

**Borough of Stonington  
Board of Warden and Burgesses  
Regular Monthly Meeting - December 17, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Jeff Callahan called the monthly meeting of the Borough of Stonington Board of Warden and Burgesses to order in Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m. Present were Burgesses Robert Scala, Amanda Barnes, Michael Adair, Shaun Mastroianni and Amy Nicholas. Also present was Tiffany Cook, serving as Clerk-Treasurer.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion by Burgess Scala, seconded by Warden Callahan, the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 19<sup>th</sup> were unanimously approved.

**3. REPORT OF ADMIN ASSISTANT**

- \* Received property taxes from town: \$459.95
- \* Received donation to Williams Fund: \$1,900
- \* Received dumpster renewal fees: \$250.00

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Other: None

Requests: Douglas Rice: Wimpeimer Park Sculpture Garden application  
And Alden Alexander: request to hold New Year's Eve Ball Drop

**5. REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER:**

Nothing to report for December

**6. REVIEW OF BILLS/YTD FINANCIALS**

Bills for December totaled \$30,656.00; Reserve Fund is approximately \$300,000.

**7. WARDEN'S REPORT**

1. Met with lead auditor to finalize FY 2017-18 audit. Audit presentation to Board will be at January meeting.
2. Met with Town Engineer to discuss MS4 program
3. Sent acknowledgements to Williams/Waldron donors (approx. 30 so far)
4. Continued preparing for CRS verification visit, tentatively scheduled for late June 2019
5. Met with Town Planner for update on streetlight LED conversion.
6. Received update on cannon wheel replacements; scheduled to be shipped from PA in mid-December

## **8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

### **a. STREET COMMISSIONER REPORT –**

1. Leaf cleanup completed; prepped Wad Square for tree lighting.
2. Positioned and checked out snow clearing equipment
3. Stabilized abandoned drainage system manhole on Cliff Street

### **BOROUGH CLOCK –**

1. Contacted tower clock tech about bell controls issue; he is trying to find a date to travel to Borough from Maine.

### **b. Fire & Emergency Management (Adair/Hoadley)**

We responded to eleven Alarms in November 2018, they were as follows:

- 1) 11-11-18 3:48am Structure Fire 15 Oak Dr. (Odor from a skunk)
- 2) 11-12-18 12:34pm Odor of gas 45 Water St. (nothing found)
- 3) 11-17-18 9:33pm Fire Alarm Activation 159 Wampassuc Pt. Rd. (Burnt food)
- 4) 11-21-18 10:44pm CO Detector Activation 348 North Main St. (slight readings)
- 5) 11-22-18 2:04am CO Detector Activation 348 North Main St. (High readings)
- 6) 11-25-18 4:20am Box 15 Velvet Mill (Pull Station Activation)
- 7) 11-26-18 8:25pm Box Alarm SBF (1 Tap on tape, high winds ?)
- 8) 11-27-18 4:45pm House full of smoke 140 Briar Patch Rd. (Lit FP with damper closed)
- 9) 11-28-18 3:25pm Fire Alarm Activation 262 Wampassuc Pt. Rd. (Accidental)
- 10) 11-28-18 5:05pm Fire Alarm Activation 19 Owen Dr. (Burnt food)
- 11) 11-29-18 4:44pm Fire Alarm Activation 348 North Main St. (nothing found)

### **c. Parks, Trees, Rights of Way (Barnes)**

I don't have anything to report except that I have been in touch quite a bit with Doug Rice about the potential sculpture exhibit for Wimpeimer Park. Doug will be presenting the proposed idea with members of the Holycroft Foundation at the meeting on Monday evening.

### **d. Public Buildings & Charter Revision Commission (Mastroianni)**

I have nothing new to report, with the exception that the 2<sup>nd</sup> quote for generator is being reviewed.

### **e. Sidewalks (Scala)**

Nothing to report.

**f. Police (Nicholas)**

**Police Incident Report**

During the month of November 2018 there were 47 incidents in the police report for the Borough including 16 Check Building/Business Checks, 3 Medical Assists, 3 Assist Other Agency, 2 Fire Related Calls, 2 Animal Control Complaints, 2 Burglar Alarms 1 of which was false, 2 Suspicious Activities, 2 Parking Complaints, 2 Assist Citizens, 2 General Information, 2 Harassment Complaints and 2 Keys in Vehicle. There was one incident each of Suspicious Motor Vehicle Complaint, Accident No Injury, Welfare Check, Order to Repossess, Motor Vehicle Stop, Suicidal and Nuisance Complaint.

**g. Sanitation and Utilities (von Ruffer Hills)**

- Ongoing dialog with Town of Stonington regarding LED streetlight conversion
- Discussed initiating another redundant pole project in 2019 with Warden Callahan
- Delivered various trash notices reminding residence of Trash Ordinance

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

William Benig, founder of the Hollycroft Foundation, and Brian Wendler, Director of the Sculpture Mile, spoke about the proposed sculpture garden in Wimpeimer Park. If approved, this exhibit would complete the Connecticut “Sculpture Trail” with gardens from New Haven to Rhode Island. The garden would be treated as a museum exhibition would. Installation, probably in May 2019, will be coordinated with the Borough. The Foundation will insure the pieces and cover the risk of liability. They expect the pieces would remain in place about two years. If a piece is sold, it would be replaced by the same artist.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. After a brief discussion, it was generally agreed (but not voted) that the Borough will contribute about 10% of the final cost of replacing the equipment that was removed from the playground at Town Dock. A final decision will be made once the cost is known.
- b. Further discussion regarding the use of Borough facilities by not-for-profit organizations has been tabled until the next regular meeting, as the requests are getting broader in scope.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Warden Callahan moved approval of a request by the Hollycroft Foundation to use part of Wimpeimer Park for a sculpture exhibition, contingent on (1) resolving issues related to the Foundation’s liability insurance limits, and (2) approval by Burgess Barnes of the proposed arrangement of the pieces within the park. Burgess Barnes seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

b. On a motion by Burgess Barnes and seconded by Burgess Mastroianni, the annual New Year's Eve Ball Drop at Stonington Point was unanimously approved. No bonfire is proposed or approved.

c. Warden Callahan moved approval of the proposed schedule of regular Board meetings for 2019, and Burgess Adair seconded. Passed unanimously.

d. As to the reappointment of the 3 Planning and Zoning commissioners: Clance Peterson, Donald Maranell and Pam Mola, Warden Callahan moved to approve a second term for all three commissioners, with Burgess Mastroianni seconding the motion. Passed unanimously.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Burgess Scala, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, adjournment of the regular meeting at 7:54 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tiffany Cook, Clerk-Treasurer  
December 24, 2018