

October 7, 2020

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special virtual meeting on this date at 5:30 p.m. This meeting was also streamed on Facebook live and was available via audio on a conference line. First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough, Selectwoman June Strunk and Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie were in attendance. Candidates being interviewed were offered a hybrid approach to the meeting with the option to attend in person or virtually. Public and press were able to view via Facebook live as well as audio through a conference call.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Correspondence

Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Monique Ferrer and Stephen Castagliuolo in the form of an application for the Board of Police Commission (BOPC).

(4) Interviews – Board of Police Commission

Ms. Chesebrough noted that the Board of Selectmen received thirteen applications in total. Five applicants withdrew their applications prior to the meeting of October 7th including Karin Carlson, Elizabeth Kading, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, Stephen Castagliuolo and Bryan Bentz.

The Board of Selectmen interviewed the following individuals for the vacancy set to occur on the Board of Police Commission on October 31, 2020:

- Rae'Ven Kelly Dinwoodie
- Robert Emery
- Carrie McWilliams
- Stephen Freitas
- John Nazzaro
- Patricia Coan
- Lisa Tepper Bates
- Monique Ferrer

The candidates were asked the following questions:

- We would like to know what pertinent experience you have serving on a Board, Commission or in another volunteer capacity? In responding please expand on what roles you played and what impact you had?
- What is your opinion of the responsibilities and primary function of the Stonington BOPC?
- Please describe your relevant professional experience, as well as any specific skillset would you bring to the BOPC?
- What positive impact do you hope to see as your legacy five years from now?

Ms. Chesebrough thanked everyone for participating. She added that as there is only one upcoming opening on the Board of Police Commission, she hoped that all the candidates would consider the many other openings on the Town's Boards and Commissions.

(5) Comments from the Public

Mr. Bob O'Shaughnessy, Board of Police Commission member, stated that all that applied were great people and that it will be a difficult decision for the Board of Selectmen. He added that he looks forward to serving with any one of them on the commission.

(6) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Strunk thanked everyone for participating. She noted it was a great experience hearing from all of the highly qualified candidates.
- Ms. Downie agreed with Ms. Strunk and added that she hopes that all of the candidates please stay involved.
- Ms. Chesebrough thanked everyone for attending and for their willingness to serve. Further, she thanked Roger Kizer, IT Manager, for providing and testing the cameras in advance of the meeting as well as Stacey Haskell for all of the planning and logistics that went into the meeting.

(7) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey Haskell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stacey Haskell
Recording Secretary