

Borough of Stonington
Board of Warden and Burgesses
April 20, 2026
RECORD OF VOTES

Warden Michael Schefers called the monthly meeting of the Borough of Stonington Board of Warden and Burgesses to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Borough Hall. Present, in addition to Warden Schefers were Burgesses Amy Nicholas, Kevin Bowdler, Amanda Barnes, Kevin Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Coleman. Approximately 10 members of the public were present.

PROPOSED FY 2026-2027 BUDGET

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Barnes, to approve the proposed FY 2026-27 Budget, was majority approved. Burgess Bowdler abstained.

ANNUAL MEETING

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Bowdler, to set the date and time for the 2026 Annual Meeting to be Saturday, April 25 at 10 am at Borough Hall, was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Rogers, the minutes of the monthly meeting of March 16, 2026, were unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Cultural District Request

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Bowdler, to deny the Cultural District Request to use Wad Square and \$5,000 for a one-year art installation, was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

COMO request for the Village Fair

On a motion made by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Bowdler, to approve the request made by Stonington Community Center, to use Wadawanuck Square and High Street for the 74th COMO Village Fair, A fundraiser for the COMO with artisans, children's games and food trucks on August 1st, 2026 from 10 am to 4 pm (High Street to be closed between Water St and Main St.), subject to proof of insurance, passed unanimously.

Request from Historic Stonington for July 4th 250 Celebration

On a motion made by Burgess Bowdler, seconded by Burgess Rogers, to approve the application made by Historic Stonington to use Town Property at Town Docks on July 4th, 2026, from 6 pm – 10 pm for 250th Celebration (DJ will play family friendly music, Woodfellas Pizza Truck and Ice Cream truck), passed unanimously.

Janet McClendon request for partial use of Wayland's Wharf parking lot for Celebration of Life

On a motion made by Burgess Bowdler, seconded by Burgess Rogers, to approve the application made by Janet McClendon to use the South Side of Wayland's Wharf parking lot for a Celebration of Life for Alan Vaskas on Sunday, May 17, 2026 from 9 am to 5 pm. Need space for bringing chairs in vehicles, honor guard, porta-john, delivery of beverages and catering), passed unanimously.

PHGS request for use of Borough Streets for Celebrating and Honoring Portuguese Culture

On a motion made by Burgess Bowdler, seconded by Burgess Barnes, to approve the use of Main Street to Broad St. then along Water Street to Omega, back to Main via School, Trumbull and Driving Street for a procession to celebrate and honor the role and culture of Portuguese-Americans in Stonington on Saturday, July 11th from 10 am to 11:30 pm, passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Burgess Bowdler, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, adjournment of the meeting at 8:35 p.m., was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Coleman
April 21, 2026