

February 28, 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 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**

None

**(4) Approval of the Minutes**

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the February 14, 2018 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.

**(5) Correspondence**

- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Ms. Jennifer Young in the form of an application for the Commission on Aging.

**(6) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation**

**Appointment – Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission**

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Alan Strunk to the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission as an alternate member.

**Appointment – Mystic River Harbor Management Commission**

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Christopher Dixon to the Mystic River Harbor Management Commission as an alternate member.

**Reappointment – Mystic River Boathouse Implementation Committee**

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Steve Planchon, Mr. Nick Kepple and Mr. Thomas Switz to the Mystic River Boathouse Implementation Committee as regular members.

**Reappointment – Stonington Harbor Management Commission**

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Bruce Anderson to the Stonington Harbor Management Commission as a regular member.

**(7) Old Business**

**Discussion - Water Quality Task Force**

Mr. Scot Deledda, Town Engineer, gave an update on the unfunded CT DEEP MS4 mandated permit which is geared towards improving water quality. He stated that he reached out to other municipalities to discuss what they are doing and found that some are utilizing town staff to oversee the mandate while others are adding the task to already existing boards or commissions. Mr. Deledda recommended that the Town of Stonington add this task to the already existing Stormwater Task Force with additional assistance of town staff. He added that as a first step he will reach out to those who are currently on the task force to see if they wish to continue to participate. Mr. Deledda stated that additional town staff should include a member from planning, zoning, highway, sanitation, WPCA and the Borough. He added that he has joined a regional group and will be writing a grant in the hopes of offsetting the cost.

Mr. Simmons stated that the Town Attorney should review to see that the Stormwater Task Force can take on the task of the MS4.

Mr. Deledda stated that the goal would be to have a meeting of the Stormwater Task Force in April.

**(8) New Business**

**Discussion - Mystic Little League Abatement of Taxes**

Mr. Dana Neal from the Mystic Little League stated that due to a turnover in board members they failed to submit the tax-exempt information in a timely manner.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the abatement of taxes associated with the Mystic Little League at their property 41 Rossie Pentway in Mystic.

**Discussion - Acceptance of Roads and Open Space Associated with Rockridge Subdivision**

Mr. Simmons stated that the Board was in receipt of a memo from Mr. Keith Brynes, Town Planner, regarding the municipal acceptance of roads and open space associated with the Rockridge Subdivision which was completed in 2001 than in 2009 the town pulled remaining bond money to complete curbing and paving. He added that the Town Attorney has reviewed and approved the 9 warranty deeds.

A motion was made by Mr. Prue seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of roads and open space associated with the Rockridge Subdivision.

After some discussion, the motion carried.

**Discussion – Key Finance 2017-2018 Police Car Lease Agreement**

Mr. James Sullivan, Finance Director, was absent due to a Board of Finance meeting occurring at the same time. Lt. Bryan Schneider from the Stonington Police Department stated that the Capital Lease Agreement was for the acquisition of four police vehicles which is for a three-year term. He added that the vehicles are ready to move forward and complete the upfit.

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

In discussion, Mrs. Rotella asked that the First Selectman not sign the agreement until he discusses with Mr. Sullivan why the language in the agreement references New York and not Connecticut.

Mr. Prue stated that he believes the Town should stop leasing and come up with a plan to begin purchasing vehicles outright. Mrs. Rotella agreed.

Mr. Simmons stated that he will work with Town staff to come up with a detailed plan to begin eliminating the lease program.

With no further discussion, the motion carried.

**Request – Use of 4<sup>th</sup> District Voting Hall Parking Lot**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the use of the 4<sup>th</sup> District Voting Hall Parking Lot for the Wooden Boat Show from June 21-24, 2018.

**Discussion – Proposed 2018-2019 Budget Schedule**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the proposed 2018-2019 budget schedule.

**(9) Comments from the Public**

None

**(10) Comments from the Selectmen**

- Mr. Prue questioned if there was a group monitoring the tide gauge and thought we should have someone paying attention to this data.
- Mrs. Rotella stated that she recently participated in testifying along with SCCOG, COST, Representative and Senators regarding regionalizing efforts which she believed went very well.
- Mrs. Rotella stated that the school buildings are continuing to move forward. She added they are on track and budget.
- Mr. Simmons stated that he would be participating in the signing of an MOU with the Commissioner on Public Safety and the Chief of Police. He added that Stonington is the first in the State of Connecticut to join the CT Land Mobile Radio Network which will allow police radio communications throughout the State and eventually parts of Rhode Island.
- Mr. Simmons stated that over the past few weeks has participated in school security meetings with the members of the Police, Fire, Emergency Management and School Officials to assess and evaluate security at our buildings. He added he believes the Town of Stonington has been doing things right but there may be more to do in the future.

**(11) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Stacey Haskell  
Recording Secretary