

**Borough of Stonington
Board of Warden and Burgesses
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 17, 2023
DRAFT MINUTES**

Warden Michael Schefers called the monthly meeting of the Borough of Stonington Board of Warden and Burgesses to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Borough Hall. Present, in addition to Warden Schefers were Burgesses Amy Nicholas, Kevin Rogers, Amanda Barnes, and Kevin Bowdler; and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Coleman. Approximately 13 members of the public were present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Burgess Barnes, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, the minutes of the monthly meeting of June 20, 2023, were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

RECEIVED:

- a) Consider Paul Collette as a Alternate member of P&Z,(email)
- b) State Homeland Security Agreement Authorization
- c) Town Basketball Court at Town Dock (email)
- d) Letter Farmers Market at Town Dock
- e) Ocean Community Center application

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

REVIEW OF BILLS/YTD FINANCIAL REPORT; ARPA UPDATE

Bills for the period June 17, 2023 through July 14, 2023 totaled \$52,786.33. I&E through July 14, 2023 shows total revenue to date of \$1,397,514.35, which is \$45,028.352 over budget; and net income to date of \$123,785.34. Balance of ARPA funds is \$30,740. (Mike, check that this is correct.)

WARDEN'S REPORT

1. Met with CT Dept of Labor OSHA Rep on two minor corrected violations
2. Attended monthly Town Department Head meeting
3. Attended Monthly COG meeting
4. Attended premeeting with Chief, myself, Town Director of Public Works and Town Engineer to further discuss and document viaduct concerns for July 17 mtg with CT DOT.
5. Amy and I discussed additional Police presence in the Borough going forward.
6. Attended SVIA Annual Meeting

BOROUGH CLOCK -

Emerson corrected 2 minute early clock toll

STREET & SIDEWALKS COMMISSIONER REPORT -

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Streets & Sidewalks (Schefers)

1. Conducted monthly brush pickup.
2. Continued Work on painting/repainting Road Stop Signs and Cross Walks
3. Continued road-sweeping and lawn maintenance
4. Ryan our summer temporary helper start June 20th.
5. Addressed pot hole on Water Street at Pearl

Fire & Emergency Management (Nicholas/Hoadley)

June Fire Report

- 1)6-6-2023 11:27am Fire Alarm Activation 151 Wamphassuc Pt. Rd. (workers)
- 2)6-6-2023 6:36pm Fire Alarm Activation 22 Diving St. (burnt food)
- 3)6-11-2023 8:49pm Fire Alarm Activation 41 Orchard St. (burnt potato in microwave)
- 4)6-14-2023 3:46pm Oil spill 32 Water St. Stonington Commons parking lot (container of oil fell out of a truck spilling onto asphalt, 1/2 gallon)
- 5)6-17-2023 10:48am Unknown Alarm Stonington COMO (low battery alarm, computer)
- 6)6-19-2023 6:37pm Fire Alarm Activation 40 Grand St. (workers)
- 7)6-23-2023 1:06pm Rescue, Town Dock Playground (child stuck in equipment)
- 8)6-25-2023 11:24am Fire Alarm Activation 30 Church St. (burnt food)
- 9)6-26-2023 1:18pm Fire Alarm Activation 40 Palmer St. (sprinkler tech)

Parks, Trees & Rights of Way (Barnes)

Public Buildings (Rogers)

Reporting on the bids received on the fire escape repairs for Boro Hall

Utilities & Sanitation (Bowdler)

Burgess Kevin Bowdler reported an update on the Eversouce poles.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Sibby Lynch asked about whether there are speed signs on the viaduct.

Resident Tom Sargent of Main St. objects to the comfort station.

Resident Al (The one on P&Z) regarding the Point zoned RL? With no commercial business.

Burgess Kevin Bowdler regarding comfort station and there are letters from approximately 20 individuals and businesses in Borough Hall.

Resident Pam Mola's husband, remarked on spending tax payer's money on the comfort station which we don't know how much it is going to cost every year.

Resident Judith Hanratty remarked that the comfort station has been reviewed over and over and thinks residents should defer to the Warden and Burgesses' and the comfort station committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Draft Vendor Ordinance

A motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Rogers, to table the vote on approving the Draft Vendor Ordinance, was unanimously approved.

Comfort Station Update

Warden Schefers gave an update on Bond related measures.

Viaduct Update

Warden Schefers updated on the Viaduct meeting with the DOT that was held on July 17th.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider appointing Paul Collette alternate member of P&Z

A motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Barnes, to appoint Paul Collette as an alternate member of Planning and Zoning, was unanimously approved.

Consider State Homeland Security/SCOG Memo of Agreement Authorization

A motion by Warden Schefers, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to approve the State Homeland Security/SCOG Memo of Agreement Authorization with one correction adding the word of between the words Borough and Stonington, was unanimously approved.

Farmer's Market

Warden Michael Schefers gave a report of the SVIA annual meeting discussing their request to return the Farmer's Market to the Town Dock.

Budget error correction

Consider requests to use Borough property

Consider application for Wad Square Movie Nights

A motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Rogers, to approve the request by Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce to hold free movie nights on Wadawanuck Square on July 25 and August 8, 2023 from 8 pm – 11 pm, was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

Comments were made by residents on the comfort station

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ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Burgess Rogers, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, adjournment of the meeting at 8:26 pm, was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Coleman

July 24, 2023

