



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room

Direct link to the recording: <https://youtu.be/qf7BE3XqWIY>

It is also included in the following playlists:

Board of Selectmen Meetings: _

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Recited

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN: Matt Pugliese asked about the support union contract, which is still being reviewed for final edits. He also wished everyone Happy Easter. Mr. Fortuna gave an update on Kate ticket sales, office remodeling in Town Hall, Phase II grant money received (\$500k), he spoke of bills of concern on firefighter cancer and MIRA, mentioned that he is attempting to get a few EV chargers in the pickle ball parking lot and mentioned the passing of John Ellis.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Board of Selectmen Meeting March 22, 2022.

FORTUNA /PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Greetings to Ms. President USA – Old Saybrook. This will occur at the next meeting.

B. Presentation by Robert Friedmann, Chairman, Zoning Commission, “Opting Out of Accessory Dwelling Unit”.

Mr. Friedmann spoke to the opt out and the resolution passed by Zoning. His concerns were that there would be no zoning review of accessory dwelling units (ADU), just administrative review. He stated that Old Saybrook has adopted its own regulations preferring owner occupied which protects hotels and bed and breakfasts. He fears in Old Saybrook that opting in would lead to a tremendous amount of short-term rentals. He feels that our regulation assists the lower end rental market. He spoke to the maximum size of the ADU is bigger in Old Saybrook than in the proposed bill and that we are promoting more long-term rentals. While Old Saybrook ADU's don't count towards affordable housing percentages, they do promote affordability. Matt Pugliese requested additional time to consider the vote, which was granted. This matter will be on the next Board of Selectmen agenda.

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- C.** Discussion and possible action on Deferred Compensation Investment Policy
Statement for the management of the Town's 457b and 401a plans.

Lee Ann Palladino discussed. The policy speaks to the duties and responsibilities of the Pension and Employee Benefits Board, investment advisor and names the custodian of the funds. The policy discusses investment option monitoring, and investment policy review. Moved and approved.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- D.** Discussion and possible action on a provision for repeal of Section 209-10 of the Ferry Road Waterfront Regulations and recommend to town meeting.

Bob Murphy and Paul Connolly are seeking repeal of this section of the town code. Allowing for seasonal dockage on the face of the main dock, not currently allowed, would provide 2-4 additional slips at Ferry Road. The Harbor Management Commission sees no reason for this section of the code to remain. Moved and approved to go to town meeting.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- E.** Discussion and possible action to approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$55 thousand to the town's fiscal 2022 General Fund Engineering budget line item 430500 and recommend to town meeting. Mr. Fortuna discussed the various projects, both normal and emergency, that have caused this line item to go over. Moved and approved to town meeting.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- F.** Discussion and possible action on the Town of Old Saybrook Whistleblower Policy.

Lee Ann Palladino discussed that with many of the grants that we apply for and will be applying for, a whistleblower policy is required. Moved and approved.

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- G.** Discussion and possible action on Call of Annual Budget Meeting. Moved and approved.

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- H.** Discussion and possible action on Call of Special Town Meeting. Moved and approved.

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I. Appointments

1. CT River Area Health District. Term expiration. Re-appointment Michael Dunne, M.D. This is a three-year term due to expire 5/2025. Moved and approved.

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2. Economic Development Commission. Resignation vacancy. Elevation alternate member Kacie Costello Hand. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a five-year term due to expire 06/2023. Moved and approved.

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3. Economic Development Commission. Elevation vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a two-year term due to expire 12/2023. Motion made to appoint Erica Cosenza.

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4. Oversight Committee. Term expiration. Re-appointment Matthew Pugliese. This is a three-year term due to expire 5/2025. Moved and approved.

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5. Pension and Employee Benefits Board. Vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a five-year term due to expire 01/2027. Motion made to appoint Susan Quish.

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6. Zoning Board of Appeals. Resignation vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a four-year term and until the next municipal election November 2023 at which time it will be placed on the ballot for a term until 11/18/2025. Motion made to appoint Erin Colwell.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn at 9:55 a.m.

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