



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
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MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

3:30 P.M.

Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: First Selectman Carl P. Fortuna Jr, Selectman Scott Giegerich, Selectman Carol Conklin and members of the public.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- recited

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC- Several residents expressed they were present for item VI, c

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMAN- The First Selectman commented on tolls, the minimum wage, the PTSD legislation that passed, the town budget vote taking place.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Special Board of Selectmen Meeting April 25, 2019.

FORTUNA/CONKLIN

Motion to approve Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes April 25, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Update report on Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant.

The First Selectman advised the Board that a far more limited application was submitted at the suggestion of the COG Executive Director due to the competition from neighboring towns.

B. Discussion of Harbor Management jurisdiction with Town Counsel Michael Cronin. The Chairman of the Harbor Management Commission (HMC) Robert Murphy was also present with HMC member Paul Connolly. Attorney Cronin discussed jurisdiction issues with the HMC. Technically, one can argue their authority does not extend beyond the high tide mark. However, many of their facilities include area in, around and above the high water mark. The HMC facilities all have their own ordinances and some conflict with each other. Attorney Cronin recommended a revision of the ordinances so that they do not conflict and clearly laying out what areas in, around and above the facilities are HMC jurisdiction.

C. Discussion on proposed revised ordinance regarding recreational activities on public highway bridges.

The First Selectman commented that he plans on putting on signs indicating the danger of bridge jumping, that bridge jumpers are likely trespassing when they are no longer in the travel way and that if signs don't work, he will propose an ordinance that not everyone will agree upon.

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D. Discussion Ethics Commission proposed Code of Ethics revisions.

The Board was given the revisions to review. When the Ethics Commission votes on the final version, this will move to town meeting.

E. Discussion Ethics Commission Complaint Procedure revisions.

The Board was given the revisions to review. When the Ethics Commission votes on the final version, this will move to town meeting.

F. Discussion Fort Saybrook Monument Park public restroom.

The First Selectman reported that he, Ray Allen and Larry Bonin met at the “pit” toilet and determined the base structure to be sound. Quotes for a roof, electric and plumbing will be sought. Septic will be explored.

G. Discussion and action to approve Public Hearing May 21, 2019; Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) 2019 applications for the Connecticut Sports Foundation (CSF) and Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center (KHCAC).

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

Motion to approve Public Hearing May 21, 2019 for NAA 2019 applications for CSF and KHCAC.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. Discussion and action to approve Call of Special Town Meeting May 21, 2019.

FORTUNA/CONKLIN

Motion to approve Call of Special Town Meeting May 21, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. Discussion and action to approve the Investment Policy Statement (IPS) as recommended to the Board of Selectmen by the Pension and Benefit Board (PBB).

The First Selectman commented on the process undertaken by the PBB prior to the adoption of the IPS. A risk profile had to be set and then the IPS would reflect that. With the work experience of the Finance Director, she took the reins on developing the IPS. All in, the PBB has been working on this for over one year. The First Selectman commented on the changes of the PBB and the professionalism that the members bring. A special compliment was extended to the Finance Director, Lee Ann Palladino.

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

Motion to approve the Investment Policy Statement (IPS).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. Appointments

1. Architectural Review Board. Alternate resignation vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a three year term due to expire 09/2020.

FORTUNA/CONKLIN

Motion to approve Kathryn Toolan as an alternate member on the Architectural Review Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Economic Development Commission. Term expiration. Elevation alternate member Sandra Roberts to regular member. This appointment is a five year term due to expire 06/2024.

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

Motion to elevate alternate member Sandra Roberts to regular member on the Economic Development Commission.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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3. Economic Development Commission. Alternate elevation vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a two year term due to expire 12/2019.

FORTUNA/CONKLIN

Motion to appoint Joseph Arcari as an alternate member on the Economic Development Commission.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Pension Board. Resignation vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a five year term due to expire 01/2024.

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

Motion to appoint David A. Sparrow as a member on the Pension Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

FORTUNA/CONKLIN

Motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman