



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

CARL P. FORTUNA JR., FIRST SELECTMAN

SCOTT M. GIEGERICH, SELECTMAN

MATTHEW PUGLIESE, SELECTMAN

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
3:30 p.m.

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room

Direct link to the recording: <https://youtu.be/hSjxaMsJM-0>

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Board of Selectmen Meetings: _

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKX0JMf1KPp9SQAHO0GUQCR3yLtNYxKOWK>

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – all members present.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – recited.
- III. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – none.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN** Mr. Fortuna commented on a postcard he received in memory of David Brown; he mentioned that the town hall A/C project is underway, that the PERF contract has been signed and an introductory meeting occurred; that the Main St. Connection Park funding had come in from the State and he read an email distributed to the Kate Board of Trustees from its Chairman about the awesomeness of The Kate.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Board of Selectmen Meeting February 13, 2024. – *A MOTION was made to approve February 13, 2024 meeting minutes.*
PUGLIESE/ GIEGERICH
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- VI. **BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
 - A. Discussion and possible action on the allocation of Selectman Pugliese's stipend payments.

Mr. Pugliese explained that in his new position as Deputy Director of DECD, he cannot have another paid position, but he can still serve on the Board of Selectmen. Therefore, he would like to donate the remaining portion of his stipend for this year as follows: \$1404.81 to the P & R capital account; \$1400 to the library for their expansion project; \$500 to YFS for their Boys and Girls council to scholarship students for summer conference and \$1,000 to the BOE off budget account for low-income students that need field trip funds and athletic equipment. *A MOTION was made to approve donation of the remaining portion of stipend.*
FORTUNA/GIEGERICH
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 - B. Discussion and possible action on the appointment of a town attorney.

With Attorney Cronin's retirement, Berchem Moses was installed as town attorney. *A MOTION was made to approve the appointment of Berchem Moses as town attorney.*
FORTUNA/GIEGERICH
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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C. TIF Advisory Committee

Mr. Fortuna stated that this committee does exist right now though it is inactive. Several members are no longer on boards. As a result, the new members are now Bruce Carlson, Jennifer Donahue, Berchem Moses and Chris Costa in addition to Mr. Fortuna, Norm Prevost from Planning, Sandy Roberts from EDC, Lee Ann Palladino and Norm Wood.

A MOTION was made to approve new members.

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Tax Refunds

The Tax Collector gave the Board a schedule of refunds and a *MOTION was made to approve.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Transfer Station Fee Schedule

Mr. Fortuna reviewed a schedule that was handwritten from his meeting with Mr. Claffey. It basically raises the fees on bulky waste. He will get this schedule to the other members of the Board of Selectmen for discussion next time.

F. Tree Committee

Mr. Fortuna suggested that the Conservation Commission undertake this committee and he will be in touch with the chairperson.

G. Appointments

1. Historic District Commission – Regular member resignation vacancy.

Elevation alternate member Paul Knierim. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a 5-year term due to end 12/2026. *A MOTION was made to approve the appointment of Paul Knierim.*

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Historic District Commission – Regular member resignation vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a 5-year term due to end 12/2027.

A MOTION was made to approve the appointment of Tom Stevenson.

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Historic District Commission – Alternate member elevation vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a 5-year term due to end 12/2026.

A MOTION was made to approve the appointment of Jessica Plant May.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Zoning Board of Appeals. Alternate member resignation. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a 2-year term due to end 11/2025. *A MOTION was made to table this item.*

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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H. Winterization – 129 Nehantic Trail. *A MOTION was made to approve the removal from seasonal classification 129 Nehantic Trail.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. **ADJOURNMENT** - *A MOTION was made to adjourn at 4:31 p.m.*

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,
Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman