

February 8, 2023

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 Debbie Motycka Downie. Selectwoman June Strunk arrived at 5:46 p.m. Members of the public were present. There was no press 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

None

(4) Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 25, 2023.
- A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve the special joint Board of Selectmen and Capital Improvement Program Committee meeting minutes of January 31, 2023.

(5) Correspondence

- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Christopher Gasiorek in the form of an application for the Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Joe Larkin sharing his concerns in regards to a mooring fee increase from the Stonington Harbor Management Commission.

(6) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Reappointment – Shellfish Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to reappoint Austin Clark to the Shellfish Commission.

Reappointment – Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to reappoint Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild and Susan Hibbard to the Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee.

Reappointment – Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to reappoint Tim O'Brien as a regular member and Jim Kelley as an alternate member of the Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee.

(7) Old Business

None

(8) New Business

Discussion – Defined Traffic Easement to State of CT

The State of CT will be improving the traffic signal at Route 1 and 166 S. Broad Street. A small portion of the property located in front of Human Services will be acquired by the State in order to complete the project.

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve granting a defined traffic easement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the easement to the State of CT for the traffic signal update at 166 S. Broad St.

Request – Naming of Spellman Park Outdoor Basketball Courts

Ms. Leanne Theodore, Director of Human Services, submitted a request to name the outdoor basketball courts at Spellman Park in honor of Joseph P. Ciriello. The criteria for the naming of parks, facilities and/or recreational amenities policy/procedure was followed including approvals from a review committee and the Recreation Commission. Mr. Ciriello was a longtime member of the Recreation Commission who taught PE and Health at Stonington High School and was the head basketball coach for 28 years.

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve the naming of the outdoor basketball courts at Spellman Park in honor of Joseph P. Ciriello.

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie gave an overview of the Beautification Committee meeting she attended noting that they are working on many things including an Arbor Day Tree Program. On March 23rd, a pottery/soup bowl fundraiser will be held at the high school to benefit the food pantry.
- Ms. Strunk thanked Peter Anderson and Chief DelGrosso for the information they shared during the Board of Selectmen/CIP meeting in regards to electric vehicles. She also questioned if any trees in town were protected from being removed even on private property as she noted a copper beach tree was recently removed from a property in Mystic.
- Ms. Chesebrough gave an overview of the Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee (MRBPIC) meeting she attended stating that final numbers will be presented in the next few weeks before going to Planning and Zoning Commission. The MRBPIC are looking for additional grant funding and may have an opportunity for funds from the Brownfield Program. Ms. Chesebrough noted upcoming meetings including Vietnam Veteran Ceremony on February 13th, Community Conversation regarding the Circus Lot on February 15th and a co-hosted meeting with the Town of Groton regarding parking in Mystic on February 21st,

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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Recording Secretary