

April 10, 2024

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Department at 5:30 p.m. Present were First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough, Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie and Selectman Ben Tamsky. No members of the public were present.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Comments from the Public

None.

(4) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Mr. Tamsky and voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 27, 2024.

(5) Correspondence

- The Board accepted applications from Catherine Vargas, Alan Head, Rebecca Nolan, Elizabeth Wood, Rob Simmons and Beth Moore for the Stonington Cemetery Commission.
- The Board accepted an application from Aidan Adams for the Economic Development Commission.
- The Board accepted an application from Andrea Barella for the Architectural Design Review Board.

(6) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Architectural Design Review Board

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Mr. Tamsky and voted unanimously to appoint Thomas Taylor as an alternate member of the Architectural Design Review Board.

Reappointment – Stonington Harbor Management Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Mr. Tamsky and voted unanimously to reappoint Jay Spaulding to the Stonington Harbor Management Commission.

Resignation – Housing Opportunities Commission

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Kevin Halter from the Housing Opportunities Commission.

(7) Old Business

None.

(8) New Business

Set Call for Annual Town Meeting and Date for Adjourned Annual Town Meeting/Referendum

Ms. Chesebrough read the following:

Be it hereby resolved, that pursuant to Section 3-2 of the Charter, the Board of Selectmen calls the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Stonington High School, 176 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck CT as outlined in the Notice of Annual Town Budget Meeting that will be attached to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix “A”.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Mr. Tamsky and voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Ms. Chesebrough also read the following resolution:

Be it hereby resolved, that pursuant to Section 9-1 of the Charter, the Board of Selectmen sets the date for Referendum and Adjourned Annual Town Budget Meeting for April 30, 2024 as outlined in the Notice of Referendum and Adjourned Annual Town Budget Meeting that will be attached to the Minutes of this meeting as Appendix “B”.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Mr. Tamsky and voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Request – Building Permit Fee Waiver Town Project – Stonington High School Boiler Replacement

Stonington Public Schools requested a building permit fee waiver of \$11,041.00 associated with the boiler replacement project at Stonington High School.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Mr. Tamsky and voted to unanimously to approve the building permit fee waiver in the amount of \$11,041.00.

Request – Building Permit Fee Waiver Town Project – Spellman Park Electrical Project

Stonington Human Services requested a building permit fee waiver of \$229.00 associated with the electrical project in the scorekeeper/dugout building in Spellman Park.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Mr. Tamsky and voted to unanimously to approve the building permit fee waiver in the amount of \$229.00.

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie gave an overview of the Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board meeting noting they will be looking at different environmental projects within the Town.
- Mr. Tamsky asked for an update regarding the dingy dock in Stonington Harbor.
- Ms. Chesebrough gave an update on a meeting she had regarding the dingy dock noting that the group is narrowing down areas and looking for additional solutions. The water loop project is at 30% design and they will be meeting with the engineers to review. Applications for congressionally directed spending will be submitted for the Circus Lot project and other town departments are also looking to submit. An application will be submitted for a Coastal Resiliency Grant for the Mystic Boathouse Park living shoreline project.

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.


Stacey Haskell
Recording Secretary

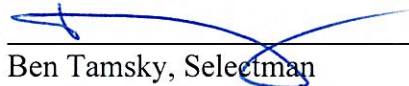
RESOLUTION TO CALL THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3-2 of the Charter, the Board of Selectmen calls the Annual Town Budget Meeting to be held on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Stonington High School, 176 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT as outlined in the Notice of Annual Town Budget Meeting that will be attached to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix "A", which Notice is hereby approved.

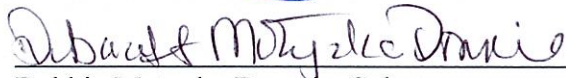
Dated at Stonington, Connecticut this 10th day of April, 2024.



Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman



Ben Tamsky, Selectman



Debbie Motycka Downie, Selectwoman

APPENDIX "A"

TOWN OF STONINGTON NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING

The Annual Town Budget Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Stonington will be held on **Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** at Stonington High School, 176 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck for the following purpose to wit:

To appropriate sufficient sum or sums of money to carry on the various divisions of Town Government for the following purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, all of which have been approved and recommended by the Board of Finance to the extent of the amount appearing opposite each (a copy of the detailed budget is available to view in the Town Clerk's Office 152 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378 during normal business hours or online at www.stonington-ct.gov):

	Proposed Fiscal 24/25 Budget	Adopted Fiscal 23/24 Budget
OFFICE OF THE SELECTMAN	\$ 1,657,630	\$ 1,131,595
DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	5,431,695	5,207,028
DEPT. OF ASSESSMENT	472,817	448,682
DEPT. OF FINANCE	1,999,569	1,812,920
DEBT SERVICE	7,100,156	7,614,625
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BOARD OF EDUCATION	43,515,988	41,641,074
SCHEDULE C:		
LAND, BLDGS, IMPROVEMENTS & EQUIPMENT	7,630,909	3,664,774
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 86,618,567	\$ 80,159,204
Percentage Increase Over Prior Year Budget:	8.06%	4.45%
Mil Rate:	17.45	17.45
Amount to be raised by taxes:	\$ 70,405,221	\$ 69,722,713

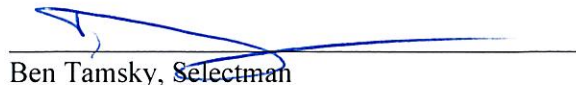
The Board of Finance's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 carries a 17.45 mil rate. Of the above budget, the amount to be raised by taxes is \$70,405,221.

A referendum to vote on said item will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Please see the legal notice regarding the Referendum/Adjourned Annual Town Budget Meeting for further details.

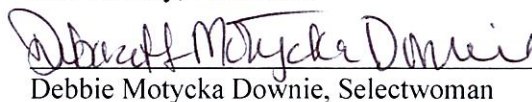
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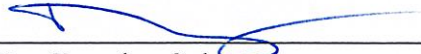
**RESOLUTION TO SET DATE FOR REFERENDUM
AND
ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 9-1 of the Charter, the Board of Selectmen sets the date for Referendum and Adjourned Annual Town Budget Meeting for April 30, 2024 as outlined in the Notice of Referendum and Adjourned Annual Town Budget Meeting that will be attached to the Minutes of this meeting as Appendix "B", which Notice is hereby approved.

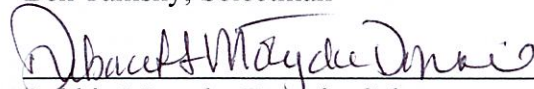
Resolution duly adopted this 10th day of April, 2024, by the Stonington Board of Selectmen.



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APPENDIX "B"

TOWN OF STONINGTON NOTICE OF REFERENDUM/ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING APRIL 30, 2024

The referendum for the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Stonington on the first item of the warning of the Annual Town Budget meeting called for Monday, April 22, 2024 will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the following voting places:

FIRST, FOURTH AND FIFTH DISTRICT Stonington Fire Station, 100 Main St., Stonington
SECOND AND THIRD DISTRICT Former Pawcatuck Middle School, 40 Field St., Pawcatuck

The referendum will be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

Persons, noted electors of the Town of Stonington, being citizens of the United States, age 18 years or older, jointly or severally liable to the Town of Stonington for taxes on an assessment of not less than \$1000 on the last completed grand list, desiring to vote pursuant to the provision of Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, shall vote in the First Voting District at the Stonington Fire Station, 100 Main St., Stonington. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours beginning on Monday, April 15, 2024.

The first item on the Annual Town Budget Meeting called for Monday, April 22, 2024 set forth in the warning of said meeting is as follows:

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APPENDIX "B"

"SHALL THE TOWN OF STONINGTON MAKE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$86,618,567 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024?"

Those voting in favor of said item will vote "YES", and those voting against said item will vote "NO".

The Monday, April 22, 2024 Annual Town Budget Meeting will then reconvene at Stonington Town Hall on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 8:30 p.m. to consider and record the vote.

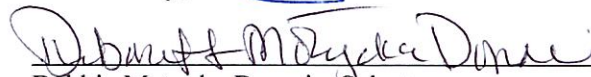
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