



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

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, June 28, 2022**

**4:00 p.m.**

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room

Public Zoom Link: Direct link to the recording: <https://youtu.be/BYT2RX8Ogrw>

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** – Claudia Way thanked the First Selectman for attending the Claude Zanni tribute sponsored by the Historical Society last Friday. She also commented on two properties that she made blight complaints. Mr. Fortuna told her that he referred the Chapman property to Inland Wetlands enforcement and that Ms. Way should contact Ms. Wacker. As for Mr. Dean's property, this will be referred to the blight attorney.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN:** Acton Feasibility Study was distributed and will be discussed at a future meeting. The Selectmen talked about the high school lights delivery in the early part of July. Mr. Pugliese commented on the mural at RiverMart and how he thought it was so well done. Mr. Fortuna told the board that he, Amanda Brouwer and several members of boards and commissions will be attending Sustainable CT equity training this summer. This will help keep us silver certified.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Board of Selectmen Meeting June 14, 2022. **The minutes were amended to more properly reflect Mr. Welch's comments.** Mr. Pugliese also mentioned that he was in favor of a gun buyback program. Mr. Fortuna asked if Mr. Pugliese could coordinate that with the Chief of Police. *MOTION* made to approve minutes as amended.  
*FORTUNA /GIEGERICH*  
*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*
- VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
  - A. Ratification of AFSCME 1303-278 General Government contract:** July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2024.  
Mr. Fortuna reviewed the salient points of the contract changes discussing raises, insurance, paid time off and subcontracting. Mr. Pugliese mentioned he would like to see performance reviews and career guidance provided to this union. Mr. Fortuna said he would touch based with counsel. *MOTION* made and contract ratified.  
*FORTUNA /PUGLIESE*  
*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**B.** Encroachment Permit bond release: 380 Main Street *MOTION* made and release of bond approved.

**FORTUNA /GIEGERICH**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C.** Appointments

1. Connecticut River Gateway Commission. Term expiration Old Saybrook designee. Re-appointment regular member William Webb. This is a two-year term due to expire 07/2024. *MOTION* made and approved.

**FORTUNA /PUGLIESE**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Connecticut River Gateway Commission. Term expiration Old Saybrook designee. Re-appointment alternate member Diane Stober. This is a two-year term due to expire 07/2024. *MOTION* made and approved.

**FORTUNA /GIEGERICH**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments. Vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a two-year term due to end 11/2023. *MOTION* made and approved to appoint Michael Bender.

**FORTUNA /PUGLIESE**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VII. BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING WITH ARPA ADHOC COMMITTEE.**

- VIII.** *MOTION* to add to the agenda an item to forward to the Board of Finance and ultimately to town meeting all prior ARPA awards as well as a recommendation for the Lions Club and the Estuary request. *MOTION* approved.

**FORTUNA /GIEGERICH**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- IX.** *MOTION* to request that the Board of Finance ratify all prior ARPA appropriations as well as approving the following new requests: the Lions Club for \$2,800 and the Estuary Council of Seniors for \$10,000. Further to move these to town meeting. *MOTION* approved.

**FORTUNA /GIEGERICH**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- X.** **ADJOURNMENT** – *Motion made to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.*

**FORTUNA /PUGLIESE**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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