

September 8, 2021

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 June Strunk and Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie. Members of the public were present. No members of the press were present.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Commendation

The Board issued a commendation to Kevin Simmons in recognition of his retirement from the Department of Public Works after forty-six plus years of service to the Town of Stonington.

(4) Comments from the Public

Ms. Chesebrough requested to move comments from the public up on the agenda.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to move comments from the public up on the agenda.

Tracy Swain of Courtland Street shared her thoughts including the upcoming referendum, the Coggswell Redevelopment, LLC (Campbell Grain Project) fixed assessment agreement and the ordinance regarding prohibiting cannabis establishments in Town. A copy of her written statements was submitted and are on file at the Town Hall in the First Selectman's office.

(5) Interviews – Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors

The Board interviewed Erin Gregor for the seat on Ledge Light Health District Board. Eugene Pfeifer will be interviewed at the next meeting.

(6) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 25, 2021.

(7) Correspondence

Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Marjorie Selinger in the form of an application for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(8) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Reappointment – Recreation Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Stephanie Hartell from an alternate to a regular member of the Recreation Commission.

Reappointment – Planning and Zoning Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Frederick Deichmann to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(9) Old Business

Discussion – American Rescue Plan Funds

Ms. Chesebrough gave an update noting that she made a formal presentation to the Board of Finance last week along with department heads and outside agencies. The Board of Finance will hold a Public Hearing on September 15, 2021 and immediately following will hold deliberations. The item will then move to a future Special Town Meeting.

(10) New Business

Ms. Chesebrough requested an addition to the agenda to include a request for use of the parking lot at 49 North Stonington Road.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to add the additional item to the agenda.

Set Call for Referendum on October 5, 2021

Set call for Referendum to be held on October 5, 2021 pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §7-7, and Section 3.5 of the Town Charter entitled Power to Overrule, to remove the first item on the call from the August 9, 2021 Special Town Meeting to reaffirm the vote on:

A resolution, pursuant to §12-65b of the Connecticut General Statutes, to enter into a property tax assessment agreement with COGGSWELL REDEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Connecticut limited liability company, fixing the assessment for the development of property at 27 West Broad Street and 15 Coggswell Street, Pawcatuck, Connecticut. Such agreement shall not exceed ten years.

Ms. Chesebrough read the following resolution:

Be it hereby resolved, that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §7-7, and Section 3.5 of the Town Charter entitled Power to Overrule, the Board of Selectmen hereby remove the first item on the call for the August 9, 2021 Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters and sets the date for Referendum for October 5, 2021 as outlined in the Notice of Referendum that will be attached to the Minutes of this meeting as Appendix "A", which Notice is hereby approved.

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

Set Call for Special Town Meeting on September 27, 2021 and Adjourned Special Town Meeting/Referendum on October 5, 2021

Set call for Special Town Meeting to be held on September 27, 2021 and date for Adjourned Special Town Meeting/Referendum to be held on October 5, 2021 to consider and vote on:

A resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, prohibiting the establishment of a Cannabis Establishment within the Town Limits.

Ms. Chesebrough read the following resolutions:

Be it hereby resolved, that pursuant to Section 3-3 of the Charter, the Board of Selectmen calls a Special Town Meeting for Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Stonington Public Schools District Office (Former Pawcatuck Middle School), 40 Field 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 "B", which Notice is hereby approved.

Be it hereby resolved, that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §7-7, the Board of Selectmen hereby remove the first item on the call for the September 27, 2021 Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters and sets the date for Referendum and Adjourned Special Town Meeting for October 5, 2021 as outlined in the Notice of Referendum and Adjourned Special Town Meeting that will be attached to the Minutes of this meeting as Appendix "C", which Notice is hereby approved.

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

Request – Use of 49 North Stonington Road Parking Lot

Ms. Chesebrough noted a request from Clyde's Cider Mill to use the parking lot at 49 North Stonington Road for overflow parking from September 1-November 30, 2021. The issue of the amount of traffic on the road has been discussed at several Board of Police Commission meetings. They will primarily be using the lot on weekends and for overflow parking. They meet all the needed insurance requirements by the Town.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the use of 49 North Stonington Road by Clyde's Cider Mill for overflow parking from September 1-November 30, 2021.

(11) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie noted that the projects with Stillman and Mystic River Boathouse Park continue to move forward. She also thanked those who sponsored the parade held on Labor Day.
- Ms. Strunk stated that affordable housing projects can apply for state funding to offset construction costs. In the case of the Campbell Grain project the Town has to provide a local match to allow the developer to apply for the state funding. She noted that the project went through several different boards/commissions to obtain approvals. The minutes of which can be found on the town website. Ms. Strunk asked if it was possible to publish the routing sheets that Planning and Zoning has created to help the public to follow along with project as they move through the approval process.
- Ms. Chesebrough noted that she met with members of Human Services, Clergy, Police and area non-profits to discuss homelessness and issues within Donahue Park. In regards to Covid, weekly meetings with other municipalities continue. A mask mandate remains in place indoors at all municipal buildings. The Town continues to recommend that local businesses/restaurants, etc. encourage masks use while indoors. The Special Olympics will hold an opening ceremony of their regatta on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the Wadawanuck Club.

(12) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



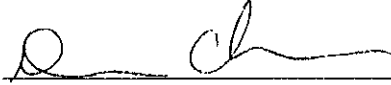
Stacey Haskell

Recording Secretary

RESOLUTION TO SET DATE FOR REFERENDUM

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §7-7, and Section 3.5 of the Town Charter entitled Power to Overrule, the Board of Selectmen hereby remove the first item on the call for the August 9, 2021 Special Town Meeting for submission to the voters and sets the date for Referendum for October 5, 2021 as outlined in the Notice of Referendum that will be attached to the Minutes of this meeting as Appendix "A", which Notice is hereby approved.

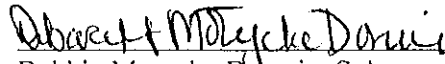
Signed and dated this 8th day of September, 2021 by the Stonington Board of Selectmen.



Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman



June Strunk, Selectwoman



Debbie Motycka Downie, Selectwoman

APPENDIX "A"

TOWN OF STONINGTON
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
OCTOBER 5, 2021

The referendum for the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Stonington to reaffirm the vote on the first item of the warning of the Special Town meeting called for Monday, August 9, 2021 will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 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 Ave., Mystic

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

Persons, not 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, September 13, 2021.

The first item on the Special Town Meeting called for Monday, August 9, 2021 set forth in the warning of said meeting is as follows:

A resolution, pursuant to §12-65b of the Connecticut General Statutes, to enter into a property tax assessment agreement with COGGSWELL REDEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Connecticut limited liability company, fixing the assessment for the development of property at 27 West Broad Street and 15 Coggswell Street, Pawcatuck, Connecticut. Such agreement shall not exceed ten years. A copy of the complete text of the proposed Agreement is on file in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours and available on the Town's website at www.stonington-ct.gov.

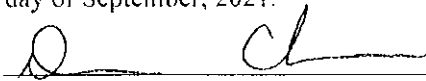
The wording for the question will be as follows:

"SHALL THE VOTE AT THE TOWN MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2021 TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT WITH COGGSWELL REDEVELOPMENT, LLC BE OVERTURNED?"

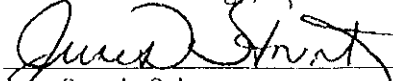
Those voting to overturn the resolution that was passed at Town Meeting will vote "YES".
Those voting to reaffirm the resolution that was passed will vote "NO".

The Registrar of Voters will receive and record the vote on October 5, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. at Stonington Town Hall.

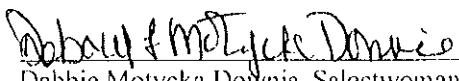
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Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman



June Strunk, Selectwoman

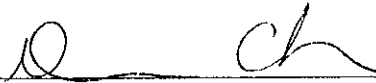


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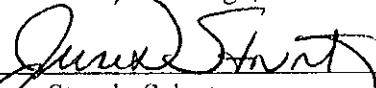
RESOLUTION TO CALL A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 3-3 of the Charter, the Board of Selectmen calls a Special Town Meeting for Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Stonington Public Schools District Office (Former Pawcatuck Middle School), 40 Field 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 "B", which Notice is hereby approved.

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APPENDIX "B"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF STONINGTON

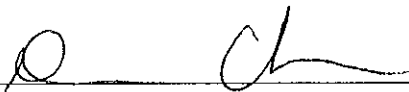
The Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, will be held at Stonington Public Schools District Office (Former Pawcatuck Middle School), 40 Field St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379 on **Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

To consider, discuss, and vote upon the following:

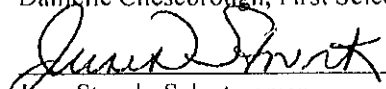
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At this hearing electors and residents may appear and be heard.

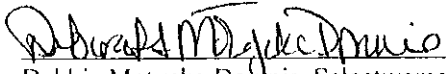
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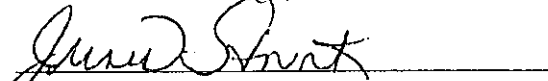
**RESOLUTION TO SET DATE FOR REFERENDUM
AND
ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

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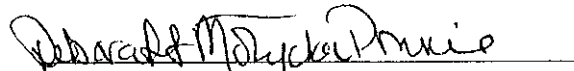
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OCTOBER 5, 2021

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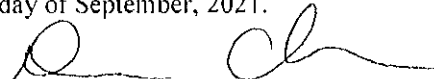
"SHALL THE TOWN OF STONINGTON ADOPT AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS?"

Those voting to prohibit a cannabis establishment will vote "YES".

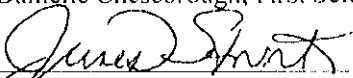
Those voting to allow a cannabis establishment will vote "NO".

The Monday, September 27, 2021 Special Town Meeting will then reconvene at Stonington Town Hall on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. to consider and record the vote.

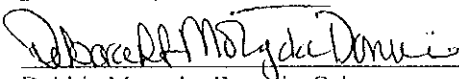
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