

August 22, 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 and Selectman John Prue. Selectwoman Kate Rotella was absent. 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) Comments from the Public

None

(4) Approval of the Minutes

- A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to approve the August 8, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

(5) Correspondence

None

(6) Interviews – Ad Hoc Committee on Plastic Bags & Straws

The Selectmen interviewed Mr. Jason Hine for a seat on the Plastic Bags & Straws Ad Hoc Committee.

(7) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Appointment – Ad Hoc Committee on Plastic Bags & Straws

- A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to appoint the following individuals to the Ad Hoc Committee on Plastic Bags and Straws:

Mr. Thaler Hefel a member from CUSH; Ms. Moira Daisey a member from the Mystic Chamber; Ms. Beth Markowski-Roop a member from the Ocean Chamber and Ms. Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan a member from the restaurant industry.

- A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Farrah Kaeser, Ms. Erika Lebling and Mr. Jason Hine as the three (3) at-large members from the public and Mr. Don Kluberanz as one of the four (4) at-large alternate members from the public to the Ad Hoc Committee on Plastic Bags and Straws.

Appointment – Architectural Design Review Board

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Elizabeth Jenny Brummund as an alternate to the Architectural Design Review Board.

Reappointment – Recreation Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to reappoint Ms. Jennifer Norcross to the Recreation Commission.

Reappointment – Planning and Zoning Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. A Gardner Young, Jr. and Mr. David Rathbun to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(8) Old Business

None

(9) New Business

Discussion – Housing Affordability 2008 Report Revisited

Mr. Dave Hammond, Economic Development Chair and Mr. Jason Vincent, Director of Planning gave a brief overview of the Housing Affordability Report and what has occurred over the past ten years which included

developmental progress in the area of affordable housing with the addition of Spruce Meadows, Spruce Ridge and Thread Mill North. Moving forward the Economic Development Commission would like to focus on the inventory and assessment of the different categories of housing within the Town as well as the continued creation of future developments.

Discussion – Withdrawal of Bid Award and Return of Bid Bond to True Blue Environmental for Underground Storage Tank Replacement Project

Mr. Scot Deledda, Town Engineer, stated that changes in the project scope occurred which required the Town to withdraw the bid award, return the bid bond and re-award the project to the next lowest bidder. He added that a signed contract between the Town and True Blue Environmental was not reached due to a reduced project scope by the Town as well as a request from True Blue Environmental for additional costs above the bid base.

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to withdraw the bid award and return the bid bond to True Blue Environmental.

Request – Award Bid for Underground Storage Tank Project

Mr. Deledda requested that the Board award the bid to the next lowest bidder, SRS Petroleum Services, to allow the project to continue moving forward.

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to award SRS Petroleum Services the bid for the Underground Storage Tank Project in the amount of \$570,100.

Request – Additional Appropriation for Engineer Study of Isham Street Boat Launch

Mr. Simmons stated based on an inspection by the Town's insurance company, CIRMA, the Isham Street Boat Launch was limited to car top launching only. The Town has engaged the work of Docko Engineering to oversee a study of the services required to provide retention and repairs to the Isham Street Boat Launch.

A motion was made by Mr. Prue, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$6,000 to fund the engineering study to be completed by Docko Engineering for the Isham Street Boat Launch.

In discussion, the question arose as to if the Town Highway Department could complete the work in house. Mr. Deledda stated that he believed they could but it is a matter of the timing. Mr. Prue asked if the work would be completed this season. Mr. Jim Sullivan, Director of Finance, stated that it is not possible with all of the permitting that will need to be done prior to starting the project. Mr. Deledda agreed and added that it could be on track to be fixed in the spring and ready for next season.

With no further discussion, the motion carried.

(10) Comments from the Public

Mr. Don Kluberanz thanked the Board for the creation of the Plastic Bags and Straws Ad Hoc Committee.

(11) Comments from the Selectmen

Mr. Prue did not have any comments.

Mr. Simmons thanked all the residents who serve the Town of Stonington by volunteering their time, talent and energy to Boards and Commissions. He added that he was happy to see so many citizens stepping up to the plate for the Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Simmons wanted to clarify that the issue with the possible elimination of the SEAT bus particularly Run 10 is not a Town decision. He added that the SEAT bus program is run by the State. Last year, the State was considering discontinuing Run 10 due to cost and lack of ridership. Mr. Simmons added that the Town has been working with Human Services and the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center on an alternative plan if the run is discontinued.

Mr. Simmons state that he presided over a ceremony at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway Monument in Pawcatuck which included several veterans in attendance. He added that the Beautification Committee and Public Works oversaw a renovation of the area under the guidance of Architect Chad Frost.

He concluded that we work best when we all work together.

(12) Adjourn

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stacey Haskell".

Stacey Haskell
Recording Secretary