

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING JULY 29, 2010

Gail MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Board of Education meeting room. Members present were Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, Rob Cary, Faith Leitner, Sam Agnello, Alisa Morison and Kevin Bornstein.

Late arrival: Doug Rea, Secretary 7:12 p.m.

Also present were Leanne Masterjoseph, Superintendent of Schools, Michele Melia, Recording Secretary, members of the staff, and interested citizens.

Comments from Citizens

Several Stonington residents commented to the Board on the Land Swap issue.

Land Swap

Alisa Morison did not participate in the discussion of the Land Swap.

Gail MacDonald shared communications she received concerning the Land Swap and the Board of Education discussed the following:

- General Statutes
- Map of the property as it is now and how it possibly could be in the future
- The nature trail that goes across the property
- Information obtained from a Town meeting
- Affordable housing
- Mystic Middle School Parking
- Proposed Mystic Middle School parking lot
- Their stand on the Land Swap

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Sam Agnello:

Motion 1: The Stonington Board of Education is against the purposed swap of land near Mystic Middle School between the Town and the Putnam family as presented. It does not serve an education purpose and the Board of Education has not deemed that the land is not needed now or in the future for educational purposes.

Aye: ALL

Abstained: Alisa Morrison

Comments from Citizens

Several Stonington residents commented on the Land Swap addressed at this meeting.

Ed Haberek, First Selectman, and parent of two Stonington school age children, addressed the Board on the following:

- Sequence of events starting with a correspondence from Bill King concerning the Land Swap
- How the property is owned and operated
- Commitment from the Town to the Board of Education
- The possibilities that the Land Swap presents
- Affordable housing
- Budget and generating tax dollars
- The land swap presenting an Integrational opportunity with an Educational benefit

Gail MacDonald thanked everyone for their attendance at this meeting.

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Alisa Morrison:

Motion 2: To enter into executive session at 8:25 p.m. and invite Superintendent Leanne Masterjoseph to attend for the purpose of discussion of Board of Education and Superintendent evaluation.

Aye: ALL

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Alisa Morrison:

Motion 3: To return to open session at 9:29 p.m.

Aye: ALL

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Doug Rea:

Motion 4: To adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Aye: ALL



Doug Rea, Board Secretary