

March 26, 2008

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a Meeting at 7:03 p.m. on this date at the Stonington Police Station. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek Jr., Selectman Bill Brown and Selectman Peter Balestracci. Also present were members of the public and press.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 7:02. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci and seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to move the SHS Girl's Basketball Team presentation ahead of the other agenda items.

(2) Presentation of SHS Girls Basketball Team

Coach Paula Sollar along with a group of players from the SHS Girl's Basketball team was present as Mr. Haberek read and presented a citation for their successful season.

(3) Comments from the Public

Don Sadowski commented on the P&Z Commission. Ed Hart congratulated the Girl's Basketball Team and commented on P&Z. Bill Sternberg commented on the P&Z Commission.

(4) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to approve the March 12, 2008 minutes as distributed.

(5) Appointments/Reappointments

Shellfish Commission- A memo was read from Alan Desbonnet requesting reappointment to the Shellfish Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Brown seconded by Mr. Balestracci and unanimously voted to reappoint Alan Desbonnet to the Shellfish Commission.

Zoning Board of Appeals- A memo was read from Ben Tamsky requesting appointment to the ZBA as an Alternate member. A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci and seconded by Mr. Brown. The vote was 2-1 to appoint Ben Tamsky to ZBA as an Alternate member with Mr. Brown voting against the appointment.

(6) Correspondence

Mr. Haberek listed the numerous pieces of correspondence in the BOS packets.

(7) Old Business

Board of Assessment Appeals- Mr. Haberek noted that at the March 12, 2008 BOS Meeting, the Town Assessor, Marsha Standish asked that the BOS consider appointing 2 more alternates to the BAA as the State Statutes allows for this provision in a revaluation year. A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously voted to approve appointing two more BAA alternates. Unfortunately, at this time, there are no candidates to consider.

(8) New Business

Stonington Farmers Market Permission

Mr. Haberek read a letter from Pam Mola and Deb Burgess requesting permission to hold Stonington Farmers Market from May 3-October 25. Permission was also requested to allow their vendors to use the Town Dock field through the month of

November, 2008. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to grant permission to hold the Stonington Farmers Market for the 2008 Season.

Proposed Tax Abatement Ordinance for Fallen Police/Firefighters Spouses

This document was brought before the BOS last year, reviewed by Town Attorney and is being discussed by the Board of Selectmen. Various first responders were present at the meeting in support of this action. Mr. Haberek noted that he needs to meet with the appropriate Town Staff to about this proposal.

Street Numbering

A memo from Joe Larkin, CZEO, was read by Mr. Haberek recommending the following street address:

770 Pequod Trail, Stonington Map 96, Block 2, Lot 9

A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to approve the recommended street numbering.

(9) Projects Update

Mr. Haberek discussed the status of the various projects the Town is working on.

(10) Comments from the Public

Carol Goodman spoke about an issue in downtown Mystic. Don Sadowski commented on the same issue and WPCA. Ed Hart spoke about WPCA.

(11) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Ramey
Recording Secretary