

March 23, 2016

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, Selectman Mike Spellman and Selectwoman Kate Rotella. Also present were members of the public.

(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 Mr. Spellman and seconded by Mrs. Rotella to approve the March 9, 2016 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes. Discussion: Mr. Simmons stated that under Section 6 of the minutes, Keith Chapman's request to offer to serve as a Public Work's Consultant should be deleted from this section and placed under correspondence. A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to move that item to correspondence. The vote was 3-0 in favor of approving the minutes as amended.

(5) Correspondence

- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Van Riley, Superintendent and Frank Todisco, Stonington Board of Education which was addressed to the North Stonington Board of Education regarding a feasibility study.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Attorney Thomas Londregan regarding membership requirements of the Economic Development Commission.

(6) Appointments/Resignation

Economic Development Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to appoint Mark Dupont to the Economic Development Commission.

K-12 School Building Committee

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to appoint Wendy Wilbert as a regular member and Dan Oliverio as an alternate member of the K-12 School Building Committee.
- A motion was made by Mr. Spellman and seconded by Mrs. Rotella to accept the resignation of Bill Sternberg from the K-12 School Building Committee. Discussion: Mr. Simmons stated that the Board would accept the resignation with regret. The vote was 3-0 in favor of accepting the resignation.

(7) New Business

Discussion – Incentive Housing Zones Public Informational Meeting

Jason Vincent, Director of Planning and Keith Brynes, Town Planner briefly advised the Board that the Town of Stonington has received a grant from the Connecticut Department of Housing to study the feasibility of adopting "Incentive Housing Zones" to encourage the development of affordable housing and that there would be an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the Mystic Middle School to discuss the same.

Uncollectable Suspense Taxes

Linda Camelio, Tax Collector briefly explained that suspense taxes are collectible uncollected property taxes. She stated that these taxes will come off the tax roll and be forwarded to a collection agency. A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to accept the certifications.

Review Request for Tax Abatement (82 Elm Ridge Road)

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to send the Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, providing for Engaging Heaven Ministries, Inc. to receive tax exempt status as of the date of the purchase of real estate to a special town meeting.

Board of Selectmen Support for naming a State Building after the late Lt. Governor Joe Fauliso

Mr. Spellman stated that Joe Fauliso is a Stonington native and he asked the Board to write a letter of support in favor of naming a State building after him. A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to draft a letter in support of naming a state building after Mr. Fauliso.

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

Fair Housing Resolution

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution.

(8) Comments from the Public

Mr. Henri Gourd asked if people in town government like firemen, police and first responders get preferential treatment with regard to affordable housing.

(10)Comments from the Selectmen

Mrs. Rotella stated that she wanted to publicly thank for the Board and the town for their support. She stated that compassion does exist and she is proud to serve this community. Mr. Spellman stated that April is autism awareness month and there are going to be several events in town. Mr. Simmons presented Mrs. Rotella with the American flag that was flown at Town Hall upon the death of her husband, Peter, until right after his funeral.

(11)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary