

March 9, 2011

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Station at 6:30 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 6:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

(2) Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Haberek, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to approve the February 23, 2011 Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes. Mrs. McAnanly abstained.

(3) Comments from the Public

Mr. Tom Haggerty asked if there would be internal discussion on the remaining items beside the Slow-No-Wake Ordinance.

(4) Interview

Economic Development Commission

The Selectmen interviewed Amy Arruda. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Arruda as a full member of the Economic Development Commission.

(5) Correspondence

None

(6) Resignation

Commission on Aging

Mr. Haberek presented a letter from Reverend Brian Romanowski which stated that he was resigning from the Stonington Commission on Aging as he was reassigned from Saint Patrick Church in Mystic to the Norwich Diocesan Tribunal and would no longer reside in Stonington.

(7) New Business

Taugwonk Road -- Resolution

Mr. Haberek read the following resolution: the Board of Selectmen has considered the concerns of residents and finds that the proposed "Resurfacing of Taugwonk Road from Pequot Trail (Route 234) to SB Exit Ramp (Interchange 91 on I-95)" is in the best interest of the Town of Stonington, and will promote the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and provide for convenience and safety of the motoring public. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to adopt said resolution.

Probate Court -- Additional Appropriation

Mr. Haberek read a letter from Judge Paul Cravinho, Retired which requested an appropriation in the amount of Three Thousand and 00/100 (\$3,000.00) Dollars be forwarded to Judge Palm, presiding Judge of the Southeastern CT Regional Probate Court District. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to send the request to the Board of Finance.

Resolution to Set call for Special Town Meeting to consider and vote on:

- An Ordinance establishing a Slow-No-Wake Zone within the waters known as Stonington Harbor. **Discussion:** There was discussion between the Stonington Harbor Management Commission, the Board of Selectmen and the residents regarding concern that the ordinance as proposed would prohibit small sailboats and windsurfers from sailing in the harbor. The following language was approved by the DEP and would change the proposed ordinance to include: *No person shall operate a vessel under mechanical propulsion in excess of Slow-No-Wake within the Slow-No-Wake zone described in subsection (A) of this ordinance, except for the purpose of aiding a mariner in distress.*
- An Ordinance prohibiting and regulating illicit discharge of material into the Town of Stonington's storm water system; and prohibiting and regulating the illegal connection of private drainage systems to the Town of Stonington's storm water system. **Discussion:** Mr. Tom Haggerty asked if there were any substantive changes to this ordinance from the one that was proposed and tabled at the June, 2010 special town meeting. Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works said they were and they could discuss it further.
- An Ordinance to codify and consolidate into chapters and sections all of the ordinances of the Town into one document known as the "Code of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut." **Discussion:** Ms. Gail Shea asked why we needed an ordinance to do this. Mr. Haberek stated that it is a mandated formality by the state.
- An appropriation of up to, but not in excess of Fifty Thousand and 00/100 (\$50,000.00) Dollars for the installation of a One Hundred Fifty kilowatt (150kW) natural gas generator and transfer system of the Pawcatuck Middle School in order to provide adequate sprinkler protection and emergency lighting in the event of a loss of electrical power. The appropriation may be spent for design and installation costs, equipment costs, and any warranty for said project and equipment. The Board of Education is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project. **Discussion:** Ms. Shea asked why this wasn't coming out of the Board of Ed's money. Mr. Bill King, Director of Operations stated he built it into the Board of Education's CIP money but the Pawcatuck Fire Marshal thought that it was appropriate to bring it forward at an earlier time to get this done as soon as possible. There was more discussion between the residents, the First Selectman and Bill King regarding this appropriation.
- An appropriation of Two Hundred Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred Thirteen and 00/100 (\$262,113.00) Dollars from the general fund of the Town for the payment of sales taxes due to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services due on the Commercial Trash Collection services provided by the Town. Said payment to be made in order to prevent the accrual of interest against said sales taxes while the Town continues the appeal process disputing that said sales taxes are owed to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services. **Discussion:** Mr. Haggerty asked what the status was of the appeal. Mr. Haberek gave an update on the status.
- That the Town of Stonington contribute ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$100,000.00) Dollars from its special fund established pursuant to General Statute §8-25b for the preservation of open space, towards the purchase of the development rights of approximately 15.79 acres of land on the westerly side of Palmer Neck Road by the State

of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, so that said property may be preserved as open space. **Discussion:** Mr. Peter Vermilya asked where the property is located on Palmer Neck Road. Ms. Shea asked if all the items for the town meeting would be held on the same date. Mr. Haggerty suggested putting the hard items last and putting the easy ones first.

Mr. Haberek read the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 3-3 of the Charter, the Board of Selectmen calls a Special Town meeting for Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stonington High School, 176 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT, to consider and act upon resolutions as outlined in the Notice of Special Town Meeting which will be attached to the Minutes of this meeting as Appendix "A", which Notice is hereby approved. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to adopt said resolution.


(8) Comments from the Public

None

(9)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine Bell

Recording Secretary