

October 9, 2019

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 Rob Simmons and Selectwoman Jocelyn Kepple. Selectman John Prue was absent. Also, present were members of the public. Members of the press were not present.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Comments from the Public

None

(4) Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to approve the September 25, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

(5) Correspondence

- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from the Lighthouse Museum Campaign thanking the Town for support of their upcoming lighthouse restoration.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from the Blessing of the Fleet Committee thanking the Town for continued support.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Mr. Paul Sartor, Chairman of the Stonington Facilities Committee giving an overview of the recent open house at the Central Office building. The letter included concerns and requests about the property including the grass, playground equipment, fencing, and landscaping.

(6) Interview – Board of Police Commission

The Board interviewed Mr. John Nazzaro, Ms. Eleanor Dunn and Mr. William Turner for the Board of Police Commission.

(7) Interview – Planning and Zoning Commission

The Board interviewed Mr. Peter Chomowicz and Mr. Frederick Deichmann for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(8) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Planning and Zoning Commission

No action was taken.

(9) Old Business

None.

(10) New Business

Discussion – Letter to Eversource Regarding 34 West Broad Street

Mr. Jim Lathrop requested a letter from the Town stating that Eversource has permission from the Town to utilize the property at Veteran's Park to run a temporary line to 34 West Broad Street. Further, a few trees will need to be trimmed to make room for the powerline.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to approve the request. A letter will be completed and forwarded to Mr. Lathrop.

Discussion – Wequetequock Passage Road Acceptance

The Selectmen received a request from Mr. Arthur Hayward, Jr. for the Town to accept a parcel of land known as Wequetequock Passage which is located off of Greenhaven Road. The paperwork for this

approval had moved forward years ago and somehow was never completed. The area has been maintained by the Department of Public Works for a long time and no additional resources would be spent to continue overseeing the area.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to accept the road known as Wequetequock Passage.

Discussion – Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Stonington and the Stonington Town Hall Employees Union

Mr. Vincent Pacileo, Director of Administrative Services and Local 1303-120 Vice President Cindy Curioso were present. Mr. Pacileo reported that on September 18, 2019 the Clerical Union ratified the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Stonington and Local 1303-120 of Connecticut Council 4, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to ratify the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Stonington and the Clerical Union Local 1303-120 for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

Discussion – Opioid Class Action Lawsuit

The Town received notice of the National Prescription Opioid Litigation which involves every town in the nation. Based on the information the Town has the right to either opt out and pursue its own lawsuit or be a part of the national lawsuit. Attorney Jeff Londregan advised that the Town should remain as part of the national lawsuit.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to remain part of the National Prescription Opioid Litigation.

In discussion, it was noted by Chief Darren Stewart that the majority of the issues related to opioids are handled by either the Police Department or Human Services. He asked that if a settlement brings any money to the Town that it distributed to those organizations and not put into the general fund. Mr. Simmons agreed. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Request – Assign Map 13, Block 1, Lot 41, Street Number 11 Brannegan Drive, Pawcatuck, CT 06379

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to approve the request.

Discussion – 2020 Meeting Schedule

The Board of Selectmen will continue to meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Stonington Police Department.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to approve the 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting schedule.

(11) Comments from the Public

Chief Darren Stewart stated that the three people who interviewed for the Board of Police Commission were great candidates with different perspectives. He added that he wanted to thank the Beautification

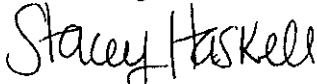
Committee for the flowers and decorations that they put at the front door of the Police Department all year long. He also wanted to thank the Highway Department for doing a perfect job on the lawn.

(12) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Kepple stated that it was nice to have so many qualified candidates interviewing for the open positions.
- Mr. Simmons stated that the Town was awarded a class 7 ranking with FEMA. He thanked Scot Deledda, Town Engineer for all of his hard work getting the Town back into the program. Mr. Simmons stated the Town is moving forward in the hopes of creating the Pawcatuck Bridge Historic District which if created would waive some of the FEMA requirements for the development in that area. Lastly, he stated that he was happy with all of the highly qualified candidates who interviewed for the openings on the Board of Police and Planning and Zoning Commissions.

(13) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Stacey Haskell

Recording Secretary