

December 23, 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 George Crouse and Selectman Glee McAnanly. 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. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to accept the December 9, 2009 minutes as distributed.

(3) Comments from the Public

None

(4) Correspondence

Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from George Sylvestre regarding Russel Burgess's resignation from the Retirement Board as well as Mr. Burgess's resignation letter addressed to George Sylvestre.

(5) Appointments/Reappointments

Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Selectman Edward Haberek to the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority as an alternate member.

Stonington Commission on Aging

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Maryann Bessette to the Stonington Commission on Aging as a full member as requested in her letter under date of December 3, 2009.

Economic Development Commission

Mr. Haberek read a letter from Blunt White, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission requesting that Dan Barber be appointed as an alternate member to the EDC and that Wendy Bury be moved from an alternate member to a full member. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Daniel Barber and Wendy Bury to the Economic Development Commission.

Discussion:

Mr. Crouse asked if Ms. Bury was being appointed to full from alternate and Mr. Barber as alternate. Mr. Haberek stated that that was correct.

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Fred Allard, Richard Lotz and John Lee to the Mystic Harbor Management Commission as requested in an e-mail from Dave Carreau, Chairman of the MHMC under date of December 2, 2009.

(6) New Business

Street Number Change – 290 New London Turnpike to 306 New London Turnpike

Mr. Haberek presented a memo from Joe Larkin, CZEO, Zoning Official requesting Map 146, Block 2, Lot 1 be reassigned street number 306 New London Turnpike from 290 New London

Turnpike, Stonington, Connecticut. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reassign the street number.

Resolution – Phase 1 of Mystic Streetscape Project

Mr. Haberek read the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Edward R. Haberek, Jr., First Selectman, be and hereby authorized to sign the agreement entitled:

First Supplemental Agreement to the Original Agreement Dated June 15, 2009 between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Stonington for the Construction, Inspection, and Maintenance of the Mystic Streetscape (Greenmanville) utilizing Federal Funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5 (hereinafter “Act”).

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to accept the resolution.

Resolution – Donahue Park

Mr. Haberek read the following resolution:

Be it hereby resolved, that it is in the best interests of the Town of Stonington to enter into contracts with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. In furtherance of this resolution, the First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to accept the resolution.

Resolution – Spellman Park

Mr. Haberek read the following resolution:

Be it resolved, that it is in the best interest of the Town of Stonington to enter into contracts with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. In furtherance of this resolution, the First Selectman is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Stonington. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to accept the resolution.

North Main Street Tree Removal

Mr. Haberek presented a report from Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works which requested that the Board of Selectmen approve an additional appropriation of \$17,609 into Account 10151-80225 and that the Board of Selectmen forward the request on to the Board of Finance. Mr. Bragaw was present at the meeting and spoke briefly as to the need for the additional money. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the appropriation.

(7) Projects Update

Mystic Streetscape

Mr. Haberek presented the December 2009 project update newsletter for the Mystic Streetscape prepared by Urban Engineers.

(8) Comments from the Public

- Ms. Fran O'Neil asked the First Selectman if he had any ideas about what should go on the "Pawcatuck" sign.
- Ms. O'Neil and Mr. Bragaw continued to speak briefly about the sign and the other signs in downtown Pawcatuck.
- Mrs. Tracy Swain asked Mr. Bragaw why Pawcatuck could not have the same pedestrian signs in the middle of the crosswalks that Westerly does.
- Mr. Bragaw and Mrs. Swain spoke about the flashing signs on West Broad Street and Liberty Street.
- Mrs. Swain commented that she is waiting for an answer from the Superintendent's Office as to how the contract stands with the TVCCA and Head Start and the West Broad Street School building. She stated that there are still safety concerns and issues in that classroom and that there is going to be an issue in there with them leaving the head teacher there now. She further stated that there is a good possibility of having a lawsuit and it's a town liability issue.
- Mrs. Swain also commented on the article in the newspaper regarding single stream for recycling and she also commented on the yellow bags and how they are not as big as the old yellow bags. There was additional conversation between Mr. Haberek and Mrs. Swain with regard to the bags and trash removal.

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

- Mrs. McAnanly stated that she is looking forward to working with the Selectmen over the next couple of years and she wished everyone a Happy New Year. She also stated that there is a lot of work to do as they get into budget season and hopefully they can get a lot of input from Town people.
- Mr. Crouse stated that they are investigating what they are going to do with the trees.
- Mr. Haberek wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

(10)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine Bell

Recording Secretary