

October 14, 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) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to accept the September 23, 2009 minutes as distributed.

(3) Comments from the Public

- Mr. Vincent Faulise spoke regarding the Lawrence & Memorial medical center next to the new Stop & Shop and the Westerly Hospital facility by the rotary in North Stonington.
- Mrs. Tracy Swain asked Mr. Haberek how the sign meeting went. Ms. Swain commented about how nice downtown looked over the weekend with the flags. Ms. Swain further commented that the sidewalks have a lot of black marks on them and asked if the marks were going to be removed.
- Ms. Fran O'Neil asked whether the Town was going to get any old flags. Ms. O'Neil commented that when she was coming through town a very large truck was parked in front of the pizza place causing her to go into the left turn lane to avoid the truck. She feels that the sidewalks are too wide making the road too narrow.
- Mr. Don Sadosky asked what the businesses were looking for with regard to the sign issues and stated that he was concerned that there were no residents at the sign meeting, only businesses.

(4) Correspondence

- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Victor Lima, President of the Stonington Ambulance Corps regarding their dispatch to Groton Fire Alarm.
Discussion: Mr. Brown stated that he would like the Police Department to receive a copy of the letter from the Stonington Ambulance Corps.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Karen Weiss, Sanitarian regarding the health activity summary for September 2009.

(5) Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations

Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Haberek presented a letter from Ben Tamsky dated September 25, 2009 stating that he was resigning immediately from the Zoning Board of Appeals so that he could serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission

- a. Mr. Haberek presented a letter from Scott Dilley, Chairman of the PRHMC requesting that Bernie Chalecki's full position be moved to an alternate position and Steve Schaub's alternate position be moved to a full time position. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to move Mr. Chalecki to an alternate position and Mr. Schaub to a full position.

- b. A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to reappoint Joyce Ballou to the PRHMC as requested in her letter to Mr. Haberek.

(6) Old Business

None

(7) New Business

Discussion Re: Police Commission Interviews

Mr. Haberek presented a list of all the individuals that have applied for the Police Commission position that will be expiring at the end of October. Mr. Haberek asked the Selectmen if they wanted to set up interviews at the next meeting for appointment in November. After discussion between the Selectmen, Mr. Brown suggested that the interviews should wait until the new board is in place and make the appointment then. Mr. Balestracci and Mr. Haberek agreed to wait until the new board was elected.

Street Renumbering – 290 New London Turnpike

Mr. Haberek presented a memo from Joe Larkin, CZEO, Zoning Official requesting Map 146, Block 2, Lot 1 be assigned street number 290 New London Turnpike, Stonington, Connecticut. A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to assign the street number.

(8) Projects Update

- a. Mr. Haberek presented a letter from George Sylvestre, Director of Administrative services regarding the Stonington Town Dock, South Pier Extension update.
- b. Mr. Haberek presented a Project Status Update from George Sylvestre outlining the various projects that are in progress.

(9) Comments from the Public

- Mrs. Tracy Swain asked about the joint task force meeting and whether anyone from the public would be there.
- Mr. Vincent Faulise asked what the joint task force meeting was going to be about.
- Mrs. Swain commented that she felt that the joint task force meeting should be held after the new Board of Selectmen has been voted in.
- Mr. Faulise asked Mr. Haberek why the Selectmen couldn't cancel the joint task force meeting. Mr. Faulise also asked what the Stonington Ambulance Corps letter was about. Mr. Faulise further inquired about the status of the Westerly Ambulance Corps and whether there have been any progress reports from the committee that's going to be working on it to try to pass something through legislature.
- Mr. Don Sadosky stated that he saw some articles in the paper about investigating the Zoning Enforcement Department and wanted to know if this is going to expand over to the Planning & Zoning Department. He also stated that he hopes that whoever is doing the investigation would go back in a time a little bit to look at the foundation that was laid for the problems we have today.
- Mrs. Swain stated that at last week's Board of Finance meeting there were residents there that were discussing the upcoming issues that some of them were having with the sewage and the problems on Elm Street and she feels that the tax payers should not have to pay for a broken pipe or a problem when it is on someone's own personal property.
- Mr. Bill Sternberg stated that there were two issues that Mrs. Swain bundled together. There is a septic system issue where four houses share the same septic system. The other issue that has to do with pipes that were put in by the Town in the 1970's is a street

drainage issue that originates up on Elm Street just past the intersection with Alpha Avenue so it is a municipal issue.

- Mr. Faulise asked if there would be any money coming from the State of Connecticut that we could be in jeopardy of losing.

(10)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary