

January 27, 2010

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.

(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 approve the January 13, 2010 minutes as distributed. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mr. Haberek and voted 2-1 to accept the January 22, 2010 minutes as distributed. Mrs. McAnanly abstained.

(3) Citations

- Mr. Haberek presented the members of the Stonington High School Girls' Cross Country Team with an Official Commendation in recognition of a wonderful season which led to their ECC Division Title.

(4) Comments from the Public

None

(5) Correspondence

- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from William Abt regarding the POCD Implementation Committee.

(6) Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations

Retirement Board

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint June Strunk to the Retirement Board as requested in her letter dated January 11, 2010.

Commission on Aging

Mr. Haberek read an e-mail from Beth Stewart, Director of Human Services, dated January 13, 2010 that stated Dave Schmidt resigned from the Commission on Aging.

Implementation Committee of the Plan of Conservation and Development

Mr. Haberek read a letter from Webster Copp dated January 17, 2010 that stated he has resigned from the Implementation Committee of the Plan of Conservation and Development due to recent changes in his physical condition that have limited his activities.

(7) Old Business

None

(8) New Business

Snow Removal Ordinance

The Board of Selectmen, Chief Darren Stewart, Board of Education Chairperson Gail MacDonald, Director of Public Works Joe Bragaw, Highway Department Supervisor Lou DiCesare and Stonington Public School's Operations Manager spoke at length regarding the issue of residents and businesses not adequately removing the snow from the sidewalks especially at bus stops. They also talked about the pros and cons of instituting a stricter Snow

Removal Ordinance. Joe Bragaw, Lou DiCesare and Bill King stated that they would attempt to work together to address the issues of snow covered sidewalks at bus stops. It was also decided that the subject of possibly revising the ordinance would be revisited in June, 2010.

Mystic Streetscape Phase 2 – Construction, Inspection & Maintenance Agreement Resolution

Mr. Haberek read the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Edward R. Haberek, Jr., First Selectman, be and hereby authorized to sign the agreement entitled: "Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Stonington for the Construction, Inspection, and Maintenance of Mystic Streetscape Phase II utilizing Federal Funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5)", and a certification indicating that the Board of Selectmen adopts as its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under the Connecticut General Statutes". A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to accept the resolution.

Waiver of Zoning Permit Fee

Mr. Haberek read a letter from Julia Farrell requesting a refund of her zoning permit fee except for the state surcharge due to the recent sudden death of her husband and the fact that she will no longer be able to build their home at 306 New London Turnpike. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to refund the zoning permit fee.

(9) Comments from Public

Ms. Fran O'Neil stated that the article in the New London Day paper with regard to the budget and cuts to the animal shelter and the Stillman Avenue bridge was very startling. Ms. O'Neil also stated that the lights in Pawcatuck haven't been fixed yet. Ms. O'Neil asked what is being done about problem at Edythe K. Richmond.

(10)Comments from the Selectmen

None

(11)Projects Update

None

(12)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary