

September 23, 2015

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 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

None

(3) Approval of the Minutes

- A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to approve the September 2, 2015 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes with the augmentation of the minutes.
- A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to approve the September 9, 2015 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.
- A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to approve the September 14, 2015 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes.

(4) Correspondence Resignation

- Mr. Crouse took in correspondence from Blunt White on behalf of the Economic Development Commission regarding the Director of Planning position.
- Mr. Crouse took in correspondence from Blunt White expressing his support of Virginia Abernathy's appointment to the Economic Development Commission.
- Mr. Crouse took in correspondence from Denise Poyer of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association requesting the Board of Selectmen to appoint one or two members of the town to serve Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Study Committee.

(5) Appointments/Resignation

Planning and Zoning Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to accept Harry Martin's resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Economic Development Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Crouse to appoint Virginia Abernathy to the Economic Development Commission. Discussion: Mr. Crouse stated that he is almost tempted with 3 vacancies on the Conservation Commission to twist her arm to do both. Mr. Simmons stated that Chairman White did express interest in her. Mr. Simmons stated that he thought she would be a great solid member of the Economic Development Commission. The vote was 3-0 in favor of appointment Ms. Abernathy to the EDC.

Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse and seconded by Mr. Simmons to appoint Curtis Lynch to the POCD Implementation Committee. Discussion: Mr. Simmons stated that he's known Mr. Lynch since he was a teenager. He stated that they served together in Vietnam. Mr. Simmons stated that Mr. Lynch has been a very active member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and he was very engaged in the development of the POCD as a member of Planning and Zoning. He stated Mr. Lynch has a background and experience in management

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and risk management so he thinks he would be a very good candidate to serve on the implementation committee. Mr. Spellman stated that Mr. Lynch is a loyal and skilled public servant. The vote was 3-0 in favor of appointing Mr. Lynch.

Water Pollution Control Authority

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Spellman to appoint Deborah Downie to the Water Pollution Control Authority. Discussion: Mr. Simmons stated that he thinks we are lucky to have someone with her background and experience and she's willing to share that. He stated that she is a licensed environmental professional and her profession is in environmental consulting. Mr. Simmons stated that he enthusiastically supports her application. Mr. Crouse stated that he would echo that. The vote was 3-0 in favor of appointing Ms. Downie.

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to appoint Kenneth Scott to the Mystic Harbor Management Commission.

(6) New Business

Request for Abatement of Taxes

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Spellman to abate the taxes in the amount of \$13,238.06 for the strip of land and pump house located on Maritime Drive that was recently transferred to the town. Discussion: Mr. Simmons stated that F P Inc owned and operated the pumping station on a piece of property for which they had title. He asked if this is correct. Mr. Simmons stated that they have accumulated the taxes over a period of years and then they handed the property over to us. He asked why the taxes accumulated. The vote was 3-0 in favor of abating the taxes.

Stonington Historical Society Request for Use of Town Dock

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse and seconded by Mr. Spellman to approve the request from the Stonington Historical Society for the use of the town dock for "*Behind Stonington's Doors*" event taking place on Saturday, October 17, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to add new business to the agenda.

Stonington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc Request for Permit Fee Waivers

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to approve the request for permit fee waiver for the 4 permits which would help the Stonington Volunteer Ambulance Corps save \$1,614.00 for the rebuilding of the ambulance corps facility.

(7) Comments from the Public

None

(8) Comments from the Selectmen

Mr. Spellman stated that he wanted move to continue the traditional fall cleanup utilizing volunteers to assist as they have in the past at schools in the town. He stated that the Board charge the highway department to liaison with the schools to utilize Town of Stonington equipment, that we operate under the existing insurance and ensure that we continue this worthwhile practice. Mr. Simmons seconded it. Discussion: Mr. Crouse stated that the town has 11 million dollars in insurance and he thinks we're safe. Mr. Crouse stated that the Board of Selectmen realize that its Board of Ed land and is Board of Ed controlled and their policy

of equipment and use has to apply to the volunteers. He stated that they filled out all the protocols and the equipment has been assigned. Mr. Spellman stated that he wanted to move to recognize Robert Gentile from the transfer station with a proclamation that we wish him well and a rapid recovery and recognize his service to the town. The motion was seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to recognize Mr. Gentile.

(9) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary