

March 10, 2010

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Station at 6:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek, Selectman George Crouse and Selectman Glee McAnanly. Also present were members of the public and press.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

(2) Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. McAnanly, seconded by Mr. Haberek and voted unanimously to approve the February 24, 2010 Special Board of Selectmen's minutes. Mr. Crouse was absent. A motion was made by Mrs. McAnanly, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to approve the February 26, 2010 joint Board of Education, Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes.

Mr. Haberek, Mr. Crouse, Mrs. McAnanly and George Sylvestre, Director of Administrative Services, went into executive session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss the Labor Negotiations for the Highway Department.

(3) Executive Session

(4) Ratification of Labor Contract

The meeting reconvened at 6:10 p.m. and Mr. Haberek presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Stonington and Local Union 9411 of the United Steelworkers AFL-CIO-CLC for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

Discussion: George Sylvestre stated that he wanted to take the opportunity to recognize the highway department's employees for stepping up to the plate and being the first to agree to the contract which includes a zero increase in wages in the next fiscal year. Mr. Haberek thanked George Sylvestre for his diligent work he also thanked Paul Thomas, Unit President and the highway guys for agreeing to the contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Sylvestre stated that there is a tentative agreement with one of the other units. He stated that they have not yet met to ratify but are scheduled to do that next Tuesday and said that it would be very beneficial to have ratification next Wednesday by the Board of Selectmen.

(5) Comments from the Public

Fran O'Neil asked about the status of the animal shelter and when the sketches of the new shelter would be available. Mrs. O'Neil asked why the Board of Finance would schedule their meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the same nights as the Selectmen's meetings. Mrs. O'Neil further inquired as to when the cones in Pawcatuck were going to be fixed.

(6) Correspondence

Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Pete Polubiatko welcoming the Town of Stonington to the Norwich Area Clean Cities as a stakeholder in their Coalition.

(7) Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations

Stonington Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Sara Lathrop to the Stonington Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee as requested in her letter under date of February 8, 2010.

Commission on Aging

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint George Brennan to the Commission on Aging as requested in his e-mail under date of March 8, 2010.

Planning and Zoning Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Marseglia to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Discussion:

Mrs. McAnanly stated that there were two good candidates and Melanie should put herself forward again in August/September.

Mr. Haberek stated there are vacancies in Inland/Wetlands and Zoning Board of Appeals that she may want to fill.

(8) Old Business

None

(9) New Business

Mystic Community Bikes, Inc.

Tricia Cunningham, Rich Froh and Brian Kent of Mystic Community Bikes, Inc. spoke briefly to the Selectmen explaining how their organization worked and their vision for the future.

Stonington Public Schools – Fee Waiver

Mr. Haberek presented an e-mail from William King, Operations Manager for Stonington Public Schools which requested a fee waiver for both Planning & Zoning and Building permits that will need to be filed for replacing the scoreboard at Stonington High School with a new donated scoreboard. A motion was made by Mrs. McAnanly, seconded by Mr. Haberek and voted 2-1 to approve the waiver of the fees. Mr. Crouse abstained.

St. Michael School – Use of Donahue Park

Mr. Haberek presented an Application for Use of Town Property (Donahue Park) by St. Michael School for their 5K run/walk to be held on April 17, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to allow the use of Donahue Park.

Police Department – New Vehicle Bid

Mr. Haberek presented a memo from Chief Darren Stewart recommending that MHQ's vehicle bid for 3 new vehicles be accepted by the Board of Selectmen. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to award the new vehicles bid to MHQ.

(10) Projects Update

Mr. Haberek presented the Selectmen with an update from George Sylvestre regarding the Stonington Town Dock, South Pier Extension.

(11)Comments from the Public

Fran O'Neil asked what the new highway garage equipment was for.

(12)Comments from the Selectmen

Mr. Crouse asked Mr. Haberek if he was well received in Hartford when he went to testify regarding the hotel tax.

(13)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine Bell

Recording Secretary