

December 9, 2020

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special 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 5:32 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 November 18, 2020.

(4) Correspondence

- Ms. Chesebrough took in correspondence from the Climate Change Task Force requesting that the Board of Selectmen consider declaring a climate emergency in Stonington.

(5) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Southeastern CT Water Authority Advisory Board Representative

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Sara Baker as a representative to the Southeastern CT Water Authority Advisory Board.

Appointment – Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Sara Baker as an alternate to the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council.

Appointment – Stormwater Task Force

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint Sara Baker to the Stormwater Task Force.

Appointment – Conservation Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint RaéVen Kelly Dinwoodie to the Conservation Commission.

Appointment – Waterfront Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to appoint RaéVen Kelly Dinwoodie to the Waterfront Commission.

Reappointment – Beautification Committee

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Julie Holland, Dan Oliverio, Kristin Parsons, Ayo Bryant, Carole Nossek, Eric Beverly, Kit Hartford, Stacy Cassata and Annmarie Castagno-Clark to the Beautification Committee.

Reappointment – Planning and Zoning Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Ben Philbrick and Charles Sheehan to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Reappointment – Economic Development Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Kevin Bowdler to the Economic Development Commission.

Reappointment – Shellfish Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to reappoint Peter Moore from a regular member to an alternate member and Austin Clark from an alternate to a regular member of the Shellfish Commission.

(6) Old Business

Update on COVID-19

A reminder to check the Town's website for weekly updates regarding COVID-19. Town Hall has been open by appointment only since Thanksgiving. Most services can be completed over the phone, online or by using the drop box outside of Town Hall.

(7) Comments from the Public

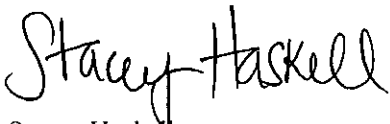
None

(8) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie noted that she had been appointed to a working group with the State helping to develop regulations regarding release-based spill reporting. She gave an overview of the Inland Wetlands Watercourses Commission meeting and Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation (MRBPIC) meeting. Ms. Downie noted the bond funding for the Mystic River Boathouse Park is to be used to construct a park but does not cover the cost of moving/rehabbing the house or remediation. She added that they are seeking grants to cover those additional costs.
- Ms. Strunk gave an overview of the Commission on Aging and Climate Change Task Force (CCTF) meetings.
- Ms. Chesebrough noted some upcoming community events including the annual stuff-a-cruiser, adopt-a-boot program and a card writing program as an outreach to our senior community members. Further, the Governor recently issued an Executive Order permitting virtual Town Meetings. As the proposed tax abatement for the redevelopment of the Campbell Grain site needs to go before a Town Meeting much consideration was given to the logistic of holding a virtual town meeting. It was determined the best option would be to wait until an in-person Town Meeting could be held on this topic.
- Ms. Chesebrough asked for a moment of silence to reflect upon December 9th being the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crimes of Genocide and the Prevention of this Crime.

(9) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.



Stacey Haskell
Recording Secretary