

March 13, 2019

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, Selectman John Prue and Selectwoman Jocelyn Kepple. 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**

- Don Maranell congratulated the Town on the success with the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers. He also commented on the accident in Mystic and social media comments regarding the dim lighting. He commented on the Pawcatuck Streetscape that was held off for many years resulting in increased costs, he suggested a Town meeting to discuss sidewalks from Birdland to Donahue Park.
- Sandy Grimes spoke as Chairman of the Waterfront Commission stating their support of the Harmony Trail.

**(4) Approval of the Minutes**

- A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the February 27, 2019 joint Board of Selectmen and Plastic Bags and Straws Ad Hoc Committee special meeting minutes.
- A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the February 27, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

**(5) Correspondence**

- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Sandy Grimes in the form of an application for the Permanent Committee to study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Kristine Halleck in the form of an application for the Economic Development commission.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Chief Darren Stewart stating their support of the Harmony Trail project.

**(6) Interviews – Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings**

The Board interviewed Mrs. Alisa Morrison, Mrs. Jean Fiore, Mr. Sandy Grimes and Mr. Don Maranell for the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings.

At this time, Mr. Simmons took a brief recess for Board to complete ballots for Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings.

**(7) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation**

**Appointment- Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings**

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Paul Sartor, Mr. Don Maranell, Mr. Sandy Grimes, Mrs. Alisa Morrison and Mr. Chris Donahue to the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings. Mrs. Jean Fiore and Mr. Bill Kings were appointed as alternates. Mr. Prue was nominated as ex-officio.

**Appointment – Commission on Aging**

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Norman Erlendson to the Commission on Aging.

**Reappointment – Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee**

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Steve White to the Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee

**Reappointment – Commission on Aging**

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to reappoint Ms. Susan Peglow to the Commission on Aging.

**Resignation – Economic Development Commission**

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Mr. Edward Planeta Jr. from the Economic Development Commission. Mr. Simmons suggested a Thank You letter to Mr. Planeta for his service. All approved.

**Resignations/Not Seeking Reappointment – Architectural Design Review Board**

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to accept the resignations of Ms. Mollie Burton and Mr. Robert Birmingham from the Architectural Design Review Board.

**Resignations/Not Seeking Reappointment – Commission on Aging**

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to accept the resignations of Ms. Betty Croteau, Ms. Willemena Ward, Mr. Russell McDonough, Mr. Shaun Mastroianni and Ms. Kevin Lyn Sisson from the Commission on Aging. Mr. Simmons stated that all terms have ended and were open for reappointment.

**(8) Old Business**

**Discussion – Westerly-Pawcatuck Harmony Trail**

Mr. Simmons stated that there are letters of support from both sides of the River. Mr. Prue stated he has concerns about the space, maybe just two instruments.

**(9) New Business**

Mr. Simmons added as an agenda item a Mission Statement for the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings. He stated that the previous committee didn't meet regularly, often didn't make a quorum and failed to report. Ms. Kepple made a motion to accept the added agenda item, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously.

**Request – Use of Town Dock**

Ms. Kepple made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve Use of Town Dock for Farmers Market Saturdays from May 25, 2019 through October 26, 2019 9:00am to 12:00pm.

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

Ms. Kepple made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve Use of 4<sup>th</sup> District Voting Hall parking lot for overflow parking June 27, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

**Request – Street Number Assignment**

Ms. Kepple made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve Map 6, Block 4, Lot 17A as 145 River Road, Pawcatuck, CT 06379.

**(10) Comments from the Public**

- Mr. Tim Lebling Downtown Business Association President submitted a streetscape survey for Pawcatuck and will share results when completed.
- Mr. Bill Sternberg thanked for Board for the reinstatement of the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings.

**(11) Comments from the Selectmen**

- Ms. Kepple had no comments.
- Mr. Prue stated he is pleased with the new Committee and will work on the name. He suggested Charter Revision Committee start again with possible change to number of Selectmen, Changing Elected officials to Appointed and a discussion on a Town Manager.
- Mr. Simmons commented on the Wood-Pawcatuck river success. It is a huge asset to preserve and protect these 300 square miles that creates an aquifer. He also commented on the visit from Senator Blumenthal to announce the bill for Railroad safety. Mr. Simmons commented on the three sewer plants in Town. The Mystic plant is over capacity and Stonington and Pawcatuck are at about 50%, more discussion needed.

**(12) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
Leslie Packer, Recording Secretary