

June 10, 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 approve the April 8, 2009 and April 9, 2009 minutes as distributed.

(3) Citations

- a. Mr. Haberek presented Mike Tranchida with a Citation in recognition of his being selected as a member of the Boys Football All-State Team
- b. Mr. Haberek presented Kayla Murphy with a Citation in recognition of her being selected as a member of the Girls Field Hockey All-State Team
- c. Mr. Haberek presented Kevin Agnello with a Citation in recognition of his being selected as a member of the Boys Cross Country All-State Team
- d. Mr. Haberek presented members of the Boys Cross Country All-State Team in recognition of them winning the ECC Medium Division Championship

(4) Comments from the Public

- Ms. Gail Shea stated that she thought Mr. Haberek that he was the All-State winner of best ice cream eater.
- Mr. Vincent Faulise asked if the Superintendent will be leaving us this month.
- Mr. Sam Agnello stated that Mr. McKee will be leaving at the end of August.
- Mr. Faulise asked what do we have planned for a new Superintendent.
- Mr. Agnello stated that a search has been started and that the end date for the posting is July 15th. After the end of the posting they will go through the resumes of the applicants and start the interview process. The process could take 90 days but the realization is it could be up to 5 to 6 months before the position is actually filled. The Board of Education hasn't decided if they are going to have an intro Superintendent yet.

(5) Correspondence

Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Frank Pucci requesting to be considered when the next appointment is made for the Police Commission.

(6) Appointments/Reappointments

Stonington Economic Development Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to appoint Wendy Bury to the Stonington EDC, as requested in her letter to Mr. Haberek.

Stonington Affordable Housing Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to appoint Tiffinay Antoch Emery to the Stonington Affordable Housing Commission, as requested in her letter to Mr. Haberek.

(7) Old Business

Bus Contract

Mr. Haberek wanted to follow up regarding a past issue about the bus contract going out to bid. Mr. Haberek read an e-mail from Bill King stating that the bus transportation survey shows that the Stonington Public Schools contract is extremely competitive with surrounding schools. Connecticut General Statute allows for contracts to be signed with a provided and extended, but you are not allowed to lock in for longer than a five year period.

Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Plan

Mr. Haberek stated that the Town Attorney has reviewed the Plan and that there are several changes, part grammatical and one question. Mr. Haberek was awaiting the revisions from Attorney Londregan. Attorney Londregan would like the question answered and the information clarified first before there is anything submitted.

Disposition of Town Owned Land

Mr. Haberek presented correspondence from Attorney Mark Kepple and Conway & Londregan with regard to the disposition of Town owned property to Mr. Buxton. Mr. Brown and Mr. Balestracci voiced concern that if the land was sold and the Town ever had to go back to fix drainage issues and enlarge the pipe or realign the intersection that it would not be able to do it. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted 2-1 in favor of the motion that they do not go forward with selling that piece of property. Mr. Haberek voted against the motion.

(8) Comments from Public

- a. Mrs. Fran O'Neil asked about the status of the dog pound.
- b. Mrs. O'Neil asked what is going to happen with the mess by the monument on West Broad Street. Mr. Haberek responded that they will be fixing that. They are waiting to get some testing finished. The testing that is being done is about the concrete the concrete that was poured there didn't settle correctly. It began to crack and it started cracking bricks.
- c. Mr. Faulise inquired about how the project is coming along. Mr. Haberek responded very good and very quickly. Unfortunately Yankee Gas hasn't been very helpful. They waited until the last minute to start digging up the road. The Town had to reconfigure our schedule of how we were going to go. We were going to go down one end and come back the other so we had to end up going around them. It's still on schedule and moving very briskly and will hopefully be done by the end of the summer.

(9) Projects Update

None

(11) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary