

October 11, 2023

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Department at 5:30p.m. Present were First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough, Selectwoman June Strunk, and Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie. Members of the public and press.

(1) Call to order

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

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

Additional Item Added to Agenda

Ms. Downie made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to add an agenda item request for authorization to dispose of 1999 Ford Ranger.

(3) Interview – Planning and Zoning Commission

The Board interviewed Peter Gardner for the Alternate Seat for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(4) Interview – Board of Police Commissioners

The Board interviewed Jessica Mills for the Regular seat for the Board of Police Commissioners.

(5) Comments from the Public

None

(6) Approval of the Minutes

- A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 27, 2023

(7) Correspondence

None

(8) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

• **Reappointment- Zoning Board of Appeals**

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk, and voted unanimously to reappoint Anthony Caporale to the Stonington Zoning Board of Appeals.

• **Reappointment – Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission**

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk, and voted unanimously to reappoint James Kading to the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission.

(9) Old Business

None

(10) New Business

• **Discussion – Complete Streets Policy**

The Plan of Conservation and Development Complete Streets subcommittee members were present to discuss planning to provide safe access for all users providing a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options.

• **Resolution – Creating a Long-Range Capital Improvements Committee - Revision**

Ms. Chesebrough reported that this was last updated in August 2020. A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk, and voted unanimously to approve the revisions of the resolution which consists of fourteen (14) Department Head members.

• **Discussion – Request for Approval to Sell/Dispose of Two, Derelict Sailing Team Boats**

James Sullivan, Director of Finance was present. He reported that he was contacted by the Board of Education Finance Director regarding these boats that have been idle for years sitting in the old BOE Admin Building parking lot. He believes there may

be some value left to these be boats and would like to possibly auction off the two boats with the proceeds going to the Stonington Crew team. A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk, and voted unanimously to approve the auction of the two boats provided due diligence is met prior to moving forward.

- **Request – Street Number Assignment**

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve assigning Map 13, Block 12, Lot 12 the street address of 22 Huntington Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379.

- **Request – Disposal of 1999 Ford Ranger**

Ms. Downie made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to dispose of derelict 1999 Ford Ranger Pickup Truck.

(10) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie recommended everyone try to get the Flu shot. She also brought attention to October being Breast Cancer Awareness month. She added the soil remediation at Mystic River Boathouse Park was good. Ms. Downie attended the Economic Development Committee meeting and was pleased with the large number of residents in attendance.
- Ms. Strunk commented on the Police Chief monthly report indicating increased number of calls for service up 30%. She believes with the increased tourists and events in the area, an increased police force is warranted. She commented on the October 30th CT Association of Senior Center Personnel and would like to attend.
- Ms. Chesebrough commented on the partial lights installed at Donahue Park thanks to the Beautification Committee and the Board of Finance. She commented on the Cycling without Ages associated with the Stonington COMO to bring seniors out and about the town. She attended the Housing Opportunities Commission meeting and is pleased that all participants are very motivated. She noted how great it was to have such a diverse group of people, with different views on how to address the housing shortage and with very different backgrounds and skillsets. Everyone seemed very committed to open, honest dialogue and making progress in the next few months, with a look to longer-term goals as well. She shared that after a healthy discussion on the pros and cons of putting forward an application for an 8-30G Moratorium, the Commission was unanimous in their support for the Town to pursue it. She added that the Commission's discussion was similar to what the Board of Selectmen had previously discussed, which was the timing was right with the zoning regulations coming up and the new Housing Opportunities Commission in place, along with the POCD update. The goal of the Moratorium would be to give the Commission, working with the Board of Selectman and residents to identify and then act on mechanisms that will improve the diversity of housing stock in Stonington, where we would see more housing options for renters and owners at a range of price points. She commented on the two students from the High School that would like to start a local government club. The Town was awarded a Bronze Sustainable CT award. She also reported that the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission met last night for the first time in a long time.

(11) Adjourn

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



Leslie Packer, Recording Secretary