



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, December 23, 2019

4:00 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 Fortuna called the meeting to order at 4PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Recited

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC- Tom Stevenson's comments were related to the very nice ceremony that was recently held at The Kate for Vietnam veterans.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMAN: Proclamation- Mr. Fortuna noted the service to the Pension Board of Suzanne Taylor and that a Proclamation will be given to Suzanne in January.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Board of Selectmen Meeting December 10, 2019.

GIEGERICH/FORTUNA

Motion to approve Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes December 10, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Discussion and possible action concerning a recommendation to the Board of Finance for funding the Old Saybrook Parks & Recreation (P&R) Strategic Plan for Facilities and Programs.

Susan Esty, Chairman of the P & R Commission, introduced members of the commission who were present. Kevin Lane then gave a presentation on how and why they would like to move forward with a strategic plan with Fitzgerald and Halladay. The plan will assist with possible new revenue ideas but also as to how to best use the space we have at Saybrook Point, Harvey's Beach, Clark Community Park and Main Street Park. He also stated he felt this would give P & R better insight into national trends. In response to a question by Mr. Pugliese, Mr. Lane stated that it will be cost efficient to break the plan up in phases and will be incremental in the next phase. Mr. Pugliese also felt that EDC should have a member as a stakeholder in the process. Mr. Fortuna was supportive stating he felt like this type of investment can distinguish Old Saybrook from surrounding towns. Mr. Giegerich also thought it was a good idea stating there may be ideas that come from this that P & R chooses not to implement.

GIEGERICH/PUGLIESE

Motion to recommend to the Board of Finance funding for the Old Saybrook Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan for Facilities and Programs.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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B. Discussion re: Waste Zero Smart Trash Program. Mr. Fortuna indicated he was in favor of creating a trash task force to assist with the SMART program.

Discussion will be held at next meeting.

C. Discussion and possible action concerning a recommendation to the Board of Finance for Elderly Tax Benefit of \$90,000.

Mr. Fortuna explained that this recommendation can now be made from the Board of Selectmen. He indicated that about 150 people partake in this program.

GIEGERICH/PUGLIESE

Motion to recommend to the Board of Finance an Elderly Tax Benefit of \$90,000.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Discussion and action to remove 4 Pequot Trail from seasonal classification recorded in Volume 200 and approve as a year round dwelling.

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

Motion to remove 4 Pequot Trail from seasonal classification recorded in Volume 200 and approve as a year round dwelling.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY .

E. Appointments

1. Municipal Cemetery Committee. Term Reappointment Scott Carson. This is a six year term due to expire 07/2025.

Mr. Fortuna's commented that Mr. Carson is an excellent historian of the Municipal Cemetery.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

Motion to re-appoint Scott Carson to a six year term on the Municipal Cemetery Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN- Mr. Pugliese stated how much he enjoyed the recent Torchlight Parade.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

Motion to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr.
First Selectman