

November 9, 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 and press.

**(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**

None

**(4) Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the October 26, 2016 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.

**(5) Correspondence**

- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from the Planning and Zoning Department regarding a Regulation Amendment application for the creation of an Agricultural District, a floating zone intended to preserve Stonington's cultural landscape, ensure continuation of agricultural industry, and provide an alternative to less desirable development of agricultural lands.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Aaren Simoncini, member of The Beer'd Brewing Co. LLC requesting the Selectmen to grant a manufacturing machinery and equipment exemption. A motion as made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the request.

**(6) Appointments/Reappointment**

**Tree Warden**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to appoint Daniel Oliverio as Tree Warden.

**Board of Police Commissioners**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to appoint Robert Tabor to the Board of Police Commissioners.

**Stonington Housing Authority**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to reappoint Julie Saving to the Stonington Housing Authority.

**(7) Old Business**

**Updates - West Vine Street School Pond/Stillman Avenue Bridge**

- Mr. Scot Deledda, Town Engineer updated the Selectmen the West Vine Street School pond. He stated that a storm ready list would be drafted and he and the Highway Department would go around and look at certain areas to be maintained.
- Mr. Deledda stated that the town was working on getting a Memorandum of Understanding from the Town of Westerly for the Stillman Avenue Bridge project. He stated that the Department of Transportation inspects the bridges every two years. He stated that the town has reviewed the inspection reports to see what the town can do or if they have to hire outside contracts. Mrs. Rotella stated that the bridges should be inspected every year so they don't get to this point.

**(8) New Business**

**Discussion – Stonington Beautification Committee Projects**

Mr. Dan Oliverio asked if the pavers left over from the Pawcatuck Streetscape could be used at the Mystic Monument adjacent to the CVS. Mr. Oliverio asked if the Highway Department could put them in. The Board stated that they would convey the recommendation to the Director of Public Works.

**Discussion-Evaluation Procedures for Department Heads**

Mr. Vincent Pacileo, Director of Administrative Services provided the Board with three different types of performance appraisals. He stated that one is a check off, one is in narrative form and one is a hybrid. Mr. Spellman stated that the evaluation process is long overdue. Mrs. Rotella also stated that the evaluation process is long overdue.

**Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee Mission Statement**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to adopt a resolution to authorize the Town Attorney to develop an draft ordinance for the creation of a standing committee to be known as the Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee, which ordinance, when finished, will be sent to Town Meeting for its consideration and approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to add the approval of the Davis-Standard/Eversource Easement and Amendment to Master Lease-Purchase Agreement to new business.

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Simmons to sign the Electric Distribution Easement between the Town of Stonington and The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy.

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman and seconded by Mrs. Rotella to accept the Amendment to Master Lease-Purchase Agreement. Discussion: After discussion between the Board and the Director of Finance, Jim Sullivan the motion was unanimously approved subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to accept the lease for the GM 4300 T4 Mower as described in Exhibit 1.

**(9) Comments from the Public**

Mr. Dan Oliverio thanked the Board of Selectmen for sending him to Tree Warden School.

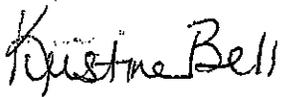
**(10) Comments from the Selectmen**

- Mrs. Rotella stated that it was nice to have the Girl Scout Troop present. She stated that it is a pleasure to serve on this Board with this tri-partisan effort.
- Mr. Spellman stated that one thing he would like to see as part of the evaluation process is to charge the Department heads with similar after action reports. He stated it could be as simple as a memo or a full report.
- Mr. Simmons stated the Town of Stonington and the Town of Westerly have been working on the Bricks and Murals project. He stated that Westerly has taken the lead on that and they will probably have more murals than the Town of Stonington. Mr. Simmons stated that in his recent discussions with Westerly he has agreed to work with a grant writer to see if the Town could get some Connecticut money to support a Connecticut mural. He stated that they have worked up and submitted an application to the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut for \$10,000.00. Mr. Simmons stated that he has met with their

personnel to discuss the project. He stated that there are several phases to the project but the Town's letter of intent was accepted so now we go to the next phase of consideration. The Bricks and Murals project is important to him because it involves a collaboration between two neighboring towns and two neighboring states that are one community that have a lot of in common.

**(11) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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

Kristine Bell  
Recording Secretary