

July 14, 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 and press.

**(1) Call to Order**

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**(2) Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the June 21, 2010 Special Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the June 23, 2010 Board of Selectmen Public Hearing minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the amended June 23, 2010 Board of Selectmen's minutes.

**(3) Comments from the Public**

- Mr. Vincent Faulise asked about the stones that fell from the railroad track and also about the holes in the road by the ice cream place where the old Higgins was. He further stated that he was disappointed that the land swap vote was not defeated.
- Mr. Joseph Putnam spoke at length regarding the land swap and why it would be beneficial to the town.
- Mrs. Carlene Donnarummo stated that she didn't understand about the town paying for part of the road and wanted clarification. She also asked how the town gets fill.
- Ms. Fran O'Neill, Bill Sternberg and Mr. Haberek also spoke about the land swap.
- Ms. Gail Shea stated that whoever was in charge of paving in Pawcatuck handled it poorly.
- Ms. Shea stated that combining 9 items for a town meeting was too extensive and that after the 4<sup>th</sup> item many people had left and there were still 5 items to go and that is why she made the motion to adjourn. She further stated that a motion to adjourn is non-debatable. She further stated that the moderator called her motion irresponsible and she feels that it is irresponsible of the moderator to say that. She went on to say that the moderator failed to acknowledge the two seconds.
- Mr. Bill Mahew asked about the status of the upper dam in Birdland. He stated that 3 times in the last 5 years he was asked to evacuate because the police feel that the dam may fail. The town, state and the dam owner have been aware of safety problem for a long time but nothing has been done about it and he would like to know why.
- Bill Sternberg stated that we do town meetings so infrequently that we don't really know how they work. He further stated that he went on line to see how it was supposed to work and there was not a lot of information. He stated that the town had a lot of business to get done, maybe too much, but we needed to get it done and there are lessons to be learned.
- Mr. David Christina asked about the ambulance corps building and the plans to rebuild. He heard that \$250,000.00 of LOCIP funding was going to be used for the dog pound. He also asked why the Building Committee wasn't consulted in either of those processes.

- Chief Darren Stewart stated that they were not notified regarding the animal control facility because the footprint of the building was the same, there will be no expansion and they are not changing the look of the building.

**(4) Correspondence**

- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from David Schweid regarding his interest in serving on the Architectural Design Review Board.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from George Sylvestre, Director of Administrative Services stating that he was resigning from the Retirement Board effective immediately

**(5) Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations**

**Economic Development Commission**

- Mr. Haberek presented an e-mail from Gary Bennett which stated that he was resigning from the Economic Development Commission.
- Mr. Haberek presented a letter from Ed Dear which stated that he was resigning from the Economic Development Commission.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Robynne Madison as a full member of the Economic Development Commission as requested in her application.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly to appoint Peter Glankoff and John Arata as alternate members of the Economic Development Commission.

**Discussion:** Mrs. McAnanly asked if there is still a full position open. Mr. Haberek stated that there is one full position open and two alternate positions open. Mrs. McAnanly stated that she was in favor of the motion. Mr. Crouse stated that he feels the two gentlemen are qualified and wants to see how things go with them as representatives from the Seaport and the Aquarium. Mr. Haberek stated there was a first and second and there being no further discussion, those in favor say aye. The Selectmen said aye and the vote was unanimous.

**Waterfront Commission**

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Art Medeiros to the Waterfront Commission.

**(6) Old Business**

None

**(7) New Business**

**Street Renumbering – Somerset Drive, Pawcatuck**

Mr. Haberek presented the Selectmen with a request from Joe Larkin, ZEO, to renumber 16 houses on Somerset Drive. Mr. Haberek stated that due to the development on Jeffrey Road, the houses on Somerset Drive will be renumbered as to comply with the town of Stonington's adopted Street Naming and Numbering Emergency 911 System Ordinance. Lt. Ray Curioso further explained why the street had to be renumbered. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to renumber the houses on Somerset Drive.

**Historic Documents Preservation Grant Application Resolution**

Mr. Haberek read the following resolution:

“RESOLVED: That Edward Haberek, Jr., First Selectmen of the Town of Stonington, CT, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.” A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**St. Michael Church and School – Use of Donahue Park**

This item was tabled.

**Warranty Deed Open Space, Drainage Easement, Conservation Easement and Conservation Easement Agreement – Crescent Club Subdivision, Mary Hall Road, Map 7/Block 1, Lot 44**

Attorney Tom Liguori presented the Board of Selectmen with the above documents and advised them that the under the subdivision regulations of the town there are open space requirements. He stated that in this instance it also provides that although this an 80 acre tract of land his clients are only dividing four lots out of this at this point and that the amount of open space set aside is on the entire piece of land and that it’s credited back for future development. He further stated that there have been discussions with both the Stonington municipal land trust, Avalonia and Pequotsepos and the private land trust groups and the concern is since there will be future development applications, they don’t want to own the open space because it might be construed as being supportive on future applications. Attorney Liguori went on to further explain the documents and stated that the Conservation Commission recommends these documents.

**Discussion:** Mr. Crouse asked if this was wetlands. Attorney Liguori stated that open space area 50% was uplands and 50% was wetlands in accordance with the regulation. Mr. Crouse asked if this has been reviewed by the Inland Wetlands Commission and gotten their approval. Attorney Liguori said the subdivision plan has been totally approved by Planning & Zoning Commission and the Inland Wetlands. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to accept the documents.

**Cyber Communications – Bid Waiver**

Mr. Haberek presented a letter from George Brennan requesting a bid waiver for Cyber Communications to move the local government radio to Town Hall. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the bid waiver.

**(8) Projects Update**

Mr. Haberek presented the Selectmen with Town of Stonington Zoning Map Atlases.

**Comments from the Public**

- Mr. Bill Sternberg said he thought the Building Committee did a pretty good job over a long period of time and did a pretty good analysis of what the short comings of the Town Hall are.
- Ms. Dora Hill stated that she was unhappy with the appointment the Board of Selectmen made to the EDC that he was not a resident of the Town of Stonington or the State of Connecticut.
- Ms. Gail Shea stated the EDC doesn’t necessarily have to represent the segments of industry or business in this town. She asked what about residents in town expressing what the town wants as a whole.

- Mr. Charles Ballato asked about the status of the Stillman Avenue Bridge and if there was anything that the town could do about the old foundry building or is it something the owner has to do.
- Mr. Ed Hart asked when Rt. 184 Bridge was going to be fixed. There was further discussion between Mr. Hart, Mr. Thomas Haggerty and Mr. Haberek regarding the Rt. 184 Bridge.
- Ms. Fran O'Neill stated that the state was not going to give us a historic sign.
- Ms. Hill asked about the status of the Distressed Buildings Ordinance.

**(9) Comments from the Selectmen**

None

**(10)Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine Bell

Recording Secretary