

February 25, 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.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 7p.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 February 11, 2009 minutes as distributed.

(3) Comments from the Public

Mr. Jim Kelly with the Stonington Affordable Housing Authority had prepared an affordable housing report and distributed to the Selectmen. Members agreed to review and discuss at future meeting.

Mr. Bill Sternberg stated that he would like to see specific comments noted in the minutes. He was referring to the Joint meeting with the Board of Finance held Feb. 4, 09 and his comments in reference to the Lowes tax abatement request.

(4) Correspondence

The Board of Selectmen received applications from Walter Grant, Patricia Stedman and Howard Reichart for Boards/Commission/Authority. Mr. Haberek stated that these would be reviewed and interviews would be set up.

Letter from William Haase, Planning Director regarding an Ordinance to establish a Permanent Architectural Design review Board. Members agreed that Mr. Haase would be invited to the next meeting at which all three selectmen would be present.

Letter from Stonington Land Trust requesting property at North Auguilla be free from property taxes.

S.E.A.T. bus schedule starts new routes March 2, 2009.

Mr. Haberek stated that he had just recently received verbal correspondence confirming April 16, 2009 as the date for a Public Hearing at the High School for the Lowe's Tax abatement request. He added that after the meeting the Selectmen could vote. At this time, Mr. Brown stated that he would like to see this go to referendum. After a brief discussion, Mr. Brown made a motion to send the Lowe's Tax abatement request to a referendum vote. Mr. Balestracci seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

(5) Leaf Machine and Leaf Box Award

Memorandum from Joseph Bragaw, Director of Public Works requesting Board of Selectmen approval to award the bid to Old Dominion Brush Company in the amount of \$23,694. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the bid award to ODB for \$23,694 for a new leaf machine and leaf box.

(6) New Business

Nothing to report.

(7) Old Business

Nothing to report.

(8) Projects Update

None.

(9) Comments from the Public

Mr. Bill Sternberg felt the Board should have decided to send the tax abatement issue to referendum after the Public Hearing to have a better idea of public stance on issue.

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Packer
Recording Secretary