

June 28, 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 Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie. Members of the public were present. There was no press present.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Commendation

The Board presented a commendation to C. Michael Crowley for his over 59 years serving on several Town boards and commissions as well as his upcoming 80th birthday.

(4) Interview – Planning and Zoning Commission

The Board interviewed Bennet Brissette for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(5) Interview – Housing Opportunities Commission

The Board interviewed Paul Sartor and Lynn Young for the Housing Opportunities Commission.

(6) Interview – Cultural District Commission

The Board interviewed Paul Geise for the Cultural District Commission. JD Fontanella was absent.

(7) Comments from the Public

Mr. Stephen Bessette of Mystic shared concerns about traffic congestion and cars turning from Willow Street. The Board noted his concerns will be shared with the Police Commission as they are the traffic authority in the Town.

(8) Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 14, 2023.
- A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the special meeting minutes of June 15, 2023.

(9) Correspondence

None

(10) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Economic Development Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Stephen Bessette as an alternate member of the Economic Development Commission.

Appointment – Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Jennifer Lacker to the Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee.

Appointment – Planning and Zoning Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Gary Belke to the Planning and Zoning Commission moving him from an alternate to a regular member.

(11) Old Business

None

(12) New Business

Request – Use of Public Works Parking Lot

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the use of the Public Works parking lot on August 19, 2023 for Stonington Ambulance's 100th anniversary open house event.

Request – Use of Town Dock

A request was received from Ocean State Pyrotechnics to use the Town Dock for a half hour on July 1st to load closed cases of fireworks onto a barge. The Stonington Borough Fire Department will be onsite while the cases will be loaded to conduct fire watch and the fisherman/SNEFLA operations will not be impeded by the delivery.

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

(13) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie gave an overview on a meeting with the Mystic Seaport who shared their plan to become carbon neutral and how the Boathouse project will help in this effort including areas such as the living shoreline and green infrastructure. The remediation specs for the Boathouse Park will be forthcoming. She attended a meeting with DEEP regarding close out reports for underground storage tanks. She noted how nice it was for the Board to participate in Stonington High School graduation.
- Ms. Strunk stated that the swearing in ceremony for the new police officers was a nice event and very welcoming to the new officers.
- Ms. Chesebrough gave an overview stating that Town received a Brownfield Assessment grant for 21 Pawcatuck Ave. She noted a bio-retention pond is being built at Spellman Park Tennis Courts which will help with stormwater run-off and showcase the Town's MS4 work. She noted that she expects to hear back from the DOT soon about the viaduct project after the Town and Borough shared concerns about the project.

(14) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Recording Secretary