



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING
Immediately following Special Town Meeting

**Tuesday, June 8, 2021
3:30 p.m.**

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room

Direct link to the recording: https://youtu.be/-L_YaKOnfBo

It is also included in the following playlists:

Board of Selectmen Meetings: _

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

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. Pugliese offered thanks to the town and school administrations for the handling of the pandemic. He was particularly pleased with the schools as the parent of two children. Scott Giegerich commented on the decision of the Zoning Commission to grant a special exception for recreational field lights at the high school. He appreciated the efforts of so many people who worked on this to get this done and address the concerns of the neighbors. Mr. Fortuna made comments on the Conservation Commission's efforts to install a pollinator garden at Gardiner's Landing, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) program and the various meetings that are occurring surrounding that and also the field lights decision that Mr. Giegerich mentioned. He also was pleased but commented on how this was a 2 year plus project that still needs funding.

- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Board of Selectmen Meeting May 25, 2021

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

- A.** Notice of Public Hearing July 13, 2021

Moved and approved that there be a public hearing on the proposed Affordable Housing Plan at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on July 13, 2021 to discuss recommendations from our consultant.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- B.** Call of Special Town Meeting July 13, 2021

There was extensive discussion on all 4 matters that appear on the town call. First with regard to amending the flood ordinance to correct certain omissions of the AO and AH zones. Secondly with going to 2 feet of free board from one foot on all new construction and on rebuilds of substantially damaged/improved homes. The Town

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Planner feels that this change to new construction will have a significant positive long-term effect on homes and the ability of the homeowner to make repairs to said homes in the future, whether voluntary renovations or storm related repairs. The amendment will reduce the likelihood of compliant homes being subject to the 50% substantial improvement rule again when FEMA decides to amend the flood maps. The higher standard will also serve to reduce flood insurance rates for newly constructed/renovated homes. Secondly is a change to the Declaration of Policy of the transfer station ordinance to remove language that is clearly outdated and to update fines to be consistent with state law. Thirdly, to have the Transfer Station be available to residential vehicles only- cars, pick up trucks, vans and small single axle trailers and not to be available to mason dumps and rack body trucks. Fourth, are proposed amendments to the Land Use Department fees some of which have not been amended in over ten years. The changes are to incorporate increases to legal notices and other administrative costs relating to permit processing. The Call was moved and approved.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Proposed Building Department Fee changes

Tom Makowicki described several changes where there is a flat fee for construction between \$1-\$4,000 of \$50 and a sliding scale of even dollar amounts thereafter. He believes this change will be net neutral to somewhat cash positive. He also recommended a flat fee for demolition so that values would not be guessed on. Motion to approve Building Department fee changes.

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D. Discussion and possible action Septic/Leaching Field Easement and Maintenance Agreement – 1 Heck Place.

This is an easement that has been in effect, de facto, for years and is being formalized per recommendation of the town counsel. Moved and approved.

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E. Appointments - all appointments were moved and approved.

1. Municipal Cemetery – Term re-appointment Nancy Sullivan. This is a six year term due to expire 07/2027.

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2. Municipal Cemetery – Term re-appointment David Tiezzi. This is a six year term due to expire 07/2027.

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3. Municipal Cemetery – Term re-appointment Kelly Renshaw. This is a six year term due to expire 07/2027.

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- VII.** Move to add to the agenda an encroachment bond release for 32 Hartlands Drive and 40 Sea Lane. Approved

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- VIII.** Encroachment Bond Release - for 32 Hartlands Drive and 40 Sea Lane moved and approved.

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- IX.** Move to add to the agenda approval of a municipal resolution for the First Selectman to sign STEAP grant contract and all associated documentation moved and approved.

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- X.** Municipal resolution for the First Selectman to sign STEAP grant contract and all associated documentation – This is in regards to the two compostable toilets that the town received a STEAP grant for. The State just recently sent the initial contract and is asking that a resolution be signed so the First Selectman can move forward with this project. Moved and approved.

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- XI. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn at 4:45 pm

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