

Stonington Borough Comfort Station Task Force

Special Meeting

Thursday, September 21, at 7 pm

Stonington Borough Fire House

Draft Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order: 7 pm
2. Introduction of Task Force members: Kevin Bowdler, Burgess; Amanda Barnes, Burgess, Jesse Diggs, Annette Bienkowski (ex-officio), Sarael Sargent, Ellen Wightman, Al Razanno, Julia Leeming (ex-officio), Janet McClendon, Allegra Griffiths, Karen Von Ruffer Hills, Tim Olsen
3. Objective of the Comfort Station taskforce: The objective of the task force is to find public bathroom solution(s) for Stonington Borough that are acceptable to its residents. The meetings will take place on Thursday evenings from 7-8 pm in Borough Hall, 26 Church Street, Stonington.
4. Comforts to be provided: In an ideal world, the unisex restroom(s) could include: a toilet or two, a sink, a baby-changing station, a urinal, a bottle filling station and/or drinking fountain, and a dog bowl filler.
5. Discuss selection criteria: The criteria includes/considers the following: easy, central, convenient location, handicapped accessibility, cost-effectiveness, infrastructure (water, sewer, electricity), attractive, safety, impact on neighbors, flood plain, community support. The criterion could be dispersed across multiple locations.
6. Possible locations and type of facility: These could include the Stonington Free Library, the WPCA Sewage Treatment Center, Stonington Borough Hall, the Boro Bodega, the James Merrill House, the United Church, the Stonington Playground, the Stonington Borough Fire House, the LaGrua Center, St. Mary's Church, the Stonington Point (beach/East Lawn/parking area), Waylands Wharf, Wimpfheimer Park, Matthews Park, LaGrua Park, Dodge Paddock, Calvary Church, the Stonington Lighthouse, open space between the Stonington Post Office and St. Mary's Church, NESS, and the PHGS. *Note: Wadawanuck Square will not be analyzed for comparison purposes until the process moves further along.
7. Public Comment: Doug Mola (Church Street) mentioned that St. Mary desperately needs money; Father Perkins won't be able to make the final decision, so if anyone knows someone at the diocese in Norwich, it might be helpful to have that conversation.
8. Assignment of duties to working group members:
Stonington Free Library: Allegra
WPCA Sewage Treatment Center: Amanda and Jesse
Stonington Borough Hall: Al and Sarael
Boro Bodega: Amanda and Sarael
James Merrill House: Janet
United Church: Sarael and Chuck
Stonington Playground: Amanda, Jesse, and Ellen
Stonington Borough Fire House: Karen and Tim
LaGrua Center: Sarael
St. Mary's Church: Kevin and Jean

Stonington Point (East Lawn/beach): Janet

Stonington Point (parking area): Jesse, Ellen

Wayland's Wharf: Karen and Tim

Wimpfheimer Park: Allegra

Matthews Park: Janet

LaGrua Park: Chuck and Jean

Dodge Paddock: Al

Calvary Church: Julia

Stonington Lighthouse: Karen

NESS: Allegra

PHGS: Al

Open space between St. Mary's and Post Office: Kevin

9. Agree reporting format for each project.
10. Agree deadlines and next meeting date: the next meeting will take place on Thursday, September 28th, at 7 pm in Borough Hall.
11. Adjourn

DRAFT One Page Analysis for each Location

Location:

Team Members

Date

Brief Description of the project

Advantages (at least Three)

Disadvantages (at least Three)

Would you recommend that this project be recommended for further analysis?