

November 9, 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 Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie. Members of the public were present. No press was present.

**(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**

Laura Graham of Pawcatuck shared her thoughts on the importance of adding small scale affordable housing in Town.

**(4) Approval of Minutes**

- A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the special meeting minutes October 26, 2022 held at 5:00 p.m.
- A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the special meeting minutes of October 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

**(5) Correspondence**

- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Bill Hobbs and John Godin members of the Economic Development Commission who stated that they will not be seeking reappointment when their terms end December 31, 2022.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Donald Fiore and Elise Bisset in the form of an application who are current alternates members of the Economic Development Commission and interested in becoming regular members.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Paul Geise in the form of an application for the Economic Development Commission.

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

**Resignation – Economic Development Commission**

The Board accepted the resignation of Dave Hammond from the Economic Development Commission effective December 31, 2022. They thanked him for his service to the Town.

It was noted that applications are being accepted for the Economic Development Commission through December 7, 2022 as there are four seats that will need to be filled. The Board will interview candidates at their meeting of Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and appoint members at a future meeting.

**(7) Old Business**

None

**(8) New Business**

**Request – Clarification of Accessory Dwelling Unit Statute Opt Out**

Ms. Chesebrough noted that at the October 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting the board voted unanimously to opt of CT Public Act 21-29. After that meeting, Mr. Keith Brynes, Town Planner, notified the Board that another step in the process needed to occur including the filing of an ad in the paper regarding Planning and Zoning Commissions approval to opt out prior to Board of Selectmen approval. He stated that the ad has since been filed and requested that the Board vote again to opt out to be in line wit the process provided by the State.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to rescind the vote that occurred by the Board of Selectmen on October 26, 2022 approving to opt out of CT Public Act 21-29.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to opt out of CT Public Act 21-29.

**Discussion –Municipal Acceptance of Olivia Lane**

Ms. Chesebrough noted that we received an overview from Mr. Keith Brynes, Town Planner, stating that Allied Development Partners developer of Sunrise Estates Subdivision has requested the Board accept Olivia Lane as a town road. The road was constructed as part of a 10-lot subdivision approved by Planning and Zoning Commission in 2012. The Department of Public Works has been maintaining the road since 2018 and is recommending acceptance. Acceptance of this road has become an important safety issue as residents have petitioned the DOT to eliminate the passing lane in this section of N. Stonington Road as it conflicts with the intersection. DOT has refused to investigate the request as Olivia Lane is not yet a town road. The Town Attorney has reviewed and approved.

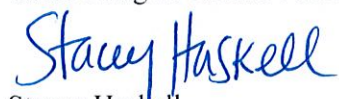
A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve municipal acceptance of Olivia Lane.

**(9) Comments from the Selectmen**

- Ms. Downie gave an update on the Mystic River Boathouse Park stating that work continues to move forward. She noted an environmental review in regards to the water loop project will occur in the coming weeks.
- Ms. Strunk gave an overview of the Climate Change Task Force meeting. She noted that Stonington has received bronze certification with Sustainable CT. An energy fair is scheduled for March 25, 2023 at the Mystic Aquarium's Research Center.
- Ms. Chesebrough stated that the curb side composting pilot program will begin after the new year. A meeting regarding short term rentals will happen in early December. The Veteran Monument has chosen artists to complete the art installation project on the side of the monument. Veterans interested in being interviewed as part of the project are asked to reach out to the Selectman's Office to sign up. Interviews will occur in early December.

**(10) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



Stacey Haskell

Recording Secretary