

October 22, 2014

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Station at 7:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek, Selectman George Crouse and Selectmen Rob Simmons. Also present were members of the public and press.

(1) **Call to Order**

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

(2) **Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse and seconded by Mr. Simmons to approve the October 8, 2014 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes. Discussion: Mr. Simmons stated that was probably the first public hearing he attended and he wanted to commend the secretary on the great job she did and the Chairman and George for running a terrific hearing on an important issue. The vote was 3-0 in favor of approving the minutes.

(3) **Comments from the Public**

Patrick Moukawsher stated he is currently serving on the Board of Police Commissioners and he understands that there a number of very qualified applicants. He stated that there is one individual who has attended the meetings for the last two years and would like them to keep that in mind when they consider the appointment of Henri Gourd.

(4) **Interviews for Police Commission**

The Selectmen interviewed Henri Gourd and Ray Trebisacci for the Board of Police Commissioners.

- Mr. Crouse asked Mr. Gourd if a resident complains to him about the police not patrolling what are you doing to do.
- Mr. Gourd replied that he would listen, take notes, then follow through. He would follow the chain of command internally and get back to the resident personally.
- Mr. Simmons asked Mr. Gourd why he has been attending the meeting for the last two years.
- Mr. Gourd replied that attending the meetings gives you a good feel for what's going on.
- Mr. Haberek stated that Pawcatuck has been an issue and he likes Mr. Gourd's idea of neighborhood policing.
- Mr. Gourd stated we have 18,000 people in a 43 square mile radius. He stated that the police department is staffed below the average norm and personal contact will help develop relationships.
- Mr. Crouse asked Mr. Trebisacci what he would do if a if a resident calls him regarding a problem area.
- Mr. Trebisacci stated that he would encourage them to go through the chain of command and then go to the Police Commission.
- Mr. Crouse asked Mr. Trebisacci what motivates him to be a police commissioner.
- Mr. Trebisacci stated that it was a continuation of serving the town.
- Mr. Simmons asked Mr. Trebisacci if his experiences with the police department have been good or bad.

- Mr. Trebisacci stated that most of them have been good and that he respects what they do.
- Mr. Simmons asked Mr. Trebisacci if he thought the police should enforce the law or keep the peace.
- Mr. Trebisacci replied that he thought the job of the police was to enforce the law versus keeping the peace. He stated that it was the job of the Police Commission to make sure it's done the right and economic way.
- Mr. Simmons asked Mr. Trebisacci if he planned to serve the full five year term on the Board of Police Commissioners.
- Mr. Trebisacci said yes.
- Mr. Haberek asked Mr. Trebisacci if he would abstain with some issues based on his background in law.
- Mr. Trebisacci replied that he would probably abstain from taking any cases in Stonington.
- Mr. Haberek stated that Mr. Trebisacci was related to the Chief's wife.
- Mr. Trebisacci stated that there was no conflict whatsoever.

(5) **Correspondence**

- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Tom Reynolds and Jim Dodd requesting that the Board of Selectmen not reappoint Jim Kelley to the Stonington Housing Authority.
- Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from many of the residents of Edythe K. Richmond Homes requesting that the Board of Selectmen not reappoint Jim Kelley to a new term on the Stonington Housing Authority Commission.

(6) **Reappointments/Resignation
Conservation Commission**

- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to reappoint Bertrand Bell to the Conservation Commission.
- A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to reappoint James Friedlander to the Conservation Commission.

Commission on Aging

The Selectmen acknowledged Alice Watson's resignation from the Commission on Aging.

(7) **New Business**

Building Permit Fee Waiver

Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Scot Deledda, Town Engineer, requesting a building permit fee waiver in the amount of \$34.00 for the replacement and extension of a fence around the Small Boat Association's area at the Town Dock. A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to approve the request.

(8) **Comments from the Public**

None

(9) **Comments from the Selectmen**

None

(10) **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristine Bell".

Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary