



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room

Direct link to the recording: https://youtu.be/rtfSH4D1U_s

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** - Mr. Giegerich attended the Exchange Club event that neither Matt Pugliese or Carl Fortuna could attend. It concerned takeaways from the pandemic which Scott explained for Old Saybrook involved collaborative meetings, engaging the community, upgraded technology, working with the State and CCM, fundraising for those in need in our community and keeping our schools open. He also is still volunteering at the vaccination clinic. Matt Pugliese mentioned the Beech leaf disease that appears to be damaging the Beech trees in the Preserve. He also inquired about the Oversight Committee. Mr. Fortuna indicated he would get back to him. He looks forward to participating in this year's Memorial Day parade. Mr. Fortuna commented on the following: 1. There will be a Memorial Day parade Monday! 2. The town is currently negotiating with support and dispatcher unions. 3. The town will be applying for a STEAP grant for some work on the park between the pickle ball courts and the police station. 4. The Ingham Hill Road parking area has commenced construction. 5. The Kate gutter project is almost done on time and on budget. 6. The MIRA waste to energy plant will be shut down July 1, 2022 and the MIRA board and Executive Director and staff are currently in a dispute with DEEP over whether it can be converted to a transfer station for the next 4 years thereafter. If not, the cost of disposing waste will likely increase even more. 7. There was a lengthy discussion about ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) and how best to spend money for both immediate impact and long term change. Economic Development has come up with a variety of ideas and several non-profits have come forward with documented losses. There will be a push and pull on spending and who should be involved with decision making or simply making recommendations.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Board of Selectmen Meeting May 11, 2021 – Minutes approved with the amendment that the Economic Development Commission did not send out the flyer on the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) program. Chris Costa and Susan Beckman coordinated on that.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

- A.** Public Hearing Notice June 8, 2021 at 3:30: To discuss applications for the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA).

A public hearing notice is required prior to the town meeting. Motion to approve public hearing notice.

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B. Call of Special Town Meeting June 8, 2021 - following the public hearing. The town meeting consists of three applications: Connecticut Cancer Center, Estuary Council of Seniors and The Kate. Two of these are energy improvement projects eligible for the 100% credit and the other is an employment project at the Connecticut Cancer Center eligible at 60%.

In addition, there is an item improving broadband infrastructure at both P & R and YFS previously approved by the Board of Finance for \$9,800. Call of Special Town Meeting motion to approve.

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- C.** Appointments

1. Deputy Fire Marshal – Jeff Hesser – Motion to approve
2. Fire Inspector – William Heiney – Motion to approve
3. Deputy Fire Marshal - John Planas – Motion to approve

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MOTION TO ADD TO THE AGENDA THE APPOINTMENT OF A ZBA ALTERNATE

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- D.** Appointment

1. Zoning Board of Appeals. Alternate vacancy. This appointment is for a two year term due to expire 11/2021. Motion to approve Carl Garbe.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT -Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm

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