

October 26, 2011

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Department 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 7:00 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 12, 2011 meeting minutes.

(3) Commendations

- The First Selectman presented a commendation to Officer Tim Marley in recognition of his exemplary service and valor in helping save the life of a potential drowning victim in 2010. The First Selectman had commendations for Sgt. Bryan Schneider and Patrolman Mario Ritacco but they were unavailable to attend the meeting.
- The First Selectman presented commendations to Officer Earl Palmer and Officer Greg Howard in recognition of their rapid response and medical training that led to saving the life of Tod Evers. Tod Evers also attended the meeting to personally thank the officers. Mr. Evers stated that he was here quite literally due to the officers. He further stated that he was probably one of the most fortunate people in the room as he was in cardiac arrest and they brought him back and got him breathing again. He further stated that he wanted to thank the officers from the bottom of his heart.
- Dave Hiltz from the American Heart Association presented Officers Palmer and Howard with Heart Saver Hero awards.

(4) Comments from the Public

John Babin asked if there could be some type of bylaws regarding cat owners. He stated that his cars have been scratched and that he had to fence in his yard and keep his dog in a kennel because of the cats in the neighborhood. He got a fine for having a loose dog after his dog broke its cable chasing a cat. He further stated that there are no laws pertaining to cats. He stated that the town should raise the dog license fee and put in a dog park between the pavilions behind the high school.

(5) Interviews

The Selectmen interviewed George Wingblade for the Economic Development Commission and the Plan of Development and Implementation Committee.

(6) Correspondence

- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Elizabeth Henry expressing her interest in being appointed to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Patrick Moukawsher expressing his interest in being appointed to the Police Commission.

(7) New Business

Town of Stonington T1 and Fiber Optic Connection Costs

Mr. Haberek presented a memo from Roger Kizer, IT Manager with regard to fiber optic connection costs. Mr. Kizer explained to the Selectmen the benefits of fiber optic cable versus the copper line that we have now. Mr. Kizer recommended that the town switch from a copper line to fiber optic cable from Thames Valley Communication. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve Mr. Kizer's request.

Donation of Unused Dive Team Equipment

Mr. Haberek presented a letter from Captain Jerry Desmond requesting that the unused dive team equipment be donated to the Mystic Aquarium dive team and the Westerly Ambulance Dive team. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse that the dive team equipment could be donated upon the receipt by the town of a signed hold harmless waiver from the Aquarium and the Westerly Ambulance Corps. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve Captain Desmond's request.

(8) Comments from the Public

- Ms. Fran O'Neil asked about the status of Pawcatuck and Yardney. Ms. O'Neil stated that she thought it was a good thing for the town to be getting a grant for the elderly housing.

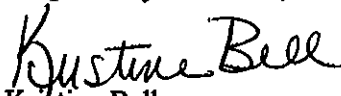
(9) Comments from the Selectmen

None

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine Bell

Recording Secretary