



**TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022
8:30 a.m.**

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room

Direct link to the recording: <https://youtu.be/XmT-xXGcYsA>

It is also included in the following playlists:

Board of Selectmen Meetings: _

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKX0JMf1KPp9SQAHOQUQCR3yLtNYxKOWK>

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – All members present
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Recited
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN:** Mr. Pugliese stated that the sign for off the Exit 67 ramp has been ordered; He also commented that he has spoken to a few people concerned with the GEI report that will be coming out on the Preserve. Mr. Fortuna commented that he is aware of this concern about GEI. He knows that some areas of concern are the State's plans to timber the property and to allow for hunting. The First Selectman has a meeting set for this Friday to talk with some ad hoc members.
Mr. Giegerich is looking forward to moving along the lights project.
Mr. Fortuna made multiple comments: He mentioned that Connecticut Water refunded \$20,000 from the Evans Lane water main project. They had estimated 77k but the cost was less; He received a call from Eileen Baker to support some sort of Ukrainian relief project, and will report back; he has concerns on several bills at the State Capitol, namely doing away with resident beach parking and opening our town beach to all, a 2 mil statewide property tax on properties valued at over \$1.2m and the firefighter cancer presumption bill, which would basically create another heart and hypertension law, this time for firefighters. He is in favor of not having all police departments become CALEA accredited as is now mandated under the Police Accountability Act. Lastly, he recognized Barry Maynard, Tax Collector, who is retiring in April, 2022.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Special Board of Selectmen Meeting February 15, 2022. Motion to approve.

FORTUNA /PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

- A.** Ratification by the Board of Selectmen of the Planning Commission approval on the acquisition of a permanent easement as a Municipal Improvement at 685 Boston Post Road (Map 36/Lot 102) as it is consistent with The Town Plan of Conservation and Development.

The First Selectman told the Board that he had an opportunity to get in front of the Planning Commission for 8-24 approval and he is now asking for ratification of that action. The Board stated that they felt well apprised of this application and had no issues.

Motion to approve acquisition of a permanent easement at 685 Boston Post Road.

FORTUNA /GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- B.** Discussion and action on the MIRA Municipal Solid Waste Agreement.

Mr. Fortuna discussed the MIRA saga stating that, as a board member, he has spent countless hours over the last few months in meetings. He recommends signing the 5 years proposal by MIRA but is not confident that MIRA will exist for 5 more years. Even though the opt out number continues to get higher every year, MIRA may still not be able to meet that number as more towns leave. Unfortunately, the town has few options for garbage disposal. At least for FY 23, this is the recommended course of action. Mr. Pugliese stated that he has been reading as much as he can on this and listening to my reports and understands that the town has few options. Therefore, he supports signing the contract.

Motion to approve the MIRA Municipal Solid Waste Agreement.

FORTUNA /PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- C.** Discussion and action on the Email Communications Policy for all members of all Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Pugliese liked the policy. He feels it heighten awareness for the public to be able to email a member of a board directly, which board member can then communicate to his or her full board.

Motion to approve the Email Communications Policy.

FORTUNA /PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn at 9:25 a.m.

FORTUNA /PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman