

March 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 5:52 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 5:35 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Condolence

The Board issued a condolence regarding the tragic loss of Mr. Gary Piver a member of the Stonington Public Schools community. The Board of Selectmen extended their sympathies to the family and friends of Mr. Piver as well as to his co-workers at Stonington Public Schools. Ms. Chesebrough asked for a moment of silence.

(4) Comments from the Public

Mr. Ben Tamsky of Mystic commented on the Town Planner position and when it would be filled.

(5) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2023.

(6) Correspondence

None

(7) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Reappointment – Commission on Aging

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to reappoint Marilyn Riley to the Commission on Aging.

Ms. Chesebrough noted that the term for R.J. Connelly ended and he is not seeking reappointment.

Reappointment – Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to reappoint Donald Kluberanz to the Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee.

Ms. Chesebrough noted that the term for Erika Lebling ended and she is not seeking reappointment.

Reappointment – Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to reappoint Fred Wagner as a regular member and Sara Baker as an alternate member of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council.

Acknowledgement – Board of Assessment Appeals

Ms. Chesebrough noted that the term for Melinda Carlisle on the Board of Assessment Appeals has ended and she is not seeking reappointment.

(8) Old Business

None

(9) New Business

Request – Reimbursement of Application Fee for Withdrawn Zoning Board of Appeals Variance

Attorney Mark Zamarka submitted a request on behalf of Ms. Susan Kelly of 34 Roseleah Drive for reimbursement of the application fee for ZBA #22-21 in the amount of \$360.00 as the application has been withdrawn. The Planning and Zoning Department agreed that the fee should be reimbursed.

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve the request for reimbursement in the amount of \$360.00 for withdrawn variance application ZBA #22-21.

Request – Use of Donahue Park

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve the use of Donahue Park by the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce for the Duck Race on April 29, 2023.

(10) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie noted that she had a meeting with the Town of Westerly and Westerly Water regarding the Circus Lot. She noted that she assisted in updating the Mystic River Boathouse Park budget as well as applying for a supplemental Brownfields grant.
- Ms. Strunk did not have any comments.
- Ms. Chesebrough gave an overview of the budget process noting that the Board of Finance was set to begin deliberations. She stated that legal ads have been sent to the papers regarding the federal funding for the water loop as this is the next step in the process of the funding being released. A new round of congressionally directed funding is available and she will be reviewing to see if any Town projects are a good fit.

(11) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.


Stacey Haskell
Recording Secretary