

**Borough of Stonington**  
**Board of Warden and Burgesses Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**December 19, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

Warden Jeffrey Callahan 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 in Borough Hall. Present in Borough Hall in addition to Warden Callahan were Burgesses Amy Nicholas and Kevin Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Coleman. Burgesses Mastroianni and Barnes attended via Zoom.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion by Burgess Rogers, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2022, were unanimously approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Community Center, letter thanking the Board for annual contribution
- b. Child & Family Agency, email clarifying their request to conduct a fun run in May
- c. B&M Landscaping, curb cut request at 39 Water Street
- d. Alden Alexander, request to conduct the New Year's Eve ball drop at the Point
- e. Brad Painter, email forwarding his "Zelkova #7 Appraisal Report"

**REVIEW OF BILLS/YTD FINANCIAL REPORT**

Bills for the period November 12 through December 16, 2022 totaled \$112,234. Bills of note are \$38,620 to Hastedt Bros for repaving of Denison Ave; \$20,477 to Bartlett for tree removals, pruning, and plantings; \$5,690 to O'Connor Davies for auditing services; \$5,130 to Firematic for repairs to fire department equipment.

I&E through December 16, 2022 shows total revenue to date of \$1,370,551, which is \$18,005 over budget; and net income to date of \$565,421.

**WARDEN'S REPORT**

1. Attended December Town Dept Head meeting
2. Worked on annual CRS recertification and MS4 annual report
3. Participated in Zoom briefing by SCCOG on I-95 and rail improvement planning efforts in S E CT
4. Local Covid statistics: New London County cumulative deaths now total 743. State positivity rate has increased to about 12% while NL County is at 10%
5. Sent letter to First Selectman requesting that Town allocate \$100k from ARPA funds for Borough comfort station.

**BOROUGH CLOCK -- None**

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

### **Streets & Sidewalks (Callahan)**

1. Conducted monthly brush pickup.
2. Salted roads during season's first snow falls on 12/11 and 12/14
3. Prepped equipment for winter.
4. Completed fall leaf collection
5. Checked Harbor Edge outfall

### **Fire & Emergency Management (Nicholas/Hoadley)**

SBFD responded to 8 Alarms (5 in Borough) in November 2022, they were as follows:

- 1)11-1-22 7:14pm Medical assist with SAC 79 Tipping Rock Rd. (lifting assistance)
- 2)11-3-22 8:10am Power line down IFO 113 Water St. (Noah's) (cable tv)
- 3)11-6-22 6:46pm Structure Fire 51 Covese Lane (burnt food in oven,meatballs)
- 4)11-12-22 9:17am Fire Alarm Activation 13 E. Grand St. (candle)
- 5)11-14-22 1:11pm Fire Alarm Activation 40 Grand St. (workers)
- 6)11-19-22 3:09pm Medical Assist with SAC 25 Northwest St. (lift assist)
- 7)11:21:22 7:14pm Wires arcing on pole Elm & Cliff St. (EVERSOURCE enroute)
- 8)11-27-22 9:11pm Mutual Aid to Mystic Fire Dept. 2 Washington St. (seaport marine completely destroyed in 5 alarm fire)

### **November Police Incident Report**

November incidents totaled 59 including 17 Check Building, 8 Medical Assists, 6 Parking/Motor Vehicle Complaints, 4 Assist Citizen, 4 Fire Related Calls, 4 911 Hang up/Misdial, 2 Accidents 1 of which involved a deer, 2 Suspicious Activity and 2 Found Item. There was one incident each of Disturbance, Order to Repossess, Larceny, Scam, Animal Control, Welfare Check, Alarm Burglar, Damage not Criminal, Assist Other Agency and Community Policing.

### **October Police Incident Report (received in December)**

October incidents totaled 57 including 12 Check Building, 5 Accidents including one with an injury, 5 Parking Complaints, 4 Assist Citizen, 4 911 Hang ups/Misdials, 3 Medical Assists, 3 Burglar Alarms 1 of which was false, 2 Suspicious Activity, 2 Pistol Permit, 2 Alarm not registered and 2 Disturbance. There was one incident each of Found Item, Fire related, General Information, Trespass, Lost Item, Identity Theft, Alarm Panic, Threatening, Protective Order Violation, Keys in Vehicle, Disabled Motor Vehicle, Motor Vehicle Stop and a Welfare Check.

### **Parks, Trees & Rights of Way (Barnes)**

Brad Painter's report indicates that the tree at the corner of Front and Broad Streets is compromised and should be replaced. He appraised the lost value of the tree at about \$22k. Amanda will follow up with him.

### **Public Buildings (Mastroianni)**

Nothing to report on Borough buildings. He noted that the EV charging station contractor is planning to meet with EverSource rep tomorrow to discuss feasibility of installing stations behind St. Mary and near Velvet Mill.

Jeff commented that Borough Hall had not been included in the Town's heating oil contract this year. He has talked to Dime Oil, the Town's vendor, and they said they would add Borough Hall to the contract.

**Utilities & Sanitation (Rogers)**

New ticket pad is very useful. Has issued six so far for yellow bag violations. He has contacted Eversource about two street light outages.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pam Mola asked if we had looked into maintenance costs for the public restrooms in Mystic. Jeff responded that he had not done that but will.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Consider appointing ordinance enforcement hearing officer --- Tabled**

**Consider request from Child and Family Agency (Sue Fage) to conduct fun run on May 6, 2023**

A motion by Burgess Mastroianni, seconded by Warden Callahan, to approve the request by Sue Fage of Child and Family Agency to use Borough Streets and Wadawanuck Square on May 6, 2023 passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider request by Alden Alexander to use the Point on New Year's Eve for the ball drop**

A motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to approve the request by Alden Alexander to use Stonington Point from 11:30 pm on Dec 31, 2022 until 12:30 am on January 1, 2023, for the New Year's Eve ball drop, passed unanimously.

**Consider W&B regular meeting schedule for 2023**

A motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Barnes, to approve the proposed Warden & Burgesses regular meeting schedule for 2023, passed unanimously. The schedule will be posted on the Borough website.

**Consider issuing proclamation**

A motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Rogers, to approve the Proclamation making Dec 29<sup>th</sup> Tom Rezendes Day, passed unanimously. It will be presented to Tom on December 29<sup>th</sup> at the library.

**Consider Curb Cut request by B&M Landscaping**

A motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Rogers, to approve the curb cut request at 39 Water Street passed unanimously. The work must be completed within one year.

**Discuss referendum question on May 2023 ballot**

Jeff had asked the State elections division if the Borough could have a referendum question that was only advisory. The election official responded that if we place a question on the ballot we must act on the result. That is, if we ask whether the Borough should move its elections to November and the

majority vote in the affirmative, the Board would have to change Borough elections (and the Charter) to reflect that outcome. After some discussion, the Board decided not to put the question on the ballot.

**Truck traffic in the Borough**

The Board agreed that we should start addressing this problem by installing a sign on the viaduct to warn truckers about the Borough's narrow streets. Burgess Nicholas will propose language for the sign.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION --- None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Burgess Rogers, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, adjournment of the meeting at 8:09 pm, was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeffrey Callahan  
December 27, 2022