

Borough of Stonington
Board of Warden and Burgesses
June 15, 2026
REGULAR MEETING 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, Kevin Bowdler and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Coleman. Burgess Amanda Barnes was absent. Approximately 6 members of the public were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Rogers, the minutes of the monthly meeting of May 18, 2026, as amended to remove "some permission" under Borough Traffic Committee Update, were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

RECEIVED:

Mama Emily's Truck Request for Point.
Meet the Fleet Event at Town Dock.
Ian Cooke email.
Traffic Committee Recommendations.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

None

REVIEW OF BILLS/YTD FINANCIAL REPORT

Bills for the period May 18, 2026 through June 11, 2026, totaled \$20,231.93. Large bills of note were for \$4,950.00 to ServiceMaster for cleaning of graffiti on footbridge, \$2,000.00 to SVIA for the 4th of July parade. I&E for July 2025 through June 30, 2026, shows total income to date of \$1,602,068; and net income to date of \$19,420.

Current YTD Balance Sheet
BOROUGH OF STONINGTON
As of June 11, 2026

Distribution account	Total
1501 Dime - Infrastructure	\$45,448.78
1502 Dime - Building Fund	\$32,899.27
1503 Dime - Truck Fund	\$14,837.60
1504 Dime – Fire Dept. Major Exp.	<u>\$38,316.34</u>

Total for Dime - Due to Others	\$131,501.99
Total for 1000 Dime Bank	
Checking Account	\$ 4,904.55
1200 Dime Investment AC	<u>\$780,047.55</u>
Total for Bank Accounts	\$728,663.45

WARDEN'S REPORT

Attended SECOG and SEAT Meetings.

Met with Chief Hoadley and Tom Martin on SBFD matters and work.

Met with Borough Atty to discuss P&Z Admin Support of Public Hearing and United Church Bell Tower.

Attended, now monthly, Phone Conference with DOT and Town First Selectman on Viaduct Bridge.

Comment: Burgess Bowdler asks that we consider some sort of beautification of the bridge. Warden Schefers indicated that the proposed repair would not affect the existing sidewalks and fencing

Street and Sidewalks Commissioner Report (Schefers)

Conducted Monthly Brush Pickup.

Conducted Street Sweeping.

Completed repairs on Storm and Blizzard damaged property.

Reseeded Wayland's Wharf.

Conducted Park mowing and maintenance.

Completed removal of Elm Street Footbridge graffiti.

Fire & Emergency Management (Nicholas/Hoadley)

Chief Hoadley remarked that this was his 420th and final report.

SBFD RESPONDED TO 8 ALARMS (4 were in the Borough) IN MAY 2026, THEY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) 5-5-2026 9:53am Pole & wires down IFO 80 Island Rd. (backhoe hit pole, EVERSOURCE enroute)
- 2) 5-7-2026 2:25pm 2 Car MVA IFO 522 Stonington Rd. (Rt. 1) (no injuries)
- 3) 5-8-2026 2:55am CO detector activation 195 Wamphassuc Pt. Rd. (35 ppm, vented)
- 4) 5-8-2026 4:52am CO detector activation 195 Wamphassuc Pt. Rd. (0 ppm house, 170 ppm garage)
- 5) 5-13-2026 9:51am CO detector activation 20 High St. Stonington Free Library (detector bumped by couch)
- 6) 5-13-2026 11:20am Fire alarm activation 5 Union St. (set off by workers)
- 7) 5-21-2026 1:19pm Fire alarm activation 26 Main St. PHGS (steam cleaning interior stairs)
- 8) 5-23-2026 10:17pm Wires on fire/arcing IFO 36 Broad St. (EVERSOURCE enroute)

The traffic committee's report is under Unfinished Business.

The Warden and Burgesses and residents that were present celebrated with a cake in honor of Chief's years of service.

Parks, Trees & Rights of Way (Barnes)

A tree fell on the north side of Wadawanuck square behind the library on June 10th. Kevin from Bartlett was on site almost immediately to remove brush from the sidewalk area, and Emerson roped the area off. Bartlett came early on June 11th to remove the tree.

I am requesting that Bartlett prune a Borough tree near the footbridge, as the limbs are very low. They will be treating the linden tree in from of the Hartman property on Elm Street as well as the tree on the southeast corner of Main and High, as well.

Burgess Barnes will be asked to inspect trees in the Borough that could have had damage from the snowstorms and blizzard.

Public Buildings (Rogers)

Fire House

The Fire House is scheduled to have repairs completed on the elevator ceiling. The damage was caused by water intrusion resulting from snow and ice accumulation that compromised the roof in that area several months ago.

In addition, repairs are scheduled for the door located between the elevator hall and the recreation room. This work will address ongoing maintenance issues and improve functionality within the building.

Elevator panel in Firehouse faulted again and was replaced.

Borough Hall

There is nothing to report for Borough Hall for the month of May.

Utilities & Sanitation (Bowdler)

I did a yellow trash bag enforcement round of the Borough on 6/10 at 8:30 pm and found zero yellow bags on the street. With the relative late pick-ups on Thursdays, there is little need to put the trash out the night before. My observation is also that there are less bins being put out the night before, probably because there is enough time to do it on Thursday mornings.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

Chief Hoadley remarked that the lobster dinner at the firehouse will not be held this year due to lack of manpower. Hope to regroup next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Viaduct Update

Monthly meetings are being held and nothing to report.

Stormwater Management Update

Warden Schefers indicated he had not followed through with DEEP to address concerns raised to them.

Borough Traffic Committee Update

Wider roads, Water Street and the Viaduct are the problem areas in the borough. In an effort to calm traffic, the Traffic Committee recommends the following steps:

- Change Sign on Town Portion of Viaduct to Read 20 MPH Zone Ahead (needs BOPC approval).
- Paint 20 Mph signs on the streets of the borough as soon as possible particularly on the Viaduct, Bayview, Water, Main and Elm Streets.
- Repaint/Paint Crosswalks on all 4 corners of Wad Square, on Water Street at Tom's Newsstand and Noah's.
- New Crosswalk at corner of Wad Square and Broad Street (North Side) and New Crosswalk at corner of Water and North Water (south of Dodson's) at bottom of Viaduct. (Need BOPC approval.)
- Yellow Lines on Bayview from Velvet Mill to Elm Street and on Water Street at east side of Wad Square.
- Line Striping at Elm Street east of Main to Foot Bridge and Main Street between High Street and Broad Street.
- Brick Triangle at the Intersection of Water/North Water and the Viaduct. (a change of pavement.)
- Either a planter or markings on street at the intersection of High and Water southwest corner.

- Extend yellow line on end of Bayview.
- Continue the enforcement of traffic stop by police on Main St and Church St.

Ian Cooke Use of Borough Property

Once the bush is removed, he will clear the bed.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Comment (#2) Before Votes

None

Emily's Ice Cream Truck

On a motion by Burgess Rogers, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to approve the application by Emily Logan to use one space at DuBois Beach parking lot for Mama Emily's Sweet Treats ice cream truck to serve occupants throughout the season. The truck will not obstruct traffic and other vehicles. A trash receptacle will be provided on the truck, was unanimously approved.

Meet the Fleet Concurrence

On a motion by Burgess Bowdler, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to concur with the Town of Stonington's approval of the Meet the Fleet being held at the green at Fisherman's Dock, was unanimously approved.

Budget Actions

Budget overrun in the amount of appx. \$175,000 due to snowstorm and blizzard.
No vote necessary.

OTHER BUSINESS and DISCUSSION

Jesse Diggs asked how many people used the public restroom in Borough Hall during the Garden Tour. Warden will ask the maintenance person the state of the restrooms.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Burgess Bowdler, seconded by Burgess Rogers, adjournment of the meeting at 7:51 p.m., was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Coleman
July 3, 2026