January 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 7p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously

to approve the December 10, 2008 minutes as distributed.

1. **SHS Girls Soccer Citation**

Mr. Haberek read and presented a citation to the SHS Girls Soccer Team for the Student Athlete Awards they received from the National Soccer Coaches of America.

1. **Comments from the Public**

G.F. Lane spoke on a proposal for an ordinance to prohibit commercial signage.

 **(5) Correspondence**

The Board of Selectmen formally received a letter of resignation from John Swenarton

 from the Conservation Commission.

 **(6)** **Appointments/ Reappointments**

 **Commission on Aging**

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously

 to reappoint Toni Potter to the COA, as requested in her letter to the BOS.

 A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously

to reappoint Virginia Turek to the COA, as requested in her letter to the BOS.

 **Hearing Officer for Zoning Citations**

 A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously

 to reappoint Jack Steel to this position, as requested in his letter to the BOS.

 **Stonington Harbor Management Commission**

A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously

 to appoint Jean Dixon to the SHMC, as requested in her letter to the BOS.

 **Mystic Harbor Management Commission**

A letter was received from David Carreau, Chairman, requested reappointment to the

 MHMC, as well as noting that Louis Allyn and Oliver Wilson are also requesting reap-

 appointment. A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and

 voted unanimously to make the requested reappointments listed in Mr. Carreau’s letter.

 **(7) Old Business**

 **Pawcatuck Harbor Management Plan**

Mr. Haberek read a letter from the Town Attorney, Tom Londregan. Atty. Londregan

 concluded that both the plan and the ordinance need to be approved at a Town Meeting,

 and that the Plan needs to be forwarded to the DEP for an internal review as there were

 some changes made since the original approval.

 **New London Homeless Shelter**

 Mr. Haberek will be volunteering at the Homeless Shelter in New London on

 Saturday, January 24, 2009.

 **(8) New Business**

 **4th District Voting Hall**

Lt. Raymond Curioso was in the audience to speak to this issue proposed by the Police

 Department. The BOS received a memo from Chief Darren Stewart requesting

 use of the 4th District Voting Hall to be used as a police substation. This idea was

 approved at the December 11, 2008 meeting of the Police Commission. This facility

 was originally used for this purpose and the Police are not looking for the exclusive

 use of this building. Mr. Brown shared his support of this idea. Mr. Haberek

 said this item be placed on the agenda of the next BOS meeting as an action item.

 **5K Road Race**

 A letter was received from the Pawcatuck Lion’s Club requesting permission to use

 Donahue Park for their Annual 5K Road Race, April 18, 2009.

 A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously

 to approve the use of the Park for this event.

 **Request of Thomas Buxton to Purchase Town Owned Property**

 Atty. Mark Kepple spoke for Mr. Buxton. Discussion occurred and it was decided that

 this item be placed on the next BOS meeting under Old Business to accommodate

 public input.

 **(9) Comments from the Public – None**

 **(10) Projects Update**

 Mr. Haberek updated on the following projects: Pawcatuck Streetscape, South Pier Town

 Dock, Town Dock Ice Machine, Donahue Park, Mystic Streetscape, Mystic Transporta-

 tion Study and the Senior Center.

 **(11) Adjourn**

 There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at

 7:49 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Joanne Ramey

 Recording Secretary