

February 14, 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, Selectwoman Kate Rotella and Selectman John Prue. Also present were members of the public.

(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

None

(4) Approval of the Minutes

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the November 6, 2017 joint Board of Selectmen and Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee special meeting minutes.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the January 24, 2018 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the January 31, 2018 joint Board of Selectmen and Capital Improvement Program Committee special meeting minutes.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the February 7, 2018 Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Board of Police Commission special meeting minutes.

In discussion, Mr. Prue noted that a change needed to be made on page two, paragraph 2 referencing \$831.00 which should read \$831,000. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

(5) Correspondence

- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Mr. Alan Strunk in the form of an application for the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Mr. Christopher Dixon in the form of an application for the Mystic River Harbor Management Commission.

Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Stonington, Town of Westerly and Ledge Light Health District

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to move the Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between the Town of Stonington, Town of Westerly and Ledge Light Health District forward on the agenda.

In attendance from the Town of Westerly were Mr. Derrik Kennedy, Town Manager and Mr. Paul Corina, Director of Public Works as well as members of the Westerly Town Council including Mr. Edward Morrone, President, Mr. William Aiello, Vice President and Mr. Jean Gagnier, Council Member.

Mr. Simmons stated that the language in some of the press on the topic of the water issue was distressing to him. Mr. Simmons apologized to Mr. Kennedy for the language and did not intend to put the blame on him. Mr. Simmons stated that the MOU was created with the intention of engaging the authorities of the community when there is a water issue in a timely manner to successfully deal with any future events.

Mr. Prue stated that he spoke with Mr. Cornia and Mr. Kennedy on Saturday morning about the issue. He added that he had very positive interactions with them both.

Mr. Ryan McCammon, Supervisor of Environmental Health for Ledge Light Health District, gave an overview of the regulations and requirements of the State of CT Department of Public Health in regards to water supply. He added that the MOU will help keep Ledge Light and the Town in the conversation as we have a common water system between the two states and municipalities.

Mr. Kennedy recognized Mr. Corina and stated he acted swiftly with the rules and regulations of the Town and State. He added that by Saturday morning the entire system had been flushed. Mr. Kennedy stated that water system and communication protocols were immediately updated to ensure this issue does not happen again. Mr. Kennedy added he had reviewed the MOU and would like to make a few edits before sending to the Westerly Town Council to review.

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with edits to be made by the Town of Westerly.

In discussion, Mrs. Rotella stated that Stonington residents who are on the Westerly water system should be notified and did not know if there was a service through Westerly that they could sign up for to receive notifications when issues arise.

Mr. Gagnier stated that there was a lack of a protocol for the issue with PH levels and added he will be proposing to the Town Council that a protocol be created.

Mr. Morrone thanked the staff of the Town of Westerly for their efforts during this situation.

Mr. Corina stated that the State of Rhode Island does not have a health based guideline for issues with PH levels. He added that a new system will be put into place with more check points to ensure this does not happen again.

With no further discussion, the motion carried.

The Board recessed at 7:28 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

(6) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Shellfish Commission

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Peter Moore to the Shellfish Commission as a regular member.

Appointment / Resignation – Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Michael Schefers to the Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee as the Conservation Commission representative and accepted his resignation as a resident member representative.

Reappointment / Resignation – Stonington Beautification Committee

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to reappoint Ms. Julie Holland, Mr. Daniel Oliverio, Mr. Shaun Mastroianni, Ms. Ayo Bryant, Mr. Eric Beverly and Ms. Carole Nossek to the Stonington Beautification Committee. The Board accepted the resignation of Mr. Antonio Mastroianni and thanked him for his service.

Resignation – Shellfish Commission

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Mr. Steve Brown from the Shellfish Commission and thanked him for his service.

Resignation – Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Mr. Ben Baldwin from the Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee as the Conservation Commission. The Board thanked him for his service.

(7) Old Business

None

(8) New Business**Request for use of Donahue Park**

A motion was made by Mr. Prue seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the use of Donahue Park on Saturday, June 2, 2018 by the Pawcatuck Lions for their 5K pre/post race activities.

Memorandum of Agreement – 2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the 2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program Memorandum of Agreement.

Resolution – Homeland Security Grant Program

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the Homeland Security Grant Resolution.

(9) Comments from the Public

None

(10) Comments from the Selectmen

- Mr. Prue stated that the Board needs to decide out how to address problems that originate on social media and what to do if they rise to the level of engagement. He added that he believes the Town currently gets information out to the community in a timely manner.
- Mrs. Rotella wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.
- Mr. Simmons stated that he and Ms. Stacey Haskell have been working with an intern from Stonington High School, Ms. Madison Geiger. Mr. Simmons added that Ms. Geiger is very skilled in social media and one of the issues she has been working on is how to establish a mechanism for capturing a legitimate concern that "bubbles up" on social media.

Mr. Simmons was pleased to have members of the Town Council at the meeting as well as Mr. McCammon and thanked them for their assistance.

(11) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey Haskell". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Stacey" and last name "Haskell" clearly legible.

Stacey Haskell
Recording Secretary