 Town of North Stonington

Board of Selectmen

September 30, 2014

New Town Hall Conference Room

MINUTES

Call to Order-7:00 PM with Selectmen Mullane, Donahue, and Testa present.

Public Comments and Questions-Nita Kincaid reminded the board f the Community Conservation Event on October 18th.

Minutes-A motion was made by Selectman Donahue and seconded by Selectman Testa to approve the minutes of September 9, 2014, as amended, carrying. 3-0

A motion was made by Selectman Donahue and seconded by Selectman Testa to approve the minutes of September 23, 2014, as amended, carrying. 3-0

Correspondence

Boards/Commissions/Official’s Comments

Old Business

1. Hewitt Property-Working is proceeding and Karl Acimovic is inspecting the site three times per week.
2. Dam Repairs and added appropriation-No action
3. Proposed School Building Project-Additional Appropriation for Study Costs-Question of how much the last process cost, Selectman Mullane will research.
4. Tribal Issues – Acknowledgement/Annexation Issues – Request for added appropriation-Comments to BIA will be finalized by Perkins Coie for submission today, for North Stonington, Preston, and Ledyard.
5. Permanent School Building Project Committee
6. Permanent School Building Committee Projects-Selectman Mullane will send a letter to Mr. Nero to restart process of $75,000, PSPBC request for next year’s budget submission.

List of Things to Do

1. Status of Center for Emergency Services Project-Design development is proceeding and a financial statement was provided.
2. Boombridge Road Bridge-Design on Schedule
3. Grant Applications/administration

Water Study Ex 92 x I95 consultants are working on project

2014 STEAP Grant Extension of Village Water System-Grant Award/CT DPH Contract-No action

2015 STEAP Grant-No action

Housing Grant-No action

1. Budget 2013-2014-Close Out/Transfers-No new business, audit will begin October 7, 2014.

Budget 2014-2015-No action

Capital Purchase-No action

1. Special Town Meeting

Items for Future Town Meetings

* Lake of Isles subdivision granting of easements to the Town
* Ordinance allowing the Town to retain overpayments of taxes less than five ($5.00) dollars
* Ordinance allowing alternate members for the Board of Finance
* Ordinance allowing the Board of Selectmen to name, number, and renumber parcels and residences in North Stonington
* Approval to De-obligate unexpended funds from the Capital Projects Account
* STEAP Grant Award—Water Line Extension $245,000-Added Appropriation
* Small Cities Community Development Block Grant-$400,000-Added Appropriation for Affordable Housing-A motion was made to forward this item to the BOF by First Selectman Mullane, seconded by Selectman Testa, carrying. 3-0
* Board of Finance Resolution regarding Membership Appointments

1. Preston/North Stonington collaboration-Work will begin on Charter
2. Tax Policy-No action
3. Town Ethics Policy-In cooperation with Preston, Ed Scarchilli’s name was brought up to represent North Stonington to work with Preston collaboration.
4. 96 Button Road Litigation (Executive Session) A motion was made by Selectman Testa and seconded by Selectman Donahue to enter executive session at 7:25 PM, with Attorney Rob Avena, carrying. 3-0 Adjourned executive session at 8:08 PM, no action taken.

New Business

1. Tax Refund(s)-None
2. Selectmen’s Public Communications-No action
3. Recreation Commission appointments-A motion was made by Selectman Testa and seconded by Selectman Donahue to appoint Chuck Butremovic and Emily Mastroianni to the Recreation Commission, carrying. 3-0
4. Poet Laureate Proclamation-A motion was made by Selectman Testa and seconded by Selectman Donahue to appoint Anna Coit as the Town’s first Poet Laureate, with the following Proclamation, carrying. 3-0

*Proclamation*

Whereas, the Town of North Stonington recognizes and seeks to protect and preserve the cultural and historic heritage and assets of our town and venerates those citizens who

have produced this rich legacy as writers, poets, historians, artists, craftsmen and photographers; and

Whereas, we have living in our midst a living fundamental link to our cultural and historic heritage that we seek to honor and protect; and

Whereas, ANNA NORTH COIT, the “Senior Citizen” of our town, at age 106, is the standard bearer of those values we hold so dear; and

Whereas, Anna’s list of accomplishments is substantial and lengthy, including writer, poet, teacher, librarian, artist, environmentalist/naturalist, gardener, tree farmer, pioneer woman journalist/editor of Time magazine, Vassar graduate of class of 1930, Quaker, former President and present editor and writer of the North Stonington Historical Society’s monthly newsletter for more than 20 years, Grand Marshal of the Battle of Stonington Bicentennial Parade in August (a parade that she attended 100 years ago in 1914 at age 6!), and the writer of the first, ground breaking cover story in 1941 in Time magazine which announced Dr. Alexander Fleming’s discovery of a “marvelous mold” – penicillin, thereby scooping all other news media in this country; and

Whereas, Anna has been writing poetry for more than 75 years and has recently

published THE ISLESBORO POEMS, a 36-page book inspired by a visit to Isleboro, Maine and she continues to write poetry on a daily basis including attending and reading her poems recently at the Mystic Art Association; and

Whereas, poetry is an art that provides pleasure and expression for many, education for our children, and promotes enthusiasm for language, the written word, and knowledge; and

Whereas, a Poet Laureate is a symbol of the important role that the arts play in the lives of our community and possesses an enthusiasm for the community; and

Whereas, the position of Poet Laureate honors an outstanding poet whose work has enriched our community and in North Stonington there have been few who have reached that goal.

Now, Therefore, we the North Stonington Board of Selectmen, do join with all the residents of North Stonington in proclaiming;

*Anna North Coit, Poet Laureate* of North Stonington, Connecticut

and urge all our citizens to enjoy the works of this longtime

resident of North Stonington and celebrate the cultural and

historic heritage of our town.

Dated this 6th, day of October, 2014

MARK S. DONAHUE NICHOLAS H. MULLANE II ROBERT L. TESTA

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

Public Comments and Questions-Shawn Murphy noted the stop sign behind the fence at the entrance to Kingswood Drive.

Adjournment-10:04 PM