

September 27, 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 5:34 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Comments from the Public

None

(4) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 13, 2023.

(5) Correspondence

- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from MaryEllen Mateleska in the form of an application for the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Jessica Mills in the form of an application for the Board of Police Commissioners.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Stephen Bessette noting he will not be seeking reappointment as the Citation Hearing Officer when his term ends on September 27, 2023.

(6) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint James Douglas as a regular member and Mark Wright as an alternate member of the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission.

Appointment – Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Ryan McCammon to the Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors.

Reappointment – Cable TV Advisory Council of SE CT

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Paul Lindblad to the Cable TV Advisory Council of SE CT.

Reappointment – Conservation Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint James Friedlander to the Conservation Commission.

(7) Old Business

None

(8) New Business

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 to approve the resolution.

Request – Use of Town Dock

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the use of the Town Dock grassy areas by the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce from November 13, 2023 – January 13, 2024 for the lobster trap tree.

Request – Use of Donahue Park

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the use of Donahue Park and Veterans Park by the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce from November 24, 2023 – February 29, 2024 for the Starry Nights art exhibition.

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie gave an overview of the boathouse park project noting that she spent time at the site assisting with remediation sampling. She noted she had a great meeting with Superintendent Butler on varied topics.
- Ms. Strunk gave an overview of the Climate Change Task Force meeting noting that they have asked for CIP funding for items such as EV charging stations and coastal resiliency.
- Ms. Chesebrough noted a great meeting with Superintendent Butler and Susan Sedensky of the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center to discuss several topics including a potential project between students and senior citizens. The Housing Opportunities Commission will be holding their first meeting. Ms. Chesebrough noted that she will be speaking with them regarding if a moratorium on 8-30g should be considered. Both Ms. Strunk and Ms. Downie agreed that it was an important discussion for the commission. The Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee began review of the 2015 POCD with initial focus on climate and environmental chapters. The National Parks Foundation confirmed that the Town will be receiving a \$50,000 grant award for the Circus Lot.

(10) Adjourn

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

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Recording Secretary