

Town of Stonington  
Selectman Minutes  
February 9, 2026

PRESENT: Donna Brewer, Evelyn Duncan, Travis Fifield, John Robbins, Joe Rackliff  
PUBLIC: Kathleen Billings, Linda Nelson, Averi Varney, Jack (newspaper)

Before the meeting the Selectmen had a public discussion to field questions on 2026 Budget Line Questions. This meeting ended at 7:10PM. The Selectmen's meeting was then opened.

MINUTES Moved Duncan second Robbins to accept minutes of February 2, 2026 Vote 5-0

WARRANTS Moved Robbins second Duncan to accept accounts payable warrants Vote 5-0

COMP PLAN Averi Varney, from Hancock County Planning Commission was present to inform the Selectmen on how the HCPC plans to aid the town in updating their comprehensive plan. She stated that there is no need for massive changes just updates and inclusion of new items. These new items will include sea water rise, resilience study, and village partnership. She believes the new plan will be ready in 6-15 months. The public will be engaged with input from committees, outreach to the public through surveys, and public media websites. Maps and data will be upgraded.

BOND BANK The bond Bank counsel has requested the following allonge be approved by the Trustees of the Water Company. The Town owns the stock of the Water Company

Moved by Duncan second Rackliff Board of Trustees of the Stonington Water Company of Stonington, Maine as follows:

- (1) That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the application made to the State Revolving Loan Fund at the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for approval to borrow up to \$1,491,950, less forgiveness of up to \$992,150 of permanent financing to fund Cemetery Road and School Street Water Main Replacement, including engineering and construction costs, transaction costs and all related expenses (the "Project").
- (2) That, pursuant to authority granted by the Charter of the Stonington Water Company (the "Issuer"), and specifically Section 11 thereof, and any other applicable law, the Issuer is hereby authorized to issue and sell to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank a Taxable Water Bond of the Issuer (the "Bond") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,491,950 to fund the Project, said funding to include transaction costs and all other expenses reasonably related to the Project.
- (3) That the Treasurer and Chair of the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Bond on behalf of the Issuer to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank. The Bond is to be sold upon such further terms and conditions and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Treasurer and Chair of the Board of Trustees and be attested by the Clerk, or another official of the Issuer.
- (4) That the Treasurer is authorized and directed to issue a revenue obligation note or notes to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank in the amount of up to \$1,491,950 on behalf of the Issuer at a rate of interest as may be approved by the Treasurer and Chair of the Board of Trustees, and for a term not to exceed one year, said interim funding to include engineering and construction costs, transaction costs and all other expenses reasonably related thereto.

(5) That the Board of Trustees hereby agrees to enter into a Debt Service Assumption Agreement with the Town of Stonington to guarantee the debt service due from the Water Company related to a Revenue Obligation Bond with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank in an amount not to exceed \$1,491,950 to finance improvements to the Water Company's infrastructure along Cemetery Road and School Street.

(6) The Chair is hereby authorized to execute the Debt Service Assumption Agreement in such form as the Chair may determine to be in the best interest of the Water Company.

(7) That the Issuer hereby irrevocably pledges the user fees, rates, assessments and other charges of the Issuer for the payment of the debt service on the Bond.

(8) That the Treasurer and Chair of the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to execute and deliver a Loan Agreement with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, in such form as the Maine Municipal Bond Bank shall require, for the interim loan and for the permanent financing.

(9) That the Stonington Water Company officers and officials are hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all documents and certificates, and to take any and all actions, including affixing the seal of the Issuer as may be necessary or convenient to carry out the full purport and intent of the foregoing orders, or any one of them.

VOTE 5-0

HARBOR

Nelson reported that the DOT has been successful in obtaining a \$12,000,000 grant to rebuild the causeway onto the island. The work may begin in December. Nelson reported that the Town has been successful in obtaining a \$2,000,000 grant to dredge the waters surrounding the fish pier. The goal is to bring the depth back to its original depth before silting. This is the necessary first step in obtaining additional grants (apply in April) to raise the fish pier and work on the waterfront area of the Odd Fellows property. Board thanked Nelson for her hard work on obtaining infrastructure grants.

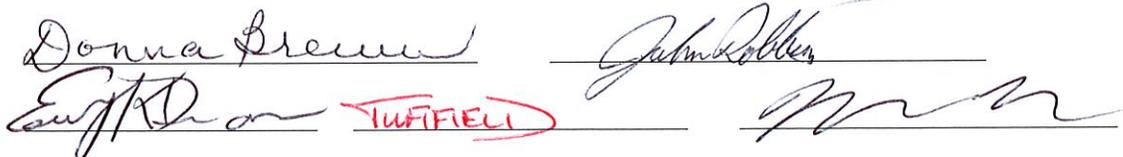
PAYROLL

Billings would like to contract with a payroll service to do our payroll which is presently done in house. This will free up some of clerks time. Moved Duncan second Fifield to hire a payroll service. Vote 5-0

OLD/NEW

Robbins would like to know the price of removing tires between 15" and 19" Billings will find out. Billings reported that with the construction of the elevator at the old school building that both the front steps and the drainage problem should also be addressed. She would like to add a warrant article to borrow up to \$50,000 for this project. It may or may not be needed and if needed would be repaid out of rental income from the building. Selectman agreed to add the article.

Meeting adjourned 8:30PM

  
Donna Brewer \_\_\_\_\_ John Robbins \_\_\_\_\_  
Eugene \_\_\_\_\_ **TUFIELD** \_\_\_\_\_