



TOWN OF STONINGTON

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

March 11, 2009

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on March 11, 2009, at the Stonington Police Station. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek and Selectman Peter Balestracci. Selectman William Brown was absent. Also present were members of the public.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

(2) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Haberek to approve the minutes of February 25, 2009 and March 5, 2009, seconded by Mr. Balestracci, and the motion carried unanimously.

(3) Presentation of Girl Scout Week Proclamation

Mr. Haberek motioned to move the proclamation to the next item on the agenda, seconded by Mr. Balestracci, and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Haberek read the proclamation declaring March 8 through 14 as Girl Scout Week and presented it to the Girl Scouts attending the meeting.

(4) Comments from the Public

Don Sadowski, Pawcatuck - stated he has been reviewing the Code of Ethics and questioned if there should be an Ethics Commission established. Mr. Haberek commented he has asked the town attorney to clarify if the Ethics Board is a standing board or situation board when needed. Mr. Sadowski questioned the process to submit a complaint. Mr. Haberek responded a complaint should be filed with the First Selectman's office and legal counsel will make the decision. Mr. Sadowski stated in this case he would like the complaint to be considered by an independent attorney.

Fran O'Neill, Lathrop Avenue - suggested revising the charter with language that no one can accept monies instead of using the Code of Ethics. She questioned the status of the buildings in Pawcatuck. Mr. Haberek responded legal recourse is underway for one building. He has had discussions with one of the building owners who is working on renovations, however there are definitely violations with some buildings that need to be addressed. Mr. Haberek will review the codes to determine if a more vigorous approach can be taken. Ms. O'Neill questioned the status of the Stillman Avenue bridge. Mr. Haberek responded it is in fair condition, however, concerns date back to 1987. The town engineer will inspect the bridge and prepare an action plan. He stated the granite will be moved to the WPCA area.

(5) Correspondence

Mr. Haberek read a letter from Director of Administrative Services, George Sylvestre, regarding the Stonington Town Dock, South Pier Extension. He will forward the letter to the Stonington Borough Board of Wardens and Burgesses.

A letter was submitted from Chief Stewart acknowledging that Mystic May Day is May 2, 2009.

(6) New Business

Mr. Haberek read a letter from Town Engineer, Lawrence Sullivan, regarding the bids for the Donahue Park concrete sidewalk and railing installation project. Cherenzia Excavation was the low bidder in the amount of \$62,060.00. A motion was made by Mr. Haberek, seconded by Mr. Balestracci, and the motion carried unanimously to award the contract to Cherenzia Excavation in the amount of \$62,060.00.

(7) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Haberek motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Mr. Balestracci and the motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Maureen L. Carboni, Recorder