

August 11, 2010

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at the Mystic Middle School 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 7:15 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 July 28, 2010 Board of Selectmen minutes.

(3) Comments from the Public

- Mr. James Broder spoke as a representative of Elderly Housing Development & Operations Corporation (EHDOC), the organization who owns Stonington Arms with regard to another project they may want to do in the town should the land swap be reaffirmed at Referendum.
- Mr. Stephen Bessette interjected several times stating that Mr. Broder should not be speaking at this time and this should be an agenda item.
- Mr. Broder continued speaking with regard to EHDOC's interest in assisting in meeting the need for housing for the elderly in Stonington.
- Kathy Cooke, Mark Gentilla, Ed Planeta, Lynn Young, Stephen Bessette, Paul Sartor, Carlene Donnarummo, Stacy Cassata, Dave Harma, Ruth Waller, Gail MacDonald, Bill Sternberg, Tom Hyland, Stanton Simm, Rob Marseglia, John Olsen, John Nickerson, Jim Kelley, other members of the public and the Selectmen all commented on the land swap.

There was a brief break at 9:05 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

(4) Correspondence

- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Joseph Putnam regarding the Mistuxet Avenue land swap.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Daniel Lapointe, Chairman of the Westerly-Pawcatuck Veterans' Board of Control regarding the Veteran's Day Parade.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Phil Biondo regarding his interest in serving on the Inland Wetlands & Water Courses Commission.

(5) Appointments/Resignations

Architectural Design Review Board

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Michael McKinley as a full member of the Architectural Design Review Board as requested in his e-mail under date of July 12, 2010.

Commission on Aging

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Reverend Brian Joseph Romanowski to the Commission on Aging as requested in his letter under date of July 16, 2010.

Stonington Conservation Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Stanton Simm to the Stonington Conservation Commission as requested in his e-mail under date of August 5, 2010.

Water Pollution Control Authority

Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Hal Storrs, Stonington Water Pollution Control which stated that Stephen Bessette has chosen not to be reappointed to the Water Pollution Control Authority.

(6) Old Business

None

(7) New Business

Sale of WellPoint Inc. Stock – Resolution

Mr. Haberek read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2001, the Town of Stonington received 1,313 shares of Anthem, Inc. as a result of the conversion of Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. from a mutual insurance company to a stock insurance company; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2004, WellPoint Health Network Inc. became a part of Anthem Inc. and Anthem Inc. changed its name to WellPoint, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2005, the stock split 2 for 1 increasing the total number of shares to 2,626; and

WHEREAS, the stock value has increased since November 2, 2001 and the Town of Stonington would like to sell the stock in order to increase the reserve in the Health Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the stock certificate is currently being held by Computershare and Computershare requires a resolution authorizing a Town employee to act on behalf of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance who is by Charter (Chapter VIII, Section 8-2 B 4) the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town with direct supervision over all of the financial dealings of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Stonington authorizes Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance to act on behalf of the Town in requesting the sale of WellPoint Inc. stock.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to adopt said resolution.

(8) Projects Update

None

(9) Comments from the Public

Ms. Donnarummo asked if the Board has gotten a letter from Ben Baldwin asking to be reappointed.

(10) Comments from the Selectmen

None

(11) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine Bell

Recording Secretary