

January 23, 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 9, 2008

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

(3) Comments from the Public

Bill Sternberg commented on the Route 1 Study.

(4) Committee Interview

Permanent Building Committee- Antonio Cassata

Mr. Cassata was interviewed for a position on the Permanent Building Committee (Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings Including Town Hall.)

(5) Clean Energy Program

Representative Diana Urban introduced three Stonington middle school students who presented the Clean Energy Program. Jennifer Leandro, Sophie Kornacki and Chloe Slater enthusiastically spoke on this program. The Board of Selectmen commented in favor of looking into the next step to participating in this program.

(6) Appointments/Reappointments

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

A memo was read from David Carreau noting that John Lee would like to be reappointed to the above Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimously voted to reappoint Mr. Lee to the Mystic Harbor Management Commission as an Alternate member.

Pawcatuck Harbor Management Commission

A note was read from Mr. George Smith asking that he be reappointed to the above Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and unanimously voted to reappoint Mr. Smith to the Pawcatuck Harbor Management Commission.

(7) Correspondence

Among various pieces of correspondence, a letter from Atty Londregan was received outlining the possible scenarios for the acceptance of the Route 1 Corridor Study. Mr. Brown asked if the Board of Selectmen would be holding a public hearing on the Study. Mr. Haberek noted that timing was an issue at this point but that all public comments would continue to be welcome at the Board of Selectmen's meetings.

(8) Old Business

Pawcatuck River Duck Race- At the 1/9/08 BOS meeting, discussion occurred around possible liability issues with this upcoming event as the Park is under renovation. The BOS did not feel they could grant permission this year. Since that meeting, Mr. Haberek met with the Greater Westerly Chamber and Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works. It was decided that highway staff would move the fence so that the event would be able to be viewed. Permission will be granted to hold this event on April 26, 2008.

(9) New Business

Columbus Day Parade- A letter was read from the Columbus Day Parade Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to grant permission to hold the Columbus Day parade on October 12, 2008.

Permanent Building Committee Charge- A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to adopt the new charge and send it on to the Permanent Building Committee (see attachment "A")

(10) Project Updates

Mr. Haberek highlighted the Pawcatuck Streetscape, Donahue Park and the Senior Center projects.

(11) Comments from the Public

Bill Sternberg asked about a Coastal Management Plan. Representative Diana Urban shared information on the Home Invasion Bill.

(12) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Ramey
Recording Secretary