

May 12, 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 5:31 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 28, 2021.

(4) Correspondence

- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Sofee Ternes Noblick, Elise Bisset and Robert Jones in the form of an application for the Economic Development Commission.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Elizabeth Gimple in the form of an application for the Stonington Harbor Management Commission.
- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Gary Belke in the form of an application for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(5) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Resignation – Planning and Zoning Commission

The Selectmen accepted the resignation of Peter Chomowicz as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission with regret.

(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.

As of May 14th, 59.34% of Stonington residents have received one vaccination and 49.96% have been fully vaccinated; 53.2% of CT residents have received one vaccine and 39.7% have been fully vaccinated.

Effective May 19th, COVID restrictions will be lifted in CT with the exception of indoor masking which is at discretion of business/location. Vaccinations continue to be readily available for those in need.

(7) New Business

Request – Route 1 Sidewalk Additional Appropriation

Ms. Chesebrough noted that this appropriation has been approved by the Board of Finance. A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the additional appropriation for the Route 1 Sidewalk project in the amount of \$37,398.00.

Discussion – Potential Demolition Delay Ordinance

Ms. Chesebrough stated that Planning and Zoning voted to recommend the development and adoption of a 90-day demolition delay ordinance. Keith Brynes, Town Planner, has offered to assist in the creation of the ordinance. The ordinance would need to be reviewed by the Town Attorney and then approved at a Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the creation of a 90-day demolition delay ordinance to be presented at a future Town Meeting.

(8) Comments from the Public

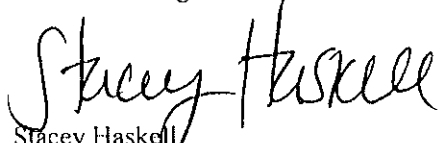
None

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie gave an overview of the meetings she attended including Inland Wetlands, Mystic River Boathouse Park and a DEEP webinar that discussed many pending House Bills including a few that could potentially have an effect on the Town if they are approved.
- Ms. Strunk noted that National Police Appreciation Week is May 9-15, 2021. She also stated that the Commission on Aging is looking forward to going back to in person meetings.
- Ms. Chesebrough stated that Board/Commission meetings will soon move back to in person with some of them moving location to allow for larger meeting space. She stated that as we move back to in person, we will no longer be using the virtual component. She noted that we did not see a larger turn out to most meetings while providing a virtual component but did find that some meetings including Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Board of Police Commission did have views after the fact on the Town's YouTube page. Therefore, those Boards/Commissions will record their meetings and upload to YouTube after the fact for residents who could not attend in person to view. She noted that we will continue to monitor and add other Boards/Commissions to the recording schedule if they seem to be in high request and if it is feasible to do so.

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



Stacey Haskell
Recording Secretary