

February 4, 2015

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Station at 10:30 a.m. Present were First Selectman George Crouse, Selectman Rob Simmons and Selectman Michael Spellman. Also present were members of the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Crouse called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

(2) Comments from the Public

None

(3) Capital Improvement Program FY 2015/16 – 2019/20

The following changes were made to the CIP requests:

GENERAL OPERATIONS

- Townwide Computer Upgrade – as requested
- Orthophotography/Planimetric Updates – as requested
- Network Intrusion Detection – change priority from C to B

POLICE SERVICES

- Fleet Upgrade -- as requested
- Technology Upgrade/Communication Equipment Upgrade – as requested
- Public Information Message Board – as requested
- MDT Replacement -- as requested
- Surveillance Cameras Program – change priority from C to B
- UPS Station Upgrade/Replacement – as requested
- Radio System Upgrade – as requested

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to approve the above CIP General Operations and Police Services items.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Crouse, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to approve the following:

- Town Revaluation -- as requested

PUBLIC WORKS: HIGHWAY

- LOCIP Municipal Complex – as requested
- 7 yr. Purchase Commitment – as requested
- Drainage Town Wide – as requested
- Reclaim & Pave Hewitt Rd – as requested
- Roadway Safety-Guide Rail – as requested
- Equipment – Two Large Dump Trucks – as requested
- Highway Operations Equipment – A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to add \$170,000.00 to the FY 2015-16 line item to cover the cost of a new dump truck.

- Artificial Turf Replacement – as requested
- S. Broad Street Sidewalk – as requested
- Mistuxet Sidewalks – as requested
- Athletic Fields ADA Accessibility – A motion was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Crouse to change the amount in FY 2015-16 from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Discussion: Mr. Simmons stated that years ago he worked for Senator John Chafee of Rhode Island and he had a program of placing himself in citizen's situations to learn their job. Mr. Simmons stated that he went on a fishing boat, he worked in a jewelry store, he worked in a grocery store and he did a variety store. Mr. Simmons further stated Senator Chafee was asked by a person with handicaps if he would sit in a wheelchair for a day. Mr. Simmons stated that he lasted an hour. Mr. Simmons also stated that his father was in a wheelchair for ten years. He stated he stopped going to church and he stopped going to events. Mr. Simmons stated that his father became housebound because he didn't want be an embarrassment to his family and humiliate himself and so from his perspective ADA accessibility may seem unnecessary but try spending a day in a wheelchair.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to approve the above items.

PUBLIC WORKS: HIGHWAY (CONTINUED)

- Lg. Vehicle Overhead & Undercarriage Wash System – A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to change the priority from C to B.
- Permeable Surfaces Study for Town Parking Areas – as requested
- Townwide Planting – as requested
- Solar Panel Study for Town Buildings – change the priority from E to C

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to make the above items E, E, C priorities.

PUBLIC WORKS: SANITATION AND WASTE REMOVAL

- Ford F250 Pickup Truck – as requested

PUBLIC WORKS: ENGINEERING

- Climate Change Impact Study – change the priority from an E to a C and change the amount in FY 2015-16 from \$25,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

- Stonington COMO Floor Tile Replacement – a motion was made by Mr. Simmons, and seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted to approve this request. Mr. Crouse abstained. The vote was 2-0 in favor of the request.
- Public Restrooms at Town Dock – A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to change the priority from an E to a C.
- PNC Generator – as requested

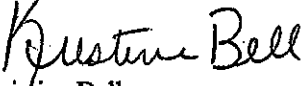
A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Crouse and voted unanimously to approve the remaining items in Public Works: Sanitation and Waste Removal, Public Works: Engineering and Outside Agencies items.

(4) Comments from the Public

None

(5) There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary