

May 11, 2022

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Department at 5:30 p.m. Present were First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough and Selectwoman June Strunk. Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie was available via video/conference call. Members of the public and press were present.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Interviews – Commission on Aging

The Board interviewed Susan McDormand and Nancy Houlihan for the vacant seat on the Commission on Aging.

(4) Interviews - Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board

The Board interviewed Eric Garofano, Christopher Houlihan, David Rathbun, Dennis Unites, Robert Mohr and Daniel Booker for the Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board.

(5) Comments from the Public

None

(6) Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the special meeting minutes of April 21, 2022.
- A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 27, 2022.

(7) Correspondence

Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Mr. Robert Mohr and Mr. Daniel Booker in the form of an application for the Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board.

(8) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Reappointment – Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Dennis Unites to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission.

Reappointment – Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Sandy Grimes to the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission.

(9) Old Business

None

(10) New Business

Discussion – Adjustment to Donahue Park Hours

Donahue Park currently closes from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. An adjustment of the hours to closing from sunset to sunrise would align the park to be consistent with the other parks/playgrounds that are overseen by the Human Services Recreation Department. Exceptions to the usage of the park for special events that will occur during regular and off hours will continue to go through the Town's permitting process which is overseen and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to adjust the hours of Donahue Park to being closed from sunset to sunrise.

Discussion – Creation of Permanent Affordable Housing Committee vs. Creation of Affordable Housing Task Force

Discussion ensued regarding the formation of a permanent committee being formed vs. a task force. All Board members shared their thoughts and were in agreement to the creation of a permanent committee. The Board members also discussed holding community conversations prior to sending to a Town Meeting for approval as there was much interest by the community in the creation of this committee. It was also noted that it will take some time to research and prepare the draft of the committee formation to include membership, terms, power and duties.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the creation of a permanent Affordable Housing Committee.

Award of Bid – Mystic River Boathouse Park Remediation Consultant

A Request for Proposals for the Mystic Boathouse Park Brownfield Remediation was issued and a site walk was held in March. Four firms attended the site walk. The Planning Department received one (1) bid for the Mystic River Boathouse Park Remediation Consultant on April 14, 2022. The proposal was rated and ranked by the review panel according to the criteria outlined in the request. The Planning Department requested that the award go to AECOM for a maximum of the \$753,889 funded by the DECD Brownfield Remediation Grant. The selected firm will work with the Town as the site Licensed Environmental Professional (LEP) to plan, monitoring and guide remedial actions, documentation, and compliance with CTDEEP Voluntary Remediation Program

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to award the bid for the Mystic River Boathouse Park Remediation Consultant to AECOM for a maximum of \$753,889 to be funded by the DECD Brownfield Remediation Grant.

Discussion – Rescind CDBG Consulting Contract

The Town was informed that the Stonington Housing Authority will not be pursuing a CDBG application this year. Therefore, the award for the CDBG Consulting Contract with Eastern Connecticut Housing Opportunities will need to be rescinded.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to rescind the CDBG Consulting Contract with Eastern CT Housing Opportunities

Request – Assign Map 161, Block 3, Lot 1A, Street Number 25 Borodell Avenue, Mystic, CT 06335

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the request.

Request – Assign Map 138, Block 1, Lot 3A, Street Number 315 North Stonington Road, Stonington, CT 06378

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the request.

Request – Assign Map 138, Block 1, Lot 3, Street Number 317 North Stonington Road, Stonington, CT 06378

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the request.

Request – Assign Map 165, Block 5, Lot 7A, Street Number 28 Nautilus Way, Stonington, CT 06378

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the request.

(11) Comments from the Selectmen

None

(12) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey Haskell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stacey Haskell

Recording Secretary