

August 28, 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 August 14, 2013 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.

(3) Comments from the Public

- Mr. Aaron Greene asked if the Board of Selectmen or the Police Commissioners have generated any comments on the noise ordinance. Mr. Greene also asked if there was any timeframe on the special town meeting.
- Mr. Ed Hart stated that six or eight months ago he was talking to the Board about emergency response and that Mr. Wheeler of the RTC sent in a letter along the same lines. Mr. Hart asked if any action has been taken on his letter. Mr. Haberek stated that there is a Town of Stonington Facebook page that will be enacted when there are any emergencies.
- Mr. John Prue stated that when he asked about the town having a Facebook page, Mr. Haberek stated that Mr. Londregan said it would expose us to liability. Mr. Prue asked if the town attorney's opinion has changed. Mr. Haberek stated that this is the official Facebook page through Roger Kizer, IT Manager. Mr. Haberek further stated that only official material would be out there and would be vetted first. Mr. Prue asked if the Emergency Operations Center would have access to it. Mr. Haberek stated that Roger Kizer would be the one to update the Facebook page when he has time during Emergency Operations.

(4) Interviews for Planning & Zoning Commission

The Selectmen interviewed Mr. John Prue and Mr. Curtis Lynch for the Planning & Zoning Commission.

(5) Correspondence

None

(6) Appointment

Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to appoint Howard Smith, IV to the IWWC.

(7) New Business

High School Field Renovations – IWWC Application Fee Waiver

Mr. Haberek presented a letter from Larry Sullivan, Town Engineer, requesting that the Inland Wetlands application fee in the amount of \$310.00 for the installation of an irrigation system at the football practice field be waived. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to request the fee waiver.

Southeastern Connecticut Regional Probate Court Update

Judge Nick Kepple advised the Board that the probate court is still functioning well and is very busy with over 800 matters this year. He also updated them on a four-part series regarding the probate process that was held at the Stonington Free Library as well as libraries in Ledyard, North Stonington and Groton.

Peddlers Ordinance

Rod Desmaris, President of the Downtown Mystic Business Association spoke with regard to changing some of the language of the existing Peddlers Ordinance. He stated that the original ordinance is vague and deals more with door to door salesmen. He also stated that in the past year, carts have been setting up in front of businesses and it is not fair competition to set up and take business away from existing businesses. Mr. Haberek stated that the Selectmen would put a public hearing to discuss changes to the ordinance on an upcoming agenda.

(8) Comments from the Public

Mr. Ed Hart asked if Mr. Haberek was still opposed to hiring a consultant for Planning & Zoning. Mr. Haberek stated that he was. Mrs. McAnanly stated that she kind of likes the idea of a consultant. Mr. Hart stated that we should hire a consultant. Mr. Hart also stated we've been without a Planning Director for two years and we've had some problems and the consultant can see what the department's all about. Mr. Hart asked if a person from the town could contact the attorney representing the town with regard to the lawsuit against Mr. Haberek.

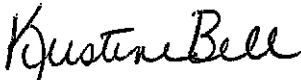
(9) Comments from the Selectmen

None

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine Bell

Recording Secretary