

July 12, 2017

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 and Selectwoman Kate Rotella. Selectman Mike Spellman was available by phone. 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) Condolence**

The Selectmen issued a condolence regarding the death of James E. "Jimmy" Williams and recognized his 23 years of dedicated service to the Town as the Transfer Station Foreman. The Board of Selectmen extended their sympathies to the family and friends of Mr. Williams.

**(4) Comments from the Public**

None

**(5) Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to approve the June 28, 2017 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.

**(6) Correspondence**

Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Mr. Raymond Dussault in the form of an application for membership on either the Planning and Zoning Commission or the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**(7) Old Business**

None

**(8) New Business**

**Motion to Open Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to open the agenda and add the Request from the K-12 School Building Committee regarding an Environmental Attorney.

**Discussion – Regional Community Enhancement Task Force Agreement**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to accept the Regional Community Enhancement Task Force Agreement.

Chief Darren Stewart stated that the three mutual aid agreements are all similar in regards to permitting the Stonington Police Department to work with other local police departments in other towns and vice versa. Each agreement gives further detail on the reason as to why the police departments would come together.

With no further discussion, the motion carried.

**Discussion – Southeastern Connecticut Regional Traffic Unit**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to accept the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Traffic Unit.

**Discussion – Mutual Police Assistance Compact Agreement**

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to accept the Mutual Police Assistance Compact Agreement.

**Request – Waiver of WPCA Permit Fees for Dean's Mill and West Vine Street School Projects**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to waive the fee of \$150.00 each associated with the permit for WPCA sewer tie in.

**Request – K-12 School Building Committee regarding engaging an Environmental Attorney**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to approve the request from the K-12 Building Committee to engage an Environmental Attorney.

In discussion, Mrs. Rotella stated that there are remediation issues present which was expected and the committee believes it would be prudent to engage an Environmental Attorney to consult with in review of the plans.

With no further discussion, the motion carried.

**(9) Comments from the Public**

None

**(10) Comments from the Selectmen**

Mr. Simmons stated that he was profoundly excited that the citizens of Southeastern CT and Southwestern RI rose up in opposition to the Amtrak Bypass. Mr. Simmons stated that the FRA announced today that the bypass would not be happening within our area. He added that he hoped they would now focus instead on fixing the CT River Bridge, incorporating tilt technology to high speed trains, extending Shoreline East to Mystic/Westerly as well as the unsafe crossings at Elihu Island and Walkers Dock. Mr. Simmons stated that this was a historic moment which saved our local communities.

**(11) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



Stacey Haskell  
Recording Secretary