

September 28, 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, Selectwoman June Strunk and Debbie Motycka Downie.

**(1) Call to order**

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**(2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**(3) Comments from the Public**

- Jeff Walker- 40 Nauyaug Pt. Rd asked how public comments work
- Paul Goetz – 906 Stonington Rd. He is a business owner on Wequetequock Cove which has been listed as one of the 10 most polluted waterways and the risk is starting to show in residents wells. He added that all 17 businesses along the cove have joined to form a committee to clean up the waterway.

**(4) Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 14, 2022.

**(5) Correspondence**

- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Richard Balestracci in the form of an application for the Board of Police Commission.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Paul Goetz regarding clean water concerns of Wequetequock Cove.

**(6) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation**

**Appointment – Conservation Commission**

- A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Frances E. Hoffman to the Conservation Commission.

**(7) Old Business**

None

**(8) New Business**

- **Discussion – Municipal Acceptance of Public Access Easement for S. Anguilla Subdivision** A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the request for a 21-acre Public Access Conservation easement.
- **Discussion – Ratification of Labor Contract/Local Union 9411 of the United Steel Workers for the Stonington Highway Department.** A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to ratify the Labor Contract for Local Union 9411-04 of the United Steel Workers AFL-CIO-CLC for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.
- **Discussion – Community Development Block Grant Mortgage Release for 2 Grand View Park, Stonington** Payoff check is for loan from an older Housing Rehabilitation Program that was supported by CDBG Grant. A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the CDBG Mortgage release.

- **Discussion – Community Development Block Grant Application for Green Infrastructure at Enders Island.** Ms. Chesebrough stressed this item was listed as Discussion Only.  
Fred Deichmann, Jeff Walker, Tom Watkins and Melinda Watkins voiced their reservations regarding the upgrading of the septic. The residents had many questions and concerns. The Board appreciated the questions posed and stated that once they had more information, they would hold a more in-depth meeting.
- **Resolution – Commitment to address climate change, resiliency and sustainability as a central management principle for all actions of the Town of Stonington** The Board members thanked Julia Parry for her hard work and dedication to this Resolution, it was a long time coming. After discussion of the edits and additions, a motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the Resolution as presented.
- **Discussion - 2023 Meeting Schedule**  
A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to maintain the meeting schedule as the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Town of Stonington Police Department meeting room.

**(9) Comments from the Selectmen**

Ms. Downie stated that a challenging budget season is coming up. The schools are interested in becoming involved with composting. She stated she met with a consultant at a meeting regarding Stillman Ave and there were some great ideas. She is working with the Town Zoning Enforcement Office Candace Palmer on zoning issues.

Ms. Strunk thanked Julia Parry for her dedication to the climate change resolution.

Ms. Chesebrough stated there has been a significant increase in requests from residents for stormwater and drainage. She stated there have been no applicants for the Civil Engineer position. She stated that she attended a Connecticut Conference of Municipalities meeting and housing is a major issue in the State. She mentioned a meeting with the Town of Groton regarding parking in downtown Mystic. She has issued a call for artists of the Veterans Memorial. Two items that require more work is the 21 Pawcatuck Ave. roof collapse and the Southern New England Fishermen and Lobstermen's ice machine at Town dock.

**(10) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

  
Leslie Packer  
Recording Secretary