

September 2, 2014

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at Stonington Human Services at 7:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek, Selectman George Crouse and Selectman McAnanly. Also present were members of the public and press.

(1) **Call to Order**

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

(2) **Comments from the Public**

Stephen Bessette thanked Mrs. McAnanly for her service.

(3) **Approval of the Minutes**

- A motion was made by Mr. Haberek and seconded by Mr. Crouse to approve the August 11, 2014 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes. Mrs. McAnanly abstained.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the August 13, 2014 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes.

(4) **Executive Session**

Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Stonington Board of Selectmen will meet in executive session with the Town Attorney and the Director of Administrative Services, Vincent Pacileo to discuss pending litigation and strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation, namely:
Joe Wojtas and The Day v. Town of Stonington, Freedom of Information Docket #2013-558.

The Board of Selectmen did not go into executive session.

(5) **Vote on whether or not to appeal to the Superior Court the FOI decision in Joe Wojtas and The Day v. Town of Stonington, Freedom of Information Docket #2013-558.**

After some discussion between Attorney Tom Londregan, Vincent Pacileo and the Board of Selectmen, a motion was made by Mr. Crouse and seconded by Mrs. McAnanly to comply with the FOI request and release the information. Mr. Haberek abstained.

(6) **Correspondence**

- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from John Prue regarding executive session state law and municipal ordinance rules.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Dudley Wheeler, Chairman of the Republican Town Committee stating the Committee endorsed the nomination of Rob Simmons to serve as the Republican Selectman replacing Glee McAnanly.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Chief Darren Stewart regarding the possibility of a sidewalk being installed from Brookside Lane to Spellman Drive.

- (7) **Appointments/Reappointments**
Stonington Housing Authority
A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Kate Careb to the Stonington Housing Authority.
- Task Force to Address Climate Change Issues**
A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint David Rathbun, Thomas Norris, Jeff Callahan, Ian Camfield, Susan Hibbard, Rick Newton and Ed Hart to the Task Force.
- Planning and Zoning Commission**
A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Fran Hoffman to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Conservation Commission**
A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Sheila Lyons to the Conservation Commission.
- (8) **New Business**
St. Michael School Request for Use of Donahue Park
A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the request for the use of Donahue Park for St. Michael School's 5th Annual 5K Run.
- (9) **Comments from the Public**
- Ms. Sue Jones asked if there was an appointment to the Housing Authority.
 - Mr. Bill Sternberg stated Paul Choiniere in the New London Day within the past month and a half wrote an editorial chastising the legislature for amending the FOIA statute so that it encourages municipalities to go the FOIA commission rather than get sued over the release of personnel files. He also stated that the \$8,100.00 to go in front FOIA is significantly less of a cost than if that material had been released and the town had to defend itself in a lawsuit.
- (10) **Comments from the Selectmen**
Mr. Crouse asked Mrs. McAnanly if she would mind if we had a little thank you cake at the next Selectmen's meeting. Mrs. McAnanly stated that was fine.
- (11) **Adjourn**
There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary