18 a.m.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,
Carl P. Fortuna Jr.
First Selectman

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Attachment

- i. To appropriate \$100,000 to the Economic Development department for the purpose of development, marketing and promotion plan focusing on creating seasonal events to attract people to Old Saybrook's small businesses, entertainment attractions and restaurants.
- ii. To appropriate \$2,124 to reimburse the First Church for the purchase of 4 air purifiers.
- iii. To appropriate \$8,288 for the Historic Walking Tour.
- iv. To appropriate \$500,000 for the purpose of upgrading Main Street crosswalks and safer pedestrian experience.
- v. To appropriate \$21,830 to the Public Health Nursing Board for the purpose of contracting a psychiatric APRN.
- vi. To appropriate \$23,860 to the Rotary Club for the purposes of offsetting fundraising losses due to COVID.
- vii. To appropriate \$80,000 for the purpose of building a senior pavilion for seniors at Saybrook Village Senior Housing.
- viii. To appropriate \$100,000 to the Valley Shore YMCA to support after school childcare program.
- ix. To appropriate \$25,000 to HOPE Partnership to contribute to the first year's salary of the new Executive Director due to lack of fundraising during COVID.
- x. To appropriate \$101,000 to SayBucks Giveaways for the purpose of injecting dollars into Old Saybrook's business community.
- xi. To appropriate \$247,000 to Old Saybrook Social Services to assist residents that have been adversely affected by COVID.
- xii. To appropriate \$14,000 to the CT Cancer Foundation to offset fundraising losses due to COVID.
- xiii. To appropriate \$36,786 to the VFW to offset funding losses due to COVID.
- xiv. To appropriate \$97,270 to the YFS to provide mental health and prevention services to school aged youth or families.
- xv. To appropriate \$17,200 to the American Legion to offset fundraising losses due to COVID.
- xvi. To appropriate \$11,934 to Odedra Brothers LLC dba "Pier Blue Inn" to offset losses incurred due to mandatory shut down due to COVID.
- xvii. To appropriate \$22,000 to Aum Somnath LLC dba "Himalaya Café" to offset losses incurred due to COVID.