

Board of Warden and Burgesses
Meeting Tuesday February 22, 2022
7:00 PM – Zoom Only
stoningtonboroughct.gov

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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting of 1/18/22 (V)
- 2.a FY-21 Financial Report Presentation: Joseph Centofanti of PKF O'Connor Davies
3. Report of Administrative Assistant
4. Correspondence – See Attachment 1
5. Report of Clerk-Treasurer
6. Review of Bills/YTD Financial Report
7. Warden's Report – A2
8. Commissioner Reports---(verbal summaries)
 - a. Streets and Sidewalks (Callahan)
 - b. Fire & Emergency Management (Nicholas/Hoadley)
 - c. Parks, Trees & Rights of Way (Barnes)
 - d. Public Buildings (Mastroianni)
 - e. Utilities & Sanitation (Rogers)
9. Public Comment
10. Unfinished Business
 - a. Status of COVID-19 in region and State
 - b. Discuss memorial plaques, trees, etc
 - c. Cannabis use on public/Borough property
 - d. Borough traffic and parking – final report & presentation
 - e. Discuss ordinance enforcement mechanism
 - f. Set venue for next W&B meeting and consider Borough mask policy (V)
11. New Business
 - a. Consider requests to use Borough property (C) (V): PHGS, Parking for spring fish fries
 - b. Consider funding NFP and business support grant requests (A-3) (V)
 - c. Set dates for annual meeting (4/30 ?) and budget hearing (4/18 ?) (V)
 - d. Consider approval of POCD support contract with SSCOG (A-4) (V)
 - e. Consider appeal of tree commissioner's decision regarding tree on Denison Avenue (A-5) (V)
12. Other Business and Discussion
13. Adjournment (V)

(A) = Attachment (C)= Correspondence (V) = Vote required

**Borough of Stonington
Board of Warden and Burgesses
Regular Meeting – January 18, 2022
MINUTES**

Warden Jeffrey Callahan 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 and also by way of Zoom conferencing video. Present in Borough Hall in addition to Warden Callahan were Burgesses Kevin Rogers, Amy Nicholas, and Shaun Mastroianni. Burgess Amanda Barnes was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Coleman participated via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Rogers, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2021, were unanimously approved.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Preparing W-2s and other tax documents

CORRESPONDENCE

SVIA, request for ARPA funding

NESS, request for ARPA funding

Stonington Free Library, request for ARPA funding

PHGS, request for ARPA funding

Stonington Historical Society, request for ARPA funding and request to use Borough property to install interpretive signage

Anastasia Taylor, request for ARPA funding

John Burke, forwarding final Parking & Access Evaluation

CLA Engineers, proposal to conduct assessment of Borough storm water system

Email from Lori Hopkins-Cavanaugh re: masks

OUTGOING: NONE

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

None

REVIEW OF BILLS/YTD FINANCIAL REPORT

Bills for the period December 17 through January 14, 2022 totaled \$19,502.72. Net income as of January 14th is \$525,552.19. Revenue is now about \$30,000 over budget.

WARDEN'S REPORT

1. Town Hall department head meeting for January cancelled
2. New Borough website has gone live. Go to STONINGTONBOROUGHCT.GOV

3. Received nine ARPA grant requests from local NFPs
4. Local Covid statistics: New London County hospitalizations have remained at over 100 for the past week, while total deaths have increased to 543. Stonington Town deaths are 45 and total cases equal 2406.
5. Completed 2022 CRS recertification report
6. Received storm water study proposal from CLA Engineers
7. Helped distribute Covid test kits at fire house
8. Preliminary 2020 census count for Borough is 976, the first increase in decades.

BOROUGH CLOCK – None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Streets & Sidewalks (Callahan)

1. Conducted monthly brush pickup and weekly Christmas tree pickups
2. Cleaned outfall at Harbor Edge
3. Plowed and sanded for January 7th snow fall
4. Cannon Square flagpole broken by overnight storm of 1/17/2022
5. Issued 2 dumpster permits
6. Town public works installed 2 new viaduct lights this month. Five more expected by April.

Fire & Emergency Management (Nicholas/Hoadley)

Police Incident report

During the month of December 2021 there were 44 incidents in the police report for the Borough including 9 Medical Assists, 6 Parking/Motor Vehicle Complaints, 3 Accidents none with Injuries, 3 Burglar Alarms 2 of which were false, 3 Business Check/Check Building, 2 911 Misdiagnoses, 2 Larceny, 2 Suspicious Activities, and 2 Assist Citizen. There was one incident each of Request Patrol, Welfare Check, Disturbance, Transport, Bolo (be on the lookout for), Pistol Permit, Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Assist Other Agency, Community Policing, Fire Alarm, Animal Control and Forgery.

There were 2 arrests. One related to the MV accident on Trumbull Street and one related to the disturbance on Water Street.

Fire

We responded to 6 Alarms in December 2021, 4 of which were in the Borough. They were as follows:

- 1) 12-4-21 1:45am MVA IFO 17 Trumbull St. (multiple vehicles & houses struck)
- 2) 12-4-21 7:45am Medical assist with SAC 2 Grand St. (lift assist)
- 3) 12-9-21 9:04am Fire Alarm Activation 32 Water St. Ston. Commons (workers)
- 4) 12-9-21 3:09pm Odor of propane 122 Elm St. (nothing found)

- 5) 12-24-21 8:33am Electrical panel issue 522 Stonington Rd. Stonington Shell (panel melting down)
- 6) 12-24-21 4:32pm Fire Alarm Activation 152 Elm St. Stonington Town Hall (fuel overflow alarm going off)

For all of 2021, SBFD responded to 124 Alarms of which 74 were in the Borough.

Breakdown is as follows:

Stonington Borough.....	74 alarms
Stonington Fire District.....	39 alarms
Lord's Point.....	8 alarms
Wamphassuc Point.....	1 alarm
Mutual Aid.....	2 alarms
Total.....	124 alarms

In 2020 SBFD responded to 142 calls. In 2019 SBFD responded to 126 calls.

Parks, Trees & Rights of Way (Barnes) - None

Public Buildings (Mastroianni)

The flat roof on the Borough Hall has been repaired by Pawcatuck roofing on Jan 13th.

Utilities and Sanitation (Rogers)

Five letters this month. Asked about where to put the letters. From now on, he will mail the letters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lori Hopkins Cavanaugh spoke at length about her dislike of masks and the Borough public building mask policy. She is particularly concerned about the effect of masks on children. She praised Chief Hoadley for his efforts as fire marshal. She mentioned her concern about parking at Noah's.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Status of COVID-19 in region and State. See Warden Report

Discuss memorial plaques, trees, etc. Tabled. SVIA is discussing a proposed approach.

Cannabis use on public/Borough property (SBO-08). Tabled.

Borough traffic and parking. Final report has been received. The traffic engineer will be presenting to the Board and general public in March .

Discuss venue for next W&B meeting.

February 2022 meeting will be a hybrid meeting – in person and Zoom. We may need to reschedule the annual fire house inspection.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider requests to use Borough property

A motion by Burgess Mastroianni, seconded by Burgess Rogers, to approve Stonington Historical Society’s request to use Borough property, i.e., Wadawanuck Square, Stonington Point, Cannon Square, Denison Ave, Wall Street lot (details to be approved by Board representatives) Spring – Fall 2022 for interpretive signage for the Borough History Trail, passed unanimously.

Consider funding NFP grant requests - \$60,000 in requests. The discussion was about the Warden and Burgesses meeting via ZOOM with all the Not-for-Profits to explain the process and answer questions. Burgess Mastroianni asked the question about the dollar amounts in each funding category. The consensus is to take our time in making decisions. Tabled.

Consider accepting storm water system study proposal from CLA Engineers

A motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to accept the storm water system study proposal (\$30,400) from CLA Engineers, passed unanimously.

Discuss ordinance enforcement. The Board agreed it is important to be able to enforce Borough ordinances regarding health and safety, e.g. parking, yellow bags, maintenance of sidewalks, etc. Warden will ask Borough attorney to begin drafting an ordinance on enforcement including a hearing process for appeals of citations.

Present annual progress report for Borough Hazard Mitigation Plan. The four-page Borough Hazard Mitigation Plan progress report was distributed to all Burgesses and posted to the Borough website.

OTHER BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Burgess Mastroianni, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, adjournment of the meeting at 7:50 p.m., was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa M. Coleman

January 25, 2022

CORRESPONDENCE

FEBRUARY 2022

BOROUGH PROPERTY USE REQUESTS:

- a. PHGS – Reserved parking spaces (3-4) on Main Street for fish & chips Fridays during Lent.**

MEETINGS/HEARINGS: Town of Stonington Planning & Zoning Commission hearing on proposed cannabis moratorium. March 1, 2022 at Board of Ed Office.

OTHER:

- a. Stonington Ambulance Corps- Letter of thanks for ARPA stipends to Ambulance Corps volunteers.**
- b. Narragansett Flag Co. - Proposal to replace Cannon Square flagpole**
- c. 176 Water Street Condo Association - Request to remove tulip tree in front of 176 Water Street**
- d. PHGS – Revised ARPA grant request**
- e. Stonington Historical Society – Revised ARPA grant request**
- f. Copy of December 1884 report by the Board of Warden & Burgesses on laying out several new streets**
- g. SCCOG – Proposed agreement for SCCOG to provide technical and planning support to Borough Planning & Zoning Commission as it updates the Plan of Conservation & Development this year**
- h. Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce – Request for ARPA funding to support Borough businesses**

OUTGOING: None.

APPLICATION FOR USE OF STONINGTON BOROUGH PROPERTY INCLUDING STREETS

(REVISED APRIL 2018)

Borough property to be used: THREE TO FOUR PARKING SPACES IN FRONT OF 26 MAIN STREET (PHGS) FOR FRIDAYS ONLY DURING LENT FISH AND CHIPS.

Description of the event to be held: FISH AND CHIPS FUNDRAISER FOR SOCIETY AND SCHOLARSHIPS. PARKING FOR TAKE OUT ORDERS ONLY

Date of the event: EACH FRIDAY FROM MARCH 4TH - APRIL 1ST (7 WEEKS IN TOTAL.) Time of the event: From: 11:00 AM To: 7:00 PM FRIDAYS

Contact Person: HOWARD TAYLOR
Name

(860) 898-3855
Phone Number(s)

26 MAIN STREET.
Mailing Address

phgsstonington@gmail.com
E-mail Address

In consideration for the use of Stonington Borough property listed above (agency/organization) Portuguese Holy Ghost Society agrees that it will indemnify and hold harmless the Borough and its respective officers, agents, and employees from any loss, costs, damages, expenses, judgments and liability whatsoever kind or nature howsoever the same maybe caused resulting directly or indirectly by any act or omission of the agency/organization, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable resulting in bodily injury including sickness and death, personal injury or damage o property directly or indirectly, including the loss of use resulting there from as permitted by law unless and to the extent caused by the Borough's willful acts. Certificate of Insurance must be attached. Failure to comply with any conditions stated below may be grounds for rescinding permission.

[Signature]
Signature of Responsible Party

2/2/22
Date

HOWARD TAYLOR VICE PRESIDENT (PHGS)
Printed Name of Responsible Party

Additional Conditions & Requirements: _____

Approved by the Borough of Stonington:

Name

Date



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
10/12/2021

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Swanson Insurance LLC 210 Boston Post Road Waterford CT 06385		CONTACT NAME: Rob Feliciano PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (860) 443-1500 FAX (A/C, No): (860) 443-1900 E-MAIL ADDRESS: robfjr@sbcglobal.net	
INSURED Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, Inc 26 Main St Stonington CT 06378		INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A: Quaker Special Risk INSURER B: Security National Insurance Co INSURER C: INSURER D: INSURER E: INSURER F:	NAIC # 19879

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** CL21101215217 **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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	MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000						
	PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000						
							GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000
							PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000
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B	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N	N/A	SWC1352819	09/23/2021	09/23/2022	PER STATUTE OTH-ER
	E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 100,000						
	E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 100,000						
							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 500,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
The Borough of Stonington is additional insured with regard to above General Liability.
30 day written notice given for cancellation or non-renewal.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER Borough of Stonington 26 Church Street Stonington CT 06378	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
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**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
TOWN OF STONINGTON**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut revision of 1958 and all amendments thereto, and pursuant to the Zoning Regulations for the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, the Planning and Zoning Commission hereby gives notice that it will hold a Public Hearing at the **Stonington Board of Education District Office**, 40 Field Street, Pawcatuck, CT, on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.** on the following application(s):

PZ2202RA Town of Stonington PZC - Zoning Regulation Text Amendment application to enact a temporary moratorium on cannabis establishments so that regulations for these uses can be developed and adopted.

AT SUCH HEARING, ANY PARTY MAY APPEAR IN PERSON OR BE REPRESENTED BY AN AGENT OR BY AN ATTORNEY.

Any disabled person requiring auxiliary aids or services for effective communication or access at this hearing should contact the Department of Planning at (860) 535-5095 ten days prior to the hearing date.

Dated at Stonington, Connecticut, this **19th day of January, 2022.**

Ben Philbrick, Chairman



Stonington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc.

Neighbors helping neighbors since 1923



P.O. Box 424 • Stonington, CT 06378
860 535-3721 • Fax 860 535-2339 • stoningtonambulance@gmail.com

Stonington Volunteer Ambulance Corps
PO Box 424
Stonington, CT 06378

January 15, 2022

Mr. Jeffrey Callahan
Board of Warden & Burgesses
26 Church St.
Stonington, CT 06378

Dear Mr. Callahan and Burgesses of the Borough of Stonington,

On behalf of the members of Stonington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, we would like to thank you for your token of appreciation provided to first responders who volunteered during the start of the COVID pandemic.

Our membership values the recognition of their efforts. This acknowledgement helps us stay motivated and continue to respond as the pandemic endures. It's a reminder to our volunteers that our efforts are needed and appreciated.

In addition, we would like to thank you for your continued generosity in your annual contribution to our operating funds. In a time where we face many difficulties in the EMS field, your support is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theresa A. Hersh".

Theresa A. Hersh, President & Members of Stonington Volunteer Ambulance Corps

(please see attached)



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Jean E M P... Thank You

Robert Clush Thank you *Pat Moody*

Pat J. [Signature] Thank You Very Much
and all The Support!

John [Signature] Thank You!
James [Signature] Thank You!
Joe [Signature] That's great!

Thank you!
Commander
Ty Albert

Angie [Signature] THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT

- Thank you -
Lee [Signature]
Alberic [Signature]

More Airway Thank you very much
Nick [Signature], VP Thank you for your continued generosity!

William [Signature]

Rachel [Signature]

Anthony [Signature]

Mike Ruffin

Your kindness is
much appreciated!

Thank you!!
my [Signature] Maurice

Bill Bauer

Peter [Signature]

Matthew [Signature]

DSB [Signature]



909 Boston Neck Rd. Unit 2
Narragansett, RI 02882
(401) 782-0318

Prepared for:
Borough of Stonington
Jeffrey Callahan
26 Church St.
P.O. Box 328
Stonington, CT 06378

Phone:
860-908-6530
860-535-1298
Email:
borowarden@att.net

Replace 35' Flagpole at 1 Cannon Square:

Zeus flagpoles model 35l. 35' above grade, 39' overall white fiberglass internal halyard flagpole with 7" butt diameter and 3" top diameter. Wind speed rating of 125 MPH unflagged.

Flagpole includes:

- 6" gold ball.
- Fiberglass single sheave stationary truck.
- 1 set of brass snaps with vinyl covers.
- Security driver. (to unlock door)
- Small retaining ring.
- Small counter weight.
- 16" flash collar.

Flagpole: \$3285.00

Labor and materials: \$950.00

Freight: \$200.00

Total: \$4435.00

*Prices do not include taxes or flags.



Date: 02/09/2022

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Repair of 50' flagpole on Water St.:

Halyard: \$55.00
Stainless steel snaps with covers: \$24.75
Labor: 2 hours \$190.00
Power lift: \$300.00
Total: \$569.75

Possible parts: (may need these parts but are not sure until we get to the top of the pole)

5.5" powder coated revolving truck: \$275.00
6" gold ball: \$60.00

Total: \$335.00

*prices do not include taxes

176 Water Street Condominium Association, Inc.

176 Water Street

Stonington CT 06378

860.535.2025

TO: Borough Tree Commissioner,
Borough of Stonington, CT 06378

FROM: Suzanne Berkman – Unit 1
Rafael Romero – Unit 3
Maria Barraza – Unit 3
Louis Meyer – Unit 4
Iris Meyer – Unit 4
Kelly Norton – Unit 2

SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

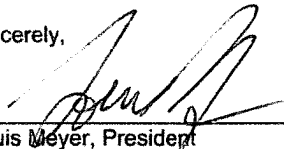
This letter is regarding the Tulip tree (Poplar) at the corner of Broad Street and Water Streets – see included photograph below. This provides written notice of a request to remove the tree in accordance with the Borough of Stonington Policy Maintaining Public Trees adapted June 2006, revised 2006, 2011, 2015 and 2017.

The tree should be removed for reasons of eminent public safety and be handled as much as possible as an emergency for the following reasons and examples:

- The tree roots continue to heave the slate sidewalk, loosening the stones and causing a tripping hazard for the public, especially at night.
- The tree trunk does not allow sufficient line-of-sight as required by the Stonington zoning ordinance causing in one instance a scooter rider approaching north toward firehouse on Water Street was struck by a car going east on Broad Street (*Police Incident Report has been requested*). In addition, there was at least one other accident at this corner involving two cars. 176 Water Street Condominium resident, Rafael Romero directed traffic until police arrived, during both accidents.
- In 2019, the "sister" Tulip tree to this one fell causing branches to land on the sidewalk and some to break through the roof, and windows of 176 Water Street tumbling ceiling plaster, walls, and a large part of a chimney. Excepting for the fact there were not any pedestrians walking by, or occupants in the damaged rooms of 176 Water Street, the fallen branches and other debris resulting from the impact of this tree could have resulted in serious injury or death. See photos of this "sister" tree which came down due to its height, weight, and its roots being compromised - below. The Tulip tree in question suffers from the same issues as the one which fell in 2019 – just steps from this one.

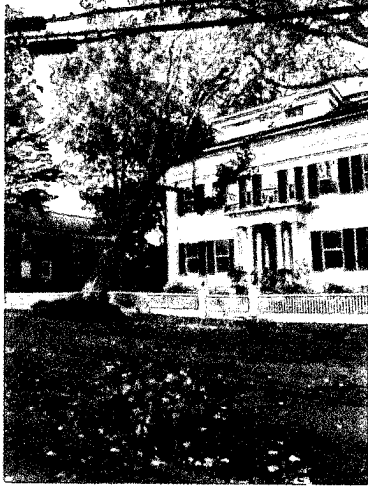
Your immediate urgent attention to this public safety danger is appreciated.


Sincerely,

x 

Louis Meyer, President
176 Water Street Condominium Association, Inc


2019 – Downed Tulip Tree



x 
Sue Berkman, Treasurer
176 Water Street Condominium Association, Inc

x 
Maria Barraza, Secretary
176 Water Street Condominium Association, Inc

x 
Rafael Romero – Resident
176 Water Street Condominium Association, Inc.

x 
Kelly Morton – Resident
176 Water Street Condominium Association, Inc.

2019 – Downed Tulip Tree

“Sister” Tulip Tree in Question



REVISED PROP

ARPA Grant Proposal respectfully submitted by the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society

The Portuguese Holy Ghost Society is applying for funding through the Stonington Borough's ARPA Program. The PHGS appreciates consideration for this grant funding. Here's why:

The Portuguese Holy Ghost Society is rich in Borough history and tradition

- The building that houses the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society has official recognition from both the State of Connecticut (2017) and the National Registry of Historic Places (1979). In order to meet the standards for such recognitions, the PHGS met specific criteria that includes "significance that is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to our history and lives of persons significant in our past". The PHGS purchased the building in 1929 from the Knights of Columbus Organization (it was the headquarters). Both the PHGS and the Knights of Columbus have a strong foundation in philanthropy and tradition.
- The PHGS is considered to be a significant contributing resource in the Stonington Historic District, honoring the integrity of local traditions rich in Portuguese-American Ethnic Heritage. It is part of the fabric of the Borough and contributes a unique feel. The PHGS has kept traditions alive through philanthropic events include the Annual Blessing of the Fleet (in partnership with St. Mary's Church) and the Annual Holy Ghost Society Feast (feeds the public for free).

The Portuguese Holy Ghost Society has a strong positive impact on our Community

- Of equal significance, the PHGS holds several fundraisers throughout the year with the notable Fish & Chips Dinner being the largest. In the summer of 2020, this event was held over 11 weeks @ one day per week with a 4-hour window. In those 11 days, 1,979 dinners were served by a team of volunteers/members. All of the seafood for this event is sourced locally, right in the Borough, which has considerable positive local economic impact.
- The following organizations are recipients of the PHGS philanthropic donations: Avalonia Land Trust; Families in need via Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center; Josh Piver 9/11 Foundation; New England Science & Sailing Foundation; New Haven Veteran's Hospital; PHGS Members Education Scholarship Fund; Safe Futures for Battered Women; St. Jude's Hospital; Stonington Borough La Grua Center; Stonington Cemetery; Stonington Free Library Fund; Stonington High School John Phillip Sousa Music Scholarship.
- It is also noted that the PHGS is considered a 501 C (4) – a designation granted to a non-profit that operates for social welfare.

In Closing

The Portuguese Holy Ghost Society is asking for \$8,000 in ARPA Funding. These funds will go solely to a critical upgrade to this historic structure and landmark, specifically the replacement of a portion of the roof, which is leaking, causing damage and could be potentially hazardous. The second floor balcony and a stairwell are used by the public and members for fundraising and social events. Estimated cost is \$8,000 for repair.

Thank you for reviewing this application. Your consideration for this critical funding is appreciated.

REVISED ARPA PROP



THE STONINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P. O. BOX 103 • STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT • 06378 • 860-535-8445 • stoningtonhistory.org

To: Jeff Callahan
Warden, Borough of Stonington
Re: ARPA fund grant for Borough based history trail

February 9, 2022

Dear Jeff,

Thank you for providing the opportunity for local nonprofit organizations to apply for ARPA funds designated for 2022.

As you well know, Stonington Borough is one of the most well-preserved seaside villages in all of New England and we often remark that it's a real life living history museum with hundreds of stories to tell. Not all of them are evident in the cultural landscape, even to longtime residents. To that end, the Stonington Historical Society recently met with a group of local stakeholders, including SVIA, SBMA, Stonington Free Library, and you, to discuss the potential of creating a Stonington Borough History Trail. This proposed trail would be comprised of a series of interpretive all-weather panels that explore the hidden history of Stonington Borough and offer an opportunity to share the stories of the people and the events that shaped this village. We are requesting \$8,000 in funding to cover the design, manufacture, and installation of six interpretive all-weather panels to be installed throughout Stonington Borough. In essence, this project would create the exhibit labels for our living history museum.

Other New England towns have successfully created similar trails and several Stonington residents have recently commented on Boothbay Harbor's *Museum in the Streets*. Boothbay's one-hour walk includes 24 informational signs around both sides of the harbor and three introductory signs with brochures at strategic spots. Wethersfield, Connecticut recently won an award from the Connecticut League of History Organizations for their series of *Welcome to Wethersfield Heritage Walk*. This series of twenty-two interpretive markers highlight points of historical significance throughout Old Wethersfield. Stonington Borough's historical significance, geographic location, and compact nature make it an ideal candidate for a similar program.

Stonington's History Trail would be comprised of a series of six 2 x3 foot interpretive panels that would include a mix of images and texts that explore local historical topics, themes, and people. Prospective sites include Wadawanuck Square, Cannon Square, Denison Avenue, Wall Street Parking Area, and Stonington Point. A sixth location would be at the Stonington Historical Society's Lighthouse Museum lawn. With an initial dispersal of \$4,000, three signs would be installed in the

spring of 2022 (Wadawanuck, Cannon, and Point), while the remaining three (Denison Street, Wall Street, Lighthouse lawn) would be installed in the fall of 2022 with a second dispersal of \$4,000.

This is a collaborative project and we would work with the Borough of Stonington and other community partners on the content and designs for these initial sites. We would also design and produce a brochure/rack card for distribution at local businesses, libraries, and visitor information centers and explore the digital opportunities for web based applications. Additional sites, owned by the Town of Stonington and the SVIA have also been identified for possible installations in the future. These include Matthews Park, Robinson Cemetery, the Velvet Mill, and Town Docks. We also see opportunities for expanding this program to additional sites throughout the Town of Stonington, including sites in Pawcatuck and Mystic.

These panels would benefit Borough residents, businesses, and visitors alike. A Borough History Trail would honor and recognize the historical significance of our village by providing the historic, cultural, and geographic context for that significance. This opportunity for interpretation would connect Stonington residents to their past and contribute to their pride of place and sense of history. These panels would educate and entertain with authentic historical interpretation and add to our unique historical and cultural fabric in Stonington Borough. Although the Stonington Historical Society offers seasonal guided walking tours, they require staffing, a fee, and preplanning. This history trail would remove those encumbrances and provide an accessible opportunity for all to discover and appreciate the history of our village.

The Stonington Historical Society will provide the content for this project and work with an experienced graphic designer to create prototypes for review by the committee, including a representative from the Borough Warden and Burgesses. We recognize the concerns of some residents and have engaged a designer who will be thoughtful about design and form. Partners in this project will include SVIA, SBMA, Stonington Free Library, and the Borough. We have sought out three estimates for fabrication and have included the preferred vendor's estimate along with this request, as well as examples of other similar and successful projects. These funds, if awarded, will cover the design and manufacture of panels and rack cards. We will request the Borough's assistance with installation.

Estimated Expenses:

Interpretive Panels
Design: \$3,500
Manufacture: \$3,500
Freight: \$200

Rack Cards
Design: \$300
Production: \$500 for 5000

Total Requested: \$8,000

Thank you once again for this opportunity to apply for a Borough Stonington grant. We are excited and believe that this project will enhance the quality of life for Borough residents, businesses, and visitors. We hope that you share our enthusiasm for this project.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wood, Executive Director
Stonington Historical Society



Proposal for Stonington Borough History Trail

Statement of Work

The project will include:

- Design a (template) for a typical interpretive panel
 - Size and shape of panel
 - Typeface to be used
- Select at least two different methods of mounting for the panels
 - Wall and fence mount
 - Ground mount
- Design six different interpretive signs based on the template
 - Locations:
 - Wadawanuck Square
 - Cannon Square
 - Denison Avenue
 - Wall Street Parking Area
 - Stonington Point
 - Lighthouse
- Coordinate and review fabrication and installation

Phases and Deliverables:

Phase I – Schematic Design & Design Development

Duration of Phase: 1 month

In collaboration with the Stonington Historical Society (SHS), Design Division (DDI) will develop a conceptual design approach for a typical interpretive sign panel that uses one of the planned sign locations as its source material (the template can then be used as a final file for that sign's location). Two or three different designs may be created for review by SHS. The chosen design will serve as a template for the balance of the signs. The design approach will include two different systems for mounting the signs, one for mounting on walls or for attaching to fences, and one for freestanding mounting to ground surfaces. These may be selected from stock components. The exact final location for each sign will be determined. The conceptual design is approved by SHS prior to the commencement of Phase II.

The following deliverables for Phase I will be produced:

- Design of interpretive panel template
 - PDF of typical template
 - PDF including elevation or sketch of mounting system with panel in place



Selection of mounts

- Selection of exact sign locations
- Visual content for each sign to be assembled by SHS

Phase II – Final Panel Design

Duration of Phase: 1.5 months

Design Division, in collaboration with SHS, develops the final sign layout and content for each of the remaining five signs. SHS produces the final text and supplies any remaining visual material to DDI. DDI completes the design of all signs, as SHS reviews and approves the final panel layouts. A copy editor reviews the panels for spelling and grammar.

The following deliverables for Phase II will be produced:

- List of selected mounting hardware and posts
- Final text delivered to DDI (SHS)
- Final visual material to be included in exhibit delivered to DDI in digital form (SHS)
- Final panel files completed

Phase III - Review of Construction & Installation

Duration of Phase: To be determined

During this phase the interpretive graphic panels are fabricated, shipped, and installed on site. DDI coordinates with the panel fabricator to ensure that the panels are correctly produced. Proofs will be reviewed and corrected if required. DDI meets with DPW (it is understood that the DPW of Stonington will install the signs) to review the location and type of sign mount to be used for each panel. DDI will review the installation to ensure that the signs are properly located and installed.

The following deliverables for Phase III will be produced:

- Final interpretive panel files delivered to sign panel fabricator.

Schedule:

Phase I – Schematic Design & Design Development

1 month

Phase II – Final Panel Design

1.5 months



Phase III - Review of Fabrication & Installation

To be determined

Fees:

Phase I - Schematic Design & Design Development	\$1,600.00
Phase II - Panel Design	\$1,500.00
Phase III - Review of Construction & Installation	\$300.00

Total Fee	\$3,400.00
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Expenses

Editor/Proofreader (estimate)	\$300.00
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 Laymen of Church, Ordained
 Maple & Hyde Street
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1884 STREETS REPORT

Be it remembered, that on the 8th day of December, A.D. 1884, the subscribers, Warden and Burgesses of the Borough of Stonington in the County of New London and State of Connecticut in response to a petition from a number of the inhabitants of said Borough praying that certain contemplated ^{streets} known respectively as Church Street, Orchard Street, Maple Street and Hyde Street, all in said Borough, should be laid ^{out}, established and dedicated as highways, — having given notice in writing by leaving the same at their places of abode to

Owners of land adjacent to said contemplated Streets, to be present at the laying out of the said Streets or highways and show ~~cause~~ ^{reasons} if any they have against the laying out of said Streets, and the parties or their agents having been present, and their views and objections fully heard, on personal view and judging it to be necessary for public convenience we have laid out, established and dedicated to public use said contemplated streets within said Borough of Stonington, as follows, that is to say: beginning at a point $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet south from the South West corner of the dwelling house, late the property of Nathan Smith on the East side of Main Street in said Borough, and on the North side of the contemplated Street called Church Street, running thence South $82\frac{1}{2}$ East, on the North line of said contemplated Street, 91

of premises owned by Mrs. Maria L. Faxon on the
north side of the aforesaid Rail Road, thence, run-
ning on the West line of a contemplated street
called Orchard Street, North 2° West, 157 feet;
thence, on the West line of said Street, North $4\frac{1}{2}$
West, $7\frac{3}{4}$ feet to a stake on the North line of
a contemplated street called Maple Street, leaving
a street on the East 50 feet wide the entire length
of the two last courses; thence, on the North line
of said Maple Street, East, $131\frac{1}{2}$ feet to the East
side of a contemplated street called Hyde
Street, leaving a street on the South 35 feet wide
from the last mentioned stake or bound; beginning
again at the intersection of the North line of said
Maple Street and the West line of the said Hyde

1 Street, thence, running on the West line of said
2 Hyde Street, North $18^{\circ} 10'$ West, $133\frac{7}{2}$ feet, leaving
3 a Street on the East 30 feet wide from the last
4 mentioned point; thence, same course as the last,
5 on the West line of said Hyde Street, $116\frac{1}{3}$ feet to
6 the Highway leading from Stonington Borough to
7 Waterly, leaving a ~~Street on the East 30 feet wide~~
8 at the point of beginning and narrowing to $28\frac{1}{4}$
9 feet at the End. Further reference being had for
10 a more particular description of said Streets or
11 highways, and adjacent lands, to a Survey and
12 Map of the same made by George D. Stanton,
13 which is adopted as a part of this report.
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT
AND THE SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGARDING THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
(UPDATE TO PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT)

The Borough of Stonington, Connecticut, (hereafter referred to as the Borough) hereby agrees to retain the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (hereafter referred to as the Council) to provide technical services to the Borough under the terms specified below. The Council hereby agrees to provide to the Borough such services under the terms specified below.

1. Period of the Agreement. This agreement shall be effective for the period 28 February 2022 through 31 December 2022. The terms of the agreement may be modified from time-to-time by joint action of the Borough and the Council. The agreement may be canceled by either party upon thirty days' written notice. In the event of such cancellation, all materials produced by the Council shall become the property of the Borough and shall be delivered to the appropriate Borough official. Should the agreement be canceled, the Council shall be entitled to be paid for all services provided to the date of cancellation.

2. Services to be provided. The Council will assign a planner to this project who will develop the following for inclusion in the Borough Planning and Zoning Commission's update of their Plan of Conservation and Development utilizing the Commission's draft document format:

- A section on Population
- A section on Housing
- A section on Land Use
- A section on Coastal Area Management
- A section on Climate Change and Resiliency
- Maps depicting Existing Land Use, Coastal Resources, and Future Land Use Plan

In addition to preparing the above, Council staff will review the draft Plan for general compliance with the Connecticut General Statutes, and will recommend amendments as appropriate. Within budgeted resources, Council staff will attend up to two meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission to review with the Commission the final draft Plan.

3. Staffing. It is the intent of the Council to assign to this project Justin LaFountain, Planner II. Should Mr. LaFountain become incapacitated or no longer be available, he would be replaced by another qualified planner.

4. Costs, Billing, and Payment. Costs shall be based on the hours actually worked by the Council planner on the project plus an indirect cost multiplier of 102.497% of the direct salary plus a direct charge at the IRS rate (currently \$0.585) per mile for travel on business related to the project including travel to and from Borough Hall. The direct hourly salary rate of Mr. LaFountain shall

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not exceed \$35.65 for work performed before 7/01/2022 and shall not exceed \$39.45 for work on or after 7/1/2022.

It is expressly understood that unless the terms of this agreement are amended, the total funds to be expended on this project shall not exceed \$5,500.

The Council shall maintain time and travel records for personnel working on this project. The Council will bill the Borough for services provided on 31 March 2022, 30 June 2022, 30 September 2022, and the 31 December 2022. In the event the agreement is canceled or the project is completed prior to 31 December 2022, the Council shall at that time submit to the Borough a final billing. The Borough agrees to pay bills submitted by the Council for work undertaken.

In witness whereof, the Borough and Council have executed this agreement as of 28 February 2022.

BOROUGH OF STONINGTON

Witness

Jeffrey Callahan, Warden

Witness

**SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Witness

James S. Butler, Executive Director

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Member Municipalities:

Bozrah * Colchester * East Lyme * Franklin * Griswold * City of Groton * Town of Groton * Ledyard *
Lisbon * Montville * New London * North Stonington * Norwich * Preston * Salem * Sprague * Stonington
* Stonington Borough * Voluntown * Waterford

Stonington Borough Small Business Assistance Programs – ARPA Funds Request

Submitted by the **Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce** in collaboration with the **Stonington Borough Merchants Association**.

Contact: Lisa Konicki, LKonicki@oceanchamber.org

Thank you for your consideration of the following projects that we feel would have the greatest positive impact on the small businesses in the borough.

#1. \$18,000 in Small Business Grants for Stonington borough businesses would be made available for two purposes:

Loss of business for days shut down due to COVID tests of staff/ positive cases of Covid on staff. To cover purchase of disinfectant and other supplies directly related to COVID prevention and transmission. Equipment and supplies to help businesses extend their season (heat lamps, seating, igloos, tents) or to expand their commerce area outside (example-fenced or designated area for outdoor dining, music lessons, retail sales, rope, fencing, landscaping etc.) Project must comply with borough zoning. Maximum grant \$1,500.

Façade improvements such as exterior paint, awnings, windows, doors or signage qualify if they comply with borough zoning. Business is responsible for 50% of the project cost and individual grant may not exceed \$1,500 per business. Project must be completed and documented before grant funds expended.

\$1,800 admin fee to the OCCC for administering grants OCCC role will be to:

Market the grant opportunities to businesses via social media, emails, press releases, personal visits, radio.

Vet applications that get submitted. Verify that local taxes are paid in full, state filings are up to date, no present law suits, information on application appears to be accurate.

Coordinate meetings with committee to review grant applications.

Issue checks to grant winners (hard costs include paper checks, envelopes, toner, bookkeeper time, mileage to events/meetings). Have bookkeeper generate financial reports as requested.

Coordinate check presentation events with Borough leaders, grant winner, etc.

Promote each grant award via social media and press release in conjunction with Borough.

Collect receipts and maintain accurate records according to federal requirements. Provide complete transparency of who applied for grants, what if anything was awarded, etc.

Why the OCCC is the ideal partner:

We are a trusted entity that has competently and transparently managed small business recovery grant programs totaling over \$550,000 between the Flood of 2010, Superstorm Sandy in 2012 and Covid in 2020/2021.

The OCCC served for 6 years as lead applicant and fiduciary agent for the Real Jobs RI program funded with federal tax dollars and subject to very strict reporting requirements. We are well prepared to meet the quarterly project expenditure reporting requirements.

The OCC Foundation was the fiduciary agent for Bricks and Murals, a Stonington/Westerly arts project that had a budget of over \$100,000.

The OCCC has been the fiduciary agent for the Town of Westerly Blues on the Beach for over 15 years.

We are the only chamber of commerce in the region that has created, fundraised for and managed a grant program to help small businesses. We have a valid DUNS # and are not required to have a valid SAM registration for this program.

In 2020/2021 alone the OCC Foundation donated over \$64,000 in cash and free books to Stonington non-profits and schools, derived from the sales of the Pop Up Book of Stonington.

The OCCC/OCCF are fiscally sound entities with a common Treasurer and President that have been in place over 24 years. Lisa Konicki is a 27 year resident and taxpayer in the Town of Stonington.

The OCCC has proven itself to be highly responsive to small business recovery efforts and has worked with all businesses, regardless of chamber membership, during Covid to provide Facebook live videos, face masks, disinfectant, grants, dining igloos, tents, heat lamps, etc. We were able to supply over \$130,000 worth of equipment to RI businesses but that grant was restricted to RI. We raised more funds to provide tents/heat lamps/equipment to Jealous Monk, Phoenix Nightclub and CC OBriens. We raised and provided \$700-\$800 cash COVID grants to numerous Stonington businesses including Verde Birdie, Whitecrest Eatery, CC Obriens, T Quinn Vietnamese Restaurant, Get Your Ears On, Noble, Dutch's Bakery, Black Dahlia Bakery, Yellow Farmhouse Education., Greg Sherrod vocalist, and more.

#2 Lobster Trap Tree Buoys for Businesses \$1,000 to allow 10 borough businesses/non-profits to participate as a sponsor of the Stonington Lobster Trap Tree at ½ price. (this fund would pay \$100 and the business would pay the difference). Buoys would be bought, a professional artist from Stonington Borough would be hired to paint them, then they would be clear coated and hung on the Stonington Lobster Trap Tree for the art installation. Businesses would be listed on lobstertraptree.com as a sponsor and their buoys placed on the website. The tree and the associated website would provide significant marketing value to the small businesses. The businesses would get to keep their buoys. They would be delivered to them when the tree comes down.



Total amount of the above proposed projects of the OCCC = \$20,800

Additional projects we would fund that are spearheaded by the SBMA:

The Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce works in concert with the Stonington Borough Merchants Association and is a marketing partner committed to the success of the business community. With this spirit of collaboration as the backdrop, the OCCC is happy to include SBMA projects as part of our overall request for ARPA funds that best serve the small businesses in the borough.

In order to promote the Stonington Borough as a shopping, dining, and one-of-a-kind tourist destination, the Stonington Borough Merchants Association hosts a number of events and marketing promotions each year that draw traffic to our footprint and support our local economy. The SBMA relies on very low-cost marketing channels to spread the word. There are two priority items for the SBMA.

#3 Walking Map

With grant funding, we could update and reprint our walking map which lists our cultural assets as well as the businesses who are members of the SBMA. It is currently 8.5" x 14", one-color, two-sided. The SBMA would like to redesign and print a quantity of 5,000 in 4-color.

Design: \$550

Print Production: \$1,800

Total project cost \$2,350

#4 Advertorial & Magazine Cover

The SBMA would like to produce a 1 page print advertorial that outlines our annual events and promotes Stonington Borough with select photography. The annual regional travel planner produced by The Day Publishing Company for the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce is the selected vehicle. There are 30,000 copies of this 4 color travel planner printed. Mystic has a section and we would like the Borough to stand out as well with its own designated section. Additionally, 10,000 copies of the 30,000 magazines would have a cover photo of the Borough on it, jointly selected by the SMBA and the OCCC.

Full Page 4 color ad paid to The Day.....\$2,935

Total amount of request for all 4 small business assistance and promotion programs executed by the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce and the Stonington Borough Merchants Association = \$26,085

Borough of Stonington
Bills for Review
January 15 through February 17, 2022

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Name	Class	Amount
Jan 15 - Feb 17, 22		
A&J Snow Removal...	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:610 Snow removal	30,825.00
Aquarion Water Co...	HYDRANTS:401 Rental of Hydrants & Pipes	4,051.40
Aquarion Water Co...	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:504 Water & Sewer	17.71
Aquarion Water Co...	PARKS, TREES & RIGHTS OF WAY:GENERAL EXPENSES:804 Park Utilities	13.18
Aquarion Water Co...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:314 Water & Sewer	110.03
Aquarion Water Co...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:314 Water & Sewer	45.97
Ashaway Service C...	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:602 Equipment R&M/Upgrading	206.31
Atlantic Broadband	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:Internet/Phones	381.19
Business Card	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:OFFICE:125 Telecommunications	169.58
Cardmember Service	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:605 Supplies	400.00
Cardmember Service	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:OFFICE:125 Telecommunications	135.40
Cardmember Service	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:OFFICE:123 Postage	41.59
Cardmember Service	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:OFFICE:123 Postage	63.00
Cardmember Service	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:OFFICE:129 Miscellaneous	164.05
Cardmember Service	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:315 Supplies	173.00
Cash True Value H...	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:505 Supplies	86.92
Comcast	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:306 Telecommunications	269.17
ConnRi Paper & Su...	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:605 Supplies	68.90
Dime Oil Company	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:502 Heating Oil	379.05
Dime Oil Company	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:502 Heating Oil	337.12
Eversource	PARKS, TREES & RIGHTS OF WAY:GENERAL EXPENSES:804 Park Utilities	48.85
Eversource	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:501 Electricity	153.00
Eversource	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:311 Electricity	1,107.15
Fire Protection Test...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:317 Repairs & Maintenance	175.00
Frontier Communic...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:306 Telecommunications	204.27
Guardian	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:ADMINISTRATIVE:108 Health Insurance	146.68
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Integrity LLC	FIRE DEPARTMENT:SALARIES:566 Janitorial - Firehouse	495.00
Integrity LLC	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:JANITORIAL:565 Janitorial - Borough Hall	275.00
Jeffrey Hoadley	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:ADMINISTRATIVE:108 Health Insurance	1,107.00
Mad River Construc...	CONTINGENCY EXPENSE:1301 Contingency Expense	12,162.50
Mad River Construc...	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:610 Snow removal	10,000.00
MES/Shipman's Fir...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:305 Tools & Equipment	450.74
MES/Shipman's Fir...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:304 Maintenance of Trucks/Equip	106.69
Municipal Emergen...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:305 Tools & Equipment	7,050.00
New England Assoc...	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:509 Repairs & Maintenance	220.00
O'Connor Davies, L...	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:ADMINISTRATIVE:101 Audit & Accountant	5,000.00
Pawcatuck Roofing ...	OTHER FUNDS:CAPITAL & NONRECURRING EXPENDIT	1,875.00
Printing Plus	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:ADMINISTRATIVE:107 Community Affairs	249.50
Stonington Borough...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:305 Tools & Equipment	159.99
Tom's Newstand	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:ADMINISTRATIVE:107 Community Affairs	750.00
Town of Stonington	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:315 Supplies	45.00
Town of Stonington	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:314 Water & Sewer	66.33
Town of Stonington	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:504 Water & Sewer	54.27
Town of Stonington	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:301 Fuel	236.00
Town of Stonington	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:601 Gas & Oil	348.72
Town of Stonington	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:610 Snow removal	2,107.24
Uncas Gas	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:312 Propane	843.70
Uncas Gas	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:312 Propane	795.56
Uncas Gas	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:312 Propane	859.07
Uncas Gas	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:312 Propane	1,047.82
United Healthcare	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:ADMINISTRATIVE:108 Health Insurance	1,597.73
Verizon Wireless	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:306 Telecommunications	139.53
Wex Bank	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:601 Gas & Oil	62.95
Jan 15 - Feb 17, 22		88,025.54

Borough of Stonington
Income & Expenses Budget vs. Actual
July 1, 2021 through February 17, 2022

	Jul 1, '21 - Feb 17, 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS			
1 Town of Stonington	251,583.00	251,583.00	0.00
2 State of Connecticut			
LoCIP	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
2 State of Connecticut - Other	15,012.73	10,000.00	5,012.73
Total 2 State of Connecticut	15,012.73	11,000.00	4,012.73
Total GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS	266,595.73	262,583.00	4,012.73
FIRE PROTECTION FEES			
21 Stonington Fire District	68,883.00	68,547.00	336.00
22 Wamphassuc	30,094.00	29,947.00	147.00
23 Lord's Point	28,220.00	28,083.00	137.00
Total FIRE PROTECTION FEES	127,197.00	126,577.00	620.00
OTHER INCOME			
61 Planning & Zoning Fees, Etc.	2,230.00	3,000.00	-770.00
62 Interest on Investments	603.41	1,000.00	-396.59
65 Telephone Property Tax	0.00	500.00	-500.00
69 Miscellaneous			
Dumpster Permit Fees	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
69 Miscellaneous - Other	3,071.00	2,000.00	1,071.00
Total 69 Miscellaneous	5,071.00	2,000.00	3,071.00
OTHER INCOME - Other	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Total OTHER INCOME	9,904.41	6,500.00	3,404.41
PROPERTY TAXES			
81-Real Estate	923,585.46	886,397.00	37,188.46
81-Vehicles	3,308.38	0.00	3,308.38
81-Other	85.39	0.00	85.39
81 Collections-Refunds	671.31	0.00	671.31
Total PROPERTY TAXES	927,650.54	886,397.00	41,253.54
RESERVE TRANSFER			
91 Acc Rev Fund Bal Des Budget	0.00	9,326.00	-9,326.00
Total RESERVE TRANSFER	0.00	9,326.00	-9,326.00
Total Income	1,331,347.68	1,291,383.00	39,964.68
Gross Profit	1,331,347.68	1,291,383.00	39,964.68
Expense			
GENERAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSE			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Administrative			
101 Audit	22,475.00	22,000.00	475.00
104 Insurance			
Surety Bonds	0.00	500.00	-500.00
CIRMA LAP	19,800.00	20,600.00	-800.00
Worker's Comp (CIRMA)	20,613.00	22,000.00	-1,387.00
Total 104 Insurance	40,413.00	43,100.00	-2,687.00
105 Professional Services	15,243.99	20,000.00	-4,756.01
106 Special Mailings	1,220.90	1,000.00	220.90
107 Community Affairs	999.50	1,600.00	-600.50
108 Health Insurance	20,542.45	45,000.00	-24,457.55
109 H. INS., HSA Contribution	5,030.00	6,000.00	-970.00
110 Travel Reimbursement	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00

Borough of Stonington
Income & Expenses Budget vs. Actual
July 1, 2021 through February 17, 2022

	Jul 1, '21 - Feb 17, 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Total Administrative	105,924.84	139,700.00	-33,775.16
Office			
121 Legal Notices	106.55	1,000.00	-893.45
122 Equipment R&M/Upgrading	581.90	5,000.00	-4,418.10
123 Postage	227.59	2,000.00	-1,772.41
124 Supplies	1,535.07	800.00	735.07
125 Technology	6,793.28	2,000.00	4,793.28
126 Bank Fees	473.16	500.00	-26.84
129 Miscellaneous	535.13	1,000.00	-464.87
130 Administrative Assistant	23,361.55	30,450.00	-7,088.45
Total Office	33,614.23	42,750.00	-9,135.77
Tax Collector			
141 Legal Notices	0.00	200.00	-200.00
142 Liens	0.00	200.00	-200.00
143 Postage	0.00	100.00	-100.00
144 Collection Expenses	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
145 Tax Refunds	190.50	1,000.00	-809.50
Total Tax Collector	190.50	6,500.00	-6,309.50
Salaries			
161 Assessor	875.00	1,500.00	-625.00
162 Burgesses	3,500.00	6,000.00	-2,500.00
163 Clerk-Treasurer	2,333.31	4,000.00	-1,666.69
165 Warden	8,750.00	15,000.00	-6,250.00
168 Payroll Taxes	17,761.29	27,097.00	-9,335.71
169 Direct Deposit Fees	126.17	300.00	-173.83
170 Commissioner Stipends	1,166.48	2,000.00	-833.52
Total Salaries	34,512.25	55,897.00	-21,384.75
Contributions			
191 Stonington Free Library	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
192 Stonington Ambulance	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
193 seCTer	325.15	325.00	0.15
194 SE CT Council of Government	511.00	511.00	0.00
195 CT Conf of Municipalities	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
196 Bicent/July 4th	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
197 Stonington COMO	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Total Contributions	40,836.15	43,836.00	-2,999.85
Total GENERAL GOVERNMENT	215,077.97	288,683.00	-73,605.03
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS			
Planning & Zoning Commission			
201 Legal Notices	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
202 Printing	219.81	1,000.00	-780.19
203 Books & Training	267.00	200.00	67.00
205 Prof Services - Legal	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
206 Prof Svcs- Planner/Engineer	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
Total Planning & Zoning Commission	486.81	9,700.00	-9,213.19
Shared PZC & ZBA			
221 Postage	0.00	500.00	-500.00
222 State Conservation Fund	870.00	1,500.00	-630.00
257 Zoning Officer Salary	10,166.65	20,000.00	-9,833.35
259 Miscellaneous/Office	116.00	1,000.00	-884.00
Total Shared PZC & ZBA	11,152.65	23,000.00	-11,847.35
Zoning Board of Appeals			
241 Legal Notices	1,146.70	500.00	646.70
242 Books & Training	0.00	100.00	-100.00
243 Prof Services - Legal	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00

Borough of Stonington
Income & Expenses Budget vs. Actual
July 1, 2021 through February 17, 2022

	Jul 1, '21 - Feb 17, 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Total Zoning Board of Appeals	1,146.70	3,100.00	-1,953.30
Total BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	12,786.16	35,800.00	-23,013.84
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Operating Expenses			
301 Fuel	1,064.91	2,500.00	-1,435.09
302 Maintenance of Alarms	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
303 Maintenance of Radios	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
304 Maintenance Trucks & Equip	13,293.61	25,000.00	-11,706.39
305 New Tools & Equipment	11,591.53	25,000.00	-13,408.47
306 Telecommunications	4,838.74	8,000.00	-3,161.26
307 Fire Marshal Expenses	1,322.60	2,000.00	-677.40
309 Miscellaneous	498.79	1,000.00	-501.21
310 Fire Truck Leases	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	32,610.18	96,500.00	-63,889.82
Firehouse - 100 Main Street			
311 Electricity	5,383.24	11,000.00	-5,616.76
312 Propane	8,172.80	9,000.00	-827.20
314 Water & Sewer	1,268.33	2,000.00	-731.67
315 Supplies	1,751.64	2,500.00	-748.36
317 Repairs & Maintenance	5,506.49	25,000.00	-19,493.51
566 Janitorial - Firehouse	3,520.00	6,000.00	-2,480.00
Total Firehouse - 100 Main Street	25,602.50	55,500.00	-29,897.50
Insurance			
321 Accidental Death	5,531.22	800.00	4,731.22
324 LAP-Liability/Auto/Prop	30,392.00	32,000.00	-1,608.00
Total Insurance	35,923.22	32,800.00	3,123.22
Personnel Expenses			
341 Companies & Department	7,500.00	10,000.00	-2,500.00
342 Medical	2,538.00	8,000.00	-5,462.00
343 Length of Service Program	33,063.00	35,000.00	-1,937.00
344 Training	160.50	3,000.00	-2,839.50
345 Uniforms	1,077.82	2,500.00	-1,422.18
346 Pay-per-Call Incentive Prog	6,248.81	15,000.00	-8,751.19
347 Deferred Compensation	5,025.00	7,000.00	-1,975.00
Total Personnel Expenses	55,613.13	80,500.00	-24,886.87
Salaries			
361 Chief	58,688.08	91,104.00	-32,415.92
362 Deputy Chief	5,833.31	10,000.00	-4,166.69
363 Assistant Chief	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00
364 Fire Marshal	6,602.64	10,560.00	-3,957.36
365 Company Officers	2,152.50	5,725.00	-3,572.50
Total Salaries	73,276.53	123,389.00	-50,112.47
Total FIRE DEPARTMENT	223,025.56	388,689.00	-165,663.44
HYDRANTS			
General Expenses			
401 Rental of Hydrants & Pipe	24,713.55	46,000.00	-21,286.45
Total General Expenses	24,713.55	46,000.00	-21,286.45
Total HYDRANTS	24,713.55	46,000.00	-21,286.45
BOROUGH HALL - 26 CHURCH ST			
Borough Hall/Highway Garage			
501 Electricity	1,131.97	2,500.00	-1,368.03
502 Heating Oil	1,874.83	4,500.00	-2,625.17
504 Water & Sewer	234.85	300.00	-65.15
505 Supplies	538.93	1,500.00	-961.07

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July 1, 2021 through February 17, 2022

	Jul 1, '21 - Feb 17, 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget
506 Internet/Phones	2,293.10	5,000.00	-2,706.90
509 Repairs & Maintenance	10,564.49	6,000.00	4,564.49
Total Borough Hall/Highway Garage	16,638.17	19,800.00	-3,161.83
Salaries			
565 Janitorial - Borough Hall	1,540.00	4,000.00	-2,460.00
Total Salaries	1,540.00	4,000.00	-2,460.00
Total BOROUGH HALL - 26 CHURCH ST	18,178.17	23,800.00	-5,621.83
STREET DEPARTMENT			
General			
601 Gas & Oil	1,544.49	3,000.00	-1,455.51
602 EQUIP. R&M/Upgrading/SIGNS	3,459.33	10,000.00	-6,540.67
604 Street Repairs	152.46	5,000.00	-4,847.54
605 Supplies	3,014.90	6,000.00	-2,985.10
610 Snow Removal	43,434.89	10,000.00	33,434.89
611 Sidewalk Repairs	0.00	8,000.00	-8,000.00
612 Stormwater Management	1,943.05	15,000.00	-13,056.95
Total General	53,549.12	57,000.00	-3,450.88
Wages & Salaries			
656 Labor - Regular	77,339.97	122,661.00	-45,321.03
657 Labor - Overtime	10,978.23	17,000.00	-6,021.77
658 Labor - Temporary	0.00	7,500.00	-7,500.00
666 Deferred Comp Matching	925.00	3,000.00	-2,075.00
667 Street Commissioner	3,791.69	6,500.00	-2,708.31
Total Wages & Salaries	93,034.89	156,661.00	-63,626.11
Total STREET DEPARTMENT	146,584.01	213,661.00	-67,076.99
PARKS, TREES, & RIGHTS OF WAY			
General Expenses			
801 Grounds Maintenance	3,588.00	3,000.00	588.00
802 Tree Maintenance	5,111.00	15,000.00	-9,889.00
804 Park Utilities	413.38	750.00	-336.62
805 Signs, Surveys & ROW	1,975.00	1,500.00	475.00
Total General Expenses	11,087.38	20,250.00	-9,162.62
Total PARKS, TREES, & RIGHTS OF WAY	11,087.38	20,250.00	-9,162.62
SANITATION			
General Expenses			
909 Miscellaneous	977.50	3,000.00	-2,022.50
Total General Expenses	977.50	3,000.00	-2,022.50
Total SANITATION	977.50	3,000.00	-2,022.50
CONTINGENCY EXPENSE			
1301 Contingency	15,545.58	20,000.00	-4,454.42
Total CONTINGENCY EXPENSE	15,545.58	20,000.00	-4,454.42
Total GENERAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSE	667,975.88	1,039,883.00	-371,907.12
SPECIAL REVENUE & TRUST FUNDS			
1501 Deposits to Funds	251,500.00	251,500.00	0.00
Total SPECIAL REVENUE & TRUST FUNDS	251,500.00	251,500.00	0.00
Total Expense	919,475.88	1,291,383.00	-371,907.12
Net Ordinary Income	411,871.80	0.00	411,871.80
Net Income	411,871.80	0.00	411,871.80

BOROUGH ACCOUNT BALANCES
As of February 18, 2022

General Fund Balance:	\$ 949,400.67
Dime Bank Checking	\$1,318,093.31
Due to/from Other Funds (Details Below)	\$ 368,692.64**
ARPA	\$105,402.56
Cannon Fund	\$ 2,828.33
Due from General Fund	\$ 2,828.33
Capital & Nonrecurring Fund Balance:	\$ 54,632.63***
Due from General Fund	\$ 54,632.63
Fire Dept. Major Expense Balance:	\$104,274.00
Due from General Fund	\$104,274.00
Clock Fund Balance:	\$ 549.36
Due from General Fund	\$ 549.36
Infrastructure Reserve Fund Balance:	\$78,423.55
Due to General Fund	\$78,423.55
LoCip Fund Balance:	\$ 4,481.00
Available from State of Connecticut	\$ 4,481.00
Robinson Burial Ground Fund	\$ 725.35
Due from General Fund	\$ 725.35
Wadawanuck Square Fund	\$ 372.00
Due from General Fund	\$ 372.00
Wayland's Wharf Fund Balance:	\$ 21,484.86
Due from General Fund	\$ 21,484.86

***Capital & Nonrecurring Accounts	
Building Fund	\$ 36,241
Truck Fund	<u>\$ 18,392</u>
	\$ 54,633

**Due to Other Funds		Due from Other Funds
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	\$ 368,692.64	

WARDEN'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 22, 2022 (2.15.2022)

1. Town Hall department head meeting for February cancelled
2. Began drafting FY 2022-23 budget. Input welcome
3. Received two revised ARPA grant requests from local NFPs
4. Local Covid statistics: New London County hospitalizations have finally dropped below 100 for the past week, while total deaths have increased to 543. Stonington Town deaths are 50 and total cases equal 2406.
5. Submitted 2022 CRS recertification report to FEMA and received response indicating that the Borough remains a Class 8 member of CRS, with 10% discount on NFIP flood policies of Borough property owners.
6. Executed storm water study contract with CLA Engineers
7. Surveyors working around viaduct in preparation for possible State maintenance project
8. Preliminary 2020 census count for Borough is 976, the first increase in decades.
9. Received proposal from SSCOG to provide planner support for update of Borough POCD.
10. Worked with Town on annual MS4 (Storm Water) report.

BOROUGH CLOCK – None

STREET & SIDEWALKS COMMISSIONER REPORT –

1. Conducted monthly brush pickup.
2. Cleaned outfall at Harbor Edge
3. Plowed and sanded for January 29th blizzard. Removed snow with contractors on 1/31, 2/01, 2/02, 2/03. Cost = \$52k. Sanded all day during 2/13 snow.
4. Met with Narragansett Flag Co. regarding Cannon Square pole. Received proposal to replace pole.
5. Issued 2 dumpster permits
6. Patched potholes

PERSONAL (Not for meeting minutes)— None

jec: 2/14/22

NOT-FOR-PROFIT ARPA GRANT REQUESTS

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	\$\$ REQUESTED	NOTES
La Grua Center	Design/purchase new AV system	\$ 10,000	
SVIA	Install water bottle filler at duBois Beach	\$ 8,300	
NESS	Free fishing, kayaking & sailing programs for Borough residents -- summer 2022	\$ 9,725	
Stonington Free Library	Create outdoor seating space on west side of library	\$ 5,873	
Portuguese Holy Ghost Society	Replace section of leaking roof	\$ 8,000	Revised 2/10
Stonington Historical Society	Create Borough History Trail - install six interpretive panels	\$ 8,000	Revised 2/09
Anastasia Taylor	Community Food Compost Initiative	\$ 1,246	Ineligible- No NFP
James Merrill House	Electrical & Sprinklers for empty shop	\$ 8,320	
Mystic Paper Beasts	Poetry & Beasts during 2022 garden tour	\$ 2,700	
	TOTAL	\$ 62,164	
Ocean Community Chamber/SBMA	Support for Borough Small Businesses	\$ 26,085	
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 88,249	
	AVAILABLE	\$ 75,003	Current ARPA balance less CLA contract @ \$30,400.

From: **Jeff Hoadley** chief@stoningtonvfd.org
Subject: **Denison Ave. Tree**
Date: **Feb 2, 2022 at 12:31:14**
To: **Amanda Barnes**
burgess.amandabarnes@gmail.com
Cc: **borowarden@att.net, Amy Nicholas**
burgess.amynicholas@gmail.com, **Kevin Rogers**
burgess.kevinrogers@gmail.com, **Shaun**
Mastroianni shaunmastroianni@yahoo.com,
BoroughCT@gmail.com, BOROUGH STONINGTON
boroughstonington@snet.net

Hi Amanda,

Thank you for taking the time to look into my request to remove the tree on Denison Ave. near the intersection with Cliff St.

I respectfully disagree with your decision not to remove it because I feel it is a deterrent to getting fire trucks around that corner from Cliff St. onto Denison Ave.

I do agree with your observation that the fire trucks can get through Denison at Cliff heading in a westerly direction when the trucks have a long straightaway to maneuver between parked vehicles and the tree in question, but when coming from Cliff into Denison in an easterly direction and vehicles parked on the north side of Denison all the way out to Cliff it makes it extremely difficult to get around that turn !

I might add that when we are heading easterly 99% of the time we are heading to a fire alarm call in the neighborhood around the Borough School condos and westerly when we are returning from a fire alarm call.

As you know Amanda we face many obstacles trying to maneuver our fire trucks through Borough streets and I would rarely make a request to remove a tree if I did not think it was absolutely necessary

for the safe access around that intersection, therefore I would like to appeal your decision to the full Board of Warden and Burgesses and will live by whatever their final decision may be.

Regards, Jeff

Jeffrey Hoadley

Fire Chief/Fire Marshal

Stonington Borough Fire Dept.

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Fwd: Tree in La Grua Park

From: Amanda Barnes (burgess.amandabarnes@gmail.com)

To: borowarden@att.net; burgess.amynicholas@gmail.com; burgess.kevinrogers@gmail.com; shaunmastroianni@yahoo.com; lmc Coleman@aol.com; boroughstonington@snet.net

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 11:31 AM EST

Good morning,

Please see below an email from Ashley & Elliott Blanchard (16 Denison Avenue) regarding the tree on the corner of Denison and Cliff Streets.

Sincerely,

Amanda

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Elliott Blanchard** <elliottblanchard@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 10:51 AM

Subject: Tree in La Grua Park

To: Amanda Barnes <aknappbarnes@gmail.com>

Amanda,

I've learned that the Boro is considering cutting down the tree at the corner of Denison and Cliff St. in La Grua park to allow for a left hand turn by a fire truck in the event of a fire. As one of only a few homeowners on Denison Ave, I think that is a terrible idea. First off, all the houses are readily accessible by alternate routes - either down Elm or down Church. If there is a fire on Denison, it might be 30 seconds faster to go via Cliff - and then only if it is one of the 4 houses near Cliff on Denison. I would much rather have the benefit of that tree than shave a theoretical few seconds off of a response time.

Second, if for some reason the Fire Department decides it is necessary to reduce their response time to Denison Ave, I'm sure there are other actions that could be taken other than cutting down a beautiful tree. For instance, a no parking spot could work (though I really do not think it is necessary). Or we could examine other minor impediments to response time along the proposed route to these few homes (parking on Elm comes to mind). Or even better, aim to improve the Boro FD response time overall by 30 seconds -- helping everyone in the Boro -- rather than focus on one left turn. Or even better -- prevent any homes in the Boro (such as on the corner of Denison and Cliff) from listing on AirBNB -- thus reducing overall traffic in the Boro and the likelihood of a fire! ;-)

Thanks for considering our thoughts on the matter, and please - save the tree!!

Best,

Ashley & Elliott Blanchard
16 Denison Ave, Stonington CT

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Amanda Knapp Barnes

Commissioner of Trees, Parks, and Rights of Way
Burgess
Stonington Borough

Fwd: Tree on Denison Avenue

From: Amanda Barnes (burgess.amandabarnes@gmail.com)

To: borowarden@att.net; burgess.amynicholas@gmail.com; burgess.kevinrogers@gmail.com; shaunmastroianni@yahoo.com; lmc Coleman@aol.com; boroughstonington@snet.net

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 02:44 PM EST

And another...

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Jack Lynch** <jack@lynchnyc.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 2:34 PM

Subject: Tree on Denison Avenue

To: <burgess.amandabarnes@gmail.com>

Dear Amanda,

Thank you for taking the time to speak yesterday about the tree on Denison Avenue that is being considered for removal. I was surprised to see it marked on my walk to Tom's and appreciate your prompt response. If I understand correctly, this has come up because the fire chief and/or fire marshal have asked that the tree be removed to enable firetrucks to make a left turn from Cliff Street onto Denison Avenue.

I will start by stating that fire safety is obviously a serious issue. I have recently read and reread various histories of the borough and the borough is clearly deeply indebted to the fire department.

In making the decision, I am assuming that you and your colleagues will consider the benefits and costs of removing the tree and alternative solutions to the issue raised by the fire chief. I am writing this letter to share my view on some of the benefits of the tree remaining and the acceptability of the alternatives.

The benefits of the tree would seem to be significant. Not being an expert, I did a small amount of research to verify that the benefits I was considering were real and significant. In no particular order, trees, particularly large trees such as this one, offer tangible economic benefits. For example, trees positively influence the value of local real estate prices. Trees, particularly large trees with significant canopies (it is worthwhile to note that this tree is noted to have the largest canopy of any in the borough) provide carbon storage, produce oxygen, capture pollutants (e.g., dust, etc...), and provide shade and cooling. Fresh air is important and one of the reasons people like this town. I didn't read it anywhere and am not an expert, but I wouldn't be surprised if trees help with water runoff and flooding.

It should go without saying, but trees also help make the borough the nice place it is. Compare the streetscape of Denison Avenue to Elm Street around Bayview Avenue where I live. People walking in the borough enjoy the trees. Denison Avenue is in part as nice as it is because of the large trees along the side of the park. I don't know the history of that particular row of trees, but, given the history of the park, I'd be curious as to their history and how they play into the history of the borough.

There seem to be clear alternatives to removing the tree. Fire trucks could drive a different route. I don't know whether this would add a minute or more or less to the time it would take to reach a house, but to understand how to weigh the fire safety issue, this would clearly be relevant. It could be that for houses at the far end of Denison, the time added would be negligible.

It would also seem that a parking space could be removed to allow fire trucks to pass. I can understand the fire chief might prefer to have the tree removed because people could still park cars in the illegal space, but that making parking spots illegal is widely adopted to ensure access to fire hydrants. If there are other reasons that the fire chief would prefer to have the tree removed, those would be helpful to know so that they could be addressed.

Based on these alternatives, it seems like it is not binary "safe or not safe" type question, but rather one of a matter of degree and that the various interests must be balanced. The benefits I mention above are significant and, I'm not, not the only ones. In addition, have you obtained a second opinion as to the degree of the fire safety issue in order to

confirm the alleged safety cost of that tree?

To the extent that the owner or resident of the house on the corner of Denison Avenue and Cliff Street resists the removal of a public parking space in front of his or her house, public parking is not an entitlement. There is no entitlement to public parking and this one homeowner's access to a public resource should not be a reason to deprive all other residents of the borough their access to the tree, another public resource, and its benefits. It is worthwhile to note that, being on a corner, that house has more access to public parking than most other houses. I would also note that there appears to be a curb cut, so this, or a previous, owner appears to have made a choice to have private yard space, and rely on public parking, rather than guaranteed private parking. Please note that if there is a special need due to a health concern or anything else, I would suggest that the borough address this by creating a reserved parking space in front of the house for the specific individual.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I appreciate the work you and your colleagues do to keep the borough running.

Regards,
Jack

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Amanda Knapp Barnes
Commissioner of Trees, Parks, and Rights of Way
Burgess
Stonington Borough

Fwd: American Plane Tree removal

From: Amanda Barnes (burgess.amandabarnes@gmail.com)

To: borowarden@att.net; burgess.amynicholas@gmail.com; burgess.kevinrogers@gmail.com; shaunmastroianni@yahoo.com; boroughstonington@snet.net; lmcoleman@aol.com

Date: Monday, February 14, 2022, 07:50 AM EST

Good morning, everyone,

Another letter about the tree on the corner of Denison and Cliff.

See you this evening.

Amanda

----- Forwarded message -----

> On Feb 11, 2022, at 11:27 AM, Sara McLanahan Edlin <saraedlin@icloud.com> wrote:

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> Dear Burgess,

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> I am writing to express my concern about the removal of the American Plane Tree from the park on Denison Avenue in the Stonington Borough.

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> That tree is a beautiful part of our village. It is also a valued part of Stonington's natural history as the plaque on its trunk teaches us. For these reasons alone, we should not remove it.

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> But there is a more dire reason not to take down trees unless we absolutely must: trees play a critical role in fighting climate change. They capture and store carbon and help soil to do the same. We need our trees to keep our air and weather and temperature safe for Stonington residents.

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> I understand that an alternative to taking down the tree is to reduce parking on Denison Ave. Please choose that option. How tragically ironic would it be to take down a tree to make room for carbon producing vehicles!

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> Thank you for your service to our Borough and your consideration of my opinions.

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> Sara Edlin

> 9 Trumbull St.

> Stonington, CT 06378

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Amanda Knapp Barnes

Commissioner of Trees, Parks, and Rights of Way

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