

February 15, 2023

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at the Stonington Town Hall at 11:15 a.m. First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough were available via a conference phone line and Selectwoman June Strunk was present. Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie was absent. Members of the public and press were present.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

(2) Comments from the Public

Questions were raised on several topics by:

- Tracy Swain
- Kristin Basso
- David Brown
- Glenn Frishman
- Matt Beaudoin

Topics included the ordinances going to a Town Meeting specifically the Housing Opportunities Ordinance and Short-Term Rental Ordinance; the procedure to send something to a Town Meeting and referendum; the timing and cost of referendum; having the Short-Term Rental Ordinance to be voted upon during the budget referendum.

The Board briefly addressed some of the points raised and shared how the process typically unfolds.

(3) New Business

Set call for Special Town Meeting on February 27, 2023 to consider and vote upon:

- *FIRST: A resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, providing for two (2) alternate members to be added to the Town's Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board.*
- *SECOND: A resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, providing for update to the Parking and Traffic Regulation to include Town right-of-ways, to authorize the Board of Police Commissioners to install parking meters, to authorize the Board of Police Commissioners to receive and utilize funds from the parking meters and to increase the fines for violation from Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) to Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).*
- *THIRD: A resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, establishing two (2) Cultural Districts within Town and establishing a Cultural District Commission.*
- *FOURTH: A resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, providing for the establishment of a Housing Opportunities Commission.*
- *FIFTH: A resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, providing for regulating the operation of short-term rentals in Town. (NOTE: This item will be voted on at a referendum to be held on March 13, 2023.)*

Ms. Chesebrough read the following resolution:

Be it hereby resolved that, pursuant to Section 3-3 of the Charter, the Board of Selectmen calls a Special Town Meeting for Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stonington High School, 176 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT to consider and act upon resolutions as outlined in the Notice of Special Town Meeting which will be attached to the Minutes of this meeting as Appendix "A".

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Set call for Referendum and Adjourned Special Town Meeting on March 13, 2023 to consider and vote upon:

- *A resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, providing for regulating the operation of short-term rentals in Town.*

Ms. Chesebrough read the following resolution:

Be it hereby resolved that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §7-7, the Board of Selectmen hereby remove the fifth item on the call for the February 27, 2023 Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters and sets the date for Referendum and Adjourned Special Town Meeting for March 13, 2023 as outlined in the Notice of Referendum and Adjourned Special Town Meeting that will be attached to the Minutes of this meeting as Appendix "B".

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

(4) Comments from the Selectmen

Ms. Chesebrough noted that items moving to a Town Meeting are not legally required to be available for review in the Town Clerk's Office until five days prior to the Town Meeting, however, the information is usually available within a day or so after the Board sets the call.

(5) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Recording Secretary

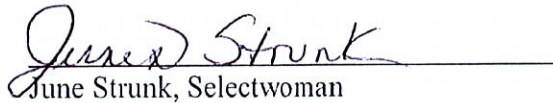
RESOLUTION TO CALL A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 3-3 of the Charter, the Board of Selectmen calls a Special Town Meeting for Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stonington High School, 176 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT to consider and act upon resolutions as outlined in the Notice of Special Town Meeting which will be attached to the Minutes of this meeting as Appendix "A", which Notice is hereby approved.

Signed and dated this 15th day of February, 2023 by the Stonington Board of Selectmen.

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'Danielle Chesebrough', written over a horizontal line.

Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'June Strunk', written over a horizontal line.

June Strunk, Selectwoman

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'Debbie Motycka Downie', written over a horizontal line.

Debbie Motycka Downie, Selectwoman

APPENDIX "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF STONINGTON

The Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, will be held at Stonington High School, 176 S Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379 on **Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** Check-in will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your identification.

To consider, discuss, and vote upon the following:

FIRST: A resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, providing for two (2) alternate members to be added to the Town's Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board. A copy of the complete text of the proposed Ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours and online at www.stonington-ct.gov.

SECOND: A resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, providing for update to the Parking and Traffic Regulation to include Town right-of-ways, to authorize the Board of Police Commissioners to install parking meters, to authorize the Board of Police Commissioners to receive and utilize funds from the parking meters and to increase the fines for violation from Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) to Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). A copy of the complete text of the proposed Ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours and online at www.stonington-ct.gov.

THIRD: A resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, establishing two (2) Cultural Districts within Town and establishing a Cultural District Commission. A copy of the complete text of the proposed ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours and online at www.stonington-ct.gov.

FOURTH: A resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, providing for the establishment of a Housing Opportunities Commission. A copy of the complete text of the proposed Ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours and online at www.stonington-ct.gov.

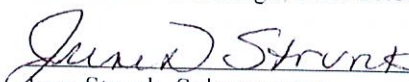
FIFTH: A resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, providing for regulating the operation of short-term rentals in Town. A copy of the complete text of the proposed ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours, and online at www.stonington-ct.gov. **NOTE: This item will be voted on at a referendum to be held on March 13, 2023. See Notice of Referendum for further details.**

At this hearing electors and residents may appear and be heard.

All ordinances and amendments thereto shall become effective following approval by Town Meeting and fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having a substantial circulation within the Town of Stonington.

Dated at Stonington, Connecticut this 15th day of February, 2023.


Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman



June Strunk, Selectwoman


Debbie Motycka Downie, Selectwoman

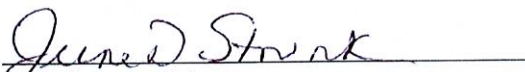
**RESOLUTION TO SET DATE FOR REFERENDUM
AND
ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §7-7, the Board of Selectmen hereby remove the fifth item on the call for the February 27, 2023 Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters and sets the date for Referendum and Adjourned Special Town Meeting for March 13, 2023 as outlined in the Notice of Referendum and Adjourned Special Town Meeting that will be attached to the Minutes of this meeting as Appendix "B", which Notice is hereby approved.

Signed and dated this 15th day of February, 2023 by the Stonington Board of Selectmen.



Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman



June Strunk, Selectwoman

Debbie Motycka Downie, Selectwoman

TOWN OF STONINGTON
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM AND ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 13, 2023

The referendum for the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Stonington on the fifth item of the warning of the Special Town meeting called for Monday, February 27, 2023 will be held on Monday, March 13, 2023 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 February 21, 2023.

The fifth item on the Special Town Meeting called for Monday, February 27, 2023 set forth in the warning of said meeting is as follows:

A resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, providing for regulating the operation of short-term rentals in Town. A copy of the complete text of the proposed Ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours and online at www.stonington-ct.gov.

The wording of the question will be as follows:


"SHALL THE TOWN OF STONINGTON ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT, PROVIDING FOR REGULATING THE OPERATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN TOWN AS PROPOSED?"

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

The Registrar of Voters will receive and record the vote on March 13, 2023 at 8:30 p.m. at Stonington Town Hall.

Dated at Stonington, Connecticut this 15th day of February, 2023.


Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman


June Strunk, Selectwoman

Debbie Motycka Downie, Selectwoman