

November 13, 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) Comments from the Public

Captain Jerry Desmond updated the Selectmen about the new police boat. Captain Desmond stated that Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance was invaluable during the grant process. Mr. Mel Olsson thanked the Selectmen for their support. Mr. Harry Holt also thanked the Selectmen.

(3) Executive Session

Discussion Labor Negotiations/Clerical

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to go into executive session at 7:07 p.m.

(4) End of Executive Session – Reconvene into Open Session at 7:21 p.m.

Ratification of Labor Contract/Clerical

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

(5) Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the October 23, 2013 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.

(6) Correspondence

- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Chief Darren Stewart to Van Riley, Superintendent of Schools dated November 8, 2013 regarding traffic signage.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Van Riley dated November 6, 2013 regarding the review of traffic signage around all of the schools.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Mr. Henri Gourd dated October 31, 2013 expressing his interest in serving on the Police Commission.

(7) Reappointments

Stonington Housing Authority

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Thomas Hyland to the Stonington Housing Authority.

Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission

- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Raul Ferreira to the PRHMC.
- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to reappoint Tim O'Brien to the PRHMC.

(8) New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to add new business to the agenda.

Mr. Haberek presented a memo advising the Selectmen that Lou DiCesare, Highway Supervisor would like to request a building permit fee waiver in the amount of \$200.00 for the repair of the two dugouts at the softball field. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mrs. McAnanly and voted unanimously to approve the request.

Conservation Easement

Attorney Tom Liguori presented a resolution which read:

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town of Stonington has required a conservation easement for the "glacial erratic landscape feature" on lots #1 & 2, Mary Hall Road, in the CRESCENT CLUB subdivision which easement is shown on a plan entitled "PLAN TO ACCOMPANY CONSERVATION AREA EASEMENT AND CONSERVATION AREA AGREEMENT" prepared for Cherenzia Excavation, Inc., Damon L. Cherenzia and Town of Stonington, Mary Hall Road, Stonington, Connecticut, September 3, 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse and seconded by Mrs. McAnanly for the Board of Selectmen to resolve to accept the Plan to accompany the Conservation Easement and the conservation ara agreement.

Discussion: Rick Newton asked the Selectmen who in the town is responsible for enforcing these easements. Attorney Liguori stated a lot of the time is it is the neighbors enforcing these easements. Mr. Haberek stated that we have so many in town. Mrs. McAnanly asked if we could make it more formalized so that we do ask Planning & Zoning to figure out what is happening with all of these easements so that we get more structure. Mr. Haberek stated that we couldn't it for just this one. He also stated that they would have to task to look at all of them to see how they want to approach it. Mr. Haberek stated that he would give them the task from the Board of Selectmen to come up with a plan. Attorney Liguori stated that the Conservation Commission has been more proactive with respect to the inventorying the conservation easements and having some oversight more than Planning & Zoning.

The vote was 3-0 in favor of adopting the resolution.

(9) Comments from the Public

- Mr. Newton stated that he e-mailed Selectman Haberek a letter from the Department of the Interior grant application. Mr. Newton asked if the town was doing any long range planning on sea level rise. He stated that most of the other towns have already completed their plans.
- Mr. Haberek stated that he forwarded it on to the Flood Plain Manager, Larry Sullivan and Keith Brynes for review and he asked them to thoroughly look at this.
- Mr. Henri Gourd stated that he had a deal fall through on a modest cottage on Hancock Street because of the new flood insurance requirements.

(10)Comments from the Selectmen

Mr. Haberek asked Mrs. McAnanly if there was any news on the bamboo. Mrs. McAnanly stated that she was waiting to hear from Marissa. Mr. Crouse stated that CL&P contacted him to make a presentation on energy savings for the town.

(12)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine Bell

Recording Secretary