



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Tuesday, December 10, 2019**

3:30 P.M.

**Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** First Selectman Carl P. Fortuna Jr, Selectman Scott Giegerich and Selectman Matthew Pugliese.

- I. CALL TO ORDER-** First Selectman called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Recited
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-**None
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMAN:** The First Selectman commented on the following: Former First Selectman Ray Kotowski would like to sit on the viewing platform at the Torchlight Parade; a wonderful ceremony celebrating the service of Vietnam Veterans occurred at The Kate Monday evening; Wreaths Across America stopped at the high school and had a very nice program on Tuesday; the First Selectman attended the grand re-opening of the McDonalds; litigation concerning rental regulations in Fenwick restricting Air BNB; the redesign on the Harvey's Beach bathhouse; the fire on December 6<sup>th</sup> on Beach Road West; the First Selectman's attendance at the CCM conference at Foxwoods; CIRMA is exploring "Active Shooter" insurance coverage and finally the Torchlight Parade will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Special Board of Selectmen Meeting November 26, 2019. Approved with the correction that Matt Pugliese nominated Chub Wilcox to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

***GIEGERICH/FORTUNA***

Motion to approve Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes November 26, 2019.

***MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

A. Report from 9 Town Estuary Transit District.

Mr. Charlie Norz submitted a summary report on the 9 Town Transit including their fixed routes, dial a ride service, ADA paratransit, the Clinton Trolley, the Extra Mile pilot program and the study currently occurring evaluating the possibility of a merger between 9 Town and Middletown Transit. That study will be completed in the spring. Whatever the result, it is not mandatory that either transit board implement the recommendations. Operating expenses are tracking well for this fiscal year and 9 Town has healthy reserves.

B. Discussion requiring base flood elevation and 2 feet for new construction in VE, Coastal AE, Riverine A and Riverine AE zones.

The Town Zoning Enforcement Officer Chris Costa and Town Building Official Tom Mackowicki were present for this discussion. Ms. Costa discussed: Proposed amendments

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to Chapter 128 of the Town Code Flood Plain Management recommended by the Building Official, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town Engineer and State NFIP Coordinator.

- A. Mandatory amendment to adopt Standards for Shallow Flooding (AO & AH) for consistency with State of CT & FEMA model regulations.
- B. Optional amendment to clarify code sections that are often misinterpreted.
- C. Optional amendment to increase freeboard requirement from 1 foot to 2 Feet to be proactive and hopefully save homeowners from being out of compliance as sea level rise increases.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN-** Mr. Pugliese noted that the Economic Development Commission is nearly finished with its recommendation of an update to the Town's POCD. That should be coming soon.

He also asked if the "flooded underpass" signs on the Stop & Shop side of the Amtrak bridge could be moved closer to Stop & Shop to give drivers an opportunity to turn around sooner.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

***GIEGERICH/PUGLIESE***

Motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

***MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr.  
First Selectman