

June 8, 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.

(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. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to approve the May 25, 2016 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes.

(5) Public Hearing – 2016 Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit

Mr. Simmons stated that he would welcome the application under this program.

(6) Approval of the 2016 Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Application

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to approve the application from the Stonington Community Center.

(7) Correspondence

- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Wayne Greene, Building Official informing the Board of Selectmen that he would be retiring from his position effective September 7, 2016.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from the Blessing of the Fleet Race Committee the 2016 Blessing Fleet would take place on Sunday, July 31, 2016 and the 5K race would take place on July 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with registration beginning at the Town Dock at 4:00 p.m.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee stating that they would be disbanding given the lack of members of the committee and the creation of the Stonington Realty Corp.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from Jody Grabowski stating that a group of people who pick through her garbage looking for recyclable cans from her garbage and leave the garbage strewn about.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from the Eastern Connecticut Association of Realtors, Inc. stating that it is pleased to participate in the National Association of Realtors Placemaking Initiative which encourages Realtor associations and their members to engage in Placemaking in their communities.
- Mr. Simmons took in correspondence from the Scott Bates, Chairman of the Connecticut Port Authority requesting a meeting with Mr. Simmons to discuss Stonington's port and any input he may have on Connecticut's maritime policies.

(8) Appointments/Reappointments

Stonington Beautification Committee

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to appoint Shaun Mastrionno to the to the Stonington Beautification Committee.

K-12 School Building Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to appoint Robert Mitchell, Jr. to the K-12 School Building Committee as an alternate.

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to reappoint Jon Mitchell to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

- A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to reappoint Raul Ferreira to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

Waterfront Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mrs. Rotella and voted unanimously to reappoint Donald Kluberanz to the Waterfront Commission.

(9) New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman, seconded by Mr. Simmons and voted unanimously to open the agenda to new business. The Selectmen presented posthumously to Stephanie Shawn and Elizabeth Mitchell-Cipriano a commendation for their grandfather, Rudolph "Rudy" Velle.

Pawcatuck Middle School Roofing Bid Award

A motion was made by Mrs. Rotella, seconded by Mr. Spellman and voted unanimously to award the bid to Allied Restoration.

Request that Street Number for Map 31, Block 1, Lot 1A be assigned 269 Osbrook Point, Pawcatuck, CT

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

Request that Street Number for Map 153, Block 3, Lot 1A be assigned 8 Latimer Point Road, Stonington, CT

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

Wooden Boat Show Request for the Use of the 4th District Voting Hall Parking Lot

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

Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge

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

Request for the Use of the T6 Dump Truck for the Annual Stonington Highway Department Food Drive scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Spellman and seconded by Mrs. Rotella to approve the request. Discussion: Dan Oliverio stated that the Highway Department has been doing this for 5 years and it benefits the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. The vote was 3-0 in favor of approving the request.

(10) Comments from the Public

None

(11) Comments from the Selectmen

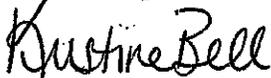
- Mrs. Rotella stated that the Beautification Committee is trying to get a hold of a representative from Amtrak with regard to the train station. She stated that there was a suggestion that maybe the Public Works Department because they have a route that way could keep up with the grass there and the Garden Club who is also on the Beautification Committee has talked about maybe being interested in working on the pots and maintaining the pots. She stated that she is hoping they will continue to do that. Mrs. Rotella stated that the awards banquet was unbelievable. She thanked the employees of the Town Hall for their efforts every Friday donating money for these worthy causes.
- Mr. Spellman stated that there is a Shine a Light on Heroin event at Ocean Beach on June 16, 2016. Mr. Spellman stated that if you have been following the local papers, a 17 year old girl overdosed in the Town of Groton. He stated that it is a very tragic situation but it is a wakeup call. Mr. Spellman stated that he knows the parents. He stated that time has gone far beyond photo ops and it is time for action. Mr. Spellman stated that he wanted to publicly go on the record calling for State's Attorney Investigator Ken Edwards to be in charge and he can coordinate the efforts. He stated it is time for action not talk. Mr.

Spellman stated that the lack of sidewalks on Rt. 1 is a public safety issue especially when there are football games at night.

- Mr. Simmons stated that with regard to Amtrak's station, Amtrak is notorious with being difficult to deal with. He stated that he would reach out to the folks and see what he can find out about the train station and find out what the ownership is there. Mr. Simmons stated that we have already attempted to locate some extra space for parking behind the Fire Department in Mystic and there is a group out there that is trying to increase the business by having Shoreline East come to Mystic and Westerly. He stated that is all part and parcel of a major initiative that needs to be pushed forward. Mr. Simmons stated regarding the sidewalk he stated he believes that Mrs. Rotella has a request into the Highway Department for Joe Bragaw's report which may have some information on that but it may not. Mr. Simmons stated that the graduates had some very special academic achievements. He stated that it gives him particular pride to know that we have such a good student body and such a good group of teachers and administration. Mr. Simmons thanked Mr. Spellman for his work in highlighting the problem that we've had in the community with regard to the mowing of fields around the schools and the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. He stated that it has been erratic and it has been in some instances unsatisfactory. Mr. Simmons stated that on the basis of Mr. Spellman's comments to him, he convened a meeting this morning at 10:00 a.m. with the Education Department and the Department of Public Works to talk about we can better coordinate these activities. He stated that Dr. Riley asked who mows the fields, when do they mow them, how do we communicate our needs and how do we make it better. Mr. Simmons stated that in the process, he pulled out an older MOU dating back to 2012 that had to do with some of the organization of the tasks. He stated that they will be reviewing this MOU to see if it is being properly followed. He further stated that he will be requesting that town has specific assignments with the Department of Public Works and the schools. Mr. Simmons stated that the public school staff does parts of the lawn and the Highway Department does other parts of the fields and lawn coordinate their activities and do them in the same day so the whole place the same. He stated that they will meeting in a couple of weeks to update themselves on this coordination and they are also implementing an application called Facility Dude that allows individuals like Vicki Anderson from PNC, like Mike Dennis from the Town Hall, Rich Ward from recreation and Bill King from the Education Department to put special events into the computer and you have a computerized program that publishes a schedule. Mr. Simmons stated that this isn't the end of the problem, this is the beginning of fixing the problem.

(12)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Kristine Bell

Recording Secretary