

June 27, 2014

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at the Stonington Town Hall at 2:00 p.m.. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek and Selectman George Crouse. Selectman Glee McAnanly was available by telephone. Also present were members of the public and press.

**(1) Call to Order**

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**(2) Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the June 11, 2014 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.

**(3) Comments from the Public**

Mr. Aaron Green asked if there were dates set for the hearing and/or vote. Mr. Green asked how one finds out these dates. Mr. Green stated that we are talking about a revised Nuisance Ordinance. He stated there is an existing Nuisance Ordinance that's been around since 1997. He further stated that the media coverage has not stated that. Mr. Green stated that these are revisions to that existing ordinance and whether or not these revisions are approved, the existing ordinance will remain in effect. Mr. Green further stated that it was widely reported that the decibel levels were within acceptable limits. It is not completely clear what those limits are. It appears that those limits are really a DMV statute for street legal motorcycles on the roads. He stated if that's the case, it is doubtful that it would even apply to this case. Mr. Green stated that people need to be careful when they say within legal limits that possibly of a statute that's not even applicable. He further stated that throughout the State of Connecticut 49% of the cities and towns already regulate this type of activity and/or this type of noise either by local Noise Ordinance or Local Nuisance Ordinance. Mr. Green stated that nearly half the towns of the state will not find this activity permissible.

**(4) Correspondence**

- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Henri Gourd expressing his interest in serving on the Police Commission.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Ronald Voelkel expressing his interest in serving on the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Jim Kelley expressing his interest in serving on the Charter Revision Commission.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Shawn Savoie expressing his interest in serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission as an alternate.

**(5) Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations**

**K-12 Building Committee**

- A motion was made by Mr. Haberek and seconded by Mr. Crouse to appoint Deb Downie to the K-12 Building Committee. **Discussion:** Mrs. McAnanly stated that she thought that at the last meeting Mr. Crouse or someone had asked that two names be brought forward and they would interview them. Mr. Crouse stated that was sort of bothering him. Mr. Crouse stated that on the last committee that he served on for the fields they had ex officios. Mr. Crouse also stated that the problem these meetings is it's week after week and at least 2-3 times a month and that is basically jeopardizing a lot of people on

it. Mr. Crouse stated that if we make them ex officio they don't have to attend but they can contribute and they can serve. Mrs. McAnanly asked if Mr. Crouse was okay with the one name as opposed to the two. Mr. Crouse stated he was hoping for interviews. Mrs. McAnanly asked if he wanted to interview Deb Downie at the next meeting. Mr. Crouse stated no because she is here now. He stated he is kind of hesitant because of what he expressed but the chairman of the committee really wants someone on. The vote was 3-0 in favor of appointing Deb Downie.

- The Selectmen acknowledged the resignation of Deane Beverly on the K-12 Building Committee.

#### **Architectural Design Review Board**

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Chuck Canavan to the Architectural Design Review Board.

#### **Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings**

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Charlie Ballato to the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings.

#### **Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee**

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Sara Lathrop to the POCD Implementation Committee.

#### **(6) New Business**

##### **Request for Use of the Highway Garage Parking Lot and the Town Dock for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Stonington**

Mr. Haberek read the e-mail from Barbara McKrell, Director of Public Works explaining that the use of the Highway Garage would be acceptable with some conditions. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the request.

##### **Request for Use of Donahue Park for River Glow**

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the request from The Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck Chamber of Commerce to use Donahue Park for River Glow on August 9, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (rain date Sunday, August 10, 2014).

##### **Threadmill Partners LLC Storm Water Management Maintenance Agreement and Warranty Deed**

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to accept the Agreement and Warranty Deed.

#### **(7) Comments from the Public**

None

#### **(8) Comments from the Selectmen**

Mr. Haberek stated that just received today a request for money from the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Stonington from the town. He stated that we technically don't have a line item like Memorial Day and things like that. Mr. Haberek further stated that on behalf of the Board, he was going to send a letter back asking them to request it from the Board of Finance. Mr. Haberek stated that he sent an e-mail back to them just reminding them if they have any other anniversary thing to try to get in the year beforehand. Mrs. McAnanly asked if they were looking for \$5,000.00. Mr. Haberek stated yes. Mrs. McAnanly stated that she

was surprised that it's a little late to be requesting money. Mr. Crouse stated that he asked them a long time ago. Mr. Haberek also stated that the town got an early request from the Blessing of the Fleet. He stated last year he put in a little ad from the Town of Stonington for the appreciation of the fisherman. Mr. Haberek stated that on behalf of the town we are doing the same ad again.

**(9) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristine Bell".

Kristine Bell

Recording Secretary