

February 24, 2021

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular 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 5:30 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Commendation

The Board presented Belinda de Kay with a commendation in recognition of her nearly four decades of service as the Executive Director of the Stonington Free Library.

(4) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2021.

(5) Correspondence

None

(6) Old Business

Update on COVID-19

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

Vaccinations continue to be offered to those 65 and older and they will begin to be offered to those 55 and older in March. Please refer to the Town's website as for an overview of the many different ways to register for a vaccination.

Resolution – Equality Act Bill

Ms. Chesebrough noted that the resolution supports the Equality Act Bill which, if passed by the United States Congress, would amend the Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, public accommodations, public education, federal funding, credit, and the jury system.

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

(7) New Business

Discussion – Southeastern CT Regional Traffic Unit Mutual Police Assistance Compact Agreement

Chief Darren Stewart gave an overview of the agreement between the Towns of Stonington, Ledyard, Groton and Groton City to allow mutual assistance between police departments in regards to the prevention, detection and enforcement of motor vehicle violations.

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

(8) Comments from the Public

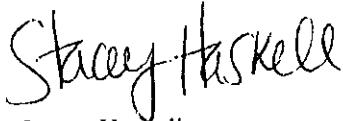
None

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Downie gave an overview of the meetings she has attended including Beautification Committee, Board of Education and Inland Wetlands. She noted all of the work the Beautification Committee does for the Town and added they are seeking volunteers to assist.
- Ms. Strunk gave an overview of the meetings she has attended including the Climate Change Task Force and Planning and Zoning Commission. She noted the importance of supporting the update to our zoning regulations. Funding of this project is proposed in the upcoming budget cycle.
- Ms. Chesebrough gave an overview on a meeting she had with staff regarding the Climate Change Task Force requesting the Board of Selectmen to consider adopting an emergency climate declaration. She noted that staff members put forward some great suggestions. Ms. Chesebrough stated that information on our budget process can be found on our website and encouraged residents to participate. Lastly, she thanked everyone for participating in Kindness Week.

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



Stacey Haskell
Recording Secretary