

July 7, 2020

The Stonington Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance held a special joint virtual meeting on this date at 4:30 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 were in attendance from the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Tim O'Brien, Mr. Glenn Frishman, Ms. Lynn Young, Mr. Mike Fauerbach, Mr. Bob Statchen, Ms. Deb Norman and were in attendance from the Board of Finance. Mr. David Motherway was absent.

No public or press were present in the room. Public and press were able to view via Facebook live as well as audio through a conference line.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Chesebrough called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Mr. O'Brien called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Ms. Chesebrough noted that the resolution to be considered is in connection with the resolution adopted on June 23, 2020 by the BOF regarding bond issuance in the amount of 10 million dollars for major repairs and upgrades to the WPCA facilities and provides and confirms the specific findings required by Executive Order 7S that must be made in order to authorize the bonds without a town meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously move the item to the Board of Finance for consideration of the resolution confirming specific findings under Governor Ned Lamont's executive order No. 7S in connection with the June 23rd approved resolution appropriating \$10,000,000 for Wastewater Treatment Facilities improvements and authorizing the issue of \$10,000,000 Bonds and Notes to finance the appropriation.

A motion was made by Mr. Frishman, seconded by Ms. Young and voted unanimously to approve the resolution confirming specific findings under Governor Ned Lamont's executive order No. 7S in connection with the June 23rd approved resolution appropriating \$10,000,000 for Wastewater Treatment Facilities improvements and authorizing the issue of \$10,000,000 Bonds and Notes to finance the appropriation.

A full copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Boards, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.


Stacey Haskell
Recording Secretary


Jill Senior
Recording Secretary

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF FINANCE TO PROCEED UNDER, AND CONFIRM SPECIFIC FINDINGS PURSUANT TO, GOVERNOR NED LAMONT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7S IN CONNECTION WITH A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$10,000,000 FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$10,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, due to a declaration of public health and civil preparedness emergencies caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and pursuant to his authority under the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Governor Ned Lamont issued Executive Order No. 7S on April 1, 2020 ("Executive Order 7S");

WHEREAS, Executive Order 7S authorizes, amongst other things, the issuance of municipal general obligation bonds or notes to be issued in anticipation of such bonds to be issued pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, by majority vote of the board of selectmen and the budget-making authority, in municipalities where the legislative body is a town meeting other than a representative town meeting upon the making of specific findings;

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2020, the Town of Stonington ("Town") Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance held a joint meeting at which they considered and approved a resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$10,000,000 for Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvements and Authorizing the Issue of \$10,000,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance the Appropriation" (the "Bonding Resolution");

WHEREAS, the Bonding Resolution approves the issuance of bonds pursuant to Section 7-259 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts and statutes, which includes Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Town's Charter and the statutes of the State of Connecticut, the Bonding Resolution typically would be brought before a town meeting and referendum for consideration and approval;

WHEREAS, there is a need to proceed expeditiously with the project described in the Bonding Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance have discussed the potential risks to its citizens that would arise from a town meeting and safety concerns related thereto in connection with the existing public health and civil preparedness emergencies in the State of Connecticut and decided to rely upon and approve the Bonding Resolution under Executive Order 7S;and

WHEREAS, in view of its reliance on Executive Order 7S, the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance have decided to issue general obligation bonds or notes to be issued in anticipation of such bonds under the Bonding Resolution solely pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes and document the findings required by Executive Order 7S in these resolutions.

NOW THEREFORE, in connection with the Bonding Resolution, the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance hereby resolve as follows:

RESOLVED,

1. That any municipal general obligations bonds or notes to be issued in anticipation of such bonds issued under the Bonding Resolution shall be issued solely pursuant to Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other enabling acts and statutes that are consistent with Executive Order 7S.
2. That acting pursuant to Executive Order 7S to approve the Bonding Resolution is necessary to permit the orderly operation of the Town.
3. That there is a need to act immediately and during the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency on the matters described in the Bonding Resolution in order to avoid endangering public health and welfare, prevent significant financial loss and to otherwise protect persons and property within the Town.
4. To the extent that it is inconsistent with these resolutions, the Bonding Resolution is hereby modified by these resolutions.