

February 13, 2008

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a Meeting at 7 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.

(2) Approval of Minutes January 5, 2008

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

Approval of Minutes January 23, 2008

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

(3) Comments from the Public

Capt Gerry Desmond reintroduced the topic of a proposed ordinance for tax abatements for spouses of fallen officers/firefighters. This had been discussed in 2007. Stephen Bessette commented on the drainage issue at Mystic Middle School.

(4) Appointments/Reappointments

a. Permanent Building Committee- A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously voted to appoint Antonio Cassata to the Permanent Building Committee.

b. Commission on Aging- A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and unanimously voted to appoint Rev. Kathleen Crockford to the Commission on Aging.

c. Inland Wetlands Commission- A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to reappoint Amanda Lindberg to the IWWC as a regular member. A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously voted to appoint Bruce Wheeler to the IWWC as an alternate member. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and unanimously voted to appoint Lawrence Davis as an alternate member to the IWWC. A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously voted to reappoint Matthew Berger to the IWWC as a regular member. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to reappoint Deborah Downie as a regular member to the IWWC.

d. Sub-registrar of Vital Statistics- A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to appoint Patricia Moody as a sub-registrar of vital statistics.

(5) Permit fee waivers- Town owned properties

Mr. Haberek read a memo from Wayne Greene, Building Official requesting fee waivers for work being done for WPCA/United Water for installation of antennae for Town Sewer SCADA system at:

1. Hewitt Rd Pump Station- 26 Hewitt Rd.

2. Lindberg Pump Station- 18 Lindberg Ave
3. Pawcatuck Treatment Plant- 38 Mary Hall Rd.
4. Rose Lane Odor Control Station- 3 Rose Lane
5. Pump Station #2- 78 Spellman Drive

A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to approve fee waivers for these town owned projects.

(6) Correspondence

Among various pieces of correspondence, an invitation to Frank Connolly's retirement party and a memo from George Sylvestre recommending the BOS adopt a resolution to approve the CIP and recommend priority levels A thru C for funding. A motion was made by Mr. Brown seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to approve this recommended resolution.

(7) Old Business

Clean Energy Program

Mr. Haberek spoke about proposing a resolution sometime in March in support of this program, while also looking to set up a Clean Energy Task Force.

(8) New Business

Mystic Outdoor Art Festival

A letter was received from the Mystic Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to hold their 51st Annual Outdoor Art Festival on August 9 & 10, 2008. A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to grant permission to the Mystic Chamber of Commerce for the Outdoor Art Festival.

Stonington Garden Club

A letter was received from the Stonington Garden Club requesting permission to hold their "Gardens by the Sea" tour on June 20 & 21, 2008. A motion was made by Mr. Brown seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to approve the Stonington Garden Club tour on June 20 & 21, 2008.

(9) Project Updates

Mr. Haberek noted that immediately after this BOS Finance/ Budget meeting there is Finance/Budget meeting. During the budget process, he will keep his comments under this agenda item to a minimum to allow for participation at the other meeting.

(10) Comments from the Public

Don Sadowski commented on development projects and Town emails.

John Prue asked about discussion of the Route 1 Study

Stephen Bessette asked about the Town's email retention policy.

(11) Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Ramey
Recording Secretary

