

May 24, 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, Selectwoman June Strunk and Debbie Motycka Downie.

(1) Call to order

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

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Interview – Cultural District Commission

The Board interviewed Anthony Caporale, Gabriella Radujko, Laura Hopkins and Jessica Cerulla for the Cultural District Commission.

(4) Comments from the Public

None

(5) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 10, 2023.

(6) Correspondence

- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Matthew Beaudoin, Liz Wood, Paul Geise, R. Douglass Rice, JD Fontanella, Alan Vaskas, Marya Ursin, Sandra Alexander, Daniel Brandl and Susan Lavender Fornara in the form of an application for the Cultural District Commission.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Liz Stern, Meredith Bogue, Kevin Halter, Moira Deasy, Hannah Cedermark and Julie Savin in the form of an application for the Housing Opportunities Commission.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from JD Fontanella withdrawing his application for the Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board.

(7) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

- **Appointment – Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board**
A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Eric Garofano and Kathryn Burchenal to the Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board.
- **Appointment – Director of Public Works**
A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Jeff Pescosolido as the Director of Public Works.

- **Reappointment – Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board**

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Bob Mohr to the Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board.

(8) Old Business

None

(9) New Business

- **Discussion – Community Development Block Grant Mortgage Release for 97 Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, CT** A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to provide a release of lien which represents the payoff on the Deferred Mortgage loan with an origination date of February 1991.
- **Resolution – IT Equipment Finance Agreement** A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the Resolution as presented. Ms. Chesebrough stated that if the Capital Lease is not approved at the next budget process, the equipment has to be returned. The Board unanimously agreed that they would like a more detailed description of type of equipment and terms of the lease.
- **Request – Use of Donahue Park**
St. Michael School requested use of Donahue Park for its 14th Annual 5K Road Race and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, November 4, 2023. A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve use of Donahue Park. Request has been submitted and approved by Police Commission.

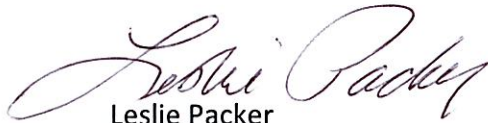
(10) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie reported on the wonderful presentation by Jill Senior the Director of Solid Waste and Recycling Department. She added that this would be an opportunity to teach teachers to share this information with their students. She attended the CIRCA Resiliency Planning event at Avery Point. There was a brief discussion on the purpose of the Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board. They have stated they would like to meet with the new Town Planner and are curious if the Borough would like to work with them. Discussion on getting a liaison with the Climate Change Board.

- Ms. Strunk attended a Commission on Aging meeting at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. The PNC is hosting seminars for caregivers of the elderly. She would like a link on the Town website to lead people to the PNC website to view events and offerings. Stonington Energy Fair to be held soon.
- Ms. Chesebrough stated the stormwater issues and the new backflow at the 4th District Voting Hall isn't working. May is Mental Health month, May 31 there will be a Mental Health round table at the Velvet Mill.

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leslie Packer", written in a cursive style.

Leslie Packer

Recording Secretary