

November 13, 2019

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 John Prue and Selectwoman Jocelyn Kepple. 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 Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the October 23, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

(5) Correspondence

- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Mr. George Wingblade in the form of an application for the Architectural Design Review Board.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Mr. William Wright in the form of an application for the Inland Wetlands Watercourse Commission.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Mr. Shaun Mastroianni in the form of an application for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(6) Appointment/Reappointment/Resignation

Acknowledgement – Board of Police Commission

- The Board acknowledged Mr. Raymond Trebisacci 's term on the on the Board of Police Commission ended effective October 31, 2019.

Reappointment – Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission

- A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. James Kading to the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission.

(7) Old Business

None

(8) New Business

Discussion – West Broad Street School Lease

Mr. Simmons stated that a draft has been completed regarding the lease of West Broad Street School to St. Michaels Church. He added that the only action that the Board would be taking was to approve moving the item to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their report. Once that is completed the new members of the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing and decide on the future of the lease.

Mr. Simmons stated that pursuant to General Statute §8-24, the Board of Selectmen hereby refer a potential lease of certain real property located at 131 West Broad Street, Pawcatuck, Connecticut, between the Town of Stonington and Saint Michaels Church Pawcatuck, Connecticut to the Stonington Planning and Zoning Commission for a report on said potential lease.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted to approve moving the item to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their report on the lease. The motion passed with Mr. Simmons and Mr. Prue voting in favor and Ms. Kepple abstaining.

Discussion – Request from the Board of Education to Adopt Resolutions Pertaining to Stonington Middle School

Mr. Simmons stated that Mr. Gary Shettle, Director of Finance for Stonington Public Schools, sent through a request from the Board of Education asking the Town of Stonington to approve resolutions regarding Stonington Middle School roof replacement and safety vestibule projects.

Mr. Simmons read the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Town of Stonington Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the proposed roof replacement project at the Stonington Middle School.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Mr. Simmons read the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Town of Stonington Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the proposed safety vestibule project at the Stonington Middle School.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Discussion – Town Parks and School Grounds Leash Rules and Regulations

Ms. Leanne Theodore gave an overview of the ongoing safety issues that have occurred with dogs on Town property during Town sponsored recreation activities. Recently, there were separate incidents with dog fights and someone was injured by a dog bite. It was noted that the dogs were typically on leash. Therefore, a policy has been drafted prohibiting animals at any school or Town recreation sponsored event or on any athletic field, sidelines or walkways leading to and from fields and playgrounds within Spellman Park as well as athletic and playgrounds at all schools and district offices. The policy permits leashed animals in Spellman Park's parking area, East and West Pavilion, nature trails and roadways.

Further, it was noted that the item had been approved by the Recreation Committee and was going before the Board of Education. The policy would allow for police enforcement, if needed.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to approve the Town Parks and School Ground Leash Rules and Regulations.

Discussion – MOA with State Historic Preservation Office

Mr. Simmons gave an overview of the Memorandum of Agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the Mystic River Boathouse Park. The agreement was approved by the Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee at their meeting on November 4, 2019 and includes the demolition of the shed, moving the home known as the Lovelace House on the property back about 90 feet and historical documentation to be placed at the site regarding the land, Rossie Velvet Mill and

Lovlace House. Mr. Simmons stated that although the item does not need to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, he hoped the group would endorse the plan.

A motion was made by Ms. Kepple, seconded by Mr. Prue and voted unanimously to endorse the Memorandum of Agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the plans for the Mystic River Boathouse Park.

(9) Comments from the Public

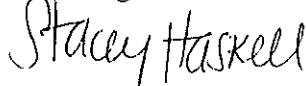
- Ms. June Strunk offered her gratitude for the years of service by Mr. Simmons and thank Mr. Prue and Ms. Kepple.
- Ms. Deb Downie thanked the Board for their service.
- Mr. Nick Kepple thanked his daughter for her service. Further, he thanked Mr. Simmons for his leadership, vision and dedication to the Mystic River Boathouse Park Implementation Committee.

(10) Comments from the Selectmen

- Ms. Kepple stated it was an honor and privilege to work with Mr. Simmons and Mr. Prue. She stated she was excited for the new Board.
- Mr. Prue stated that although it wasn't always easy it was an honor and a privilege to serve on the Board.
- Mr. Simmons presented Ms. Kepple and Mr. Prue with commendations noting the several areas that they have served the Town. He congratulated his wife, Heidi, on her election to the Board of Education and thanked her for her continued support.

(11) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Stacey Haskell

Recording Secretary