

January 11, 2012

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Department at 7 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 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

(2) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly, and it was voted unanimously to approve the December 14, 2011 meeting minutes.

(3) Comments from the Public

Mr. Ed Hart expressed concern about newspaper reports relative to the town becoming involved in litigation. *Mr. Haberek explained that it became a town matter because a town work product was requested. Mr. Hart asked which attorney was involved in the blocking motion, the town attorney, or the labor attorney? Mr. Haberek responded that at this point the town attorney is handling the matter. At first, the labor attorney was involved because the town attorney was unavailable.*

(4) Correspondence

- Mr. Haberek took in an application from Donald F. Procko to serve on the Mystic Harbor Management Commission. It will be acted upon at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.
- Mr. Haberek took in a letter of thanks from Dennis J. Mello, Commander of the Westerly Ambulance Corps for the donation of dive equipment. The corps is in full compliance with the terms in the Waiver of Liability, Release, and Indemnification.
- Mr. Haberek took in an application from Wendy Burry to serve on the 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development Updating Committee.

(5) Appointments/Reappointments/Resignation

- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly, and it was voted unanimously to appoint Scott Sawyer to a two year term as the Distressed Buildings Citation Hearing Officer.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly, and it was voted unanimously to reappoint Betty Henry to the Commission on Aging.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly, and it was voted unanimously to reappoint Billie Ward to the Commission on Aging.

- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly, and it was voted unanimously to reappoint Toni Potter to the Commission on Aging.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly, and it was voted unanimously to appoint Frank Todisco to serve on the town's Retirement Board.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly, and it was voted unanimously to appoint Julie Savin to serve on the Stonington Housing Authority.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly, and it was voted unanimously to reappoint Wendy Bury to the Economic Development Commission.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly, and it was voted unanimously to reappoint LeAnne Theodore to the TVCCA Board.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly, and it was voted unanimously to reappoint John (Jack) Lee to the Mystic Harbor Management Commission for another term.
- Mr. Haberek announced the resignation of Oliver Wilson from his position as an alternate on the Mystic Harbor Management Commission. The Board of Selectmen acknowledged their appreciation of his service to the board.

For the benefit of the Stonington High School students present, Mr. Crouse explained that this is a new year and individuals are appointed to respective boards.

(6) New Business

Mr. Haberek stated he received a letter from Molly M. Evak, Events Manager for The Greater Westery-Pawcatuck Area Chamber of Commerce 2012 Duck Race requesting to use Donahue Park on April 28, 2012, for the Duck Race. The Chamber has its own insurance. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly, and it was voted unanimously to approve the request of the Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck Area Chamber of Commerce to use Donahue Park.

(7) Comments from the Public

Mr. Bill Sternberg questioned if the Athletic Fields Task Force membership would be brought forward for discussion. Mr. Haberek reported that a meeting was held last night which concluded in setting up a task force membership. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and it was voted unanimously to add the appointment of the Athletic Fields Task Force membership to the Board of Selectmen agenda. Mr. Haberek stated Paul Sartor will serve as Chairman, with members Sandy Grimes/Andy Rines, Alisa Morrison, George Crouse, Mike Pacheco, Paul DeCastro, Bill Sternberg, Dr. George Wingblade, and Mike Crowley. Ex officio members will be Joe Bragaw, Bill King, Joe Mendonca and Bryan Morrone. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and it was voted unanimously to endorse the Athletic Fields Task Force

membership. Mrs. McAnanly questioned if parameters will be set as to how long the process will take. Mr. Haberek responded that it is felt a recommendation will be made to the Board of Selectmen within three months.

Mr. Haberek acknowledged that agendas and minutes from the task will be available on the town's website in the future. Any ideas/recommendations may be forwarded to the Selectmen until the Athletic Fields Task Force has its own email available. All meetings will be open to the public. URI contacted the town and invited the task force to visit its athletic facility.

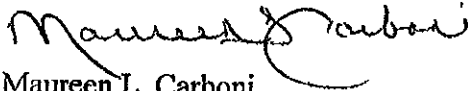
(8) Comments from the Selectmen

Mrs. McAnanly recommended that town email be made available for Selectmen and members of every board and commission.

(9) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this board, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen L. Carboni
Recording Secretary