

February 27, 2008

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a Special Meeting at 7 p.m. on this date at the Mystic Middle School. 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 7:04. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

(2) Approval of Minutes January 5, 2008

This action was tabled to the next meeting as there were no minutes distributed.

(3) Comments from the public

Member of the public speaking: Re: Route 1 Corridor Study

Don Sadowski, Don Parker, Blunt White, Patrick Mowkowsr, Stanton Simm, Brian Cheseborough, Bill Sternberg, Paul Holland Jr., Carleen Donarummo, Gary Anderson, Mik Morales, Kate Robinson, Gail Shea.

Members of public speaking: Various topics

Capt. Jerry Desmond handed BOS copy of proposed ordinance for tax abatement for spouses of fallen officers/firefighters. Bill Sternberg asked about previous proposed ordinances that had not been acted on.

(4) Appointments/Reappointments

a. Inland Wetlands Commission

A letter from Jeff Stritar was read requesting reappointment to this Commission as a regular member. A motion was made by Mr. Brown seconded by Mr. Balestracci and unanimously voted to reappoint Jeff Stritar to the IWWC.

(5) Permit fee waivers- Senior Center

Mr. Haberek read a memo from George Sylvestre, DAS, requesting building permit fee waivers for anticipated construction work on the Senior Center. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to approve the permit fee waivers.

(6) Correspondence

Mr. Haberek noted various pieces of correspondence in the Selectmen's packets.

(7) Old Business

Route 1 Corridor Study

Mr. Haberek introduced Bill Haase, Planning Director. After Mr. Haase spoke, discussion occurred. After much feedback from the public and discussion among the Board of Selectmen, a motion was made by Mr. Haberek, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to forward BOS approval of this document to the Planning & Zoning Commission with the following stipulations:

a. Delete the whole Wequetequock section (pgs 16-18), with the exception of keeping under "Recommended Strategies", pg 17, item #2, which reads, "the Wequetequock area is in no way, a candidate for a "floating zone."

b. On page 28, delete #2 & #3 under "Promote Parking Solutions."

- c. On page 36, delete #3 under “Manage Public Utility Expansion.”
- (8) **New Business**
K-9 Program
Chief Darren Stewart introduced the officers in attendance and spoke to this initiative which has been in the works for almost twenty years. Chief Stewart went on to say this is an exciting time as the police union and all other parties have finally come together . A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and unanimously voted to approve the K-9 program.
Revised GIS Fee Structure
George Sylvestre, DAS, presented a revised fee schedule reflecting FOIC rulings and recommendations. A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to approve this GIS fee structure revision.
- (9) **Projects Update**
Mr. Haberek tabled this update providing more meeting time for the comment and discussion of the Route 1 Corridor Study.
- (10) **Comments from the Public**
Tom Haggerty thanked the BOS for how they handled this issue.
- (11) **Adjourn**
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting ended at 9:06 p.m.

Joanne Ramey
Recording Secretary