

November 12, 2015

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at Mystic Middle School at 7:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman George Crouse, Selectman Rob Simmons and Selectman Michael Spellman. Also present were members of the public and press.

**(1) Call to Order**

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

**(2) Comments from the Public**

Mr. David Brown stated that Mr. Crouse is a quality guy. He stated that he has always like Mr. Crouse and he thanked him for his service. Mrs. Amy Hambly stated that Mr. Crouse was always very accessible and she is glad that the courts will be named in his honor.

**(3) Approval of the Minutes**

- A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to approve the October 28, 2015 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes.
- A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to approve the October 28, 2015 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.

**(4) Correspondence**

Mr. Crouse took in correspondence from Carol Huskes expressing her interest in serving on the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission.

**(5) Appointments/Reappointments**

**Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Wild and Scenic Study Committee**

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to appoint Fred Wagner and James Leigh as regular members and Boyd Cooke as an alternate member of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Wild and Scenic Study Committee.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to appoint James Kading to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Conservation Commission**

- A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to reappoint Stuart Cole to the Conservation Commission.
- A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to reappoint Stanton Simm to the Conservation Commission.

**Planning and Zoning Commission**

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to appoint Lynn Conway to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

### **Waterfront Commission**

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to reappoint Ethan Grimes to the Waterfront Commission.

### **(6) New Business**

#### **Proclamation**

Mr. Simmons and Mr. Spellman presented Mr. Crouse with a Proclamation resolving that the tennis courts at the Stonington High School be named the George Crouse, Jr. tennis courts for his devoted service and dedication to the entire Town of Stonington.

#### **Coastal Resilience Planning Grant**

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Spellman to accept the proposal to apply for the Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery-Tranche 2. Discussion: Mr. Simmons asked if the staff reviewed the application and if the grant was prudent. Mr. Keith Brynes, Town Planner, stated that there are no matching funds from the town. The vote was 3-0 in favor of applying for the grant.

#### **2016 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Schedule**

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to approve the 2016 Board of Selectmen regular meeting schedule.

### **(7) Executive Session**

**The Board of Selectmen will meet in executive session with member(s) of the Trust for Public Land, to discuss the potential purchase of certain real property located at 123 Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, Connecticut, as such discussions are exempt pursuant to General Statute §1-200(6)(D), §1-200(6)(E), and §1-210(b)(1).**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to go into executive session at 7:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 7:45p.m.

The special Board of Selectmen meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

### **(8) Comments from the Public**

Mr. James Kelley stated that Mr. Crouse is a quality person and that he committed himself entirely to the role of First Selectman. Mr. Kelley offered Mr. Crouse his deepest congratulations.

### **(9) Comments from the Selectmen**

Mr. Simmons stated that he first worked with Mr. Crouse 35 years ago on the Board of Police Commissioners during a difficult time but it was a great experience. Mr. Simmons stated that it was a treat to serve on the Board of Selectmen with him and wished Mr. Crouse and his family the best of luck. Mr. Crouse stated that he and Mr.

Simmons have a great respect for each other and Mr. Spellman has always been a friend.

**(10)Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristine Bell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Kristine Bell  
Recording Secretary