

January 13, 2021

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular virtual meeting on this date at 5:30 p.m. This meeting was also streamed on Facebook live and was available via audio on a conference line. First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough, Selectwoman June Strunk and Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie were in attendance. No public or press were present in the room. Public and press were able to view via Facebook live as well as audio through a conference call.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the special meeting minutes of December 9, 2020.

(4) Correspondence

Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Mr. John Prue in regards to the Climate Change Task Force's Climate Emergency Declaration noting the distinction needed to be made between climate change mitigation and adaptation. Ms. Chesebrough stated that she would be forwarding the packet to the Climate Change Task Force. She further noted that the Board of Selectmen may begin holding community conversations on the topic at a future date.

(5) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Reappointment – Stonington Housing Authority

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Kate Careb to the Stonington Housing Authority.

Reappointment – Economic Development Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Dan McFadden and Pete Robinson to the Economic Development Commission.

Reappointment – Commission on Aging

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Jennifer Young, Sue Peglow and Joanne Kelly to the Commission on Aging.

Reappointment – Mystic Harbor Management Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Dave Carreau, Louis Allyn and Matthew Beaudoin to the Mystic Harbor Management Commission.

(6) Old Business

Update on COVID-19

A reminder to check the Town's website for weekly updates regarding COVID-19. Town Hall continues to remain open by appointment only. Most services can be completed over the phone, online or by using the drop box outside of Town Hall.

Vaccinations will be available to residents age 75+. Further information on scheduling a vaccination, can be found on the Town's website or by visiting www.lhid.org.

(7) New Business

Resolution – COVID Reimbursement/Grants

Ms. Chesebrough stated that the resolution authorizes the Town to seek reimbursement and grants from Federal and State agencies for expended funds utilizes on COVID related expenses specifically:

- To FEMA for unbudgeted COVID-19 related expenditures, in the amount of \$293,424.57, and
- To State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM), for unbudgeted COVID-19 related expenditures, in the amount of \$102,598.75, and for Public Safety Personnel and any other COVID-19, allowable costs under the program, in the amount of \$117,943.

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

Resolution – Small Cities Program

Ms. Chesebrough stated that the resolution authorizes the First Selectman to sign and file the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the CDBG Small Cities Resolution.

Discussion – Street Number Reassignment

Ms. Chesebrough stated that she received information from Planning and Zoning requesting a street number reassignment for the duplexes located on Prospect Street. They noted there was an error when originally naming the streets and added this updated needs to be completed, and in accordance with the Town Ordinance, “Street Naming & Numbering (Emergency 911 System)” which specifically does not allow for individual unit numbers.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to change the street numbers for the duplex’s located on Prospect Street to the following:

- 58 Prospect St. (units 31&32) will now be: 58 Prospect Street units 58A & 58B
- 52 Prospect St. (units 29 & 30) will now be: 52 Prospect Street units 52A & 52B
- 48 Prospect St. (units 27 & 28) will now be: 48 Prospect Street units 48A & 48B
- 38 Prospect St. (units 25 & 26) will now be: 38 Prospect Street units 38A & 38B
- 34 Prospect St. (units 23 & 24) will now be: 34 Prospect Street units 34A & 34B
- 30 Prospect St. (units 21& 22) will now be: 30 Prospect Street units 30A & 30B
- 39 Prospect St. (units 33 & 34) will now be: 39 Prospect Street units 39A & 39B
- 35 Prospect St. (units 35 & 36) will now be: 35 Prospect Street units 35A & 35B
- 31 Prospect St. (units 37 & 38) will now be: 31 Prospect Street units 31A & 31B
- 62 Prospect St. (units 1, 2, 3, 4) will now be: 62 Prospect Street units 62A, 62B, 62C, 62D

Request – Assign Map 175, Block 1, Lot 1, Street Number 3 Roseleah Dr., Mystic, CT 06355

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

(8) Comments from the Public

None

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

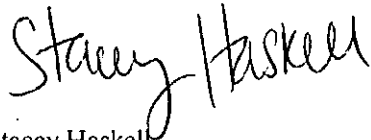
- Ms. Downie gave an update on meetings she has attended including the Stonington Facilities Committee noting they are again discussing future uses of the former administration building in Old Mystic. In regards to the Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee, she noted the DECD released funding in the amount of \$9.5 million for the entire state. She added the pre-application has been approved.
- Ms. Strunk gave an overview of the meetings she has attended including the Commission on Aging, K-12 Building Committee and Climate Change Task Force. She noted the Commission on Aging is continuing to work towards getting seniors registered for the Town’s emergency notification system. In regards to the request forward by the Climate Change Task Force to have the Board approve an emergency climate declaration, she noted the financial implications it will have on the Town. She

added that the Town is part of the Sustainable CT program which recognizing municipalities for their ongoing sustainability achievements.

- Ms. Chesebrough stated that the Veteran Memorial project was set to go before the Board of Police Commission for their approval to place the memorial on their property. She noted that the project will still need to go before Planning and Zoning. Fundraising will have to occur to complete the project. She added that she will also be meeting with the Board of Finance at their February meeting to discuss the use of open space funding toward the purchase of the 224-acre property on Al Harvey Road. Ms. Chesebrough has been working with the Trust for Public Land and U.S Fish and Wildlife on this project. Together they have sixteen months to raise the 1.1 million dollars needed to secure the open space.
- Ms. Chesebrough asked for a moment of silence in memory of our former Director of Planning, colleague and friend, Jason Vincent.

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey Haskell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stacey Haskell
Recording Secretary