

February 12, 2020

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Department at 7:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough, Selectwoman June Strunk and Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie. Also, present were members of the public. There was no press present.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Comments from the Public

None

(4) Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the special meeting minutes of January 20, 2020, two meetings on January 30, 2020 and February 5, 2020.

(5) Correspondence

- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Mr. Shaun Mastroianni in the form of an application for the Beautification Committee.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Ms. Sue Sedensky in the form of an application for the Commission on Aging.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Mr. John Parys in the form of an application for the Mystic River Harbor Management Commission.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Ms. Diana Lurie Boersma in the form of an application for the Board of Assessment Appeals.

(6) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Water Pollution Control Authority

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Charles Sheehan to the Water Pollution Control Authority.

Appointment – Commission on Aging

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Ruth Nolder to the Commission on Aging.

Appointment – Economic Development Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Cullen Hagan as an alternate to the Economic Development Commission.

Appointment – Mystic Harbor Management Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Michael Lague as an alternate to the Mystic Harbor Management Commission.

(7) Old Business

None

(8) New Business

Discussion – Sidewalk Easement for 54-56 Williams Street and 1 Allen Street

The acceptance of the sidewalk easement to the Town would allow future municipal construction of a public sidewalk on part of the property.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the sidewalk easement at 54-56 Williams Avenue and 1 Allen Street.

In discussion, it was noted that although other properties have had to add a sidewalk at their own expense those properties typically add a substantial number of residents to the area. Further, the Planning and Zoning Commission agreed to an easement due to many factors including but not limited to use of the property would not intensify the area, the neighboring properties do not have sidewalks, a sidewalk is located across the street where there is a crosswalk to access and the site frontage included utility poles and other equipment.

With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Discussion – Conservation Easement at 16 Harry Austin Drive

The conservation easement would permanently preserve a portion of the site with plans for a 42-unit residential development. The development is on hold until the moratorium is lifted by the Water Pollution Control Authority.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously approve the conservation easement at 16 Harry Austin Drive.

Resolution – Emergency Management and Homeland Security

The resolution authorizes the First Selectman to enter into, execute and deliver documentation regarding the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Grant programs.

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

Request – Assign Map 161, Block 18, Lot 10, Street Number 56 Williams Ave, Mystic, CT 06355

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

Request – Use of 4th District Voting Hall/49 N. Stonington Rd. Parking Lots

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve use of both parking lots during the Wooden Boat Show from June 24-28, 2020.

(9) Comments from the Public

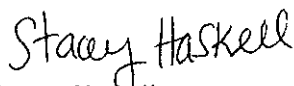
None

(10) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie gave an overview of the several meetings she attended including the Stonington Facilities Committee, Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee, Stillman Avenue Property and Economic Development Commission.
- Ms. Strunk attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. She noted how impressed she was by the Town Planner, Keith Brynes, and the extensive report that he creates for the commission members. She gave an overview the K-12 Building Committee meeting.
- Ms. Chesebrough noted that the two open positions of Town Engineer and Director of Economic and Community Development have been posted. She added that she had a very positive meeting with staff from Congressman Courtney's office regarding federal grants. She also noted that she met with members of emergency services to discuss the State of CT plan regarding first responders.

(11) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Stacey Haskell

Recording Secretary