

December 14, 2016

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, Selectman Mike Spellman and Selectwoman Kate Rotella. Also present were members of the public and press.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance

(3) Comments from the Public

None

(4) Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the November 22, 2016 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes.

(5) Correspondence

Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Rick Newton, Chairman of the Town of Stonington Climate Change Task Force requesting that the town to consider the establishment and funding of a reserve fund to have funds on hand when improvements to infrastructure are needed due to sea level rise.

(6) Appointments/Reappointment

Architectural Design Review Board

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to appoint Christopher Delaney to the Architectural Design Review Board.

Climate Change Task Force

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to appoint Dennis Unites to the Climate Change Task Force.

Director of Health

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to reappoint Dr. Michael Blefeld as the Director of Health.

(7) New Business

Discussion – Memorandum of Understanding Re: Inspection, Review and Repair of the Stillman Avenue Bridge

There was a brief discussion between the Board, Town Engineer Scot Deledda, President of the Westerly Town Council Jamie Silvestri and Westerly Town Manager Derrik Kennedy regarding the MOU. A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the MOU and allowing Mr. Simmons to sign it.

Discussion- Memorandum of Understanding Between Friends of Stonington Crew and the Town of Stonington

After some discussion between the Board members, a motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to send the Memorandum of Understanding to the Town Attorney.

Request from the Stonington Police Department for Property to be Destroyed

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

Discussion – Connecticut Tourism Coalition

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to table this matter.

Stonington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. Request for Building Permit Application Fee Waivers

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

Resolution – Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

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

Resolution – Master-Lease Sublease Agreement with Key Government Finance, Inc. for the Financing of Four Police Vehicles in the Amount of \$110,135.06.

Mrs. Rotella stated that the town needs to come up with a fleet management plan. A motion was made by Mr. Spellman and seconded by Mrs. Rotella to adopt the resolution. Discussion: Mrs. Rotella asked Jim Sullivan, Director of Finance if the Town Attorney reviewed it. Mr. Sullivan stated yes. The vote was 3-0 in favor of adopting the resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to add new business to the agenda.

Leaf Collection

Director of Public Works Barbara McKrell spoke with regard to the leaf collection program and where the town would be collecting leaves.

(8) Comments from the Public

None

(9) Comments from the Selectmen

- Mr. Spellman stated that the December 28, 2016 regular Board of Selectmen meeting would be canceled. He stated that 4 years ago today the Sandy Hook tragedy took place. Mr. Spellman stated that event changed a lot of lives.
- Mr. Simmons stated that he would be leaving on vacation on December 21, 2016.

(10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary