

February 11, 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.

(1) Call to Order

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

(2) Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to approve the February 3, 2015 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to approve the February 4, 2015 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes.

(3) Comments from the Public

None

(4) Correspondence

- Mr. Crouse took in correspondence regarding the proposed 2015/2016 Budget Schedule.
- Mr. Crouse took in correspondence from Dave Rathbun expressing his interest in serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

(5) Appointments/Reappointment

Interim Finance Director

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Crouse to appoint James Sullivan as the interim Finance Director. Discussion: Mr. Simmons asked Mr. Sullivan if he was interested in this position. The motion was 3-0 in favor of appointing Mr. Simmons.

Commission on Aging

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to appoint Russell McDonough to the Commission on Aging.

Tree Warden

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Crouse to reappoint Paul Rohacik as the Tree Warden. Discussion: Mr. Crouse stated that State has demanding requirements to be the tree warden and he meets those requirements. The vote was 3-0 in favor of reappointing Paul Rohacik.

(6) New Business

Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Crouse to adopt the resolution. Discussion: Mr. Simmons stated that he assumes that this is a routine matter where you in your capacity as First Selectman engage in contracts and signed contracts with the DEEP for projects within the border of the Town of Stonington. The vote was 3-0 in favor of adopting the resolution.

Resume Stonington Storm Water Task Force

- Mr. Crouse stated the town has been moved by the State to reactivate the Storm Water Task Force. Mr. Crouse stated that we do have members and the three listed are Deb Downie, Alisa Morrison and Don Murphy have agreed to continue. The other members have either not replied or declined.

- Mr. Simmons asked if the Storm Water Task Force ceased to exist and, therefore, we need to reestablish it. Mr. Simmons stated that if that's the case, would our second action be to appoint to the task force.
- Mr. Crouse stated it was in hibernation.
- Mr. Simmons stated that for purposes of the exercise and to avoid any disclarity, he would move that the Stonington Storm Water Task Force be reactivated and Alisa Morrison, Donald Murphy and Debbie Downie be appointed to it. Mr. Crouse seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Simmons stated that he welcomes this action. He stated that as you recall a couple of weeks ago or maybe a month ago, we were discussing the Whitehall Pond issue which essentially is a storm water issue that needs to be resolved and could be very important and very complicated for the town. Mr. Simmons stated that he applauds the action to recreate or extend the Storm Water Task Force with these members. The motion was 3-0 in favor of the storm Water Task Force being reactivated and the appointment of Alisa Morrison, Donald Murphy and Deb Downie to the task force.

(7) Comments from the Public

None

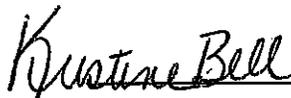
(8) Comments from the Selectmen

- Mr. Crouse stated that there are four binders of about 400-500 pages of transcripts from First Selectman Habereks's town cell phone. He stated that the first binder is to be released to The New London Day tomorrow.
- Mr. Simmons stated he would like to commend the First Selectman for taking this action. He stated that he said it before and he will say it again that openness and transparency in local government is important because citizens need to know what's going on to make informed choices. Mr. Simmons stated that sometimes the information that is released can be controversial and sometimes not. He stated to ere on the side of openness is the right policy to take in this regard.
- Mr. Scot Deledda stated that he was asked to look at ADA accessibility in and around the fields. He stated that he put together a map showing his opinion of ADA compliance and ADA deficiencies. Mr. Deledda stated that we are asking for is \$50,000.00 to upgrade an ADA accessible route from the parking area down to the hockey field and the soccer field. He stated that in addition to the accessible route, we would provide accessible seating in the areas of where the bleachers are.
- A motion was made by Mr. Spellman and seconded by Mr. Crouse to wish Mr. Simmons a happy birthday. Mr. Simmons abstained.

(9) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary