

April 19, 2023

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at Stonington Town Hall at 1:00 p.m. First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough, Selectwoman June Strunk and Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie were present. The press was present. There were no members of the public present.

**(1) Call to Order**

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**(2) New Business**

Ms. Chesebrough read the following resolution:

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, May 8, 2023 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 Ms. Strunk 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 May 16, 2023 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 Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

**(3) Comments from the Public**

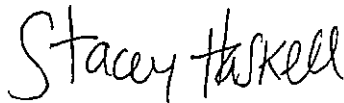
- Ms. Downie did not have any comments.
- Ms. Strunk gave an overview of the Commission on Aging meeting stating that there are several different legislative actions being considered that would assist the elderly in areas such as real estate tax assistance and aging in place. She noted that she would be reaching out to our State Senator and Reps to discuss further.
- Ms. Chesebrough gave an overview of New England Kelp Harvest Week which will occur April 20<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>. She noted that many different educational and culinary events will be happening locally during that week.

**(4) Comments from the Selectmen**

None

**(5) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.



Stacey Haskell  
Recording Secretary

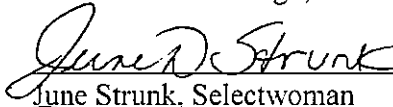
## RESOLUTION TO CALL THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING

**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, May 8, 2023 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.

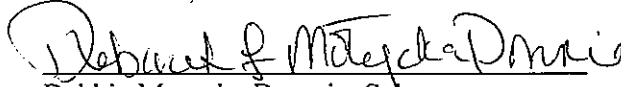
Dated at Stonington, Connecticut this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.



Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman



June Strunk, Selectwoman



Debbie Motycka Downie, Selectwoman

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, May 8, 2023 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, 2023, 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](http://www.stonington-ct.gov)):

	Adopted Fiscal 22/23 Budget	Proposed Fiscal 23/24 Budget
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BOARD OF EDUCATION	38,984,553	41,641,074
SCHEDULE C:		
LAND, BLDGS, IMPROVEMENTS & EQUIPMENT	4,763,229	3,664,774
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 76,745,940</b>	<b>\$ 80,159,204</b>
Percentage Increase Over Prior Year Budget:	4.94%	4.45%
Mil Rate:	23.66	17.45
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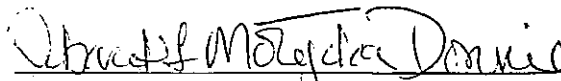
The Board of Finance's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 carries a 17.45 mil rate. Of the above budget, the amount to be raised by taxes is \$69,722,713.

A referendum to vote on said item will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Please see the legal notice regarding the Referendum/Adjourned Annual Town Budget Meeting for further details.

Dated at Stonington, Connecticut this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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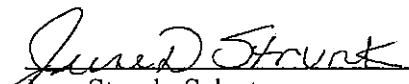
  
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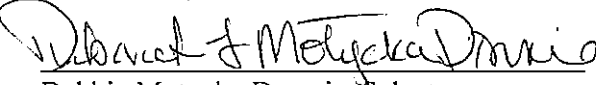
**RESOLUTION TO SET DATE FOR REFERENDUM  
AND  
ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING**

**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 May 16, 2023 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, by the Stonington Board of Selectmen.

  
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Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman

  
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**APPENDIX "B"**

**TOWN OF STONINGTON  
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM/ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING  
MAY 16, 2023**

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, May 8, 2023 will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 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 Monday, April 24, 2023.

The first item on the Annual Town Budget Meeting called for Monday, May 8, 2023 set forth in the warning of said meeting is as follows:

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**"SHALL THE TOWN OF STONINGTON MAKE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$80,159,204 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023?"**

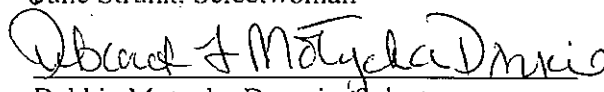
Those voting in favor of said item will vote "YES", and those voting against said item will vote "NO".

The Monday, May 8, 2023 Annual Town Budget Meeting will then reconvene at Stonington Town Hall on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 8:30 p.m. to consider and record the vote.

Dated at Stonington, Connecticut this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

  
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