



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Direct link to the recording: <https://youtu.be/Lg-2Ww63S9Y>

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Board of Selectmen Meetings: _

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKX0JMf1KPp9SQAHO0GUQCR3yLtNYxKOWK>

I. CALL TO ORDER – All members present

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Recited

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Chloe Carlson requested that the town enlist Sustainable CT to provide equity coaching. She further stated that there is statistical, empirical and anecdotal evidence of an equity crisis in Old Saybrook.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN: Mr. Pugliese noted the steps the town has taken from an equity standpoint: Training in 2021 for all town employees, funds for an interpreter for Youth & Family Services in the budget and other actions. He stated that ARPA has a decidedly diversity, equity and inclusion bent and future grant funds coming from the federal government will likely have that directive.

Mr. Fortuna commented on the various job opportunities in town hall due to resignations and retirements and that he believes there is a tentative agreement with the support union on a new contract, which will have to be ratified by the Board of Selectmen at a later date.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Board of Selectmen Meeting March 8, 2022.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Report on the 9 Town Transit District.

Charlie Norz gave a thorough update on 9 town transit and the merger with MAT, including funding for the merger, a new maintenance building, a possible new shoreline facility, a fare, human resources and marketing study, bus driver labor status, a public media event and the schedule for the operating budget to be set. He said ridership is still down but is recovering nicely.

B. Building Permit Fee Release – 57 Atlantic Drive

Motion made to approve fee release.

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C. Building Permit Fee Release – 115 Springbrook Road

Motion made to approve fee release.

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D. Building Permit Fee Release – 50 Church Street

Motion made to approve fee release.

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E. Discussion on an EV Charger opportunity.

Mr. Fortuna mentioned that he brought before the Board of Finance an opportunity to put in 4 chargers at a town cost of \$11k. He also attended a webinar with Eversource today on opportunities for EV chargers.

F. Discussion and possible action requesting that the Board of Finance appropriate \$1650.00 from the town's capital and non-recurring account, and recommend to town meeting, for the purposes of acquiring a permanent easement at 685 Boston Post Road. Said permanent easement is located at the Southwest corner of the intersection of Route 1 and Elm Street and the Northeasterly corner of the subject property and is depicted on a certain map entitled, "Easement to be granted to the Town of Old Saybrook by K Brothers LLC Boston Post Road and Elm Street Old Saybrook, CT date: November 2021 Scale 1" = 10' Easement Map. Said proposed Permanent Easement is triangular and consists of 291 square feet.

This is part of the Connectivity Grant which has been discussed at multiple Board of Selectmen Meetings. Motion to approve.

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Appointments

1. Tax Collector. Retirement vacancy. This appointment is until the next municipal election November 2023 at which time it will be placed on the ballot for a term until 11/18/2025.

Carol Rzasa was nominated and unanimously approved.

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2. Signatory in the absence of the Finance Director.

This item was amended to read: "To be able to delegate the authority to approve expenditures to another elector of the town". It was noted that this rarely happens and usually only when the First Selectman or Finance Director are unavailable. The newly appointed tax collector was nominated and approved with Mr. Fortuna noting that Barry Maynard currently serves this purpose.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn at 4:52 p.m.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman