



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
3:30 p.m.**

Direct link to the recording: <https://youtu.be/5DR7kME6vDk>

It is also included in the following playlists:

Board of Selectmen Meetings: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKX0JMf1KPp9SQAHO0GUQCR3yLtNYxKOWK>

Covid-19 Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKX0JMf1KPp9udiWTL-WmjmxSYBnCU8N>

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – All members present
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - recited
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - none
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN** – Matt Pugliese expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the town's vaccine clinic; He also mentioned that EDC sent out a letter to the town's restaurants about applying for Restaurant Revitalization Fund. Matt followed up with the restaurants and the whole effort was very successful. Restaurants have grant fatigue so this reminder and a little assistance went a long way. The First Selectman commented on the following:  
**Smoke on the Water application:** Mr. Fortuna mentioned that the zoning denial brought out some nasty emails/facebook comments and he wanted the public to be aware that in fact the boards and commissions, made up of volunteers, are doing their job by being deliberate. No matter what happens at the point, rules and regulations must be followed because if there is a development, it will be there for a long time. He urged the public to acknowledge and respect the process: Parks & Recreation supports the purchase of a contemporary pavilion being offered a steep discount from Atlas Fence; CCM has put out a legislative update highlighting bills that the membership supports and doesn't support. Examples include supporting Extended Producer Responsibility for tires, propane tanks and smoke detectors and opposing the expansion of Workers Comp benefits for dispatchers and EMS workers. A memo was sent to all departments to carefully consider expenditures as we head into year end;
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Board of Selectmen Meeting  
April 13, 2021.

**FORTUNA /PUGLIESE**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

- A. Discussion The Kate: Lower Level Construction project.**

Brett Elliott attended and spoke to the museum project that will expand the museum, upgrade the mechanicals so that The Kate can be a proper repository for all things Kate. The upgrade will allow for increased visitors that cannot currently be accommodated right now. The project is over \$400k and the Board of Directors would be asking for a 100k donation from American Rescue Plan dollars.

- B.** Discussion and possible action on the Park and Recreation Commission request to approve a separate Sinking Fund for future projects under the OSPR Strategic Plan.

Susan Esty and Ray Allen spoke about creating a sinking fund for the extra dollars being charged at mini-golf beginning July 1, 2021. The fees would be used to pay for needed capital improvements and possibly the implementation of the strategic plan. All members of the board thought this was a good idea and forward looking. Motion to approve a separate Sinking Fund for future projects under the OSPR Strategic Plan.

***FORTUNA /GIEGERICH***

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- C.** Discussion and possible action on the Pension and Employee Benefit Board (PBB) revisions to the Pension Investment Policy Statement (IPS).

Lee Ann Palladino to discuss revisions to the Investment Policy Statement. She stated that the statement is revised every year based on recommendations from the Pension Board. This year the changes were minor: there can be no investments in crypto-currencies or SPACS and a minor change with regard to fund relationships with the investment advisor. She also mentioned that the plan is performing well in these markets and that the town portfolio is well positioned should there be an inflationary environment. The assumed rate of return has been lowered to 7%. Motion to approve PBB revisions to the Pension Investment Policy Statement.

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- D.** Discussion regarding potential statewide legalization of recreational marijuana, retail sales permitting: draft ordinance.

Following up on a previous discussion, a draft ordinance limiting marijuana sales to the B-4 business district or Industrial areas and away from residential areas or Main Street was discussed. All board members indicated a willingness to have the discussion about being proactive and recommending to zoning possible ordinance changes before recreational marijuana is legalized. Mr. Giegerich stated that if it is going to be all around, it could behoove the town to get ahead of this and take advantage of possible tax benefits; Mr. Pugliese stated that adults may want to partake in these types of activities but we also need to be conscious of the examples we are setting for our children. Mr. Fortuna indicated he would work on an ordinance after receiving several samples from CCM.

- E.** Discussion of Transfer Station code changes.

This matter was again discussed and is now in final form. Some of the fees were lowered based upon the recommendation of the Waste and Recycling Task Force (WRTF). Other than that, there is a lot of cleaning up of an outdated ordinance. Ultimately, the goal of the entire revision is to make our transfer station a residential transfer station and not allow dump trucks. The board had reviewed the ordinance and supported it for a future town meeting.

- F.** Motion to add to the agenda discussion and possible action on authorizing the First Selectman to enter into a contract with PaintCare Connecticut.

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**G.** Discussion and possible action on authorizing the First Selectman to enter into a contract with PaintCare Connecticut.

Mr. Fortuna stated this idea came from the WRTF, specifically Barry O’Neill. Latex paint currently gets thrown into the regular waste stream and this company would come and take both latex and lead paint, and pay us by the gallon. It is a win-win and the board authorized the First Selectman to sign the contract after they have had a brief period to review it and state any objections if need be. Motion made authorizing the First Selectman to enter into a contract with PaintCare Connecticut.

***GIEGERICH/PUGLIESE***

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**VII. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn at 5:00 pm

***FORTUNA /GIEGERICH***

***MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

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