

**Borough of Stonington  
Board of Warden and Burgesses Regular Meeting  
August 21, 2017, 7:30 PM  
Borough Hall**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Jeffrey Callahan called the monthly meeting of the Borough of Stonington Board of Warden and Burgesses to order at Borough Hall at 7:30 pm. Present were Burgesses Amanda Barnes, Shaun Mastroianni, and Robert Scala, and Clerk-Treasurer Bergin O'Malley. Burgesses Michael Adair, Amy Nicholas, and Karen von Ruffer Hills were absent.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Borough resident Rita McCreary passed away last night. Rita's late husband, Ed, was a longtime member of the Board, and they lived here for many decades. She is survived by her son, Ian.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Burgess Scala, seconded by Burgess Mastroianni, the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on July 17 were unanimously approved.

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Received July collections: \$715,916.69

Received Town FY17/18 street reimbursement: \$189,967.00

Worked with auditors for field audit

Processed quarterly payroll reports

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Peyton Horne: letter regarding tree at corner of Main & High Streets
- Ingrid Feddersen: email regarding Fun Run
- SCWA: letter regarding representative advisory board appointments
- Requests: Portuguese Holy Ghost Society: sign request for 9/2-3 event

**REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER**

- Nothing to report

**REVIEW OF BILLS/YTD FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Bills:** Bills totaled \$144,000. These bills included the annual premium for workers comp, liability, annual donation to the Stonington Free Library, and a down payment on the new doors for the fire house.

**Financials:** Influx of annual property tax revenue so we are in good shape.

**WARDEN'S REPORT**

- Completed preparations for BoroVision 2020 presentation at La Grua on August 24<sup>th</sup>
- Spoke at ceremony celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stonington Harbor small boat races.
- FY-17 Borough audit started.
- Met with Town Engineer regarding Stormwater Management Plan implementation.
- Attended presentation in Waterford on DEEP nitrogen reduction strategy, related to Stormwater Management
- Calculated FY-18 fees for contract fire districts – WPA, Lords Pt, Stonington Upper District

## **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

### **A. STREETS (Callahan)**

- Painted cross walks on Water, Elm, and Main Streets.
- Repaired manhole cover on Harmony Street
- Began vacuuming catch basins (required by the Stormwater Management Plan)

### **B. FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Adair/ Hoadley)**

- 1) 7-3-17 6:39am Box 15 American Velvet Mill
- 2) 7-5-17 4:31pm Propane leak 26 Elihu Island Rd.
- 3) 7-5-17 5:09pm MVA Rt. 1 at North Main St.
- 4) 7-5-17 6:35pm Fire Alarm Activation 15 Main St.
- 5) 7-11-17 6:29am Boat sinking Stonington Town Dock
- 6) 7-12-17 5:32pm Fire Alarm Activation 202 Flanders Rd.
- 7) 7-13-17 5:30pm Fire Alarm Activation 105 Elm St.
- 8) 7-14-17 6:42am Box 15 American Velvet Mill
- 9) 7-14-17 5:30pm Fire Alarm Activation 40 Palmer St. Woolworth Library
- 10) 7-17-17 12:50pm Box 15 American Velvet Mill
- 11) 7-17-17 2:54pm Fall from a bicycle Rt. 1 @ Elm St.
- 12) 7-20-17 1:45pm Fire Alarm Activation 27 Church St. Calvary Church
- 13) 7-22-17 8:08pm Fire Alarm Activation 1 Main St.
- 14) 7-27-17 5:35pm Box Alarm.....Alarm malfunction
- 15) 7-28-17 1:44pm Resident lock out 34 Broad St.
- 16) 7-28-17 3:04pm MVA Alpha & Trumbull Ave.
- 17) 7-29-17 7:51pm Fire Alarm Activation 148 Water St.
- 18) 7-29-17 10:44pm CO Alarm Activation 189 Elm St.

- In addition on 7-21-17, meeting was held at American Velvet Mill, Chief Hoadley, Eric Pivco from the mill, Judy and others from Aquarion Water Co. and Bruce White (Velvet Mill sprinkler contractor) to try to solve the water flow alarm problems within the mill.
- Water tank at the end of Summit Street--will be blasting in September. Concern about the water tower. Once the date is known, residents will be informed.
- Fire Marshal Hoadley still inspecting properties.

### **C. PARKS, TREES AND RIGHTS OF WAY (Barnes)**

- The tree in front of the Pandolfi's house was removed and has been replaced.

### **D. PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Mastroianni)**

- The Fire House: was weeded twice since the last meeting and will need landscaping in the fall or spring. The building is in good condition. The doors will be replaced soon and the front side of the buildings window trim will need some paint.
- Borough Hall: gas tanks in the back should be attached to the building; there is light out on the back steps; there is a nest in a vent in the back; the trim on the building is in need of paint; sidewalks need to be repaired; and the kitchen ceiling needs repair. Tanks, light, and nest have been corrected.

### **E. SIDEWALKS (Scala)**

- 84 Water street: Bluestones all relaid
- 76 Water street: working on large trip hazard

## **F. POLICE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (Nicholas)**

### **Police Incident Report**

During the month of July 2017 there were 92 incidents in the police report for the Borough including 22 Parking/Motor Vehicle Complaints including 4 Red Tags of Vehicles, 12 Burglar Alarms (11 of which were false), 10 Fire Related Calls, 9 Medical Assists, 4 Nuisance, 4 Suspicious Activities, 4 Business/Building Checks, 3 Accidents, 3 Assist Other Agency, 3 Alarm not Registered, 2 Larcenies, 2 Motor Vehicle Stops, 2 Trespass, and 2 Animal Control incidents. There were one incident each of Minor Traffic Service, Assist Citizen, Special Event, Juvenile, Found Item, 911 Hang Up, Disturbance, Alarm Panic, Criminal Mischief, Serve Warrant and a Motor Vehicle Infraction.

There was one arrest related to the warrant.

## **G. UTILITIES & SANITATION (von Ruffer Hills)**

- Trash inspection and delivered ordinance notices throughout the Boro
- One trash issue has been elevated to LLHD
- Addressed trash issues at DuBois Beach.
- The LED Streetlight Conversion project remains active with the Town of Stonington preparing an RFP

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Richard Hanratty--wanted to know what happens to the \$906,000 in revenue received. Warden Callahan explained that the money is put in the general account at Dime Bank where we collect interest and pay some fees. We net around \$700, so will keep the arrangement for now. The Warden also emphasized that he feels it is important to support our local bank. Stuart Schwartzstein--voiced support for keeping Borough funds in a borough bank as it helps keep the bank here.

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. No requests to use Borough property.
- b. Discussion about the history of the SE CT Water Authority Advisory Board and consideration of appointments to the representative advisory board. Every municipality in SE CT is allocated two positions on the advisory board. Currently Burgess Michael Adair and Warden Callahan are on the board. The Warden explained that the chief elected official from each municipality usually sits on the board, so he intends to continue, but anyone else interested in the position should reach out to the Warden. No vote until September.
- c. A motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Scala, to move Tiffany Cook from alternate to regular member of ZBA and to appoint John Spencer to take her place, passed unanimously.
- d. Discussion about the creation of a new park on Elm Street
  - Burgess Mastroianni wanted to gauge support for the idea. The plan would include taking up the asphalt, planting grass, replacing the fence, building a storm drain (no trees would be removed).

- Resident Stuart Schwartzstein noted he and Julia Leeming are on record to go ahead with this plan. He has reached out to neighbors on Elm and Cutler and residents and they seem keen to do it. It's a nice space to enhance the community and Amtrak doesn't have resources to keep it clean.
- Sarah Blair--spoke in support saying it would be a nice addition and wanted to note that there should be space for cars to turn around
- Rick Larkin-- terrific idea and would enhance the area
- Chief Hoadley— support for power line needs to be cleaned up--wet greenery growing there recently caught fire
- Warden Callahan--Borough will talk to neighbors, get a professional to draft a site plan, and timing will depend on budget. Proposal will have to go before Borough P&ZC. A site plan will have to be prepared.
- Carol Martin--wanted to make sure the drainage issue and runoff are taken into consideration.

e. A motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Scala, to consider rescheduling the monthly September meeting to Thursday the 28th of September passed unanimously.

## **12. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ingrid Fedderson's letter about the fun run will be put on the agenda for next month. Stuart Schwartzstein ---raised the issue of 27 Cutler property that Eversource owns. Callahan suggested that the issue be raised with the zoning officer.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Burgess Scala, seconded by Burgess Mastroianni, adjournment of the meeting at 8:07p.m, was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Bergin O'Malley,  
 Clerk-Treasurer  
 August 24, 2017