

June 9, 2021

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Department at 5:30 p.m. Present were First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough, Selectwoman June Strunk and Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie. Also, present were members of the public. There was no press present.

**(1) Call to Order**

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**(2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**(3) Commendation**

The Board presented Thavenet Machine Company with a commendation in recognition of their one hundredth year as a fourth-generation family owned and operated business located in Pawcatuck.

**(4) Public Hearing – 2021 Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Application**

Ms. Chesebrough called the public hearing to order at 5:34 p.m. Mr. James Sullivan, Director of Finance, gave an overview of the program citing that it provides funding for municipal and tax-exempt organization by permitting corporation business tax credits to the business that make cash contributions to the entities. He noted that money goes directly to the entities and is not filtered through the Town. Two applications were submitted from the Stonington Community Center and The Learn Project, Inc.

Ms. Chesebrough noted that we did not receive any written communication in advance of the meeting.

Ms. Chesebrough asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the 2021 Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Application. No one spoke.

Ms. Chesebrough adjourned the public hearing at 5:37 p.m.

**(5) Discussion - 2021 Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Applications**

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the 2021 Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Applications from the Stonington Community Center and The Learn Project, Inc.

**(6) Approval of Minutes**

- A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 12, 2021.
- A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the special meeting minutes of May 27, 2021.

**(7) Correspondence**

Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from James Falconieri in the form of an application for the Water Pollution Control Authority.

**(8) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation**

Ms. Chesebrough requested an addition to the agenda of an appointment to the Stonington Harbor Management Commission.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to add appointment to Stonington Harbor Management Commission to the agenda.

**Appointment – Stonington Harbor Management Commission**

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Elizabeth Gimple to the Stonington Harbor Management Commission.

**Appointment – Economic Development Commission**

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Elsie Bisset to the Economic Development Commission as an alternate.

**Appointment – Planning and Zoning Commission**

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Gary Belke to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an alternate.

**Resignation – Water Pollution Control Authority**

The Selectmen accepted the resignation of Peter Balestracci from the WPCA with regret, once a replacement can be appointed.

**(9) Old Business**

None

**(10) New Business**

**Discussion – Award of Bid: Drainage and Site Improvements for 4<sup>th</sup> District Voting Hall**

Ms. Chesebrough stated the Department of Public Works received (4) bids for on call full depth pavement repair. Public Works has reviewed the bids, references and all other associated documents are requesting an award of bid to Ed French & Sons.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to award the bid for on call full depth pavement repair to Ed French & Sons.

**Request – Use of Parking Lot at 49 North Stonington Rd. Old Mystic**

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve use of the parking lot at 49 North Stonington Rd during the Wooden Boat Show from August 18-22, 2021.

**Request – Assign Map 16, Block 4, Lot 4, Street Number 175 Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379**

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

**(11) Comments from the Public**

None

**(12) Comments from the Selectmen**

- Ms. Downie gave an overview of the CT Environmental Forum meeting that she attended noting that one of the speakers from Branford discussed the formation of a Coastal Vulnerability Ad Hoc Committee. She stated that she would like to collaborate with their group and also bring in our Climate Change Task Force. Ms. Downie stated that we are still waiting on a response in regards to the Brownfield grant applications for the Mystic River Boathouse Project and Stillman Ave.
- Ms. Strunk gave an overview of the meetings she attended including Commission on Aging and Mystic Geriatric Institute. She noted that she would like to bring the two groups together to collaborate. Further, she gave an overview of additional meetings she attended including Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Police Commission and Recreation Commission.
- Ms. Chesebrough gave an overview of the Al Harvey Rd Project and noted that it was progressing positively. The Veteran Monument Project continues to move forward and actively seeking any veteran who called the Town of Stonington home to ensure they are listed on the monument. Fundraising for the project is continuing as well. Lastly, a collaboration between the Town and United Way was announced regarding the 211/911 Which/When? Campaign. The goal is to build awareness of when residents would best be served by 911 and when 211 is the best resource.

**(13) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

*Stacey Haskell*

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Recording Secretary