

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.

**(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

**EXHIBIT "A"**

Dear Fellow Citizens: A little over one year ago over 1,000 shoreline residents in Stonington learned the sad news that we had lost our FEMA Community Rating System discount of 5% for flood insurance. The problem occurred because of an administrative error. While none of us were involved or even in our current offices at the time, your Board of Selectmen has acted as a 'team' to rectify the problem and recover our discounted status. We are not there yet, but with only one or two homes in Stonington that are still out of compliance with the FEMA regulations, we are confident that we are well on the way to rectifying the problem. The purpose of this Newsletter is to bring you up to date on the issue and to provide guidance on how we can protect our flood zone properties now and into the future. Feel free to call the Town Engineer or the Planning Office with questions.

Rob Simmons

Mike Spellman

Kate Rotella

First Selectman

Selectman

Selectwoman