

September 26, 2007

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on this day at 7:00 p.m. at the Stonington Police Station. Present were First Selectman William S. Brown, Selectman Peter L. Balestracci and Selectman Stephen E. Bessette. Members of the public and press were also present.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

(2) Approval of Minutes-

September 12, 2007 (Special), September 12, 2007 (Regular)

A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Bessette and voted unanimously to accept the minutes as distributed.

(3) Commission Interviews

Planning & Zoning

7:00- Paul Holland, 7:15- Andrew Feinstein

(4) Comments from the Public

Don Sadowski spoke on the Planning Director position, the P&Z sound system, and Liberty Crossing (photos were handed out).

Gail Shea spoke on the P&Z fee ordinance, Liberty Crossing, P&Z sound system.

Tom Haggerty commented on the P&Z sound system.

Vinnie Faulise commented on the P&Z sound system.

(5) Appointments/Reappointments

a. Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board acknowledged a letter of resignation from George Wingblade (Alternate). A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Bessette and voted unanimously to reappoint David Rathbun and David Rezendes as Regular members.

b. Planning & Zoning

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to appoint Julianne McCabe to the P & Z Commission as a Regular member.

A motion was made by Mr. Bessette and seconded by Mr. Balestracci to appoint Paul Holland as a Regular member to the P & Z Commission. The vote on the motion was 2-1, Mr. Balestracci voting against this appointment.

A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to appoint Lynda Trebisacci to the P&Z Commission as an Alternate member.

(6) Correspondence

a. Resignation letter- Steve Small

A letter of resignation was received by the Board and acknowledged. A Thank You Letter will be sent to Mr. Small for his work as Chairman of the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings Including Town Hall Facilities.

(7) **Old Business- None**

(8) **New Business**

a. Bid Award: Public Works

Mr. Brown read a letter from Bill Stewart, Highway Supervisor, recommending the bid for sidewalk repair and new sidewalk installation throughout the Town be awarded to Concrete Slabs by Drab LLC. A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Bessette and voted unanimously to award the bid to Concrete Slabs by Drab LLC.

b. Bid Award: Administrative Services

Mr. Brown read a letter from Jason Jones, IT Manager recommending the BOS award the phone system proposal to Carousel Industries, of Rhode Island. A motion was made by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted to unanimously to award the proposal to Carousel Industries, Rhode Island for a new phone system.

c. Resolution: Emergency Management 2008 EMPG

Mr. Brown read the following Resolution:

“That the First Selectman, William S. Brown, be and hereby is authorized to act on behalf of the Stonington Board of Selectmen in executing a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, for participation in the FY 2008 Emergency Management Performance Grant program.” A motion was made by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to approve the above noted Resolution.

d. Executive Session- Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between The Town and Local Union 9411 of the United Steelworkers (Stonington Highway Department)

The following motion was read by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously: “I hereby move that the members of the BOS and George Sylvestre go into “executive session” for the purpose of reviewing records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining. This action is taken without prejudice and the Board’s right to discuss in private, strategy and/or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 1-200(2). Executive Session began at 7:42 p.m. and ended at 7:48 p.m. Following Executive Session, Mr. Brown made the motion, “I hereby move that the Board of Selectmen approve the written agreement of the Town of Stonington and Local Union 9411 of the United Steelworkers, which shall remain in effect until June 30, 2010”. Mr. Balestracci seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board of Selectmen individually thanked George Sylvestre for his tremendous efforts during the contract negotiations within the past year.

George Sylvestre noted that these efforts were successful in part due to the cooperative efforts of all Town employees.

(9) Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Ramey
Recording Secretary