

**Board of Warden and Burgesses
Minutes of Board Meeting ~ October 20, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

- Warden Jeffrey Callahan called the Board Meeting of the Borough of Stonington Warden and Burgesses to order in the Borough Hall at 7:30 PM. Present were Burgesses Michael Blair, Michael Adair, Amy Nicholas, Howard Park, Robert Scala, and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Coleman. Burgess Sibby Lynch was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- On a motion by Burgess Scala, seconded by Burgess Park, acceptance of the minutes from the Board Meeting held on September 15, 2014 was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT (PERRY):

- Received September tax collections: \$5,184.30
- Worked with auditors for field audit.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT (COLEMAN):

- None

REVIEW OF BILLS:

- The 9/13/2014 through 10/17/2014 report was reviewed and is on file in the Borough Office. Bills for the period totaled \$41,817.01

REVIEW OF PROFIT/LOSS STATEMENT:

- The July 2014 through October 17, 2014 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual Report was reviewed and is on file in the Borough Office. Net income as of October 17, 2014 is \$492,964.89

CORRESPONDENCE:

Request:

- United Church: request to post sign for 10/25 event (Burgess Lynch)

Invitations/Meetings:

- SCWA: notice of 10/16 meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

WARDEN'S REPORT

- New steam boiler installed in Borough Hall.
- Awarded firehouse repair contract to Curran & Heyniger of Mystic. They had the lowest price at \$17,775 (Base plus alternates). Will start work this month.
- Met with First Selectman, Town Atty, and Borough Atty on October 1st to discuss the "dog park" matter. Also, responded to a FOI request from an attorney representing owners of property adjacent to the park.

Borough Clock

- Replaced two defective exterior light fixtures with LED fixtures. Bell mechanism working intermittently. Have contacted clock repair technician, who is tentatively scheduled to come here on November 1st.

Sanitation/Utilities

- Attended a meeting at NESS on Monday September 29th to discuss the seaweed problem at Ash St. Approximately a dozen residents and others attended. Following the meeting I asked Docko for an opinion regarding DEEP's likely receptivity to a proposal to alter the beach grade or build a new seawall in order to prevent seaweed from accumulating in the Ash Street cove.

STREETS (BURGESS PARK):

- Crew was busy with rearranging the garage installing the second fire safety cabinet and supervising the installation of the new boiler. Wheel stops were removed from the point early in the month and the point, Waylands Wharf, and the library were graded. I also received an estimate from Hasted Bro. for paving the upper end of the library parking lot. This, I informed Mr. Bassett, was to be paid for out of the library budget. He concerned. We also received estimates to do cement work on sidewalks and aprons for Wadawanuck Square. I also met with Joe Hasted for an estimate to repair the apron for the Borough garage.
- The crew cleaned out the N.W. Street out flow.
- Hung Velvet Mill signs
- I spoke with Mr. Gaby about getting a proper permit for a driveway off Bayview Ave.
- Painted yellow curb extension on Bayview across from Elihue St.
- Cut up branches on the viaduct.
- Removed banner brackets at High and Water streets.
- Cleaned up area near 146 Water St from hit and run, and later replaced sign and post and now the basket has also been replaced.
- At Warden Callahan's request hung a 20MPH sign under radar sign.
- While Sue was on vacation Dennis Souza worked, part time, with Roger they picked up brush, leaves, and mowed lawns. Sue will be back on Tuesday.
- Work on Wall Street has been completed. A lot of headache and work in one sentence!! (leave out of report?)
- Notice was put out for work to commence on Broad St. This has been going very well with the exception of the large boulders which had to be broken up to be able to be loaded on the trucks for removal Sidewalks will be finished up today with their new granite curbing and paving will start tomorrow, we hope, weather depending.
- All catch basins have been cleaned out.
- I have a call in to Columbia Ford about the new truck, expecting it to be delivered any day. It will be delivered once they receive the sand spreader.
- We are also looking to replace the Cub Cadet with a new Kubota tractor similar to the one we already have. Mulching blades might be a good addition to the tractor cutting deck, though expensive would facilitate picking up leaves with the vacuum.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (BURGESS BLAIR):

I respectively submit the Fire Marshal's report from 08-18-14 to 10-20-14. (George Brennan)

- 08/18 Inspection of Propane Equipment at Brewery addition Velvet Mill
- 08/20 212 North Water St. Gas piping interior renovation
- 08/25 Meeting with Michael Sullo Phd. Fire Protection engineer regarding addition uses of spaces in Velvet Mill.
- 08/26 163 Elm St. Gas Piping inspection New Heating
- 08/30 Inspection Holy Ghost Club Inspection for Festival
- 09/04 Inspection at Velvet Mill of all spaces occupied or vacant
- 09/05 Inspection of area at Stonington Pizza to be renovated
- 09/09 Meeting regarding abandonment in place of underground tank at the Woolworth Property on Wamphassuc Pt. Rd.
- 09/15 Sprinkler testing started at Velvet Mill
- 09/17 Final Gas Inspection at the Brewery in Mill
- 09/22 Inspection Calvary Church Day Care
- 09/25 Leak test of 250 + - new sprinkler heads installed in open space at Velvet Mill
- 09/29 223 North Water Gas Piping Inspection
- 10/02 Meeting with alarm tech regarding alarm system upgrades at Mill
- 10/08 Plan review for NSSE of 70 Water St for their Gala event
- 10/13 Inspection 109 Water St after repairs from major flooding to building
- 10/22 22 Wall St meeting regarding location of new propane tank

- There were six alarms in September 2014. They were as follows:

- 9/1/14 2:24 a.m. Fire Alarm Activation 1 Main St.
- 9/12/14 3:40 p.m. Deck on Fire 32 Gold St.
- 9/18/14 11:00 a.m. Alarm Activation 145 Wamphassuc Pt. Rd.
- 9/27/14 2:38 p.m. Fire Alarm Activation 5 Omega St.
- 9/27/14 3:58 p.m. Lift Assist 228 North Water St.
- 9/27/14 7:18 p.m. Lift Assist 8 Pearl Street

PARKS, TREES, AND RIGHTS OF WAY (BURGESS LYNCH)

- None

PUBLIC BUILDINGS (BURGESS ADAIR):

- The old furnace in the garage of Borough Hall was removed piece by piece and a new one installed between September 29 and October 5. The old one was leaking water through a rusted hole in the bottom chamber, which made it hugely inefficient in that steam will seek the easiest way out, which in our case was up the chimney rather than through the duct heating system. On cold days last winter, clouds of white clouds rose from our chimney into the blue sky. I completely blew my oil estimate last year. The entire rusted unit was carted away in very big trucks. The new one looks big and complicated, but comes close to being a work of art. All of you must take a look at it. It is worth your time. Three guys worked on it for days, and one must really admire their skill and abilities to work with piping, gauges, steel, pressures and specialized instruments to make the system work. None of us will be around when we need to replace this one!

SIDEWALKS (BURGESS SCALA):

- Met with Hastedt Brothers and DABS.
- Discussed 51 Main and 49 Main St. trip hazards.
- Pandolfi property trees were trimmed back.

POLICE, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND COMMUNICATIONS (BURGESS NICHOLAS):

- **Police Incidents Report**

During the month of September 2014, there were 48 incidents in the police report for the Borough. The incidents included 9 Business Checks, 8 Medical Assists, 5 Fire/Panic/Burglar Alarms, 2 911 Hang-ups, 2 Animal Control calls and 2 Phone Larceny calls. There were 6 Accidents including one with injuries, a Marine accident and a hit and run, The police responded to 3 Parking Complaints and performed 1 Minor Traffic Service. There were 2 instances when the police Assisted Other Agencies and 2 instances when they Assisted Citizens. The Speed Monitor remains on the viaduct.

- Captain (Jeff, is this his title?) Jerry Desmond is retiring from the Stonington Police Department. Todd Olsen has been named the new Captain. (is this accurate?)

- **Website/Communications**

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Stonington Harbor Wharf**

Burgess Blair reported the permitting process has begun.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Presentation/discussion on new fire Truck(s)**

A team from the Borough Fire Department, headed up by Chief Hoadley, gave a Power Point presentation on their need to replace both of the existing pumper engines. Major points made during the presentation included: (1) The existing trucks are both nearly 30 years old; (2) the proposed trucks are designed to functionally complement each other, unlike the current trucks that have the same capabilities. On the other hand, lease/buying two trucks over twelve years (as proposed) will cost an estimated total of \$90k more than acquiring two in sequence over a total of ten years, a five-year term for each.

- **Motion to enter Executive Session**

Warden Jeff Callahan moved that the Board of Warden and Burgesses, along with the Clerk-Treasurer and Borough Attorney, enter into executive session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 1-200 (6), for the purpose of discussing potential litigation related to the so-called "Dog Park" adjacent to the Town's Pollution Control Facility.

Consider following applications for use of Borough property

- None

OTHER BUSINESS

- Public informational session on the purchase of new fire trucks will be held during the Warden and Burgesses Board Meeting on November 17, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

- On a motion by Burgess Scala, seconded by Burgess Adair, adjournment of the meeting at 10:17 PM was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Coleman
Clerk-Treasurer
October 29, 2014