



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 26, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Old Saybrook Town Hall – Second Floor Conference Room

Direct link to the recording: https://youtu.be/3P8VE6_bjX8

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Board of Selectmen Meetings: _

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKX0JMf1KPp9SQAHO0GUQCR3yLtNYxKOWK>

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – All members present.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Recited.
- III. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – Colin Heffernan stated that he feels there should be a stand-alone tree committee and that it should not be part of any other existing commission. Herb Searle echoed those comments and appreciated the Board of Selectmen discussing this topic. Susan Esty was also in favor of a stand-alone tree committee to show we are serious about tree canopy; she also talked about the added value of tree lined streets for neighborhoods.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN** – Mr. Pugliese offered his sympathy to the Mosca family on the passing of former Chief of Police Ed Mosca. Mr. Fortuna commented that he attended the Mosca wake earlier today and on Monday had received permission from the Governor's office to fly Old Saybrook flags at half-staff; that he received two beautiful memorial coins of Lyon Gardiner from the Koch family; that Heather McNeil will be holding an information session on Narcan training in Town Hall; that the Heiser Nursing Scholarship is now accepting applications (Visiting Nurses grant); that the Garden Club will be placing identifying markers on town trees on the green.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Board of Selectmen Meeting March 13, 2024 — *A MOTION was made to approve March 13, 2024 meeting minutes.*
FORTUNA/PUGLIESE
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- VI. **BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
 - A. Discussion and possible action to approve the Town of Old Saybrook Early Voting Plan.
Mr. Fortuna stated that this is something that he recently learned had to be done. The state has already approved this plan. Mr. Pugliese stated that he would like to hear from the registrars at a future meeting to discuss how early voting went and the plans for the fall. *A MOTION was made to approve the Town of Old Saybrook Early Voting Plan.*
FORTUNA/PUGLIESE
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- B.** Discussion and possible action on Harbor Management Commission recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for ordinance revisions to Waterways Chapter 209.

Chairman Murphy presented changes some of which concerned boaters essentially squatting on moorings. The Harbor Management Commission (HMC) recommended changes that boaters be allowed to stay 72 hours and after that a fine of \$100 “or an amount voted on by the HMC per calendar day”. Mr. Fortuna felt that language was a little bit “loose” and stated he would like to discuss further with Mr. Murphy, who was amenable to this. There was also discussion about the harbor master fee for placing and removing moorings, the ability of fishermen and crabbers at Sheffield (but not Ferry Road) and the elimination of Section 206-16 because it is unnecessary. The Board of Selectmen will take this up at the next meeting.

- C.** Discussion and possible action on Call of Annual Town Budget Meeting.

A MOTION was made to approve the Call of Annual Town Budget Meeting.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- D.** Building Permit fee refund request from Tod DeMarco: 54 Owaneco Trail.

A MOTION was made to approve the Building Permit fee refund.

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- E.** Appointments

1. Zoning Board of Appeals. Alternate member resignation. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a 2-year term due to end 11/2025. *A MOTION was made to approve the appointment of Laurie Deneen as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals.*

FORTUNA/ GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Resiliency Grant application - There was an application by the land use director for funds to apply for a resiliency grant. The ARPA committee had already approved \$87,500 and this would be an additional \$87,500 which ends up being a 50% match for this grant. It was agreed that if the grant was not approved, these funds would be placed in an off-budget account for future projects/matches. *A MOTION was made to approve a request to the Board of Finance for grant application match funding.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. 155 Ingham Hill Road (Brown property) §8-24 application. David Brown passed away about two months ago and the town holds a right of first refusal on the property for \$93,555. Mr. Fortuna noted the religious significance of the stupa on the property but also noted the strategic value of the property with its proximity to town owned open space. Mr. Pugliese asked what the use might be and who would control the land: it would likely be open space controlled by Parks & Recreation. *A MOTION was made to approve a request to the Board of Finance for acquisition funding.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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H. Authorizing Resolution Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) Region 2 – A yearly requirement from DEMHS, *A MOTION was made to approve the authorizing resolution.*

FORTUNA/PUGLIESE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. ADJOURNMENT - *A MOTION was made to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.*

PUGLIESE/ GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl P. Fortuna Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman