

April 7, 2021

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special virtual meeting on this date at 1:00 p.m. This meeting was also streamed on Facebook live and was available via audio on a conference line. First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough, Selectwoman June Strunk and Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie attended virtually. Public and press were able to view via Facebook live as well as audio through a conference call.

**(1) Call to Order**

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**(2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**(3) New Business**

Ms. Chesebrough read the following resolution:

Resolved, that pursuant to Section 3-2 of the Charter, the Board of Selectmen calls the Annual Town Meeting to be held virtually on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. 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.

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie 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 Virtual Annual Town Budget Meeting for April 27, 2021 as outlined in the Notice of Referendum and Adjourned Virtual Annual Town Budget Meeting that will be attached to the Minutes of this meeting as Appendix "B", which Notice is hereby approved.

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

In discussion, Ms. Chesebrough noted that the budget book and legal notices are available for review on the Town's Website and are also filed in the Town Clerk's office.

She added that the meetings will be virtual with options to participate through your computer via a Webex link or by dialing in on the phone. The meetings will also be streamed to Facebook for those who wish to watch but not comment. Those wishing to comment during the Virtual Annual Town Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> will need to be logged in through Webex or phone line. The referendum will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, between 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. After the polls close, the Adjourned Annual Town Budget Meeting will reconvene and results of the referendum will be shared virtually through Webex, dialing in on the phone and Facebook.

With no further discussion, the motion carried.

**(4) Comments from the Public**

None

**(5) Comments from the Selectmen**

- Ms. Strunk stated that the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center will begin grab and go lunches for seniors on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost is \$3.00 per meal. She also noted how well attended the Planning and Zoning meeting was on April 6<sup>th</sup>. She stated it went really well.

- Ms. Chesebrough stated that there is legislation moving forward that would mandate the continuation of virtual meeting options for all public meetings. She would provide more details at a future meeting. She also noted that Edith K. Richmond held a vaccination clinic today for their residents and also opened it up to other residents in Town. She stated 74 residents were vaccinated. She thanked everyone who was involved in putting the clinic together.

**(6) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

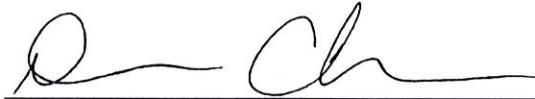
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacey Haskell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Stacey Haskell  
Recording Secretary

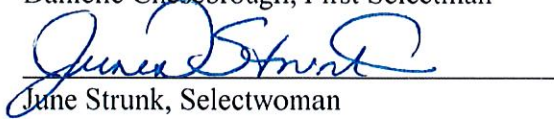
**RESOLUTION TO CALL THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING**

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 3-2 of the Charter, the Board of Selectmen calls the Annual Town Meeting to be held virtually on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. 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.

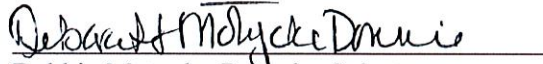
Dated at Stonington, Connecticut this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.



Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman



Jane Strunk, Selectwoman



Debbie Motycka Downie, Selectwoman

APPENDIX "A"

TOWN OF STONINGTON  
NOTICE OF VIRTUAL ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021 - 5:30 P.M.

<https://townofstonington.webex.com/townofstonington/j.php?MTID=ma204a7047f071783ee3637eac9fe856f>

-OR-

Via audio:

Dial: 1-408-418-9388

Enter Access Code: 129 949 8734#

*The meeting will also be streamed live from WebEx to the Town of Stonington's Facebook page*

The Annual Town Budget Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Stonington will be held virtually on **Monday, April 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.** 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, 2021, 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)):

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMAN	\$	1,051,514
DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	\$	4,617,710
DEPT. OF ASSESSMENT	\$	362,354
DEPT. OF FINANCE	\$	1,711,473
DEBT SERVICE	\$	8,134,208
DEPT. OF PLANNING & LAND USE	\$	529,780
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DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES	\$	1,701,865
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$	38,335,596
SCHEDULE C:		
LAND, BLDGS, IMPROVEMENTS & EQUIPMENT	\$	2,773,319
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$	<b><u>73,136,531</u></b>

The Board of Finance's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 carries a 23.85 mil rate. Of the above budget, the amount to be raised by taxes is \$67,410,306.

**PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be held virtually through the WebEx platform. Residents can join via computer using the link provided or through audio on a phone line. Residents wanting to comment during the meeting must join either via the WebEx link or by dialing in on the phone line. The meeting will also be streamed to Facebook for those wanting to watch, but not comment.

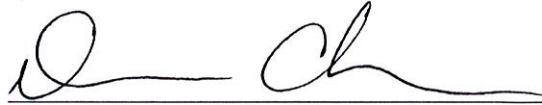
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COMMENTS: Residents joining on their computers via the WebEx link will click on participants then click "raise hand button" located next to your name on the screen. The host will call upon you to speak.

Residents who have dialed in via phone line will press \*3 to "raise your hand". When it is your turn to speak you will hear a prompt telling you to press \*6 to unmute your line. At that time, you are able to speak in the meeting.

VOTING: A referendum will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Please see the legal notice regarding the Adjourned Annual Town Budget Meeting for further details.

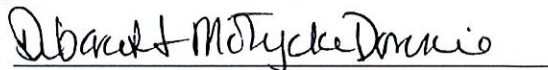
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Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman



June Strunk, Selectwoman



Debbie Motycka Downie, Selectwoman



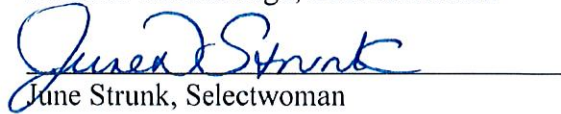
**RESOLUTION TO SET DATE FOR REFERENDUM  
AND  
ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 9-1 of the Charter, the Board of Selectmen sets the date for Referendum and Adjourned Virtual Annual Town Budget Meeting for April 27, 2021 as outlined in the Notice of Referendum and Adjourned Virtual Annual Town Budget Meeting that will be attached to the Minutes of this meeting as Appendix "B", which Notice is hereby approved.

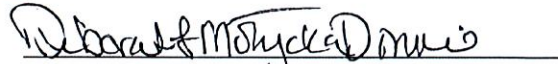
Resolution duly adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, by the Stonington Board of Selectmen.



Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman



June Strunk, Selectwoman



Debbie Motycka Downie, Selectwoman

APPENDIX "B"

TOWN OF STONINGTON  
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM/ADJOURNED VIRTUAL  
ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING  
APRIL 27, 2021

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 Virtual Annual Town Budget meeting called for Monday, April 19, 2021 will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the following voting places:

FIRST AND THIRD DISTRICT      Stonington Fire House, 100 Main St., Stonington  
SECOND DISTRICT                Former Pawcatuck Middle School, 40 Field St., Pawcatuck  
FOURTH AND FIFTH DISTRICT    B.F. Hoxie Fire House, 34 Broadway, Mystic

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 Thursday, April 8, 2021.

The first item on the Annual Town Budget Meeting called for Monday, April 19, 2021 set forth in the warning of said meeting is as follows:

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, 2021, 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)):

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**"SHALL THE TOWN OF STONINGTON MAKE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$73,136,531 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021?"**

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

The Monday, April 19, 2021 Virtual Annual Town Budget Meeting will then reconvene virtually on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. to consider and record the vote. The meeting will be held virtually through the WebEx platform. Residents can join via computer using the link provided below or through audio on a phone line. The meeting will also be streamed to the Town of Stonington's Facebook page.

Meeting information:

Dial: 1-408-418-9388 Enter access code: 129 251 8844#

-OR-

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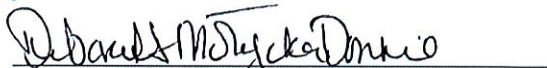
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