

March 31, 2021

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special virtual meeting on this date at 5:00 p.m. This meeting was also 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 as well as audio through a conference call.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 March 10, 2021.

(4) Correspondence

None

(5) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Reappointment – Stonington Harbor Management Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Jay Spaulding to the Stonington Harbor Management Commission.

Acknowledgement of Term Expirations/Not Seeking Reappointment

Stonington Harbor Management Commission

Ms. Chesebrough noted that Bruce Anderson's term with the Stonington Harbor Management Commission will end on April 30, 2021 and he did not wish to seek reappointment. She thanked him for his service.

Economic Development Commission

Ms. Chesebrough noted that Chris Donahue's term as an alternate member of the Economic Development Commission will end on March 31, 2021 and he did not wish to seek reappointment. She thanked him for his service.

(6) Old Business

Update on COVID-19

A reminder to check the Town's website for weekly updates regarding COVID-19.

Over 500 people were vaccinated at the clinic held at Stonington High School on March 25th. As of March 31st, 42.5% of Stonington residents had received a vaccination and 29.2% of CT residents had been vaccinated. As of April 1st, vaccinations will be offered to those 16 and older. Please refer to the Town's website as for an overview of the many different ways to register for a vaccination.

(7) New Business

Discussion – MOU between Town of Stonington and Stonington Community Rowing Center regarding the Mystic River Boathouse Park

Ms. Chesebrough gave an overview of the MOU citing that it will formalize the relationship between both parties and outlines the responsibilities of the Town and Stonington Community Rowing Center. The MOU will also be submitted with the Brownfield Remediation grant application. Mr. Mike O'Neil, President of the Stonington Community Rowing Center, thanked the Town for supporting the program.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the MOU between the Town of Stonington and Stonington Community Rowing Center contingent upon their receiving 501(c)(3) status.

(8) Comments from the Public

None

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie stated that the Town is able to apply for the Brownfield Remediation Grant for both Stillman Ave and Mystic River Boathouse Park projects.
- Ms. Strunk noted that the Board of Finance Public Hearing will be held on April 1st. She stated that she had received several notes of thanks in regards to the reduction in salary for the second and third selectmen. She noted that it puts them on par with other second and third selectmen across the state.
- Ms. Chesebrough noted other upcoming meetings including the Annual Town Budget Meeting on April 19th followed by the Referendum/Adjourned Town Meeting on April 27th. She stated that she is very excited about the remediation grant applications for both Stillman Avenue and Boathouse Park.
- Ms. Chesebrough and Ms. Strunk thanked Ms. Downie for her insight, expertise and dedication to assisting with the Brownfield grants applications.

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

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

Stacey Haskell
Recording Secretary