



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

Direct link to the recording: <https://youtu.be/vXSU5U5-gXo>

It is also included in the following playlists:

Board of Selectmen Meetings: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKXOJMf1Kpp9SQAHO0GUQCR3yLtNYxKOWK>

Covid-19 Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKXOJMf1Kpp9udiWTL-WmjmxSYBnCU8N>

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – all members present
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - recited
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - none
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN** - Matt Pugliese commented that he thought the unconscious bias training was interesting and thanked the First Selectman for organizing. The First Selectman commented on the following:
  1. towns recouping lost revenue
  2. marijuana legislation – It certainly looks as if marijuana will be legalized. If so, there could be proposals to make certain that stores are located in certain areas of town and not in other areas (like Main Street). Heather McNeil may come before the Board of Selectmen to discuss.
  3. climate initiatives/gas tax – The Governor is proposing a climate initiative that will raise the price of gasoline. It is a bit of a cap and trade but the argument is that it is environmentally friendly and will help fund transportation projects.
  4. new food fliers – Based on the work of the Waste and Recycling Task Force, flyers to encourage food scrap recycling will be handed out at the Transfer Station and distributed in other channels.
  5. bathroom locations from STEAP award - we have received permission to locate our composting toilets at Main Street Park and at Town Park. A bathroom at Saybrook Point will be reconstructed at the old pit toilet.
  6. Memorial Day parade – The First Selectman was hopeful that the town could have some sort of Memorial Day parade.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Board of Selectmen Meeting February 9, 2021 and Special Board of Selectmen Meeting February 16, 2021. Motion to approve.

**FORTUNA /PUGLIESE**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

- A.** Discussion to consider a \$135,000 appropriation to remove/replace gutters at The Kate and to recommend such appropriation to the Board of Finance for consideration. (This item was discussed later in the agenda. Item C was discussed first.) The First Selectman commented that the bids came in within a range and that indicated that good bid specs were drawn up. The low bidder was about \$130,000. There

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has been ongoing water leakage into the building resulting in some damage. Getting this project completed sooner rather than later would be a good thing. Both selectmen agreed.  
Motion to approve.

**FORTUNA /GIEGERICH**  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. Appointments**

1. Acton Public Library. Regular member vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a six year term due to expire 11/2025. Candidate Susan Hitchcock Missel.

Motion to appoint Susan Hitchcock Missel to the Acton Public Library Board.

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**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Acton Public Library. Regular member vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a six year term due to expire 11/2025. Candidate MaryAnn Iadarola.

Motion to appoint MaryAnn Iadarola to the Acton Public Library Board.

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**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Acton Public Library. Regular member vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a six year term due to expire 11/2023. Candidate Mary M. Delmonico.

Motion to appoint Mary M. Delmonico to the Acton Public Library Board.

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4. Conservation Commission. Regular member vacancy (resignation). This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a two year term due to expire 11/2021. Candidate Michael Osnato

Motion to appoint Michael Osnato to the Conservation Commission.

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**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. Economic Development Commission (EDC). Regular member vacancy. Elevation alternate member Dave Prendergast. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a five year term due to expire 6/2024.

Motion to appoint Dave Prendergast as a regular member on the EDC.

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**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. Economic Development Commission (EDC). Alternate member vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a two year term due to expire 12/2021. Candidate Norman "Nick" Prevost

Motion to appoint Norman Prevost as an alternate member on the EDC.

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**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. Economic Development Commission (EDC). Alternate member vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a two year term due to expire 08/2022. Candidate Barbara Thompson Labriola

Motion to appoint Barbara Thompson Labriola as an alternate member on the EDC.

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8. Planning Commission. Alternate member vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a two year term due to expire 11/2021. Candidate Dennis Tulimieri Jr.

Motion to appoint Dennis Tulimieri Jr. as an alternate member on the Planning Commission.

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*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

9. Planning Commission. Alternate member vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a two year term due to expire 11/2021. Candidate Michael K. Bender.

Motion to appoint Michael K. Bender as an alternate member on the Planning Commission.

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- C.** Motion to add to the agenda the appointment of a representative from the town to the COG's committee for the regional Plan of Conservation and Development.

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- D.** Move to appoint Doug McCracken to the COG's committee for the regional plan of conservation and development.

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- E.** Preliminary Discussion of an amendment of Chapter 128 of the Old Saybrook Town Code, Flood Plain Management-Proposed Amendments by Smoke on the Water at Dock & Dine/The Point, LLC.

Geoff Jacobson, the town's consulting engineer, gave a brief history of the flood program at the federal level and the history of this site noting that any new structure would have to be 14 feet in the air. He did note that in a flood area such as this, manufactured homes and recreational vehicles are allowed for 180 days. The current proposal is for a full service restaurant with trailers on wheels, not stationary containers. Mr. Jacobson had to leave the meeting. Attorney Cassella then presented noting that a zoning text amendment would be the first order of business followed by a special exception permit followed by a flood ordinance amendment. He has met with emergency management and noted that the capacity for this the former restaurant was 469 and this proposal is for about 300 seats. He noted that it would be bike and pedestrian friendly. The trailers would be temporary, not residential structures. New London had done something similar recently. The trailers can only be there for 180 days and must be highway ready. There must be an emergency plan and be able to be moved if a storm watch is issued. The town has to know the chain of command, routes of evacuation, cell phone numbers for chain of command, etc. The zone exception would be Saybrook Point 2, north of College Street. It was noted that the Economic Development Commission voted in favor. Mr. Giegerich stated that as it stands now, this is an exciting development. The timeline is March for the text change, April for the Special Exception and May for the change to the flood ordinance.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN** - Prior to adjournment, Mr. Pugliese noted that a Shuttered Venues Relief Bill would allow for a second round of PPP assistance.

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**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn at 4:35pm  
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*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman