

**Stonington Facilities Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Former Old Mystic Elementary School, Old Mystic, CT
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
7:00 pm
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The Stonington Facilities Committee held a special meeting on this date, Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 7 p.m. at the former Old Mystic Elementary School.

Members present were Paul Sartor, Chairman; Jean Fiore; Bill King; and Alisa Morrison. Also present were John Thornell, Stonington High School Varsity Crew Coach and four members of the public, three being neighbors of the former school/administration building. Jean Fiore recorded the meeting minutes.

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Paul Sartor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Jean Fiore and Bill King were seated as alternates.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The group recited the pledge.

3. **Proposal for Use of Old Mystic Elementary School Building**

Paul Sartor explained purposed of meeting: Stonington High Crew Team looking for place to train. The vacant school building affords space for indoor winter training. Classrooms can be used as follows: rowing room (30 ergonomic machines), weight-training room, and study halls.

Coach Thornell stated that 50 students participate in the sport of Crew and that the team has had an arrangement with Mystic Seaport for 20+ years to launch boats from their grounds in season. However, the team now operates during season from land upriver from Mystic Seaport, recently purchased by the Town of Stonington, for use as a public park and boat launch. Coach Thornell also explained that the team has rented several different sites over the last four years for indoor winter training but is looking for a more permanent location. Their current lease at the Taugwonk Industrial Park expires at end of December.

Paul invited the public to comment. The public was receptive to the proposed use but asked that the building and grounds be properly maintained, specifically regarding outdoor lighting, snow plowing, fence and playground removal. Paul noted that insurance coverage for the proposed use as well as custodial services would be addressed by the newly elected selectwomen. He

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advised the public that any maintenance concerns be addressed to Barbara McKrell, Director of Public Works.

Alisa Morrison proposed a motion that the recommendation by the Stonington Facilities Committee to allow the Stonington High Crew Team use of 49 North Stonington Road for training purposes be forwarded to the Stonington Board of Selectwomen for approval.

Bill King seconded the motion. Seated board members voted, and the motion passed unanimously 4 to 0.

4. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m