

July 22, 2020

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special virtual meeting on this date at 4:00 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 4:04 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 July 14, 2020.

(4) Correspondence

Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Marty Booker in the form of an application for the Commission on Aging.

(5) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Director of Administrative Services

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Patti Burmahl as the Director of Administrative Services.

Appointment – Retirement Board

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Patti Burmahl to the Retirement Board. Ms. Burmahl will fill the vacancy on the Retirement Board left by the former Director of Administrative Services.

Resignation – Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Russell McDonough from the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

(6) Old Business

Update on COVID-19

None

(7) New Business

Request – Request – Extension to file for machinery and equipment exemption from Performance Compounding

Michael Valsamis, General Manager of Performance Compounding, requested an extension to file for an exemption for machinery and equipment on the 2019 grant list noting the error in not filing in a timely manner and the financial hardship that would be placed on the company.

Marsha Standish, Tax Assessor, gave an overview stating that the company did not request an extension to file late for either forms before the deadline. She noted that based on CT General Statutes, the Board of Selectmen can approve the exemption.

Ms. Chesebrough noted that past practice of the former Board of Selectmen would be to review all the information and if a decision is made to permit the extension/exemption it is one-time only to ensure they are not continually permitting the same organizations yearly abatements/exemptions as it is the responsibility of the company and/or non-profit to file all necessary paperwork on time.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the resolution granting the extension for Performance Compounding to file for an exemption for machinery and equipment on the 2019 grand list.

Request – Award of Bid for Police Body Armor

Captain Todd Olson and James Sullivan, Director of Finance, gave an overview of the bid process stating that Galls, LLC was the lowest overall bidder at \$31,216.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to award the police body armor bid to Galls, LLC in the amount of \$31,216.

Request - Municipal Acceptance of Drainage Easement at Masons Island Road/Harry Austin Drive

Keith Brynes, Town Planner, gave an overview stating that the easement from AG Trust, LLC will allow the Town to continue draining stormwater under their property from an existing catch basin in Masons Island Road. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved AG Trust's plans with the stipulation that the easement be granted to the Town. The Town Attorney has reviewed and approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to accept the drainage easement at Masons Island Road/Harry Austin Drive.

Resolution – Authorization to Sign Notice of Grant Award

The Resolution authorizes the First Selectman to sign the Notice of Grant Award as the Town will be receiving \$15,000 through the CT Dept of Housing Affordable Housing Plan Technical Assistance Program which will be used to develop a Municipal Housing Plan.

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

(8) Comments from the Public

None

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie stated that the Beautification Committee is still looking for volunteers.
- Ms. Strunk stated that she thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission during their virtual meeting for all of their hard work.
- Ms. Chesebrough thanked all of our residents that participate in our over 30 boards/commissions. She added that the terms of the five members of the Plan of Conservation and Development ended in February. She noted that as the POCD will be looking toward updating/outlining the 2025 plan, she has encouraged past members to reapply and will also open those seats up for applications. Applications are due by August 14, 2020. Lastly, she reminded everyone that the 67th Annual Blessing of the Fleet will occur on Sunday.

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.



Stacey Haskell
Recording Secretary