

July 11, 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) Proclamation**

The Selectmen issued a proclamation to Mr. Frank Todisco in recognition of his recent resignation from the Board of Education serving since 2011 and being named the Chair in 2013. Throughout his time as Chairman, Mr. Todisco initiated a bipartisan policy in collaboration with the Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen and the K-12 Building Committee. Although, he was not present to accept the proclamation in person due to business travel, First Selectman Simmons planned to present it to him personally at a future date.

**(4) Comments from the Public**

None

**(5) Approval of the Minutes**

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the June 27, 2018 regular meeting minutes.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the June 29, 2018 special meeting minutes.

**(6) Correspondence**

None

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

**Appointment – Stormwater Task Force**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Robert Scala to the Stormwater Task Force as the Stonington Borough Representative.

**Appointment – Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Eugene Winchester to the Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors as a representative for Stonington.

**(8) New Business**

**Discussion – Consideration of establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to study and investigate a possible ordinance prohibiting and/or regulating the use of plastic bags and straws within the Town of Stonington**

Mr. Simmons stated as a coastal community with two rivers, thirteen harbors and nineteen marinas the problem of one time use bags and straws and the issues they create in our waters is something to consider.

Mrs. Rotella stated that she believes setting up a committee to discuss these issues is important. She added that she thinks awarding businesses who comply as a “Green Star Business” by the committee could be used as an incentive.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously that pursuant to Charter Section 4-5(E), the Board of Selectmen hereby establish an Ad Hoc Committee to study and investigate a

possible ordinance prohibiting and/or regulating the use of plastic bags and straws within the Town of Stonington. The makeup of said Committee shall consist of seven (7) members as follows: One (1) member from CUSH; one (1) member from the Mystic Chamber; one (1) member from the Ocean Chamber; one (1) member from the restaurant industry; and three (3) members from the public at-large.

In discussion, Mr. Prue recommended reaching out to other towns to compare notes and see what they are doing regarding this issue.

With no further discussion, the motion carried.

**Discussion – Consideration of adopting the mission statements of the Plastic Bags and Straws Ad Hoc Committee**

Mr. Simmons read the mission statement as follows:

The Board of Selectmen hereby establish the following mission statements for the Plastic Bags and Straws Ad Hoc Committee:

1. Consider banning the use of plastic carry-out bags for retail checkout of goods;
2. Consider banning the use of plastic straws and plastic ‘doggie bags’ in restaurants and food service establishments;
3. Encouraging the use of reusable bags and biodegradable straws;
4. Consider any other recommendations aimed at reducing the number of plastic carry-out bags and straws that enter our environment; and
5. Make recommendations for an ordinance or other action to this effect, as well as for enforcement mechanisms for non-compliance.

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

The Board recessed at 7:17 p.m. and reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add award of bids for summary of fixtures, furniture and equipment for Deans Mill and West Vine Street Elementary Schools.

**Request – Award of Bid for Deans Mill Elementary School Fixtures, Furniture and Equipment**

Mrs. Rotella explained that the items for both schools had been reviewed and approved by owner’s representative, architect, and K-12 Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to approve the total summary award in the amount of \$255,719.48 for Deans Mill Elementary School.

In discussion, Mrs. Rotella asked that the spreadsheet for the bid award be attached to the minutes and are included as “Attachment 1”. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

**Request – Award of Bid for West Vine Street School Fixtures, Furniture and Equipment**

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to approve the total summary award in the amount of \$238,334.86 for West Vine Street School. The breakdown of the bid awards will be attached to the minutes of this meeting as “Attachment 1”.

**Request – Award of Bid for Police Department Generator Replacement**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve award of bid to SNS Electric in the amount of \$70,015 for the Police Department replacement generator.

**Request – Authorizing Agreement with BETA Group for ADA/Section 504 Transition Plan for Sidewalks and Sidewalk Curb Ramps**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to table this item.

**Request – Underground Storage Tank Replacement Project**

Mr. Simmons stated that the Underground Storage Tank Replacement Project had been previously approved by the Board to oversee the replacement and/or removal of the existing tanks (three school locations and two town facilities). An additional appropriation of \$84,000 is needed to move the project forward. Of the two Town facilities, the Town Dock will proceed with removal and remediation but will hold off on replacement until a future date which reduces the additional appropriation needed, at this time, from \$239,712 to \$84,000.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the additional appropriation for the Underground Storage Tank Replacement Project in the amount of \$84,000.

**(9) Comments from the Public**

None

**(10) Comments from the Selectmen**

- Mr. Prue did not have any comments.
- Mrs. Rotella stated that she had read an article recently about municipalities that are providing outreach programs to military caregivers. She believes Stonington could provide a similar program and added that she would like to work with Human Services to see about setting up this program.
- Mrs. Rotella stated that she is excited about the Ad Hoc Committee regarding plastics.
- Mr. Simmons stated that he is excited to appoint interested citizens to the Ad Hoc Committee regarding plastics. He added that plastics are affecting the wildlife and our oceans.

**(11) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Stacey Haskell  
Recording Secretary

"Attachment 1"

**Stonington Public Schools**  
**Summary of Fixtures, Furniture and Equipment**  
**Approved Recommendations to Award by the Stonington K-12 Building Committee**  
**on**  
**July 10, 2018**

**Deans Mill Elementary School**

Section	Section Description	Vendor	Recommendation Amount
101	MISCELLANEOUS FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	WB Mason	\$80,408.00
101	MISCELLANEOUS FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	Monitor Equipment	\$481.78
101	MISCELLANEOUS FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	Robert H. Lord	\$19,564.90
		<b>TOTAL AWARD FOR SECTION 101</b>	<b>\$100,454.68</b>
102	OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	WB Mason	\$57,499.00
		<b>TOTAL AWARD FOR SECTION 102</b>	<b>\$57,499.00</b>
104	METAL STORAGE SHELVING	WB Mason	\$17,099.00
		<b>TOTAL AWARD FOR SECTION 104</b>	<b>\$17,099.00</b>
201	GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT	WB Mason	\$36,305.00
201	GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT	Lakeshore	\$596.53
		<b>TOTAL AWARD FOR SECTION 201</b>	<b>\$36,901.53</b>
202	KITCHEN SMALLWARES	WB Mason	\$28,118.00
		<b>TOTAL AWARD FOR SECTION 202</b>	<b>\$28,118.00</b>
203	CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT	WB Mason	\$11,287.00
		Hillyard, Inc.	\$4,360.27
		<b>TOTAL AWARD FOR SECTION 203</b>	<b>\$15,647.27</b>
		<b>TOTAL AWARD FOR DMS</b>	<b>\$255,719.48</b>

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101	MISCELLANEOUS FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	WB Mason	\$72,053.00
101	MISCELLANEOUS FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	Monitor Equipment	\$477.18
101	MISCELLANEOUS FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	Robert H. Lord	\$17,289.53
		<b>TOTAL AWARD FOR SECTION 101</b>	<b>\$89,819.71</b>
102	OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	WB Mason	\$51,595.00
		<b>TOTAL AWARD FOR SECTION 102</b>	<b>\$51,595.00</b>
104	METAL STORAGE SHELVING	WB Mason	\$16,394.00
		<b>TOTAL AWARD FOR SECTION 104</b>	<b>\$16,394.00</b>
201	GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT	WB Mason	\$35,350.00
201	GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT	Lakeshore	\$410.88
		<b>TOTAL AWARD FOR SECTION 201</b>	<b>\$36,760.88</b>
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