

October 10, 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. 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) Comments from the Public

None

(4) Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted to approve the September 26, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

(5) Correspondence

- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Mr. Shaun Mastroianni, Blight Citation Hearing Officer, regarding recommended changes to the Distressed Premises Ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and vote unanimously to amend the agenda to add the Distressed Premise Ordinance as a discussion item under new business.

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

(6) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Beautification Committee

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Kristin Parsons to the Beautification Committee.

Reappointment – Planning and Zoning Commission

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to reappoint Ms. Lynn Conway as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(7) Old Business

None

(8) New Business

Discussion – 2019 Meeting Schedule

The Board of Selectmen will continue to meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Stonington Police Department.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting schedule.

Emergency Management Performance Grant Resolution

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Discussion – Distressed Premises Ordinance

The Board reviewed the suggested language presented by Mr. Shaun Mastroianni, Blight Citation Hearing Officer, as a consideration for revising the ordinance. Discussion ensued regarding the current language needing clearer guidelines. The Board agreed that it should be updated and that further research needs to be conducted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to move the language forward to the Town Attorney for review and consideration.

(9) Comments from the Public

None

(10) Comments from the Selectmen

- Mr. Prue stated that he wanted to discuss the future of the Climate Change Task Force and if it was time for them to disband.
- Mrs. Rotella stated that the schools are coming along very nicely and added that the students have settled in to the new buildings. She stated that it was a privilege to be sworn in as the first woman to be Acting First Selectman in Mr. Simmons absence. She thanked Ms. Stacey Haskell for her assistance during her time in the Selectman's office.
- Mr. Simmons stated that at a time when politics in America are so adverse he continues to be a believer of bipartisanship. He added that Mr. Prue served as Acting First Selectman in his absence and when Mr. Prue had to travel out of state, Mrs. Rotella was able to step into the role.

(11) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Stacey Haskell

Recording Secretary