

MINUTES of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - January 21, 2020

MINUTES of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING held January 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street, First Floor Conference Room, Old Saybrook, Connecticut, with approximately 45 persons attending.

Carl Fortuna, First Selectman, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced himself and nominated Christina Antolino as Moderator of the Meeting, seconded by Michael Cronin and unanimously voted. Moderator Antolino asked the Town Clerk, Sarah V. Becker, to read the call of the meeting. Janis Esty moved, seconded by Carol Rsaza and unanimously voted to adopt the Call as follows:

To recommend to town meeting, based upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, an appropriation of \$49,000 from the capital and non-recurring fund 3350 for the purpose of hiring a consultant for the Park & Recreation Commission to create Phase 1 of the Park & Recreation long term strategic plan. Those funds will then be transferred to a new off budget fund entitled "Park and Recreation Strategic Plan".

The Moderator called on First Selectman Fortuna who remarked regarding the 3350 account in which there is approximately \$500,000 presently and is a savings account that is maintained as a yearly budget item. Susan Esty, Park and Recreation Commission Chairman, and Kevin Lane, Park and Recreation Commission member spoke to the scope of the study (Town Beach, Harvey's Beach, Town Park and Saybrook Point Park areas). They remarked we need a business plan to determine our needs/wants for the future. Tom Stevenson felt that we have very capable town employees who could undertake this project; Rick Swan, Carol Rsaza and Fern Tryon also commented. Speaking in favor of this request was Barry O'Neill, Ed Cassella, Jim Henderson, Jana Paradis and Matt Pugliese.

Following public comment Moderator Antolino called for the vote and this Item was ADOPTED.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah V. Becker, CCMC
Town Clerk