

August 11, 2014

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at Stonington Human Services at 6:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek and Selectman George Crouse. Also present were members of the public and press.

- (1) **Call to Order**
Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- (2) **Approval of Minutes**
 - A motion was made by Mr. Haberek and seconded by Mr. Crouse to approve the July 23, 2014 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Haberek and seconded by Mr. Crouse to approve the July 28, 2014 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes.
- (3) **Comments from the Public**
Stephen Bessette said a great job was done on the tribute and festivities in town this past weekend.
- (4) **Interviews for Charter Revision Commission**
The Selectmen interviewed Michael Fauerbach, John Gomes, Stephen Bessette, James Turner, Robert Statchen, Gail Shea, Jim Kelley, James Murphy, Ashley Gillece, Bill Sternberg, Amy Hambly, Constance Frishman, Alice Soscia, Kevin Bornstein and Matthew Berger for the Charter Revision Commission.
- (5) **Correspondence**
 - Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Van Riley, Superintendent to John O'Brien, Board of Finance Chairman requesting support for the unfunded mandate for teacher evaluation and for the CIP items that were pulled from the original requests.
 - Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Kate Careb expressing her interest in serving on the Stonington Housing Authority.
 - Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Robert Yust offering support to the Climate Change Commission.
 - Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Susan Hibbard expressing her interest in serving on the Climate Change Commission.
 - Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Jeffrey Callahan expressing his interest in serving on the Climate Change Commission.
 - Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Thomas Norris expressing his interest in serving on the Climate Change Commission.
 - Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Juliana Barrett offering support to the Climate Change Commission.
 - Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Jim Sisk requesting Rich Cody's reappointment to the Water Pollution Control Authority. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse and seconded by Mr. Haberek to reappoint Rich Cody to the Water Pollution Control Authority.
 - Mr. Haberek took in correspondence stating that David Rathbun expressed interest in serving on the Climate Change Commission.

- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Donald Murphy, Chairman of the Shellfish Commission stating that he notified Carl Hillegass that his term on the Shellfish Commission expired on May 31, 2014 and that he was going to keep the position open to other applicants.

(6) **Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations**

Economic Development Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Haberek and seconded by Mr. Crouse to appoint Richard Balestracci to the Economic Development Commission.

Retirement Board

A motion was made by Mr. Haberek and seconded by Mr. Crouse to appoint Vincent Pacileo as interim board member for the Retirement Board.

Stonington Housing Authority

The Selectmen acknowledged the resignation of Giulia Jaramillo to the Stonington Housing Authority.

Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Advisory Board

The Selectmen acknowledged the resignation of Sally Taylor to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority Advisory Board.

(7) **Old Business**

Allocation of \$200,000.00 from the Town Open Space Fund for Preservation of the Davis Farm

Mr. Haberek shared the letter concerning the conflict of interest statement and the response from the town attorney. He then opened the discussion to Mr. Stanton Simm and Stuart Cole. Mr. Simm presented a site map to explain the Davis Farm locations. He also read a statement from the state archeologist. He stated if allocated, the funds will be held in escrow. Mr. Simm also stated that there will be access for the public a few times throughout the year. A motion was made by Mr. Haberek and seconded by Mr. Crouse to approve the allocation of the funds.

(8) **New Business**

Building Permit Fee Waiver for West Broad Street School Classrooms

Asbestos Abatement and Drywall Installation

A motion was made by Mr. Haberek and seconded by Mr. Crouse to approve the request from Bill King, Stonington Public Schools Business Manager to waive the building permit fee for the West Broad Street School drywall installation in the amount of \$218.00.

(9) **Comments from the Public**

- Rick Newton questioned the use of town funds for the preservation of Davis Farm, considering there is such a limited access space for the public.
- Mr. Stan Simm responded and Ed Hart stated the significance and value of this archeological site that needs to be protected.

(10) **Comments from the Selectmen**

None

(11) **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary