



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room

Direct link to the recording: <https://youtu.be/cNkt48BqkvU>

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** - None
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN:** Mr. Pugliese asked the status of the Department of Public Works (DPW) investigation which Mr. Fortuna responded to by saying that the Board would get a full update when the internal investigation is completed. He also stated that Bill Claffey is doing an excellent job as interim and DPW and the Transfer Station are running smoothly. Mr. Fortuna reported that the town did not get the Saybrook Point grant but the Commissioner of DECD has agreed to meet with the town on February 2nd to review the project and the site. The sidewalk project on the west side of Route 1 from Ocean State Job Lot to Elm Street is out to bid. The legislative session started today and Mr. Fortuna expects a heavy focus on affordable housing and taxes. Marijuana sales begin in the state today; Fine Fettle has resubmitted their application in Old Saybrook. The North Yard has changed owners and the back taxes have been paid to the tune of over \$600k. With this and the increase in interest income, the town should reap a significant revenue surplus this year. Mr. Pugliese inquired if the Board of Selectmen could have a meeting at some point to discuss the budget before the First Selectman submits it to the board which Mr. Fortuna agreed to.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Special Board of Selectmen Meeting November 8, 2022. *A MOTION was made to approve the Special November 8, 2022 minutes.*
PUGLIESE/GIEGERICH
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
 - A.** Discussion and possible action to approve American Rescue Plan Funding (ARPA) request, as recommended by the ad hoc ARPA committee created by the Board of Selectman, for Sandra Clark
Mr. Fortuna and Mr. Pugliese both stated that the ARPA committee has been quite thorough and are satisfied with all recommendations to date. *A MOTION was made to approve the Board of Selectmen recommendation and move to town meeting ARPA request funding for Sandra Clark.*
GIEGERICH / PUGLIESE
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- B. As approved by the Board of Finance and recommended by the Board of Selectmen an appropriation for a town match in the amount of \$347,200 toward the \$500,000 Small Town Economic Assistant Program funded by \$317,000 from the Town's sidewalk fund 3019 and \$30,200 from the capital non-recurring fund. Further, to move the capital non-recurring portion of the match for further approval at town meeting.

Mr. Fortuna mentioned that this should have been on the last town meeting but it was an oversight. *A MOTION was made to approve the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen recommendation and move to town meeting.*

GIEGERICH / PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- C. Discussion and action on Call of Special Town Meeting. *A MOTION was made approve the Call of Special Town Meeting, Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room on Tuesday, January 24th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m*

GIEGERICH / PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- D. Discussion and action to remove property at 2 Sea Lane-1 from seasonal classification recorded in Volume 200 and approve as a year-round dwelling.

A MOTION was made approve 2 Sea Lane-1 as a year-round dwelling

GIEGERICH / PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- E. Discussion and action on refund of building permit fee: 16 Hill Street. A

MOTION was made approve building permit fee refund.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- F. Discussion and action on refund of building permit fee: 77 Neptune Drive. A

MOTION was made approve building permit fee refund.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- G. Appointments

1. Economic Development Commission. Resignation vacancy regular member. Elevation appointment Susan Quish. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a five-year term due to end 06/2025.

Mr. Fortuna explained that with appointive boards, there has been no past practice or policy of replacing like political parties with vacancies. However, he has honored that commitment with elective boards. In the town charter, the only reference is that when an appointment is NOT made by the Board of Selectmen within a certain amount of time, the board can make its own appointment. *A MOTION was made approve the appointment of Susan Quish.*

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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2. Economic Development Commission. Elevation vacancy alternate member. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a two-year term due to end 08/2024. Michael Bender appointed as an alternate. *A MOTION was made to approve the appointment of Michael Bender.*

GIEGERICH / PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Pension and Employee Benefits Board. Term expiration Rowena Moffett. This is a five-year term due to expire 01/2028. *A MOTION was made approve the re-appointment of Rowena Moffett.*

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. ADJOURNMENT - A MOTION was made adjourn at 9:25 a.m.

PUGLIESE/GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr.
First Selectman