

September 9, 2015

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 George Crouse, Selectman Rob Simmons and Selectman Michael Spellman. Also present were members of the public and press.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Crouse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

(2) Comments from the Public

None

(3) Approval of the Minutes

- A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to approve the August 26, 2015 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes.
- A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to table the September 2, 2015 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes until they get a response from Attorney Londregan

(4) Interviews for Planning & Zoning Commission

The Board of Selectmen interviewed A. Gardner Young, Shaun Savoie, Harry Martin, Harry Boardson and David Rathbun for the Planning & Zoning Commission. After some discussion among the Board it was agreed that a special meeting would be held and appointments would be made at that time.

(5) Set Call for Special Town Meeting to Consider and Vote On:

- a. To consider and vote on a resolution to approve the Board of Finance's approval of a request in the amount of \$185,000 for structural repairs to the concrete slab and footings at the Stonington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc.'s building.
- b. To consider and vote on a resolution to approve the Board of Finance's approval of a request in the amount of \$329,000 as an additional appropriation for the Town's portion of repairs to the Lantern Hill Bridge.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to send the two resolutions to town meeting.

(6) Correspondence

- Mr. Crouse took in correspondence from Chief Darren Stewart thanking the Greater Westerly Chamber Foundation and its sponsors for the generous donation of \$4,000.00 which will be used to install video cameras in downtown Pawcatuck.
- Mr. Crouse took in correspondence from Deborah Downie expressing her interest in serving on the Water Pollution Control Authority.
- Mr. Crouse took in correspondence from Kenneth Scott expressing his interest in serving on the Mystic Harbor Management Commission.
- Mr. Crouse took in correspondence from Dave Carreau, Chairman of the Mystic Harbor Management Commission expressing his support of Kenneth Scott being appointed to the MHMC.
- Mr. Crouse took in correspondence from Curtis Lynch expressing his interest in serving on the Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee.

(7) Reappointment

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to reappoint Matthew Berger to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

(8) New Business

Discussion of Volunteers Request for the Use of Town Owned Equipment

- Mr. Dan Oliverio stated that last year he and Julie Holland came up with the idea of doing a cleanup day at each of the schools on a Saturday in November. He stated that it worked out excellent last year. He stated that there was an unbelievable amount of volunteers at each of the schools. Mr. Oliverio stated that they did use a town truck for each of those days. He stated he did request the T5 truck because it has a body that can put on the ground and no one will be climbing in and out of any of the trucks. Mr. Oliverio stated that he would put it on the ground everyone would put all the debris from all of the schools would go in the back of that and at the end of the day he would pick it up and bring it to the landfill and get rid of it.
- Mr. Crouse stated that you could pile the leaves and we could pick it up at regular time on Monday.
- Mr. Oliverio stated that yes that is a possibility too.
- Mr. Crouse stated that it is an excellent explanation and it's a little different from what he envisioned. He stated what he is doing he thinks is doable. Mr. Crouse stated that they were trying to find different ways to negate risk management without having the PTO buy a certificate of insurance.
- Mr. Oliverio stated that it's not the PTO and was he and Julie Holland who put the request in. He stated that he didn't want to speak for the PTO.
- Mr. Crouse stated that there is now a protocol that the Board of Ed will send a request to the town public works and that is in the process.
- Mr. Spellman asked if Mr. Sullivan was aware that came off the truck and on the ground.
- Mr. Sullivan stated that he heard that and he asked Barbara McKrell about it and she was unaware that any of those trucks had that feature. He stated what he did explore with the Solid Waste Manager about having roll off containers dropped there at the locations on a Friday night and they can pick them up on a Monday morning. He stated that way there is nothing moving around during those weekends. What you said about all these kids volunteering is his biggest concern. He stated you don't know if a kid is going to dart out in front of one of the trucks and as far as any power equipment he is against that. Mr. Sullivan stated that rakes and shovels are fine but with weed whackers you have stuff flying in kids' eyes.
- Mr. Spellman asked Mr. Sullivan if he could research an insurance rider for these events and give us a cost.
- Mr. Sullivan stated that generally it is the users of the facilities that provide the certificate of insurance to the town they must as an additional insured.
- Ms. Ashley Gillece stated that she wanted to clarify something. She stated that it is not the PTO. Ms. Gillece stated that the PTO insurance would by no means cover this because it is not a PTO event.
- Mr. Spellman asked Mr. Crouse if he will ensure that the truck is available so that they'll know that truck is ready to go and they just need to complete the paperwork.

- Mr. Crouse stated I guess so.
- Mr. Oliverio stated that the parents brought their power tools last year.
- Mr. Crouse stated that was fine.
- Mr. Sullivan stated that's not fine. He stated that people bringing power tools onto school property or town property is not fine. Mr. Sullivan stated that he would advise against that as well.

(9) Comments from the Public

None

(10) Comments from the Selectmen

- Mr. Spellman stated that they talked recently about the Autism and Law Enforcement Coalition. He stated they lined that up for October 8th. Mr. Spellman stated that the Groton City Police Department will put together a training for local police officers. He stated that they will come down and discuss that. He stated that it will be from 3-5 a presentation will be put for the parents of autistic children at the Stonington Commons. Mr. Spellman wanted to remind people that on September 16th its Shine A Light on Heroin at the Stonington High School. Mr. Spellman stated that he would like the Board to commend the Old Mystic Fire Department. He stated that they have done an outstanding job.
- Mr. Crouse made a motion to commend the Old Mystic Fire Department and Chief Ken Richards for their actions and their protection of the people of the town and especially for their duty and their calls on 95. The motion as seconded by Mr. Spellman. The vote was 3-0 in favor of commending the old Mystic Fire Department.
- Mr. Spellman stated that he called on the Connecticut State Police to pick up enforcement on I95 after a rash of accidents we've had and he hopes that Board echoes this position and we motion to call on the Connecticut State Police to police to pick up enforcement on I95. Mr. Crouse seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 in favor of calling on the Connecticut State Police to pick up enforcement on I95.
- Mr. Simmons stated that he wanted to underline the fact that the interviews for the candidates for the Planning and Zoning Commission held tonight are very important and very significant. He stated that he appreciated the fact that the chair and Kris Bell arranged to get all of the candidates here so they had a chance to listen to them. Mr. Simmons stated that in his opinion the choices that they make for people to serve on this commission and as alternates on this commission are critically important because a lot of decisions are going to be made over the next several years that effect the future of the town, its character, its grand list and the quality of life in the jobs that we have available for our people. He stated so people like his son-in-law and daughter can live here and work here and grow a business here and employ people here and enjoy all the benefits we have had.

(11) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01

p.m,



Kristine Bell

Recording Secretary