

September 14, 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**

Mr. Jim Lathrop of Best Energy, Pawcatuck, stated that 4 buildings in Pawcatuck do not have broad band access. He stated that 29 and 37 West Broad Street have changed hands in the last 6 weeks. Mr. Simmons stated that people will not rent apartments without broad band access.

**(4) Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the August 24, 2016 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.

**(5) Correspondence**

- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from J. Jeffrey Walker expressing his interest in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Theodore H. Nezames, Manager of Bridges, Bureau of Engineering and Construction, Department of Transportation regarding bridge inspection reports for local structures.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence Scot Deledda, Town Engineer to the Board of Finance regarding the bid award for the Bayview Avenue Drainage Bid Proposal.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Karl F. Acimovic, Consulting Engineer regarding a Notice of Permit Application for dam construction submitted to the DEEP for Upper Sylvia's Pond Dam.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from the Stonington COMO thanking the town for its continued support.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from the Cable Television Advisory Council of Southeastern Connecticut requesting a second appointment to the Council.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Barnaby Blatch regarding the problem of traffic at the intersection of Route 1 and Mason's Island Road.
- Mr. Simmons took in a Notice of Permit Application from John Hritz of 76 Water Street, Stonington, Connecticut.

**(6) Appointment**

**Planning and Zoning Commission**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to appoint Shaun Mastroianni from an alternate to a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**(7) Old Business**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to accept a 10' wide strip of land contiguous to Billings Street, Pawcatuck, Connecticut.

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**(8) New Business**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to add Rick Fiore's letter to the agenda.

**Discussion – Distressed Premises Ordinance**

Mr. Jason Vincent, Director of Planning stated that there are currently four active Blight Enforcement cases under the current administration, 2-4 Mechanic Street, 10 Meadowbrook Lane, 197 North Stonington Road and 14 L'Hirondelle Lane. After further discussion between the Board and Mr. Vincent a motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to table this matter.

**Discussion – Draft Flood Awareness Newsletter**

Mr. Simmons read the attached Exhibit "A". A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to endorse the Town of Stonington & Stonington Borough Flood Awareness newsletter.

**Ratification of Labor Contract/Local Union 9411 of the United Steel Workers for the Stonington Highway Department**

After discussion between the Board, Director of Administrative Services and the Union President Paul Thomas, a motion was made by Mrs. Rotella and seconded by Mr. Spellman to ratify the contract. Discussion: Mr. Spellman stated that he supports the salary increase but has serious reservations with the supervisor position. The vote was 3-0 in favor of ratifying the contract.

**Assign Map 5, Block 5, Lot 3, Street Number 5 Clark Street, Pawcatuck, CT**

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

**Rick Fiore's Letter**

After discussion between Mr. Fiore, Tax Assessor Marsha Standish and Director of Planning Jason Vincent it was agreed that Mr. Vincent would send a letter to Mr. Fiore regarding their discussion.

**(9) Comments from the Public**

None

**(10) Comments from the Selectmen**

Mr. Spellman volunteered his services to be on the Cable Television Advisory Council and welcomed back the students. Mrs. Rotella also welcomed back the students.

**(11) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Kristine Bell  
Recording Secretary