

April 24, 2013

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 April 10, 2013 Board of Selectmen meeting minutes.

(3) Comments from the Public

None

(4) Correspondence

Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Paul O'Neill, Sr. under date of April 9, 2013 expressing his interest in being appointed to the Stonington Harbor Management Commission.

(5) Interview

K-12 Building Committee

The Selectmen interviewed Bill Sternberg.

(6) New Business

Paving Bid Award

Mr. Haberek presented a memo from Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works requesting that the Board of Selectmen award the Paving Bid to JH Lynch and Sons. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to award the bid to JH Lynch and Sons.

(7) Comments from the Public

- Mr. Michael Wall spoke to the Selectmen about an issue on Mason's Island regarding Kitchen Little. Mr. Wall stated that he wanted to make sure the Selectmen were aware of the facts. Mr. Wall supplied the Selectmen with a copy of his complaints where he lists the regulations that he believes that Kitchen Little is in violation of from the very beginning. He also supplied the Selectmen with the twenty-two page report from Joe Larkin. Ms. Faith Leitner also spoke with regard to Kitchen Little and the increased traffic and trash that is now occurring. Another resident stated there are far more trucks now on Mason's Island that deliver to the restaurant that they had before they don't have a police presence to stop the speeders.
- Mr. Aaron Green stated that he was there about the noise on Richmond Lane. Mr. Green stated that the Selectmen were probably aware that a petition went to the Board of Police Commissioners asking for laws to be enforced with regard to the noise from dirt bikes. Mr. Green stated that he did not start the petition or get the signatures but was just one of 32 people now even more who have signed it. Mr. Green stated that the media coverage on this issue has been unbalanced and doesn't give a correct picture at all. A lot of it is misleading, incomplete and inaccurate. Mr. Green stated the issue isn't about people against bikes, it is about noise. Mr. Green stated that the town has a zoning regulation

which sets a 55 decibel limit for residential areas. He stated that last week the noise from one bike was confirmed up to 76 decibels. Mr. Green stated that now that the readings have been taken, the town should either enforce the law or explain why they wouldn't. Ms. Brook Henry stated that her property abuts against the property that Mr. Green just mentioned. Ms. Henry stated that she has lived there for 3 years and when she first moved in she was aware of the fact that a boy was riding a dirt bike and she remembers thinking that is a little loud. Ms. Henry stated that he was riding today and she could barely hear it. Ms. Henry further stated that she feels very strongly that to some extent the power of local government and local people are aligning themselves against a little 15 year old boy who wants to ride his dirt bike. Ms. Karen Fusaro stated she walked down the street to see how loud the motorcycle was because if everyone was complaining about it, she wanted to walk down and see how far she could hear it. Ms. Fusaro stated that she could hear it from Geyser and it was loud. Ms. Fusaro also stated that she spent \$250.00 on a muffler and it was still loud. She removed the motorcycle from the property. Ms. Fusaro further stated that she bought a CRX 85 from her nephew. Her nephew owned it from 2005. Cops were never called on that motorcycle and it was on that property that he rode all the time. Ms. Fusaro stated that she has done everything that the cops have asked of her. She stated that she bought a quiet muffler and had her land surveyed because Mr. Green called the cops and said her son was trespassing. Mr. Green stated that numbers don't lie and 76 is greater than 55 and 55 is in the law. Ms. Eleanor Webber stated in the reports they say that he rode it for 7 hours straight. She stated that that is impossible because every time he started that motorcycle up, there was a police officer up her driveway. Ms. Karen Walker stated that she is a new resident to the neighborhood and just moved there in February although she grew up there. Ms. Walker stated that the first time she heard the motorbike was right after the blizzard. She stated that the noise went on and on and on between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. There was more discussion between the residents and the Selectmen. Mr. Haberek stated that the police department will provide test results to the zoning officer. Mr. Haberek also stated that with regard to the noise ordinance, his recommendation is to ask the Police Commission to see what is enforceable and what is not. Mr. Crouse stated that he would like to review the information from both sides. After more discussion between the residents and the Selectmen, Mr. Haberek stated that the test results from the Police Department would be forwarded to the Planning & Zoning Department.

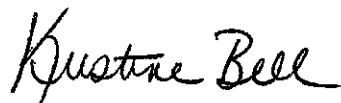
(8) Comments from the Selectmen

None

(9) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary