



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
3:30 p.m.
MINUTES

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I. CALL TO ORDER – All members present

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Recited

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMAN: Matt Pugliese thanked Emergency Management for the smooth vaccine distribution and also thanked the schools for doing such a good job keeping the kids in school. Scott Giegerich mentioned the unfortunate events at the United States Capital last week and said it should be a call for civil discourse and public involvement. Mr. Fortuna commented on the following: OS Cares continuing to receive and distribute funds; he is now on the CCM Board of Directors and looks forward to helping shape proposed legislation; that he is deep in budget preparation; that he is getting a lot of calls on COVID vaccinations; that he plans to address the re-naming of Elm Street/Research Parkway within the next month. Lastly, he read an email from Peter van Vliet into the record about an incident at the transfer station where \$1500 was temporarily lost but due to the good work of several workers, returned to the rightful owner.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Special Board of Selectmen Meeting
December 23, 2020. Motion to approve.

FORTUNA /PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Memorandum To Police Commission re Turnover

The First Selectman feels the memo before the Board is a long time coming; that the issue of turnover has been discussed for years but more recently was featured in an article in the CT Examiner. This is an issue that should be addressed publicly and the Police Commission can then take the investigation where it sees fit. Both Selectmen agreed. Mr. Pugliese asked if the memo could reflect it comes from the entire Board and Mr. Fortuna agreed. The memorandum will be forwarded to the Police Commission.

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B. Appointments

1. Pension and Employee Benefits Board. Term expiration. Re-appointment Darrell Pataska. This appointment is a five year term due to expire 01/2026.

Mr. Fortuna spoke very highly of Mr. Pataska's experience and service to the Board.
Motion to approve.

FORTUNA /GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Pension and Employee Benefits Board. Term expiration. Re-appointment Paul Tracey. This appointment is a five year term due to expire 01/2026.

Mr. Fortuna also spoke very highly of Mr. Tracey's contributions to the Board. Motion to approve.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Planning Commission. Resignation vacancy. Elevation alternate member Douglas McCracken. This appointment is until the next municipal election November 2021 at which time it will be placed on the ballot for a term of two years until 11/2023.

Mr. McCracken has been a very capable alternate for a long time. He is an unaffiliated voter so therefore does not get elected through the party system. Mr. Fortuna recommended he be a regular member at least until the next election. Mr. Pugliese also had high praise for Mr. McCracken. Motion to approve.

FORTUNA /GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Motion to add to the agenda an item concerning a Planning Commission alternate member. Motion to approve.

FORTUNA /PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- D.** Planning Commission. Alternate vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a two year term due to expire 11/2021.

Mr. Fortuna introduced the qualifications of Megan Joufflas, senior planner at Rivercog, a licensed attorney and new resident. He suggested she would be an excellent member of the Planning Commission. The Board agreed. Motion to approve.

FORTUNA /GIEGERICH

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- E.** Discussion of the Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM).

Mr. Fortuna outlined the goals of the CCSMM – Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), Organics, Unit Based Pricing and Recycling. The Commissioner of DEEP started this group in light of rising cost of disposing of trash and the concurrent closure of the waste-to-energy facility in Hartford. The group met for six months and had over 70 towns partake. There was widespread agreement that significant legislative action needs to be taken, from state investment and permitting of organics disposal, modernizing the bottle bill, possibly implementing regional pay as you throw programs, EPR programs for propane containers, tires and perhaps

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packaging. Our local task force is interested in better organics disposal and recently met with Blue Earth composting to get a price for this to take place at the town's transfer station. CCSMM encouraged elected officials and those who support better waste management to contact local legislators. There will be more updates as the legislative session starts.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN - none

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 4:25pm

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman