

Stonington Facilities Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Human Services Building Community Room
7:00 pm
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The Stonington Facilities Committee held a regular meeting on this date, Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Stonington Human Services Building Community Room.

Members present were Chris Donahue, Vice Chair; Don Maranell, Sandy Grimes, Bill King and Jean Fiore. Also, present were Sandy Tissiery, Recording Secretary, Stonington High School students and interested citizens.

Members absent: Paul Sartor, Chairman; and Alisa Morrison

1. **Call to Order**

Vice Chair Chris Donahue called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Bill King was seated as an alternate.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chris Donahue led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Comments from the Public**

No comments were made.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the special meeting minutes from November 12 and November 20, 2019 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Don Maranell and seconded by Sandy Grimes to approve the minutes from November 12 and November 20, 2019 as presented.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

5. **Correspondence**

Chris Donahue shared an email from John Thornell, Girls Varsity Coach, Stonington High School Crew, he wrote to Chairman Paul Sartor asking for consideration for use of the 49 N. Stonington Road, Old Mystic as a Stonington High School Crew training facility.

The second piece of correspondence shared was a letter from Chairman Paul Sartor to the Stonington Board of Selectwoman from the committee recommending the use of the building at 49 N. Stonington Road by the Stonington High School Crew team.

Sandy Grimes asked about how it would work with the crew team using the voting room. Bill King answered the voting room would be used for weight training. The committee discussed it would be a good use of the building for the crew team to use for training as a temporary setting, but if there is another proposal that would be better a better use, it would have to be considered. The committee discussed there could be mixed use of the building concurrently.

6. **49 N. Stonington Road, Old Mystic**

- Review progress/update: Letter from SFC to BOS (SHS Crew)
Discussed in item #5. Correspondence
- Sewer issue: Schedule review with WPCA director in late January 2020
The committee discussed how often the septic system had to be pumped out and the cost.

7. **WBSS**

- Updates on St. Michael lease negotiation
 - Approved by PZC. Now in hands of BOS
Don Maranell said he was told by Father Perkins there is a possibility for a January hearing with a tentative move in date in February.

8. **Comments from the Public**

- Sue Jones said so basically you are waiting on the Old Mystic property for the crew team using it and the assessment of the sewer. The committee concurred
- Sue Jones asked if WPCA would be able to give a cost for sewer hookup to the Old Mystic Property or just give the logistics

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of it. Don Maranell answered the the WPCA could provide an estimate for the costs. The committee discussed the septic/sewer issue at the Old Mystic building would have to be resolved before there could be another use for the building or the property.

- Sue Jones asked about the outside lighting at Old Mystic building. Bill King said there is lighting outside and he showed Paul Sartor where the access was to turn them on.
- Sue Jones asked, if the use of the Old Mystic Building by the Stonington High School Crew, team was approved by the Board of Selectwomen, would it need to go to a referendum. The committee concurred it would only need Board of Selectwomen approval.
- A student asked for a brief explanation of the West Broad Street School and St. Michael School situation. Chris Donahue answered the town and St. Michael's are in current lease negotiations to move St. Michael School to the West Broad Street location.
- A student asked if West Broad Street was structurally sound for use. The committee answered the building is in good structural shape.
- A student asked if St. Michael is going to use both buildings for schools. The committee answered that decision will be made by St. Michael.

For the benefit of the students, Don Maranell gave a brief narrative on the purpose of the committee saying this committee is a town committee that is tasked with the purpose of determining the re-use of existing town properties and empty town buildings.

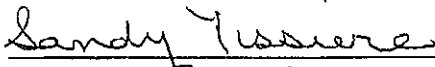
9. Comments from the Committee

Jean Fiore asked if the Board of Selectmen was voting on the Stonington High School Crew Team's use of the Old Mystic Building tomorrow night, Wednesday, December 11, 2019. Bill King looked it up and it is on the agenda.

10. Adjourn

A motion was made by Sandy Grimes and seconded by Don Maranell to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandy Tissiere, Recording Secretary