

April 10, 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. There were no members of the press present.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Commendation

- The Selectmen issued a commendation to George Crouse in recognition of his 800th win throughout his career as a coach with the boys and girls tennis teams.
- The Selectmen issued a commendation to Alicia Sweet Dawe in recognition of being named the Elementary School Principal of the Year and the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

The Board recessed at 7:04 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

(4) Comments from the Public

None

(5) Approval of the Minutes

- A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the March 27, 2019 regular meeting minutes.
- A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the April 2, 2019 special meeting minutes.

(6) Correspondence

- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Daniel Barrett in the form of an application for the Shellfish Commission.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Paul Lindblad in the form of an application for the Cable Television Advisory Council of Southeastern CT.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Charlie Buffum of Cottrell Brewing thanking the Board for allowing an extension on their personal property tax declaration.

(7) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Beautification Committee

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Kit Hartford to the Beautification Committee.

Appointment – Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. John Truscinski to the Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee.

Reappointment – Stonington Harbor Management Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Caleb Rose to the Stonington Harbor Management Commission.

(8) Old Business

SNEFLA Lease Extension

Mr. Simmons gave an overview of the SNEFLA lease extension which will run through October 1, 2020. He added that the Waterfront Commission is the authority who oversees the Town Dock and they held a public hearing to discuss and review the lease in March. As there were no objections at that hearing, the

Waterfront Commission voted to approve the lease extension. Mr. Simmons stated that the Town Attorney reviewed and approved the lease.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the SNEFLA lease extension.

(9) New Business

Discussion – UCC Filing Fee

Ms. Linda Camelio, Tax Collector, requested adding a filing fee onto tax bills for each UCC-1 lien filed in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20). She added that the liens are filed against all delinquent personal property taxes and she has been successful in recouping tax funds from the liens. She stated that the filing of the lien is complicated and labor intensive which is why she would like to add the fee.

Mr. Prue asked if surrounding communities charge a fee. Ms. Camelio stated that she was unsure of surrounding communities but in speaking with many of her colleagues at a recent conference found that most charge a filing fee. The Board requested that Ms. Camelio complete a poll of surrounding communities and report back at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to table this item to a future meeting.

Discussion – Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program Grant Application Requirements

Mr. Simmons stated that the grant application requires the Board of Selectmen adopted a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to sign the application and administer the project if funds are awarded. If awarded, the funds would be utilized in the Pawcatuck Streetscape Project.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the resolution for the TA Set-Aside Grant Application.

Discussion – Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant Application Requirements

Mr. Simmons stated that the grant application requires the Board of Selectmen adopted a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to sign the application and administer the project if funds are awarded. If awarded, the funds would be utilized in the Pawcatuck Streetscape Project.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the resolution for the STEAP Grant Application.

Discussion – Request from Human Services Recreation Division Regarding the Management of Parkwood Drive

Mr. Richard Ward, Recreation Administrator, stated that the Recreation Division of Human Services would like to incorporate Parkwood Drive as a formal part of Spellman Park which would allow them to expand upon and connect trails while enhancing safety features.

Mr. Prue stated that they will need to go before Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission to make updates to the area.

Mr. Simmons stated that the Town Attorney had reviewed the request and agreed that having the Recreation Division oversee and manage Parkwood Drive was a logical decision.

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Ms. Kepple and voted unanimously to approve the request to have the Recreation Division incorporate Parkwood Drive as a formal part of Spellman Park and fall under their management.

Resolution – Fair Housing

Mr. Simmons read the Fair Housing Resolution.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the Fair Housing Resolution.

Discussion – Earth Day Resolution and Challenge

Mr. Simmons read the Earth Day Resolution and Challenge.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the Earth Day Resolution and Challenge.

(10) Comments from the Public


- Ms. Sue Jones asked what the plans were for Spellman Park and if they would be adding parking. Mr. Ward responded that acquiring the Parkwood Drive parcel was the first step but there are no plans for additional parking.

(11) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Kepple stated that the Board of Finance Public Hearing was an interesting process to take part in and was happy to see so much support.
- Mr. Prue stated that Human Services did a great job with the recent Light It Up Blue event which was well attended.
- Mr. Simmons stated that the Board of Finance Public Hearing was a culmination of more than four months of work for that Board. He stated that the hearing was well attended. He added that he is proud to live in a community where issues are address in a positive way.

(12) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Stacey Haskell

Recording Secretary