

January 5, 2008

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a Special Joint Meeting on this day at 9:00a.m. at the Stonington Borough Hall. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek Jr, Selectman Peter Balestracci and Selectman Bill Brown. Also present were members of the Stonington Board of Wardens and Burgesses, members of the Stonington Police Department, the public and the press.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Maranell called the meeting to order at 9:01 and Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 9:02.

(2) Introduction of each Board

(3) Comments from the Public

Senator Maynard thanked the Boards for arranging this joint effort.

(4) Traffic Safety

Police Commissioner Scott Bates commented on the efforts being made between the Borough Board and the Stonington Police Department. The impetus for this discussion was the safety of the children at cross walks, speeding, and pedestrian safety.

The Stonington Board of Wardens and Burgesses unanimously passed the following Traffic Safety motion:

“We direct the Borough Engineer, subject to review by the Street Commissioner and Police Commissioner, to develop a plan within sixty days that will accomplish the following:

1. Place cross walks at uniform locations along Borough streets
2. Adopt standard uniform block pattern for cross walks
3. Review crosswalks for proper motorist sight distance
4. Place groove cuts at select crosswalk locations for traffic calming
5. Apply to State Traffic Commission for enforceable speed limits on Water and Main streets
6. Improved signage at viaduct regarding traffic safety/speed enforcement

(5) Borough Roads and Infrastructure

Discussion occurred regarding shared resources/equipment between the two entities and working toward “efficiencies in government.”

(6) Grant Opportunities

Discuss sharing funding opportunities that become available and the willingness to work together on possible grants and state monies. As the Borough Hall is about to undergo renovations, shared meeting space was brought up.

(7) Working Groups

Comments shared about collaboration of efforts.

(8) Comments from the Public

Comments were made by Fran O’Neill, Deb Bigelow, Betty Richards Tom Sandford....(more names to be inserted.)

(9) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before these Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Ramey
Board of Selectmen
Recording Secretary