



Town of North Stonington
Board of Selectmen
New Town Hall Conference Room
August 29, 2006
7:00 PM

Call to Order-7:00 PM with Selectmen Mullane, Peterson and Hescocck present.

Public Comments and Questions-

Minutes-A motion was made by Selectman Peterson, seconded by Selectman Mullane to approve the minutes of August 22, 2006, as presented, carrying. 3-0. A motion was made by Selectman Mullane, seconded by Selectman Peterson to approve the minutes of August 7, 2006, as presented, carrying. 3-0

Correspondence

- Flyer announcing that Guy Martin, Perkins Coie has been named as a "Best Lawyer"
- Copy of letter to Representative Diana Urban regarding environmental health issues of the Shunock River Valley
- Notice that towns will be receiving a \$10, portion of some motor vehicle violations issued
- Letter from State DEP requesting that Town waive 10 mill penalties for two parcels of property
- Notice that the Golden Hill land claims have advanced in federal court system
- Village Innovation Pilot draft from the Borderlands Project
- Request for drawdown of Wyassup Lake this winter
- CT State Library opinion on use of preservation fees collected by Town as not being part of regular operating Town budget
- SCWA rate increase proposal
- Brian Rathbun's report on "Beaver" in North Stonington
- Memorandum from Fire Chief regarding water supply readiness prior to construction

Old Business-

1. **Tribal Recognition**-No report
2. **Annexation**-Consensus of Board to co-sign tri-town letter on trust land process, to GAO, Interior Associate Deputy Secretary, Senator Burns and Dorgan, and Congressmen Taylor and Dicks.
3. **Route 2 Road Modifications-Executive Session-Attorney update**-No arrangements for pre-trial MPTN not available. Town gave three dates for meeting, all not acceptable to Tribal representatives. We have requested dates from Tribal representatives. First Selectman Mullane provided requested zone changes in Ledyard requested by MPT.
4. **Subdivision Review and Planning and Zoning Issues**
Conservation Subdivision -11 lots-Babcock Road

Shunock Brook Study-Tentative Meeting Date (9-28-06)

Hollowell Road Subdivision Special Permit

Other-

No new data to report

5. **Assekonk Swamp Walkway**-No progress
6. **Permanent School Building Project Committee activities**-General discussion of Selectmen, PSPBC, and BOE. Also in attendance was Guy Boucher, School Maint. Supervisor, George Brennan, Fire Marshal and IT Director Marc Tate. Discussion on improvement/replacement of the Elementary School Alarm system with either proprietary or non-prop system and whether or not there was a need to upgrade the High School and Gymnasium systems. Guy Boucher noted all 12 sensors have been replaced and are OK. School is approved to opening and sensors appear to be working OK. There is a concern about price and wanting system in each building to be the same. After general discussion it was concluded that Elementary School is the first that should be upgraded and the final question is proprietary or non system and the preparation of quote/bid specifications.
7. **Town Meeting list-- agenda items**-No action taken
8. **Hydraulic Study with SCWA on water tank additional appropriation**-No action taken
9. **Appointment to
Inland Wetlands Commission
EDC Replacement**
No candidates identified to date. General discussion about placing advertisement for all vacant positions in Town, no action taken.
10. **Wyassup Lake Drawdown**-Members of the Wyassup Lake Association were present and encouraged positive action for their request to support shore cleaning, dock maintenance, and weed control. First Selectman Mullane stated it has been five years since last drawdown and made a motion to approve and forward request to State DEP and to pay for the drawdown of Wyassup Lake, seconded by Selectman Peterson, carrying. 3-0 Note- This will not be approved every year.

New Business

1. **2006-07 Request-Town Clerk restoration funds**-Letter received from the Connecticut State Library that clarified that this is a procedural item and that the monies should not be part of the regular operating budget.
2. **DEP request to waive 10 mill penalty**-Deferred to Town Attorney to research what procedure would be required to execute the request.
3. **Homeland Security/EMS Grant**-The Fire Chief submitted the request to the State for the new radio equipment to expend the 2004 grant funds. Only one bid was received for the equipment and the Chief will work with the vendor to complete the project.
4. **Waterline Specifications/ESA**-Selectman Mullane is continuing work with the engineer on bid specifications. ESA transfer is on hold at this time.

5. **Town Hall Air Conditioning and Repairs project**-Selectman Mullane identified that he has upgraded the air conditioning units to a three phase condensers because of existing electrical system, and more cost efficient units, it will require some modifications to the New Town Hall electrical system to support the equipment and correct the electrical imbalance that currently exists.
6. **Additional Appropriation for State Police DUI Grant**-Selectman Mullane made a motion to forward a request to the BOF in the amount of \$50,000 from the State DUI grant to FY 2006-07, State Police line item, seconded by Selectman Peterson, carrying. 3-0.

Public Comments and Questions-General comment about the dog pound, there are funds available in this fiscal year budget to make improvements.

Mr. Ricker of Wyassup Road asked that Pandemic Influenza added to the agenda for next week. Selectman Peterson commented on the need for explanation due to heightened Homeland Security requirements.

Adjournment-9:12 PM