

April 28, 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 Daniell 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 5:31 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 regular meeting minutes of April 14, 2021.
- A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the joint Board of Selectmen/Economic Development Commission special meeting minutes of April 22, 2021.

(4) Correspondence

Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Mr. John Prue requesting that the Board of Selectmen review data associated with the budget referendum to see if the need to send to referendum is necessary. He noted his request should not be consisted as an attempt to limit voter participation and to include the public to gage support on whether the budget should be voted on at a town meeting or continue to go to referendum.

Ms. Chesebrough noted that the data is being compiled for review. The Board discussed how to further engage the public regarding town meetings/referendums beyond the notifications on the town's website, legal notices, articles in the First Selectman email newsletter, Stonington Magazine and local newspapers; discussions on local radio show, virtual recording of meetings being available on the town's you tube page.

(5) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Reappointment – Stonington Facilities Committee

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Paul Sartor and Bill King to the Stonington Facilities Committee.

(6) Old Business

Update on COVID-19

A reminder to check the Town's website for weekly updates regarding COVID-19 which is also available on the Town's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Effective May 19th, COVID restrictions will be lifted in CT with the exception of indoor masking. Vaccinations continue to be readily available for those in need.

(7) New Business

Request – Building Permit Fee Waiver for Pawcatuck Fire Department

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the building permit fee waiver in the amount of \$106.00 for the Pawcatuck Fire Department.

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 fields on Saturday mornings from May 29, 2021 through October 30, 2021 for the Stonington Farmers Market.

(8) Comments from the Public

None

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie noted the positive joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen and Economic Development Commission regarding the future plans for the Circus Lot.
- Ms. Strunk stated that the Climate Change Task Force has compiled a priority list of climate actions and the group is working on rating each item.
- Ms. Chesebrough stated that the Public Communications As Hoc Committee will be sending out a survey to residents to find out what means of communication, is used/preferred to find out town information. She noted that she would also be reaching out to Board/Commission Chairpersons regarding returning to in person meeting format while continuing a virtual component. Ms. Chesebrough stated that the Town again received a AAA bond rating and has refinanced the bonds to save over \$900,000 in interest cost over the next thirteen years.

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 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