

May 24, 2022

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at the Stonington Town Hall at 5:30 p.m. Present were First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough and Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie. Selectwoman June Strunk arrived at 6:03 p.m. Members of the public and press were present.

(1) Call to Order

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

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Comments from the Public

Comments from the public was inadvertently left off the agenda as an item. The FOI Commission confirmed that the Board can entertain public comment at the time of the Board's choosing if it was not noted on the agenda. Further, it was noted that the FOI Commission does not govern public comments.

- Ms. Tracy Swain of Pawcatuck noted that CT DOT had recently cleared a site at Route 2/Route 78 which has left trash and debris behind and suggested that Public Works follow up.
- Mr. Ben Tamsky of Mystic noted that Ms. Chesebrough stated at a previous Board of Selectmen meeting that she would be releasing information regarding a short-term rental plan.

(4) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 11, 2022.

(5) Correspondence

Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Ms. Tracy Swain regarding the error of public comments not being listed on the agenda and her view that the Board would be a violation of FOI if the meeting was held without public comment being listed on the agenda.

(6) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Commission on Aging

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted to table this item.

Appointment – Southeastern CT Regional Resource Recovery Authority

John Phetteplace, Solid Waste Manager and current President of the Southeastern CT Regional Resource Recovery Authority (SCRRA) Board of Directors requested appointment of Jill Senior, Solid Waste Assistant as an alternate member of SCRRA. Each municipality can appoint one regular member and one alternate.

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to appoint Jill Senior as an alternate member of the Southeastern CT Regional Resource Recovery Authority.

(7) Old Business

None

(8) New Business

Award of Bid – Allen Street Drainage Improvements

Mr. Christopher Greenlaw, Town Engineer, provided an overview stating that Public Works received three (3) bids for the Allen Street Drainage Improvement bid on April 26th, 2022. The construction project includes the installation of catch basins, a galley system comprised of (12) sub-surface infiltration chambers and paving. The low bid was to AMCON Services, LLC. which includes the base bid of \$59,996.25 and \$5,805 for additional paving. The Dept of Public Works requested to award the Allen Street Drainage Improvements to AMCON Services, LLC. for the amount of \$65,801.25.

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to award the bid for the Allen Street Drainage Improvements to AMCON Services, LLC in the amount of \$65,801.25.

Request – Municipal acceptance of a portion of Nautilus Way and Yellowfin Court

Toll Brothers, Inc., developer of the Old Mystic Estates Subdivision requested municipal acceptance of the western half of Nautilus Way and Yellowfin Circle. The 48-lot subdivision was approved by Planning and Zoning in 2004. The eastern half of Nautilus Way and Latitude Circle was accepted by the Board of Selectmen in 2019.

Previous drainage issues associated with this development have been mitigated with the developer's construction of an outlet from Whitehall Pond to the Mystic River. Per the Town's Subdivisions regulations, a maintenance bond of \$146,750 has been submitted by the developer to cover any repairs that may be necessary over the next year. All legal documents have been reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney. The Department of Planning, Department of Public Works and WPCA are recommending acceptance of these streets.

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to accept the western half of Nautilus Way and Yellowfin Circle.

Request – Extension to file for machinery and equipment exemption from Shoreline Stone

Mr. Tony Palma of Shoreline Stone requested an extension to file for an exemption for machinery and equipment for the 2021 grand list.

Mr. Palma requested and received an exemption for Shoreline Stone in 2019 for a late filing. Past practice of the former and current Board of Selectmen included a review of the request and if a decision was made to allow the extension/exemption it would be one-time only. This ensures that the Board is not continually allowing the same organizations yearly exemptions as it is the responsibility of the company and/or non-profit to file all necessary paperwork on time. When the extension was allowed in 2019, it was not noted in the letter to Shoreline Stone that it would be a one-time only extension and they were not present at the meeting when it was discussed.

Mr. Palma thanked the Board for consideration of his request and stated that COVID issues lead to them missing the deadline for filing. He also added that they will not miss the filing date in the future.

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve the request from Shoreline Stone for an extension to file for an exemption for machinery and equipment for the 2021 grand list as a one-time approval.

Request – Additional Appropriation to Emergency Management Equipment

Emergency Management will receive grant funding in the amount of \$4,572.30 to replace laptops in emergency operations from the CT Dept of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The appropriation is needed to purchase the laptops and the Town will be reimbursed through the grant upon providing documentation of the completed purchase.

A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,572.30 to Emergency Management Equipment.

Request – Additional Appropriations to Board of Education Audio/Visual Equipment

The Board of Education is receiving a \$214,440 DOJ COPS grant. The IT Director would like to use these funds to purchase AV systems for the district.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$214,440.00.

The Board of Education is receiving a \$112,000 FCF grant reimbursement for previous expenditures for computer equipment in the CIP fund. The IT Director would like to use these funds to purchase AV systems for the district.

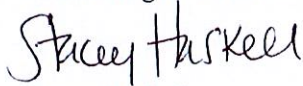
A motion was made by Ms. Chesebrough, seconded by Ms. Downie and voted unanimously to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$112,000.

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie stated that work on the Stillman Ave. property will begin soon most likely after the 4th of July. She stated notification has been sent to the property owner of the Town entering the property. The consultant for Mystic River Boathouse Park remediation will be starting this summer. She noted that she attended a meeting at Deans Mill regarding their welcoming school's initiative.
- Ms. Chesebrough stated that she participated in a tour of the State Pier. She added that she is in discussion with the Port Authority regarding grants for the Town Dock. The Veterans Monument Project has raised over \$100,000 to date.

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Stacey Haskell

Recording Secretary