

February 22, 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 June Strunk. Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie was absent. 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

Ben Tamsky of Mystic noted that he was in attendance at a Planning and Zoning meeting where it was announced that Keith Brynes, Town Planner, was leaving Stonington for a new job opportunity. He stated that it was a pleasure working with Keith throughout his time on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(4) Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 8, 2023.
- A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the special meeting minutes of February 15, 2023.

(5) Correspondence

Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Richard Newton on behalf of the Climate Change Task Force requesting that the Board have an item on each agenda to discuss climate solutions and that financial expenditures have a cost analysis to include greener solutions.

(6) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Christopher Gasiorok to the Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee as the Mystic member representing the Mystic Seaport.

Reappointment – Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Mike Crowley to the Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee.

(7) Old Business

None

(8) New Business

Award of Bid – Route One Sidewalk Project

Ms. Susan Cullen, Director of Economic and Community Development, gave an overview stating that two bids were received with Olmstead Contracting LLC having the low bid at \$707,131.50 for the base bid and \$826,138 for the base bid plus three alternates. In addition, she noted the Town has spent \$310,740.18 so far on the design and engineering with the overall budgeted funding being \$1,376,500.

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to award the bid for the Route One Sidewalk Project to Olmstead Contracting, LLC for the base bid amount of \$707,131.50 with options for contingency.

Resolution - Establishing a Deposit Account at TD Bank for Investment of Town Funds

Mr. James Sullivan, Director of Finance, submitted a resolution regarding establishing an account at TD Bank to open a CD to invest Town funds. He noted that we currently have accounts with TD Bank but they now have a new procedure that a resolution needs to be provided when opening new accounts.

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

Discussion - Amended and Restated 457(b) plan and 401(a) plan through Adoption Agreement for Eligible Governmental 457 Plan and Adoption Agreement for VOYA Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company Non-Standardized Governmental 401(a) Pre-Approved Plan

Ms. Patti Burmahl, Director of Administrative Services, gave an overview stating that the Board of Selectmen and Retirement Board previously approved the consolidation plan for the 401(a) and 457(b) plans to one vendor, VOYA. The transition to the one vendor has been worked on for the past few months requiring the adoption of restatement agreements. She noted these are existing plans and not new adoption agreements. She highlighted a few changes which were approved by the Retirement Board at their February 2023 meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the restatements of the existing plan documents with VOYA to include the Adoption agreement for Eligible Governmental 457 Plan and Adoption Agreement for VOYA Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company Non-Standardized Governmental 401(a) Pre-Approved Plan.

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Strunk gave an overview of the Police Commission meeting noting that they conducted interviews of potential new officers. She stated her thanks for the Police Department and noted that we are fortunate to have new officers who are interested in working for the Town.
- Ms. Chesebrough gave an overview of the Mystic parking meeting that was co-hosted with the Town of Groton noting it was well attended and productive. The concept design was shared during the community meeting regarding the potential park at the Circus Lot. Congressman Courtney toured the Town Dock and met with local fisherman to discuss the federal funding that was approved for repair of the North Pier.

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Recording Secretary