

June 21, 2011

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special 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.

**(1) Call to Order**

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by George Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to move the comments from the public before the Executive Session.

**(2) Comments from the Public**

Kerri Culhane, Project Manager for The Trust for Public Land is a national non-profit which specializes in protecting open space particularly for public access. Ms. Culhane stated that there are three parcels but two properties that are currently on the market in Stonington, the Coogan Farm on Route 27 which forms the gateway to downtown Mystic. Ms. Culhane stated that the property abuts the Denison Society land which is perceived open space but is actually a private non-profit ownership and not conserved. They are hoping to leverage the conservation of that property through conversation easements with the USDA which will be part of the larger project. Ms. Culhane further stated that there are also 3 parcels owned by the Aquarium and they abut the Avalonia Land Conservancy. Avalonia is interested in protecting that land and it would also help them link from the Aquarium almost to the Seaport with walking trails. Ms. Culhane asked if the board of selectmen would support a bond measure to pursue the Coogan and Aquarium land protections. Mrs. McAnanly stated that she was not prepared to make a comment one way or another. Mr. Haberek stated there is some money available for bonding and that any bonding would probably be in a town wide perspective for school expansion, maybe open space, possibly some road money and the expansion of town hall.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss the Labor Negotiations for the Clerical staff. Mr. Haberek, Mr. Crouse, Mrs. McAnanly and Vincent Pacileo, Director of Administrative Services, went into executive session at 7:13 p.m.

**(3) Executive Session**

**(4) Approval of the Minutes**

The meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the May 31, 2011 Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes.

**(5) Ratification of Labor Contract**

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

**(6) Correspondence**

Mr. Haberek presented a letter from William Robinson under date of May 31, 2011 which stated that he will not be accepting another term on the Waterfront Commission when his term expires on June 30, 2011.

**(7) Reappointment**

**Recreation Commission**

- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Joe Ciriello to the Recreation Commission as requested in his e-mail under date of June 9, 2011.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Joe McKernan to the Recreation Commission as requested in his e-mail under date of June 6, 2011.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Paulla Solar to the Recreation Commission as requested in her e-mail under date of June 5, 2011.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Beth Quesnel to the Recreation Commission.

**Architectural Design Review Board**

- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Chuck Canavan to the ADRB as requested in his e-mail under date of May 3, 2011.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Christopher Thorp to the ADRB as requested in his e-mail under date of May 26, 2011.

**(8) Old Business**

**Constable Appointment**

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Ed McCabe as Constable, filling the Republican vacancy due to the death of Edward Sullivan.

**(9) New Business**

**2012 Revaluation Bid Award**

Mr. Haberek presented a letter from Marsha Standish, Tax Assessor requesting that the 2012 Revaluation bid be award to the low bidder, Vision Government Solutions in the amount of \$348,500. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse and seconded by Mrs. McAnanly to approve the bid.

Discussion: Mrs. McAnanly asked if the revaluation would be the type that they have to go into the houses. Marsha Standish replied yes. The vote was 3-0 in favor of awarding the bid to Vision Government Solutions.

**Town of Stonington Section 125 Plan**

Mr. Haberek presented a memo from Vincent Pacileo, Director of Administrative Services requesting that the Selectmen vote to amend and re-state The Plan effective 7/1/11 and authorize the Director of Administrative Services to act as Administrator, per Article V, Section 5.1 of The Plan. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the requests.

**Resolution – GASB 45 Retirement Healthcare Trust Account**

Mr. Haberek read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Stonington has a GASB 45 Retirement Healthcare Trust account at Washington Trust;

WHEREAS, the trustee, Washington Trust, requires the Town to name an authorized representative to transact business 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 of all of the financial dealings of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Stonington authorizes Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance and her staff to transact business on behalf of the Town for the Retiree Healthcare Savings Trust.

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

**Stonington Historical Society “Music at the Lighthouse”**

Mr. Haberek presented and Application for Use of Town Property from the Stonington Historical Society asking that the previously approved rain date be changed from July 4, 2011 to July 17, 2011. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the request.

**(10) Comments from the Public**

None

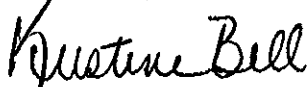
**(11) Comments from the Selectmen**

None

**(12) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine Bell

Recording Secretary