October 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 and press.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 7:16 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 October 13, 2010 Board of Selectmen minutes.

(3) Comments from the Public

- Mr. Vincent Faulise stated that he read in the paper about Yardney and that he was shocked that it happened so quickly. Mr. Faulise asked if Yardney was looking for an old building, new building or land. Mr. Faulise also asked if they were looking to move quickly. Mr. Faulise stated that he wished the tree trimming being done in Westerly would continue into Pawcatuck.
- Mr. Jim Spellman stated that he was instrumental in bringing Yardney here and that in his opinion Mr. Haberek should inform the people of the town prior to this kind of a period when we read in the paper that things are critical and the company is ready to move. He further stated that many times residents in the community can assist when you have a problem and that the town has a right to know what the problems are so they can participate in trying to resolve them.
- Ms. Gail Shea asked about the status of the two topics that she brought up at the last Board of Selectmen's meeting.
- Mr. Spellman stated that he was delighted to see a woman on the Board. He further stated that he strongly believes that town itself should address the control of the development of elderly housing in the town rather than become the conduit through which private developers become millionaires. Mr. Spellman stated that the town has a tremendous resource of talented people that have always been anxious to cooperate to help in any way to resolve a problem the town has. Mr. Spellman further stated that the town already owns some excellent locations where housing for the elderly should be constructed.

(4) Correspondence

Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Dave and Rose Neff regarding an address change.

(5) Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations

Shellfish Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Carl Hillegass as an alternate member on the Shellfish Commission as requested in his e-mail under date of October 5, 2010.

Commission on Aging

This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

(6) Old Business

None

(7) New Business

Resolution - Bond Refunding

Mr. Haberek presented a memo from Maryanna Stevens, Director of Planning, which read that the Town's financial advisor had informed her that based on the current government bond market; some of the Town's previous bond issues would qualify for refunding. Mrs. Stevens was present and further explained the bond refunding. Mr. Haberek read the following resolution:

"Resolution appropriating \$12,750,000 for the purpose of refunding and refinancing bonds of the Town that are issued and outstanding and authorizing the issuance of \$12,750,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations."

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

Police Cruiser - Bid Award

Mr. Haberek presented a memo from Chief Darren Stewart recommending that the Board of Selectmen award the bid for three marked police cruisers to MHQ Vehicles. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to award the bid to MHO Vehicles.

Clean the Bay - Tipping Fee Waiver

Mr. Haberek presented a memo that read that he, Director of Public Works Joe Bragaw and Solid Waste Manager John Phetteplace met with Joe Mariani from Clean the Bay with regard to shoreline debris removal. Mr. Mariani was requesting that the tipping fees related to this project be waived. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to waive the tipping fees.

(8) Project Update

Mr. Haberek stated that the paving will begin on Monday in Pawcatuck.

(9) Comments from the Public

- Ms. Fran O'Neil asked about the status of the animal shelter.
- Mr. Faulise asked about the Meadow Avenue drainage issue. He stated that we went through this 20 years ago and he thought we resolved it.
- Ms. O'Neil asked about the status of the buildings downtown.
- Ms. Shea asked if the meeting agendas with land use people about all the problems would be posted.

(10)Comments from the Selectmen

None

(11)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary