

May 25, 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**

Ms. Westerly Donahue gave the Selectmen a copy of the attached Transit-Oriented Development from the Federal Transit Administration.

**(4) Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the May 11, 2016 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.

**(5) Correspondence**

Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Robert Mitchell expressing his interest in serving on the K-12 School Building Committee as an alternate.

**(6) Appointments/Reappointments**

**Stonington Beautification Committee**

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to appoint Westerly Donahue to the Stonington Beautification Committee.
- A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to appoint Michael Dennis to the Stonington Beautification Committee.

**K-12 School Building Committee**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to appoint Debra Widmer to the K-12 School Building Committee as an alternate.

**Recreation Commission**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to appoint Jeffrey Moore to the Recreation Commission.

**Economic Development Commission**

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

**Architectural Design Review Board**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to reappoint Michael McKinley to the Architectural Design Review Board.

**Retirement Board**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to reappoint Terry Stefanski, Bill King, Tim O'Brien and Vincent Pacileo to the Retirement Board.

**(7) New Business**

**Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to table this matter in order to revise the dates.

**Discussion – St. Michael School interest in relocating to the West Broad Street School**

Mr. Spellman stated that they came forward with this information on St. Michael School in the interest of transparency but this has been discussed for quite a period of time. He stated that he was going to make a motion to table this matter because there are other boards in the town that will have to get involved. Mr. Spellman stated that we have to make sure that we have the funding from the State to move forward with what they have to do before they get rid of facilities.

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to table his matter.

**St. Michael School Request for the Use of Donahue Park**

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

**Request that Street Number for Map 73, Block 2, Lot 4D be assigned 54 Barnes Road, Stonington, CT**

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

**Resolution – Town Center Commercial Plan: Pawcatuck Streetscape Project – Route 1 Corridor**

Jason Vincent, Director of Planning stated that the Department of Planning has been working to submit a request for \$500,000 in funding from the Main Street Investment Fund Program administered by the Connecticut Department of Housing. He stated that the application proposes to utilize funds to install sidewalks along the Route 1 Corridor from the Stonington High School towards the Pawcatuck Shopping Center. A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution authorizing the First Selectman to sign the Pawcatuck Streetscape Project – Route 1 Corridor application and administer the project**

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

**(8) Comments from the Public**

- Mr. Rick Olisky asked why the Board tabled the Clean Energy Communities Pledge.
- Mr. Dan Oliverio commended the Town for looking into installing sidewalks.

**(9) Comments from the Selectmen**

- Mrs. Rotella stated that she was happy that the Beautification Committee is moving forward.
- Mr. Spellman stated there is a real need for sidewalks especially in the Pawcatuck area and this is a great opportunity. He asked if the town could look into properties in distress in Pawcatuck.
- Mr. Simmons stated that commuter rail from Westerly to Mystic is part of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

**(101)Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Kristine Bell  
Recording Secretary



## Transit-Oriented Development

Transit-oriented development (TOD) creates compact, mixed-use communities near transit where people enjoy easy access to jobs and services. Well-done TOD connects transit to desirable places to live, work and visit that feature amenities like entertainment venues, parks, retail, restaurants, an improved pedestrian environment and diverse housing choices.

Focusing growth around transit stations capitalizes on public investments in transit and provides many benefits, including:

- increased ridership and associated revenue gains for transit systems
- revitalization of neighborhoods
- a larger supply of affordable housing
- economic returns to surrounding landowners and businesses
- congestion relief
- improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists

For more information about TOD, see Transit Cooperative Research program (TCRP) [Report 102](#) .

## FTA Technical Assistance

To encourage successful TOD projects in communities across the country, FTA has launched the [Transit-Oriented Development Technical Assistance Initiative](#) . FTA engaged Smart Growth America (SGA) to advance TOD through technical assistance, including providing planning and analysis tools, maintaining a comprehensive online database of TOD information, and establishing a peer-to-peer information exchange. SGA also will offer in-depth technical assistance on TOD – from effective zoning and land use to securing advantageous commercial development – to communities through a comprehensive selection process. The work supports the Ladders of Opportunity initiative of the President and the Secretary of Transportation.

## Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning

The [Pilot Program for TOD Planning](#) helps support FTA's mission of improving public transportation for America's communities by providing funding to local communities to integrate land use and transportation planning with a transit capital investment that will seek funding through the Capital Investment Grant Program (CIG) Program. Comprehensive planning funded through the program must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership, foster multi-modal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle users, and engage the community. [Submit Feedback >](#)

private sector, identify infrastructure needs, and enable mixed-use development near transit stations.

## **TOD Research & Publications**

This list of resources includes FTA funded research and research sponsored by non-profits and other stakeholder groups.

## **TOD in Statute and Regulation**

Although transit-oriented development and joint development are not discrete programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, FTA grantees may use FTA financial assistance for joint development activities that incorporate private investment or enhance economic development.

## **TOD Training**

This list of training and resources includes FTA funded webinars, online tools, and training course, and related efforts sponsored by other federal agencies and non-profits and other stakeholder groups.

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