

November 18, 2009

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at the Stonington High School Commons at 7:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek, Selectman George Crouse and Selectman McAnanly. Also present were members of the public and press.

(1) Swearing In Ceremony

The Third Selectman, Glee McAnanly, was sworn in by her father, Justice of the Peace Gustave Pribnow. The Second Selectman, George Crouse, was sworn in by Attorney General Blumenthal and Secretary of the State Bysiewicz. The First Selectman, Edward Haberek, was sworn in by Attorney General Blumenthal and Secretary of the State Bysiewicz. The Secretary of the State, Attorney General Blumenthal and the Selectmen each said a few words. There was a brief break between the swearing in ceremony and the special meeting.

(2) Call to Order

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

(3) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to accept the October 28, 2009 minutes as distributed.

(4) Interviews for Police Commission Applicants

Frank Pucci, Stephen Bessette, Paul Linehan and Paul Altman were interviewed.

Discussion: After some discussion among the Selectmen, it was decided that an appointment would be made at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

(5) Comments from the Public

- Mr. Vincent Faulise stated that the Board of Selectmen are going to be faced with a tough coming year and that they need to remember the tax payers of this town.
- Ms. Fran O'Neil stated that she thought the signs in Pawcatuck looked like junk and she doesn't believe that the State would like them five feet apart. She also asked about the status of the tree cutting in downtown Pawcatuck and the animal shelter.
- Mr. Stephen Bessette stated that in his last term as Selectman he put in the CIP budget for he thinks it was \$150,000.00 for the repair of the field at the Mystic Middle School and one-half that money was allocated and he is hoping that the Board will see that it gets completed. He also stated that the three selectmen approved minutes from a meeting that two of the selectmen were not present at so under rules of order two of them cannot vote on the minutes.
- Ms. Dora Hill stated that she wanted to echo what Fran O'Neil said about the signs. She stated that they are bright yellow with arrows pointing to where the crosswalks are and asked if the State really mandates that.
- Ms. Gail Shea stated that someone in our town should know that the district could override and not have to put in place and then remove the signs. She further stated that there was a way then to not even put them in place and there must have been a way to get the paving lined up in a better sequence. Ms. Shea asked what month the paving going to begin.
- Mr. Paul Altman stated that he read in the paper that 25 trees were going to be removed from No. Main Street and asked if those tree would be replaced with smaller trees.

- Ms. O’Neil stated that Pawcatuck is part of the original Pequot Trail and she would like a historic sign at the river bridge.

(6) Correspondence

- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Karen Weiss, Sanitarian listing a number of health department activities with tabulated frequencies in October 2009.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Betty Croteau advising Mr. Haberek that she would like to be reappointed to the Commission on Aging.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Karen Hawthorn advising Mr. Haberek that she would like to be reappointed to the Commission on Aging.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Nathaniel Trumbull expressing his interest in being appointed as an alternate to the Inland Wetlands Commission.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from James Kelley expressing his interest in being considered as a member of the Stonington Housing Authority.

(7) Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations

Acting First Selectman

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint George Crouse as acting First Selectman

Tree Warden

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Paul Rohacik as Tree Warden.

Capital Improvement Program Committee (CIP)

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint the following to the CIP Committee:

Board of Selectmen	Edward Haberek, Jr.
Board of Education	Bill King
Board of Finance	Andrew Rines
P&Z Commission	John Swenarton
Administrative Officer	George Sylvestre
Finance Officer	Maryanna Stevens
Director of Public Works	Joe Bragaw
Highway Supervisor	Lou Dicesare
Director of WPCA	Hal Storrs
Planning Director	William Haase
Department of Police Services	Darren Stewart
Director of Human Services	Beth-Ann Stewart
Police Commission	I. Susette Tibus
Solid Waste Manager	John Phetteplace
Town Engineer	Larry Sullivan
Information Technology Director	Jason Jones

Retirement Board

A motion was made by Mrs. McAnanly, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to appoint Robert Cary, Jr. to the Retirement Board.

Zoning Board of Appeals

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint John Prue as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

(8) Old Business

The Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Plan was distributed to the Selectmen for their review and comment.

(9) New Business

2010 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Haberek presented the 2010 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule which read that the Board of Selectmen will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month at the Stonington Police Station at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the 2010 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule. Mr. Haberek presented the 2010 SRRA Meeting Schedule which read that the SRRA will meet as needed. A motion was made by Mrs. McAnanly, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to approve the 2010 SRRA Meeting Schedule.

Appointment of Sub-Registrars

Mr. Haberek presented a letter from Cindy Ladwig, Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics which read that with the Board's approval, she would like to appoint James P. O'Boyle, Steven M. King, John N. Baldwin, III, Patricia Moody and John D. MacDougall of office beginning January 4, 2010 and ending January 2, 2012. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve said appointments.

(10) Comments from the Public

Ms. Shea said she was a little curious on the appointments and reappointment. She stated that John Prue was just reappointed and his term was up last August 31st but he serves until he is replaced. But on Planning & Zoning, Rob Marseglia's appointment was up that same date and she wondered if there was going to be a filling of that position.

Discussion: Mr. Haberek asked the other selectmen whether they wanted to re-interview the candidates or just consider their applications. Mr. Crouse and Mrs. McAnanly stated that they would like to review the applications first and then determine if they need to interview the applicants.

Ms. Shea asked whether the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Plan would be available for the public to review the updated version before any decisions are made.

(11) Projects Update

Mr. Haberek made some general announcements as well as updates:

- a. H1N1-Ledge Light Health District announced as of November 2, 2009 they have opened registration to children 5-18 with high risk medical conditions. They continue to accept registration for pregnant women, children 6 months to 4 years, anyone living with or people caring for infants under 6 months and anyone whose job responsibility includes direct patient care.
- b. Flood Management-He received a letter from FEMA on November 12, 2009 that stated that FEMA's review of the Town of Stonington shows that community has a good handle on the flood plain issue and the flood hazard issue.
- c. Mr. Haberek stated that he has two more interview conference calls with individuals with regarding who will be reviewing our zoning office.

- d. Mr. Haberek stated that hopes to bring forward to his fellow Selectmen the Distressed Buildings Ordinance soon.
- e. Mr. Haberek is going to bring forward a Purchasing Ordinance as well as discuss senior taxes and alternative energy proposals.
- f. Mr. Haberek thought it would be great to add Board comments to the agenda and also at Mrs. McAnanly's recommendation discuss at the next board meeting board responsibilities.

Discussion: A motion was made by Selectman McAnanly, seconded by Selectman Crouse and voted unanimously to table the October 28, 2009 minutes until the next meeting.

(12)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary