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June 22, 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) Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the June 22, 2016 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.

(4) Correspondence

- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Attorney Brian Estep regarding the Old Mystic Fire District/North Stonington Road Bridge.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Glenda Bryant regarding roving cats.

(5) Reappointment/Resignation

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to reappoint Deborah Motycka Downie to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

Mystic River Harbor Management Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to accept with regret John Lee's resignation.

(6) New Business

Discussion: Greenskies re: Solar Project in Stonington

Mr. Ryan Linares and Mr. Chris McCarthy presented their proposal for four prospective solar arrays at multiple Town of Stonington owned sites. After discussion with the Selectmen a motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to refer the proposal to the Board of Education and the Water Pollution Control Authority for their review and comment.

Discussion: Crestwood Lane, Pawcatuck, CT

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to open the floor to discussion. Mr. Spellman stated that he spoke with Mr. Jim Cavanaugh and retired Police Chief Dave Erskin who both live down in this neighborhood. He stated that Crestwood Lane is maintained by the Highway Department in the winter and they are looking to go to a full status similar to what the town has done on other sides of town. Mr. Spellman stated that there was petition that was issued previously to Director McKrell. Mr. Spellman stated he read a draft absent the signatures to see what they are looking to achieve. He stated that it's an opportunity to perhaps pave it and there are also drainage issues and with the new law that has come forward the town is responsible for storm water. Mr. Spellman stated that it is a scenario that it's best that we look at it now rather than have someone come in and tell us we have to look at it. Mr. Chuck Wardman stated that he has lived on Crestwood Lane for 22 years. He stated that the status of the road has changed in the last 6 years. Mr. Wardman stated that it had been considered a paper road but a plan was approved a while ago to put condominiums in on one end of this space. He stated that at the Crestwod Lane end it is all open space owned by the town. Mr. Wardman stated that there are a bunch of issues with it. He stated that environmental issues with the storm drain were attempted to be addressed about 2 years ago. He stated that they paved the first 20 feet of it thinking that would prevent sand and debris from the runoff from the road from filling up the storm drains. Mr. Wardman stated that this 20 foot tar strip has maybe slowed it down a

little bit but he looked at it yesterday and it's filled up to 6 or 8 inches of the grate in the road. He stated the condition of the road since they put that tar piece has deteriorated at an even greater rate. The town has maintained the road very effectively. Mr. Simmons stated that the town would do some investigating would bring it back to the Board. He stated we will continue to work with staff to see what is needed and bring it back for further discussion and approval.

Approval of LED Retrofit Agreements for the Town Hall and Highway Garage

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the agreements subject to the approval of the town attorney.

2017 Revaluation Bid Award

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to award the bid to Vision Government Solutions.

Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce Application for the Use of Donahue Park for the River Glow Event

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

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

Blessing of the Fleet

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to place a full page ad in the Blessing of the Fleet book in support of the event.

(7) Comments from the Public

Ms. Michelle DiCesare of 68 Mistuxet Avenue and Waussau Place stated that there is a problem on that road with runoff. She stated that if the town is going adopt this concept of orphan roads please come and look at hers too.

(8) Comments from the Selectmen

- Mrs. Rotella stated that on the Beautification Committee they are still working with Amtrak. She stated that State Representative Diana Urban got in touch with them in regards to working on that property. She stated that the K-12 School Building Committee is almost at the design development stage.
- Mr. Spellman that very shortly after the adoption of the state budget they are already discussing shortfall for July 1. He stated that we have been very cautionary on this for years. He stated that the Board of Finance is very frugal and put together a good reserve fund. Mr. Spellman stated that he would encourage the Board of Finance to protect those reserve funds. Mr. Spellman stated that it is important that the town be cognizant of is if there is any type of effects in the bond rating in the State of Connecticut it will come home to root with us. He stated that there are projects that the town is at and we should take a look at bonding and fix some of these issues.
- Mr. Simmons stated that 4 members of the Highway Department were taking a truck to Stop & Shop for the food drive for the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. He stated that for 7 months he has worked with Davis Standard on the possibility of bringing a Massachusetts company to Pawcatuck. Mr. Simmons stated that it is Gloucester Engineering that produces very sophisticated extrusion technology equipment. He stated that they would need a new building and 15,000 square feet and they would need a little assistance from the State of Connecticut. Mr. Simmons stated that they applied for a grant with the assistance from the town and it came back not as a grant. He stated that it came back as a loan and so we brought the Commissioner of Economic Development down here. He stated that they gave her the full scope of the company and the value of this company and the value of these jobs and she went back and turned it around. Mr. Simmons stated that Governor Malloy issued a press release announcing that Davis

Standard Manufacturing will be expanding and the State of Connecticut has committed $1,312,050 to this company assuming it reaches certain milestones.

(9) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary