

January 24, 2018

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Department at 7:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman Rob Simmons and Selectwoman Kate Rotella. Selectman John Prue was available by phone. Also present were members of the public and press.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Comments from the Public

Ms. Phylcia Adams introduced herself to the Board of Selectmen as the new Executive Director of the Stonington Housing Authority. Ms. Adams stated that she is looking forward to working with the Board in her new role.

(4) Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the January 10, 2018 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.

(5) Correspondence

None

(6) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Planning and Zoning Commission

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Frederick Deichmann and Mr. Robert Hannon to the Planning and Zoning Commission as alternate members.

In discussion, Mr. Simmons recommended that since the two open alternate seats have staggering term ending years he would defer to the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission to decide which member will fill which alternate seat.

With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Appointment – Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Timothy O'Brien to the Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee as the Board of Finance representative.

In discussion, Mrs. Rotella stated that Mr. O'Brien has been a wonderful addition to the Board of Finance and will be to the Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee, as well.

With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Reappointment – Pawcatuck Harbor Management Commission

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Timothy O'Brien to the Pawcatuck Harbor Management Commission as a regular member.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Raul Ferreira to the Pawcatuck Harbor Management Commission as a regular member.

In discussion, Mr. Simmons and Mrs. Rotella thanked both Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Ferreira for being so active and reenergizing the Pawcatuck Harbor Management Commission.

With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Reappointment – Mystic Harbor Management Commission

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Fredrick Allard to the Mystic Harbor Management Commission as a regular member.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Rod Cook to the Mystic Harbor Management Commission as a regular member.

The Board thanked Mr. Allard and Mr. Cook for their continued roles on this very important commission.

(7) Old Business

None

(8) New Business

Discussion – Water Quality Task Force

Mr. Scot Deledda, Town Engineer, stated that in the Plan of Conservation and Development and CT DEEP MS4 permit it is recommended that the Town reactivate the Storm Water Task Force. He added that the implementation of the CT DEEP MS4 mandate is estimated at a cost of \$400,000 to the Town over the life of the five (5) year permit. Mr. Deledda continued it includes increasing storm water monitoring; developing and implementing an Illicit Discharge and Detection program; enhancing GIS mapping; public education, outreach and participation; and adopting new regulatory standards for land development.

Mr. Simmons asked if any state funds will be contributed to this state mandate. Mr. Deledda stated there is no financial assistance available through the state. Mr. Deledda stated that the Town has to be in compliance by July of 2018.

Mr. Simmons suggested that Mr. Deledda see what other municipalities are doing to meet this requirement. Mr. Deledda said he would be attending a regional collaborative and will gain more information. Mr. Simmons asked for further research into the Storm Water Task Force to see if that could be amended to include the mandated requirements. Mr. Prue asked for clarification on the skill set needed for individuals to be part of the task force.

Mr. Simmons stated that no action would be made at this time and further discussions will occur in the future after more research has been completed.

Discussion – Resolution to Adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to table the discussion until a future meeting to allow further time to review the documents and requirements.

Request – Assign Map 58, Block 2, Lot 3B, Street Number 36 Stanton Lane, Stonington, CT 06378

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the request.

Discussion – Waiver of Fee for Stonington Housing Authority

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve a waiver of a permit fee for the Stonington Housing Authority in the amount of \$1,946.00.

(9) Comments from the Public

None

(10) Comments from the Selectmen

Mr. Prue thanked the Board for allowing him to participate in the meeting by phone while he was out of town traveling for work.

Mrs. Rotella stated that the school projects at Deans Mill and West Vine are moving forward. She added that they are still under budget at both locations and that contingency plans have been put into place if needed.

Mr. Simmons stated that the efforts of the Board of Education to merge the two middle schools happened due to them educating the public and willingness to postpone the implementation. He added that he has received one complaint from a 6th grader of the middle school who he met with in person. After discussing some of the students concerns, Mr. Simmons felt that he had a better understanding of the reasons why the two schools had to merge. Mr. Simmons stated the new school should be named Stonington Middle School.

Mr. Simmons stated that The Day ran an editorial regarding the merger of the schools which brought up questions on the use of the school buildings. He added that he will be doing further research into reactivating the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings to be prepared when the Board of Education releases the building as it will return to the Town.

(11) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Recording Secretary