

July 8, 2009

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Station at 7:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek, Selectman William 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 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

(2) Citations

- a. Mr. Haberek presented Gabriela Hybel in recognition of her being selected as the Stonington High School Class of 2009 Salutatorian.
- b. Mr. Haberek presented the Stonington High School Girls Tennis Team in recognition of them winning the ECC Division Championship.

(3) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to approve the June 24, 2009 minutes as distributed. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to approve the June 30, 2009 minutes.

(4) Comments from the Public

- Mr. Vincent Faulise inquired as to the status of storm and where the Town stands with it and whether it is possible that the households that sustained damage will qualify for State money.

(5) Correspondence

- a. Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Mrs. Carol Carpenter regarding her concern about Josh Lyons being selected as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- b. Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Don Vail, Joseph Selinger and Christopher Reagan all of who are interested in filling the vacant position on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

(6) Old Business

Planning & Zoning Commission Appointment Procedure

Mr. Haberek opened up discussion with the Selectmen as to how they would like to proceed with the applications. He asked the Selectmen whether interviews should be set up. Mr. Brown thought it would be a good idea to bring in a couple of applicants per meeting for 10 minute interviews at upcoming Board of Selectmen meetings.

(7) New Business

Set Call for Special Town Meeting to consider:

- a. To consider and vote on a resolution to adopt an Ordinance providing for the establishment of a Permanent Architectural Design Review Board.
- b. To consider and vote on a resolution to adopt an Ordinance amending the Town's existing Ordinance regarding Regulating Oversized Vehicle Traffic.

Discussion: Mr. Brown opened up discussion with regard the resolution to adopt an Ordinance amending the Town's existing Ordinance Regulating Oversized Vehicle Traffic. He suggested that if changes were going to be made to an Ordinance the changes should be identifiable. Mr. Haberek responded that the Chief wanted to add Town owned streets and what street or parking lot is located wholly in the Town of Stonington. Mr. Brown asked for

clarification that they were not replacing words but they were new words. Mr. Haberek answered in the affirmative. A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to set call for Special Town Meeting for July 16, 2009.

(8) Comments from the Public

- Mr. Vincent Faulise asked about the meeting for planning and zoning applications and whether it was going to be held an hour before the regular Board of Selectmen meeting. Mr. Haberek responded that it would be held an hour earlier. Mr. Faulise asked the interviews were going to start. Mr. Haberek responded at the next Board of Selectmen meeting in two weeks.
- Mrs. Fran O'Neill is upset with everyone regarding the Town of Pawcatuck. She is tired of Planning and Zoning. She hopes that we have four members on the Planning and Zoning Commission so that we can stop having all this garbage coming into Pawcatuck. Mrs. O'Neill asked whether the bricks in the wall are real or are they just cement colored. Mr. Haberek responded that they are real bricks. She further inquired as to why they don't widen it under the bridge. She feels it's bad for traffic. The Selectmen agreed that the design should alleviate traffic.
- Mrs. Pam Tourville asked where the road will be widened. Mr. Haberek replied by Pawcatuck Auto Parts and Apizzo.
- Mr. Haberek wanted to give Mr. Faulise about an update regarding the Westerly Ambulance Corps. He stated that he sent a letter to State Representative Steve Fontana regarding Westerly Ambulance concerning his disappointment to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee for not addressing the problem with the legal interpretation of insurance. Mr. Haberek is hoping to invite Rep. Fontana down to Stonington to be able to discuss the issue and why this wasn't addressed in the last session.
- Mr. Faulise stated that he didn't think anything would be able to be done this year regarding the Ambulance.
- Mrs. O'Neill stated that they do have contracts with Blue Cross and Medicare and they have to honor those contracts if they don't they can lose both. Mrs. O'Neill talked to Blue Cross yesterday and the woman stated that if anybody has to take the ambulance and they charge you more the person at Blue Cross said they couldn't do that.
- Tracy Swain inquired as to how many people work in the Assessor's office. She stated that every time she goes to the Tax Assessor's, she never sees the Assessor and her questions have to be answered by the clerical staff. She stated that she has heard the same thing from a lot of other residents as well. She further inquired about the GIS system that we have on line and whether it should be updated every time someone sells or buys property because she stated that it is not being updated.
- Mrs. Swain asked what the Building and Zoning offices do when people do not follow process and how to insure that the fines are being paid. She further inquired as to who bills the public for violations. Further discussion was held between Mrs. Swain and Mr. Haberek as to the procedure for paying the violations and what department is in charge.
- Mrs. Swain voiced concern over the buildings in town that look like they about ready to come down on their own and what the status is regarding the Ordinance that Mr. Haberek was talking about. Mrs. Swain suggested that pictures of blighted properties should be put on the webpage.

- Mrs. Tourville had a suggestion with regard to the Assessor. Maybe she should definitely be in the office maybe two or three times a week.
- Mrs. O'Neill suggested that with regard to the Westerly Ambulance Corp. that maybe a discrimination suit should be filed because the residents of Pawcatuck are being discriminated against.

(8)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary