

November 10, 2014

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at Stonington Town Hall at 2:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek, Selectman George Crouse and Selectman Rob Simmons. Also present were members of the public.

(1) **Call to Order**

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

(2) **Comments from the Public**

None

(3) **Resolution Concerning the Town of Stonington Retirement Plan and Retiree Health Care Savings Account Plan**

- Mr. Vincent Pacileo, Director of Administrative Services, advised the Selectmen that retirees have not had a Cost of Living Adjustment since 1999. Mr. Pacileo asked the Board to consider and approve the request for the Cost of Living Adjustment for Stonington pensioners.
- Mr. Simmons asked if their approval simply sends it to town meeting.
- Mr. Pacileo stated that is correct.
- Mr. Simmons stated that currently we have two retired first Selectmen, how this does effect them or does it not effect them.
- Mr. Pacileo stated that it would effect anyone who is qualified to receive the Town of Stonington pension plan.
- Mr. Simmons asked Mr. Pacileo what the mean average is for retirement.
- Mr. Pacileo asked if he wanted average dollars or years of services.
- Mr. Simmons stated both if he had it.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution concerning the Town of Stonington Retirement Plan and Retiree Health Care Savings Account Plan.

(4) **Set call for Special Town Meeting to Consider and vote on:**

- To consider and vote on a resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, amending the Town of Stonington Retirement Plan to provide for an ad hoc COLA as outlined in Amendment 2014-1 to the Stonington Retirement Plan.
- To consider and vote on a resolution to approve the Board of Finance's approval of a request from Stonington Public Schools for reimbursement for repairs to West Broad Street School totaling \$52,795.00 performed by Mystic Air Quality and Weiss Construction Inc.
- To consider and vote on a request granting an Easement from the Town of Stonington to Van Dongen Enterprises, LLC for a perpetual right and easement for ingress and egress to cross on foot and with vehicles from Washington Street over land of the Town of Stonington.
- To consider and vote on a resolution to approve a request from the Conservation Commission to contribute \$200,000.00 from the Open Space Fund to the Stonington Land Trust to aid in the acquisition of the development rights to 168 acres of the Davis Farm by the Stonington Land Trust.

- To consider and vote on a resolution to approve a Property Tax Assessment Agreement between the Town of Stonington and Threadmill Partners, LLC.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse and seconded by Mr. Simmons to send these items to town meeting.

Discussion:

- Mr. Crouse stated he had the property tax explained to him. He stated that we have been anxious to get these projects underway rather than going month after month debating over dollars and cents. Mr. Crouse also stated that the economic impact for the town is much more in the long run than us fighting over dollars and cents.
- Mr. Simmons stated he was curious about the \$200,000.00 to aid in the acquisition of development rights of 168 acres of the Davis Farm. Mr. Simmons stated that there were some questions raised in the media about a potential conflict of interest between the people on the Conservation Commission who voted for the money who then had a relationship with the Stonington Land Trust. Mr. Simmons further stated that he was not making any accusations but we have a small town and different people do different things. Mr. Simmons asked if Attorney Londregan has taken a look at this.
- Mr. Haberek stated that Attorney Londregan has taken a look at it. Mr. Haberek stated that Stanton is only a member and it is still up to the Town of Stonington to decide whether that gets done.
- Mr. Simmons stated that for purposes clarity his expectation is because there has been a discussion in the newspaper, it will probably come up at the town meeting.
- Mr. Crouse stated that he has been getting calls and there are many who are going to come speak.
- Mr. Simmons asked with regard to the easement for ingress and egress to cross on foot and with vehicles if there is any restriction on the kind of vehicles that we are talking about.
- Mr. Haberek stated that we have had construction vehicles cross on there before because it is right next to West Broad Street School. The vote was 3-0 in favor of sending these items to town meeting.

(5) **Comments from the Public**

None

(6) **Comments from the Selectmen**

None

(7) **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary