

April 27, 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 and press.

**(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**

- Mr. Don Maranell stated that cutting funding for the SEAT Bus #10 run could be a bad decision. He also spoke in opposition of field usage fees.
- Mr. George Burnside spoke in opposition of the field usage fees.
- Mr. Ed Hart spoke in opposition of the field usage fees.

**(4) Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the April 13, 2016 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes as corrected.

**(5) Correspondence**

None

**(6) Interviews for Police Commission**

The Board of Selectmen interviewed Robert Tabor and Robert O'Shaughnessy for the Police Commission.

**(7) Reappointments/Resignation**

**Economic Development Commission**

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to appoint Kevin Bowdler to the Economic Development Commission.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to accept Jennifer Ansay's resignation to the Economic Development Commission.

**Waterfront Commission**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to appoint Donald Kluberanz to the Waterfront Commission.

**Retirement Board**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to appoint Terry Stefanski to the Retirement Board.

**Stonington Beautification Committee**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to appoint Rosemarie Rose, Ayo Bryant, Dan Oliverio and Julie Holland to the Stonington Beautification Committee.

**(8) New Business**

**United Way Campaign Update**

Alice Soscia, Leadership Giving Director of the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut and Leanne Theodore, Human Services Director gave a FY15-16 campaign update regarding the town's participation.

**Saint Michael Church Building Permit Application Fee Waiver**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve Father Perkins' request for building permit application fee waivers related to the reconstruction of the church.

**Authorizing Agreements with BETA Group, Inc./Milone & MacBroom**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to award the bid to BETA Group, Inc. for Pavement Management Services and Design Services and Milone & MacBroom for Engineering Design Services to support Pavement Maintenance and Capital Improvements.

**Acceptance of Police Vehicle Donation from the Westerly Police Department**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to accept the donation.

**Field Usage Request Form**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to adopt the Field Request Form for purposes of discussion. Discussion: After some discussion it was decided by the Board that the field usage fees would exclude community youth athletic organizations and in-town nonprofit organizations whose membership is comprised of at least 75 percent Stonington residents. A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the field usage fees as amended.

**Resolution-STEP Parcel-Placing management of the Stonington Off-Leash Dog Area(s) with the Human Services Department, Recreation Division.**

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

**Earth Day Discussion**

Mr. Simmons read an Earth Day Resolution and Challenge and read e-mails from various residents expressing what they did to celebrate Earth Day.

**(9) Comments from the Public**

Mr. Maranell thanked Mr. Spellman and the Board for agreeing on the field usage fees. Mr. Maranell also said that Rt. 1 in Pawcatuck should have more sidewalks.

**(10)Comments from the Selectmen**

- Mrs. Rotella stated that she was glad that the Board came to a resolution on the fields. She stated that they interviewed two wonderful candidates to fill her husband's shoes on the Police Commission. Mrs. Rotella also stated that she was excited about the beautification project.
- Mr. Spellman stated with regard to the budget that we are very cognizant of the difficult economic times for some of the people who live in Stonington. Mr. Spellman stated that as affluent as Stonington is there are 3 H's. He stated it's heroin, homelessness and hunger. Mr. Spellman stated it's in our community just like it does everywhere else. He stated that they are addressing a lot of things that have been ignored.
- Mr. Simmons stated that the SEAT organization had planned to cancel the Rt. 10 run but at the last Council of Government meeting it was agreed that it would not be eliminated.

**(11)Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Kristine Bell**  
**Recording Secretary**