

October 24, 2018

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Department at 5:00 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 5:00 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Commendation

The Selectmen issued a commendation to Stonington Patrolman Thomas Wholean in recognition of receiving the Meritorious Service Award from the City of Groton Police Department for utilizing his specialized police sketch training which assisted in the arrest of an attempted kidnapping suspect.

The Board recessed at 5:01 p.m. The Board reconvened at 5:04 p.m.

(4) Comments from the Public

None

(5) Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted to approve the October 10, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

(6) Correspondence

Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Mr. Peter Chomowicz in the form of an application for the Planning and Zoning Commission or the Architectural Design Review Board.

(7) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Commission on Aging

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Louise Bray to the Commission on Aging.

(8) Old Business

Discussion – Westerly-Pawcatuck Harmony Trail Instrument Demonstration

Mr. Tim Lebling from the Bricks and Murals Committee brought an example of one type of instrument that could be used on the proposed trail. The Harmony Trail would include placing 8-12 musical instruments throughout the Westerly-Pawcatuck area for public usage to enhance the art and music scene.

The Board recessed at 5:16 p.m. The Board reconvened at 5:19 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the continued efforts of the Bricks and Murals Committee. In discussion, the Board encouraged meetings with all stakeholders including but not limited to Town officials, police, neighbors, VFW and local business owners.

With no further discussion, the motion carried.

(9) New Business

Discussion – Toll Brothers Drainage Easement

Mr. Keith Brynes, Town Planner, stated that the easement should have been approved back in 2012 with other easements for this property and was omitted.

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

Discussion – Capital Lease Agreement for Kubota Tractor

Mr. James Sullivan gave an overview of the capital lease agreement for a Kubota tractor which was approved for Public Works in the CIP Budget. He added that the tractor will be delivered within two weeks.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted to approve the capital lease agreement. Mr. Simmons and Mrs. Rotella voted in favor and Mr. Prue opposed.

Mr. Prue questioned the need of the equipment as well as the amount of funds that have been used for recent emergency issues such as the generator. After some discussion, the motion carried.

Resolution – Brownfield Grant Application

Mr. Keith Brynes, Town Planner, stated that the resolution is needed to move forward and apply for the Brownfield Grant in the amount of \$200,000. If awarded, the grant would be used towards the environmental site assessment of the Stillmanville Mill property.

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the Brownfield Grant Application Resolution.

Request – Assign Map 134, Block 3, Lot 2, Street Number 50 Perkins Farm Drive, Mystic, CT 06355

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

(10) Comments from the Public

None

(11) Comments from the Selectmen

Mr. Prue stated that he was in attendance when the award was given to Patrolman Wholean by the City of Groton Police Department and that it was good to see how other municipalities operate.

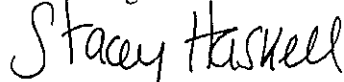
Mrs. Rotella stated that she was excited to be attending the Athena Awards in support of nominee Ms. Leanne Theodore, Director of Human Services. She added that Ms. Theodore is very deserving of the award.

Mr. Simmons stated that it is wonderful that Town staff are recognized for their work. He added that it was an honor to attend the ceremony where Patrolman Wholean was recognized for assisting the neighboring City of Groton Police Department.

He added that Ms. Theodore's nomination of the Athena Award by the Ocean Community Chamber is a great recognition to her hard work and dedication to those in need throughout the community.

(12) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Stacey Haskell

Recording Secretary