

February 8, 2017

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Department at 6:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman Rob Simmons, Selectman Mike Spellman and Selectwoman Kate Rotella. Also present were members of the public.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Simmons called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Commendation

The Selectmen issued a commendation to Ms. Vicki Anderson in recognition of her generous 15 years of service as the Executive Director of the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.

(4) Comments from the Public

None

(5) Approval of the Minutes

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to approve the January 25, 2017 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.
- A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the February 1, 2017 Board of Selectmen and Capital Improvement Program Committee joint special meeting minutes.

(6) Correspondence

- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Mr. Michael Schefers in the form of an application for membership on the Conservation Commission.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from the U.S. Census Bureau in regards to the 2020 census.

(7) Interviews for Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee

The Board interviewed Paul Sartor, Robert Maurice, Herbert Holmstedt, Alan Strunk, Kathryn Burchenal, Jim Kelley and Breck Perkins for the four alternate seats on the Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee. Shaun Mastroianni, respectfully withdrew his application prior to his interview. Mr. Simmons stated that one application was not available at the time of the meeting due to confusion on the meeting start time and stated that the Board would interview the individual at the next meeting. Mr. Simmons stated that the Board will follow up at the next meeting with the applicants and may have a second round of interviews, if necessary.

The Board Recessed at 6:53 p.m.

The Board Reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

(8) Reappointments

Stonington Commission on Aging

- A motion was made by Mr. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to reappoint R.J. Connelly III to the Stonington Commission on Aging.
- A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to reappoint Marilyn Riley to the Stonington Commission on Aging.

Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to reappoint Carol Huskes to the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission. During discussion Mr. Simmons stated that Ms. Huskes reached out to him to state that no meetings have occurred since her appointment. Mr. Simmons stated that it was discovered that the Commission had not met for a few years. Mr. Tim O'Brien,

Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission Member, stated that the Commission hit several road blocks when trying to reenergize the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Plan which in the end was voted against. Mr. O'Brien added that he reached out to Town of Westerly and DEEP as well. Mr. O'Brien stated that when the Chairman of the Commission left to serve on a different Board, the Commission has not reconvened since said time. Mr. Simmons stated that the Town of Westerly is having the same issues with harbor management and questioned if it was worth trying to collaborate with Westerly on a possible joint commission. Mr. O'Brien stated that there was a similar proposal put forth prior but it was rejected by voters and stated his concern that a merger will end with the same result. Mrs. Rotella stated that now might be the time to reengage with the Town of Westerly as the Town of Stonington is currently working very successfully with them on other projects. Mr. Simmons stated that he will schedule a meeting with the current members of the Commission to identify some of the issues and move forward. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

(9) Old Business

Resolution – Master-Lease Sublease Agreement with Key Government Finance, Inc. for the Financing of equipment to outfit four police vehicles in the Amount of \$30,043.00

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to table the Resolution not for future discussion as it was determined that the Board of Finance voted previously to purchase the equipment outright and therefore, the lease will not go forward.

(10) New Business

Assign Map 7, Block 1, Lot 5 & 6 Street Number 312 River Road, Pawcatuck, CT

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

Assign Map 152, Block 2, Lot 62 Street Number 260 Long Wharf Road, Mystic, CT

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

Discussion – Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission

The discussion occurred during reappointments.

Discussion – Eversource Meeting

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to table the item due to time constraints.

Request for Authorization to Dispose of Police Vehicle

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the disposal of a 2001 Police Crown Vic.

Request for Stonington Housing Authority to Reduce PILOT payment from 6% to 4%

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

(11) Comments from the Public

None

(12) Comments from the Selectmen

- Mrs. Rotella stated that she was glad there was so much interest in the Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee.
- Mr. Spellman had no comments.
- Mr. Simmons stated that the Governor released the FY 2018 State Budget Proposal which shows an 88.9% decrease in state aid. Mr. Simmons wanted to reiterate that this is just a proposal and not final. Mr. Simmons added that the proposal will have to go before the Connecticut General Assembly for approval.

(13) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Recording Secretary