

April 26, 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 joined via phone and departed the meeting at 5:49 p.m. Members of the public and press were present.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

Addition to Agenda: Award of Bid – Town Hall HVAC Phase I Improvement

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve adding an award of bid for the Town Hall HVAC Phase I Improvements to the agenda under new business.

(3) Interview – Economic Development Commission

The Board interviewed Kevin Halter and Chris Smith for the Economic Development Commission. Sarah Welch had a conflict and will be interviewed at an upcoming meeting.

(4) Comments from the Public

None

(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 April 12, 2023.
- A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve the special meeting minutes of April 19, 2023.

(6) Correspondence

- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Linda Camelio, Tax Collector, noting she will be retiring on April 28th after nine years in the role. The Board thanked her for her service to the Town.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Cindy Curioso, Deputy Tax Collector, noting her interest in being named Tax Collector to fill the remaining term that will be vacated by Linda Camelio.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence in the form of an application from JD Fontanella, Eric Garofano and Kathryn Burchenal for the Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence in the form of an application from Julie Granger for the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

(7) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Beautification Committee

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to appoint Cynthia Moore to the Beautification Committee.

Reappointment – Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to reappoint William Wright to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

Acknowledgement – Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Commission

John Truscinski's term on the Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Commission ended and he is not seeking reappointment. The Board thanked him for his service.

(8) Old Business

None

(9) New Business

Discussion – ARPA line-item transfer from Contingency and Town Hall Drainage to Town Hall HVAC Phase I Improvements

Chris Greenlaw, Town Engineer and Tom Curioso, Deputy Director of Public Works gave an overview of the request stating that ARPA funding in the amount of \$335,323 is needed to utilize toward the Town Hall HVAC Phase I Improvement Project. It was noted this request was also contingent upon Board of Finance approval.

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve the line-item transfer of \$87,838 from the ARPA Contingency Line and \$247,485 from the ARPA Town Hall Drainage line to the Town Hall HVAC Phase I Improvements.

Award of Bid – Town Hall HVAC Phase I Improvements

Chris Greenlaw, Town Engineer and Tom Curioso, Deputy Director of Public Works gave an overview stating that the Department of Public Works received one bid for the Town Hall HVAC Phase I Improvements to include the installation of two gas fired boilers, fan coil unit installation throughout the building and electrical room upgrade. All State Construction, Inc. was the low and sole bidder in the amount of \$2,039,896. A verbal reference has been received but written will be provided prior to request going to the Board of Finance. It was noted this request was also contingent upon Board of Finance approval.

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to award the bid for the Town Hall HVAC Phase I Improvements to All State Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,039,896 contingent upon the written reference being received.

In discussion, Ms. Downie asked about the plan for the current underground storage tank. Mr. Greenlaw stated that it was due to be removed in a few years and may be completed with the project if funding allows or may be added as a CIP item next fiscal year.

With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Request – Planning and Zoning Application Fee Waiver for Stonington Housing Authority

Marcia Sullivan, Executive Director of the Stonington Housing Authority, requested a Planning and Zoning Application fee waiver in the amount of \$160.00 for an installation of a cover that will go on an outdoor pavilion.

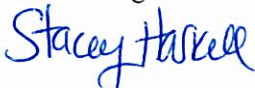
A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve the permit fee waiver for the Stonington Housing Authority in the amount of \$160.00.

(10) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie gave an overview of the Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board noting that they had decided to not move forward with funding of the tidal gage project due to the fact that had only collected two years' worth of data. She stated that the Empty Bowls Project raised \$2,500. She will be attending a CIRCA Resiliency Planning event in May.
- Ms. Chesebrough gave an overview of many items including Kelp Week, the \$250,000 CT Port Authority Grant received for the Town Dock and success of the composting program which has collected 52 tons of food waste since January.

(11) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



Stacey Haskell
Recording Secretary