

June 24, 2015

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 George Crouse and Selectman Rob Simmons. Also present were members of the public and press.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Crouse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

(2) Approval of the Minutes

- A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to approve the June 10, 2015 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.
- The minutes of the June 22, 2015 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes were tabled.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse and seconded by Mr. Simmons to add Ed Ball as new business:

- Mr. Ed Ball stated he is employed with the Town of East Lyme as the sports field manager. He stated that he has been with town for eight years in that capacity.
- Mr. Crouse asked if the reporting form is a standard form.
- Mr. Ball stated that it is. He stated when he first came here the Director of Public Works and her crew and he were all on board as a team. He stated that he keeps the same log as Mrs. McKrell as well as all of the golf courses. Mr. Ball stated that any time there is an application the date goes on the log as well as the product and the supervisory number. He stated that at the end of the season the state requires them to submit a form for the same products whether it is in East Lyme, here or the Stonington Country Club. Mr. Ball stated that they all report to the state for the products they use. He stated through his license and the logs that they keep, what goes out there, the posting is all governed by the State and the EPA on the label of the product.
- Mrs. McKrell that the last two years that they had a consultant work for them he did not maintain the logs like they thought he did. She stated that the contractor told them he considered the log to be our invoices but that isn't what the state requires. Mrs. McKrell stated that they are in more compliance with their logs. She stated that they know exactly what pesticides they put down, what know what rate they put it down put down, who did it, what days and exactly what fields.
- Mr. Simmons stated that this issue arose due to a complaint that was received. He stated that the First Selectmen scheduled a meeting on Monday morning and there were some questions that were raised. He stated that he looked at the log and went on line and looked up some of the items. Mr. Simmons stated that Primomax is potentially a hazardous material not just for children but also for the people who use it if they don't use it properly. He stated that for an amateur or someone like himself who's not experienced when he looks at it this it does raise a concern. Mr. Simmons stated that he thinks it would raise a concern with parents who don't have scientific background or aren't certified. He stated that it was a matter of concern and that's why the questions were asked. Mr. Simmons stated that the public is concerned about pesticides and the impacts on the environment and are particularly concerned about health effects for their children. He stated that one of the things that came up in the Monday morning that was very important was there is a communication problem. He stated that we have to

streamline our communication and make sure people better understand what is being use, how it's being used and when it's being used. He stated we are moving in the right direction. He stated that a second thing that has come up is the whole issue of transitioning to the extent possible to organics. He stated that long term application of organics can also be incorporated into the procedure.

- Ms. Barbara McKrell, Director of Public Works stated that she understands the importance of the chemicals being secure. She stated that they have bought a new storage place to put them that is locked that is out of reach of everybody. Mrs. McKrell stated that the only people who have the keys to get into that building are Ed and her two highway guys. She stated that they do not go into that building and pull out those chemicals unless Ed is there and they are scheduled to do the work.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Crouse to move up new business regarding the On Call Full Depth Pavement Repair Bid Award.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse and seconded by Mr. Simmons to award the bid to Ed French & Sons. Discussion: Mr. Simmons stated that it is his understanding that the French bid was the low bid. Mr. Crouse asked Ms. McKrell if the town has had experience with Mr. French. Mrs. McKrell stated that they were the town's on-call contractor and we put the same the same contract out to bid two years ago and they were the low bidder two years ago and the town has used them for the past two years very successfully. Mr. Simmons asked if they are qualified. Ms. McKrell stated yes definitely. The vote was 2-0 in favor of awarding the bid to Ed French & Sons.

(3) Executive Session

Discuss Pending Litigation with Vincent Pacileo, III, Director of Administrative Services and Michael Satti, Esq., Town of Stonington Labor Counsel

This matter was tabled.

(4) Comments from the Public

Ms. Amy Arruda, a member of the Economic Development Commission stated that they would like the opportunity to be a part in some way with the hiring or selection process for the Director of Planning and Zoning.

(5) Correspondence

- Mr. Crouse took in correspondence from Blunt White, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission stating that Amy Arruda, an EDC member and Vice President and Retail Sales Manager at Washington Trust is read to work on the search criteria and to serve on the interview committee for the Director of Planning and Zoning.
- Mr. Crouse took in correspondence from the Harry Martin expressing his interest in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(6) Reappointments/Appointment

Water Pollution Control Authority

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Crouse to reappointment Peter Balestracci to the Water Pollution Control Authority. Discussion: Mr. Simmons stated that he has obviously been involved with the town in many different capacities and brings a great deal of knowledge and experience to the job and he can't think of a better person to reappoint. The motion was 2-0 in favor of reappointing Peter Balestracci to the WPCA.

Architectural Design Review Board

- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to reappoint Susan Cullen to the Architectural Design Review Board.
- A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to reappoint Mark Comeau to the Architectural Design Review Board.
- A motion was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Crouse to reappoint Robert Birmingham to the Architectural Design Review Board. Discussion: Mr. Simmons stated that Bob has not been in good health and the fact that he is willing to serve even though he is not in good health is a testament to his character. The motion was 2-0 in favor of reappointing Mr. Birmingham to the Architectural Design Review Board.

Recreation Commission

- A motion as made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Crouse to reappoint Joe Ciriello to the Recreation Commission. Discussion: Mr. Crouse stated that Mr. Ciriello has been the basketball coach, tennis coach and recreation guru for many years for the Town of Stonington. The vote was 2-0 in reappointing Mr. Ciriello to the Recreation Commission.
- A motion was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Crouse to reappoint Beth Quesnel to the Recreation Commission. Discussion: Mr. Crouse stated that she is another person on the higher level of athletics. Mr. Simmons stated that she is very involved in the community, very knowledgeable about recreation and a good person to have. The vote was 2-0 in favor of reappointing Mrs. Quesnel to Recreation Commission.

Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Crouse to appoint John Prue to the POCD Implementation Committee. Discussion: Mr. Simmons stated that John has been on Planning and Zoning for a while and was very responsive to our recommendations to the POCD. The vote was 2-0 in favor of appointing Mr. Prue to the POCD Implementation Committee.

(7) New Business

Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center – Coogan Farm Building Permit Application Fee Waivers

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Crouse to waive the building permit application fees in the amount of \$362.00 for the pavilion building and \$4,802.00 for the restoration of the farmhouse and barn buildings.

(8) Comments from the Public

Mrs. Cynthia DiCesare stated it was unfortunate that the Selectmen excused Mr. Ball but she has concerns about the reasons the town is still using those pesticides on the fields. She stated that when she looked into Primomax, she found documentation that it is supposed to be limited to use on golf courses and sod farms. Mrs. DiCesare stated that she is just trying to understand what is the benefit we are getting because Primomax is nothing but a growth regulator. She stated that it's not combatting a pest and it is not preventing a weed but simply stunting the grasses growth. Mrs. DiCesare stated that in this day and age with pesticide use being as rampant as it is with all of us having concerns for our environment it is just unfortunate that we are not able to find out why these products are being used. She stated that the only other concern she has is she takes her kids to the playground the rec program has their daycare in the playground area behind the high school. She stated that the playground is

pretty much enclosed on three sides of the very fields that we are spraying. Mrs. DiCesare stated that the only other issue that she had was that we should probably have the time sprayed or the time applied. She stated that if your saying that the fields are safe for reentry after one or two hours of spraying the public has no way of knowing when that spraying occurred and when that reentry is safe.

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

- Mr. Crouse stated that he had a meeting with CUSH representatives. He stated that they had a very good give and take and points of view and his point of view is that the CUSH program is a very good program. Mr. Crouse stated that they talked about many projects far away and they are now discussing a trial field that CUSH will sponsor.

(10)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary