

December 8, 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. No members of the public or press were present.

**(1) Call to Order**

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**(2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**(3) Comments from the Public**

None

**(4) Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the special meeting minutes of November 17, 2021.

**(5) Correspondence**

Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from Derek Johnson in the form of an application for the Economic Development Commission.

**(6) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation**

None

**(7) Old Business**

**Discussion - Flood Erosion and Control Board**

Ms. Chesebrough gave an update noting that she met with the Town Planner to discuss in more detail as well as reviewed the minutes from other Towns that have this Board in place to get a better understanding of the topics they are overseeing. Based on the review, she will meet with the Director of Public Works and Town Engineer to discuss potential next steps. A new engineering position will be included in next years budget which could include overseeing this Board. Further discussion will occur in the future after the budget process is completed.

**(8) New Business**

**Request – Rescind Additional Appropriation to Repairs and Maintenance Account for Dept of Public Works approved by the Board of Selectmen on November 17, 2021**

At the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board of Selectmen approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$125,000 to the repairs and maintenance account to fund repairs needed for DPW fleet and equipment. Other line items within the budget were found to help support the request. Therefore, the previously approved appropriation must be rescinded.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to rescinded the additional appropriation previously approved by the Board of Selectmen in the amount of \$125,000 for the Dept of Public Works Repair and maintenance Account.

**Request – Additional Appropriation to Repairs and Maintenance Account for Dept of Public Works**

With funding being sourced from other line items within the budget the amount now requested as an additional appropriation is \$49,115.96 to the repairs and maintenance account to fund repairs needed for DPW fleet and equipment.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$49,115.96 for the Department of Public Works repair and maintenance account.

**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 by the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce between December 17-23, 2021 to create a smore's village and for caroling to enhance additional community engagement at the Lobster Trap Tree.

**(9) Comments from the Selectmen**

- Ms. Downie gave an overview of a meeting she attended regarding the Mystic River Boathouse Park which included discussion on conceptional plans, grading and remediation. She stated it was very helpful. She noted how incredible the Lobster Trap Tree is and commended Lisa Konicki for her efforts.
- Ms. Strunk gave an overview of the meetings she attended including the Police Commission, Commission on Aging and Board of Finance. She noted that the Commission on Aging focused on the importance of the needs of seniors during the holiday season.
- Ms. Chesebrough gave an overview of the ARPA distributions and the reports that will be utilized to track the funds. She noted that the Town was awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association to use toward conceptual design of the circus lot. An update on the conservation efforts of 224 acres on Al Harvey Road has been posted to the Town website.

**(10) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Stacey Haskell

Recording Secretary