



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TUESDAY, June 9, 2020

3:30 p.m.

First Floor Conference Room

Old Saybrook Town Hall

302 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Teleconference Number: 646-307-1479

Teleconference ID: 807700

Video Meeting URL: <https://confoneoldsaybrook.globalmeet.com/OSBOS>

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 noted that all members of the Board of Selectmen must be compliant with Sexual Harassment Training and encouraged them to complete it by the end of June.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Board of Selectmen Meeting May 12, 2020.
FORTUNA /GIEGERICH
Motion to approve Special Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes May 12, 2020.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
 - A.** Discussion and action on Chamber of Commerce- Lease Amendment
Resolution- motion requested.
The First Selectman explained that the Chamber is asking for rent abatement for six months due to reduced revenue. The funds received from the chamber go to an off budget account for building repairs so this will not affect town revenues. Mr. Pugliese said supporting the Chamber in this way is akin to supporting our local businesses because the Chamber is so helpful to them.
FORTUNA/PUGLIESE
Motion to approve Chamber of Commerce lease amendment resolution.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 - B.** Discussion and action to recommend a Public Hearing on June 23, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. for the purposes of discussing the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) 2020 applications for the Connecticut Sports Foundation (CSF) also known as the Connecticut Cancer Foundation and Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center (KHCAC).

FORTUNA /GIEGERICH

After limited discussion motion to approve Public Hearing [NAA] on June 23, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- C.** Call of Special Town Meeting (NAA)- discussion: motion requested.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

After limited discussion motion to approve Call of Special Town Meeting June 23, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- D.** To act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen to appropriate \$20,000 thousand from the capital non-recurring account 3350 for the purpose of providing funds to the KHCAC for building upgrades. Said funds will be placed in a new fund entitled “KHCAC building upgrade” and further, the appropriation will be moved to the Board of Selectman for consideration pursuant to Governor Ned Lamont’s Executive Order 7S.

This project has been previously vetted by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

FORTUNA /GIEGERICH

After limited discussion motion to approve appropriation of \$20,000 from the capital non-recurring account 3350 for the purpose of providing funds to the KHCAC for building upgrades.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- E.** Public Health Nursing -Revision of the Resolution accepting the Bequest from The Estate of Francis L. Flanagan. Motion requested

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

After limited discussion motion to approve Public Health Nursing -Revision of the Resolution accepting the Bequest from the Estate of Francis L. Flanagan

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- F.** Based on the recommendation of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen, and pursuant to Governor Ned Lamont’s Executive Order 7S, to approve the transfer of **\$44,500** from the town’s capital non-recurring fund 3350 for the purposes of installing a new library door entrance (\$19,200) and a new boiler (\$16,598), which sum includes a contingency; and to place those monies into a new fund entitled: “Library Door & Boiler Repair. (Previously, the Board had approved \$39,378; however, the Board of Finance approved \$44,500, which includes a contingency.)

FORTUNA /GIEGERICH

After limited discussion motion to approve the transfer of **\$44,500** from the town’s capital non-recurring fund 3350 for the purposes of installing a new library door entrance (\$19,200) and a new boiler (\$16,598), which sum includes a contingency.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- . **G.** To approve the Investment Policy Statement modifications as recommended by the Pension and Employee Benefit Board.

Lee Ann Palladino, Director of Finance, gave an overview of the Investment Policy Statement (IPS) that the Pension and Benefits Board (PBB) has been working on for two years or so. Before the Board of Selectmen is a minor modification. The funds are invested 60% equities/40% bonds but within those are further breakout of types of investments and ranges of acceptable investment. Furthermore the investment manager is given discretion to choose the fund manager, which is a change from the original IPS. The First Selectman and the Board were highly complementary of the Finance Director's leadership with this document which can give the Board of Selectmen and our employees confidence that their retirement funds are being properly managed. Mr. Pugliese asked about the contractual arrangement with Morgan Stanley, which was explained.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

Motion to approve the Investment Policy Statement modifications.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- H.** License Agreement between Two Sweet Peanut, LLC and The Town of Old Saybrook. License Agreement between Two Sweet Peanut, LLC and the Town of Old Saybrook. Discussion and action requested.

The First Selectman stated that in the spirit of assisting local businesses, the Kate property would be host to the Red Hen restaurant for outdoor seating pursuant to this license agreement. The issues that are easily identified as arguments against this arrangement concern a private company operating on public property, and that the Red Hen will be serving alcohol. The First Selectman pointed out that all insurances are in place naming the town as an additional insured and an inspection will have to take place before they can open. This will be a short term license to operate, probably for the months of June, July and August. Mr. Pugliese wondered what else the town could do to help businesses in general. Mr. Fortuna said this will come up later in discussion.

FORTUNA /GIEGERICH

Motion to approve the License Agreement between Two Sweet Peanut, LLC and the Town of Old Saybrook.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- I.** Street Name Changes-

- a. South Cove Road #1 shall be changed to Clover Road
- b. Sea Lane #2 in Indiantown shall be changed to Old Sea Lane
- c. Sound View Avenue #1 shall be changed to Driftwood Drive

Discussion surrounded which street number was correct so to avoid any further confusion, the First Selectman made a motion that South Cove Road off of College Street shall be change to Clover Drive, Sea Lane in Indiantown shall be changed to Old Sea Lane and Sound View Avenue in Chalker Beach shall be changed to Driftwood Drive. These changes will take effect November 4, 2020 to avoid any difficulty with voting. This will also give the town attorney time to do all the proper recordings and give Director of Public Works time to install signage.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

Motion to approve Street name changes that South Cove Road off of College Street shall be change to Clover Drive, Sea Lane in Indiantown shall be changed to Old Sea Lane and Sound View Avenue in Chalker Beach shall be changed to Driftwood Drive.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. Appointments

1. Economic Development Commission – Re-appointment regular member Judy Ganswindt. This is a five year term due to expire 6/2025.

GIEGERICH/FORTUNA

Motion to re-appoint regular member Judy Ganswindt.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Economic Development Commission – Re-appointment regular member Carol Conklin. This is a five year term due to expire 6/2025.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

Motion to re-appoint regular member Carol Conklin.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Shellfish Commission – Re-appointment regular member Larry Bonin. This is a two year term due to expire 6/2022.

GIEGERICH/FORTUNA

Motion to re-appoint regular member Larry Bonin.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Shellfish Commission – Re-appointment regular member Shannon Duggan. This is a two year term due to expire 6/2022.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

Motion to re-appoint regular member Shannon Duggan

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Shellfish Commission – Re-appointment regular member David Colvin Jr. This is a two year term due to expire 6/2022.

FORTUNA /GIEGERICH

Motion to re-appoint regular member David Colvin Jr.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FORTUNA /GIEGERICH

Motion to add to the agenda Conservation representative appointment to the Preserve AdHoc Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Conservation Commission representative Preserve Ad Hoc Committee
Appointment Christine Picklo.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

Motion to appoint Christine Picklo as Conservation Commission representative to the Preserve Ad Hoc Committee

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FORTUNA /GIEGERICH

Motion to add to the agenda an item entitled: “Request for an appropriation for COvid-19 funding”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. Request for an appropriation for COvid-19 funding.

The Board of Selectmen had a memo before it to discuss recommending at least \$10,000 from the town’s expected sizeable surplus to go towards business reopening costs or Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) initiatives. The Board agreed with the First Selectman that \$10,000 was not enough so the amount of \$25,000 was discussed and approved. Mr. Giegerich asked where the money will go and Mr. Pugliese wants to make certain the funds help businesses. It was explained that the Finance subcommittee of the LTRC will take in the funds and will have a say in how they are expended.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

Motion to approve \$25,000 from the town’s expected sizeable surplus to go towards business reopening costs or Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) initiatives.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN – Mr. Fortuna mentioned that he was present at last Wednesday’s vigil and did speak at it. He had also issued a press release that he partly read from. Mr. Pugliese read a statement, attached hereto. Mr. Fortuna also commented on the Sunday march, which was very successful for the organizers and the cause. Mr. Fortuna’s other comments were regarding the town’s surplus, labor negotiations and the coming Phase II openings.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

GIEGERICH/PUGLIESE

Motion to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr.
First Selectman

Board of Selectmen
Minutes
June 9, 2020

Over the last 12 days, I have watched crowds of people protest police violence and racism across our country. I hear the voices across our nation and right here in Old Saybrook calling out for justice and for change. I listened on Sunday to words spoken by Elijah Manning, who grew up in Old Saybrook, with a powerful message describing our need for real change. For real justice.

He said, "[You need to make] sure you recognize that even though you are a small community, you have to accept the people who don't look like you and make sure you fight for and with them because they can't be alone in this fight," I was proud of the hundreds of peaceful protestors that came out last week in our town to lead this effort, to amplify this message, and to let the people of color in our community know what Old Saybrook values.

As a white, straight, male - I enjoy a position of privilege. I take this for granted. I must work to do better. Continually.

As one of the elected leaders of our community, we have a responsibility to not only speak out against racism and stand against it...but we can, we *must*, actively work to address it in our town. I want us to communicate to the people of color in our community a message of love, respect and solidarity. But we as a board of selectmen need to do more than speak strongly against racism and injustice - we also must work actively and openly to oppose it.

As leaders, we need to ask difficult, uncomfortable questions of ourselves and our community. We need to challenge all of our leaders on boards and commissions to do the same. But most of all - we need to listen. We need to listen to our community - and engage in dialogue, in conversation with those that are in the minority in our community. Those that have the hardest time finding their voice. We need to sit face to face. And we, as a board, need to listen and to learn - and then work to make change. I know this will be difficult and uncomfortable, but that is our responsibility.

Matthew Pugliese
Selectman, Town of Old Saybrook