

November 28, 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 7:06 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Comments from the Public

Mr. Shaun Mastroianni asked if the item on the agenda regarding the right of way strip had anything to do with the Beautification Committee. Mr. Simmons stated no.

(4) Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the November 14, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

(5) Correspondence

- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Ms. Lucy Schlink in the form of an application for the Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Mr. Christopher Donahue in the form of an application for the Economic Development Commission.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Mr. Stuart Schwartzstein proposing forming a committee to review the landscaping and maintenance practices of town properties.

(6) Interview – Planning and Zoning Commission

The Board interviewed Mr. Peter Chomowicz for the alternate vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(7) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Planning and Zoning Commission

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Peter Chomowicz to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an alternate.

Resignation – Economic Development Commission

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Mr. Ward Smith from the Economic Development Commission as his term ended and he did not wish to seek reappointment.

(8) Old Business

None

(9) New Business

Request – Acceptance of Right of Way Strip

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

Request – Temporary Conservation Easement

Mr. Simmons stated that the Temporary Conservation Easement is for the open space portion of the Perkins Farm property which the Avalonia Land Trust is expect to take ownership of after construction is complete. The Temporary Conservation Easement assigns appropriate restrictions to the open space enforceable by the Town until formal dedication to the Avalonia Land Trust can be completed.

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

Discussion – Fuel Assistance

Mr. Simmons stated that prior to Thanksgiving there was an issue with residents who were in need of oil due to the extremely cold weather. He stated that some of the resident's application for assistance were late and add that the application process has changed where they must be processed first at TVCCA before coming back to the Town. He wished to recognize Stonington Human Services, Leanne Theodore, Carol Umphlett, TVCCA, Best Energy, WARM Shelter and all those involved for their quick response to service those residents in need. He added that he was impressed by the staff who ensured that no residents were left out in the cold.

(10) Comments from the Public

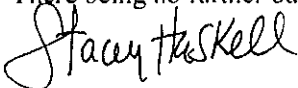
None

(11) Comments from the Selectmen

- Mr. Prue and Mrs. Rotella hoped everyone had a nice holiday.
- Mr. Simmons stated that he has been participating in Governor Elect Lamont's Transition Team on the Shared Services Committee. He added that there are many individuals involved from all parties coming together to discuss and advise on ways to share services within the State of Connecticut. Mr. Simmons stated that in Stonington we already share many services. He added that now that the elections are over the problems in the State of Connecticut still remain and that the Town has interest in participating in common sense solutions that will serve us all.

(12) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Stacey Haskell

Recording Secretary