

TOWN OF STONINGTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
October 29, 2019

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Stonington was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 29, 2019 at the Stonington Police Dept. community room by First Selectman Rob Simmons. Also, in attendance were Selectman John Prue and Selectwoman Jocelyn Kepple.

First Selectman Simmons asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. First Selectman Simmons then asked for nominations for Moderator. Selectman John Prue nominated Mr. Ted Ladwig and being properly seconded, Mr. Ladwig was unanimously elected Moderator of the meeting. Town Clerk, Cynthia Ladwig, served as Clerk.

The Moderator asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Call recorded immediately preceding this page. Hearing no objection, the Moderator asked for a resolution to waive the reading of the first item on the Call. Motion was made and seconded.

The Moderator read the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Reading of the resolution to be presented to this Special Town Meeting under the first item of the Call be waived, and the full text of the Resolution, a copy of which has been made available to all those in attendance at this meeting, be incorporated into the text of this meeting.

ORDINANCE RE: PORTUGUESE HOLY GHOST SOCIETY
(PARTIAL TAX ABATEMENT)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT,
PROVIDING FOR THE PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR THE PORTUGUESE
HOLY GHOST SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society has maintained its place in the community at 26 Main Street (hereinafter "subject property") for over ninety (95) years; and

WHEREAS, the structure at the subject property is of historical and architectural significance to the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society and the Town of Stonington; and

WHEREAS, the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society has been an integral part of the Town of Stonington's heritage and history; and

WHEREAS, the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society is having difficulty maintaining the subject property in its present form as a result of the current level of taxation; and

WHEREAS, said level of taxation threatens the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society's ability to maintain the historic structure at the subject property possibly necessitating the demolition or remodeling of the structure which would destroy the historical and architectural value of the subject property; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statute §12-127a provides that any municipality may by ordinance provide for the abatement in whole or in part of real property taxes on structures of historical or architectural merit if the level of taxation is a material factor which threatens the continued existence of the structure, necessitating either its demolition or remodeling in a manner which destroys the historical or architectural value.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON IN LAWFUL MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That the ordinances of the Town of Stonington be amended by adding the following:

- A. The Portuguese Holy Ghost Society and its building are of historical and architectural significance and the current level of taxation is a material factor which threatens the continued existence of the historical and architectural value of the property.
- B. That the taxes levied by the Town of Stonington against the real property and improvements currently located at 26 Main Street, Stonington, Connecticut, be partially abated so that the tax burden of said property total not more than SEVEN

THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND No/100 (\$7,500.00) Dollars for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2020 and every subsequent assessment year until and including the assessment year of October 1, 2024, at which time the abatement will be revisited by the Town Meeting.

- C. This abatement shall not apply to any further improvements to the property after June 30, 2010 that would ordinarily increase the assessment of the property.
- D. This abatement shall automatically terminate upon the sale of the property or a change of use of the property, or if the owner of the property does not maintain the historical and architectural features of the property in good repair.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall become effective following approval by Town Meeting and fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the Town of Stonington.

The Moderator recognized First Selectman Simmons to read the resolution on the first item on the Call.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON IN LAWFUL MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED:

To consider and vote on a resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, providing for the partial abatement of taxes for property located at 26 Main Street and owned by the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, Inc. Said abatement would cap the property taxes against the subject property to no more than \$7,500.00.

Being properly seconded, the Moderator opened the floor to discussion. Mrs. June Strunk asked that it be reflected in the minutes that the Town of Stonington would review the partial abatement of taxes for the Club again in October 2024. Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the resolution. The resolution passed unanimously.

The Moderator asked for a resolution to waive the reading of the second item on the Call. Motion was made and seconded.

The Moderator read the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the reading of the resolution to be presented to this Special Town Meeting under the second item of the Call be waived, and the full text of the Resolution, a copy of which has been made available to all those in attendance at this meeting, be incorporated into the text of this meeting.

SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON IN LAWFUL TOWN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BE ESTABLISHED BY THE TOWN OF STONINGTON:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STORAGE, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF.

Section 1. The accumulation, collection, removal and disposal of refuse must be controlled by the Town of Stonington for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare. It is consequently found and declared that:

The Board of Selectmen is authorized by this ordinance to regulate the disposition of refuse generated within its boundaries to establish and collect charges for the disposition of waste, to license refuse collectors and to establish rule regulations and operating hours for the landfill and to levy fines set by the Board for any violations.

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-220a the Board of Selectmen is authorized to designate the area where refuse generated within its boundaries shall be disposed except as specified in Section 2 of this ordinance.

Section 2. All refuse shall be delivered for disposal as directed by the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority and in accordance with the Municipal Solid Waste Management Services Agreement between such Authority and this Municipality, including

Amendment No. 5 thereto. In accordance with such Amendment No. 5, all such refuse shall be delivered or cause to be delivered for disposal to the resource recovery facility located in Lisbon, Connecticut, and operated by Wheelabrator Lisbon, Inc., to the extent such refuse is acceptable to such operator for disposal at such facility.

This ordinance shall supersede any previous ordinance governing solid waste in the Town.

This ordinance shall become effective following an affirmative approval by Town Meeting and fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Stonington.

Supersedes Solid Waste Ordinance adopted January 13, 1986

The Moderator recognized First Selectman Simmons to read the resolution on the second item on the Call.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON IN LAWFUL MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED:

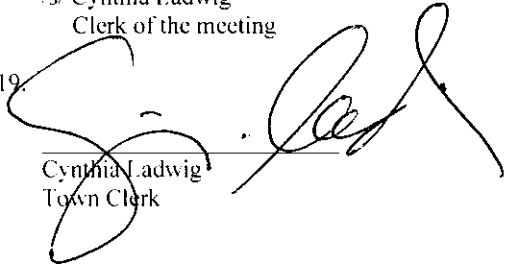
To consider and vote on a resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, modifying the Solid Waste Ordinance and establishing that all refuse from the Town shall be delivered to the resource recovery facility located in Lisbon, Connecticut operated by Wheelabrator Lisbon, Inc. to the extent that facility accepts such waste.

Being properly seconded, the Moderator opened the floor to discussion. Hearing no discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on the resolution. The resolution passed unanimously.

Since there was no further business on the Call, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded and the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

/s/ Cynthia Ladwig
Clerk of the meeting

Received for record this 30th day of October, 2019.


Cynthia Ladwig
Town Clerk