

**21Borough of Stonington
Board of Warden and Burgesses
July 20, 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 Amanda Barnes, Amy Nicholas, Kevin Bowdler, and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Coleman. Burgess Kevin Rogers was absent. Approximately 11 members of the public were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Burgess Bowdler, seconded by Burgess Barnes, the minutes of the monthly meeting of June 15, 2026, were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

RECEIVED:

Salt Marsh Opera event concurrence.
Battle of Stonington Road Race Request.
Fire Marshal Appointment notice and request.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

None

REVIEW OF BILLS/YTD FINANCIAL REPORT

Bills for the period June 19, 2026, through July 15, 2026, totaled \$34,619.58. Large bills of note were for \$3,985.07 to ESO Solutions for Fire Department Software, \$1,525 to Cedar Ridge Landscape for Front St. Circle, \$8,900 to Evergreen Landscaping for Blizzard repairs and \$30,372 to MES Service for Fire Department Air packs. I&E for July 2026 through June 30, 2027, shows total income to date of \$252,241; and net income to date of \$181,736.

Current YTD Balance Sheet
BOROUGH OF
STONINGTON
As of July 15, 2026

Distribution account	Total
1501 Dime - Infrastructure	\$45,924.37
1502 Dime - Building Fund	\$32,899.27
1503 Dime - Truck Fund	\$14,837.60
1504 Dime – Fire Dept. Major Exp.	<u>\$ 5,813.64</u>
 Total for Dime - Due to Others	 \$99,474.88

Total for 1000 Dime Bank Checking Act.	\$143,493.52
1200 Dime Investment AC	<u>\$745,180.38</u>
Total for Bank Accounts	\$888,673.90

WARDEN'S REPORT

Attended SECOG and SEAT Meetings.

Met with Chief Martin, Jeff, and Brian Meadows on SBFD matters and work schedules.

Attended swearing in of Chief Martin.

Attended PHGS procession and celebration event.

Nick Kepple administered oaths to Chief Martin as Fire Marshal and Brian Meadows as Deputy Fire Chief last Monday.

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

Worked with Jeff, Brian Meadows, Chief Martin, Police Personnel and Emergency Planning Director on 7/4 and 7/6 Emergency activities.

Street and Sidewalks Commissioner Report (Schefers)

Conducted Monthly Brush Pickup.

Conducted Street Sweeping.

Initiated Seasonal Street and Crosswalk Painting.

Conducted Park mowing and maintenance.

Initiated new dock pilings at Wayland's Wharf to preclude vehicles on lawn.

Supported Emergency activities of 7/4 and 7/6 on Main, Elm, and Pearl, and Main and Elm and Main and Grand.

Applied anti-slipping paint on Wayland's Wharf

Fire & Emergency Management (Nicholas/Hoadley)

There were fifteen alarms in June 2026 (9 in the Borough). They were as follows:

6/1/26 8:02 P.M. FIRE ALARM CAUSED BY FIREPLACE 348 N. MAIN ST
6/2/26 12:57 P.M. HAZ MAT SMALL GASOLINE SPILL 20 BROAD ST
6/3/26 9:32 A.M. SMOKE INVESTIGATION NOTHING FOUND SALT ACRES RD
6/3/26 1:48 P.M. POWER LINE DOWN ORCHARD ST @ EAST GRAND ST
6/4/26 7:47 A.M. WORKING STRUCTURE FIRE 17 DIVING ST
6/4/26 9:58 A.M. POWER LINE DOWN 23 BRIAR PATCH RD
6/12/26 2:26 P.M. UNDERGROUND POWER WIRE STRUCK 23 FRONT ST
6/16/26 12:00 P.M. FIRE ALARM ACTIVATION CAUSED BY WORKERS 65 WATER ST
6/22/26 8:12 P.M. FIRE ALARM ACTIVATION DIRTY DETECTOR 194 WATER ST
6/23/26 9:06 A.M. POWER LINE DOWN DUE TO A TREE LIMB 33 COLLINS RD
6/23/26 5:43 P.M. FIRE ALARM ACTIVATION DUE TO COOKING 166 BRIAR PATCH RD
6/24/26 6:43 P.M. FIRE ALARM ACTIVATION CULINARY MISHAP 32 WATER ST
6/24/26 8:13 P.M. FIRE ALARM ACTIVATION CULINARY MISHAP 30 ISLAND RD
6/25/26 11:48 P.M. FIRE ALARM ACTIVATION CULINARY MISHAP 85 MAIN ST
6/28/26 5:16 P.M. WATER IN THE STRUCTURE 25 COVESIDE LN

As for police matters, parking in yellow lines and unleashed dogs remain a problem. The wheel stops at the Point will be adjusted on Wednesday.

Chief Martin asked that commendations be made to two individuals (Bonnie Cannon and Shelby Larubina) for their help with the 17 Diving St fire.

Parks, Trees & Rights of Way (Barnes)

I met with Kevin from Bartlett to look at trees in and around Wad Square which need various forms of treatment.

There was quite a bit of damage to several trees during the storm on July 4th. Bartlett moved the debris, but I have not yet had a chance to meet with Kevin to survey the integrity of damaged trees.

I will make sure Wheeler Court has been done.

Kevin from Bartlett looked at the oozing tree on Water St. and said it is not in trouble.

Burgess Nicholas asked about the growth on Ian Cooke's grass strip. One of the bushes that has not been removed blocks the view of the fire hydrant.

Public Buildings (Rogers)

Fire House

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

Borough Hall

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

Utilities & Sanitation (Bowdler)

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

Resident Chris Errichetti on behalf of the Stonington Commons community spoke to the issue of the large trucks at Cannon Square. He remarked that trucks should not be parking at Cannon Square. The size of the trucks is the issue. The trucks are only serving Breakwater. Warden Schefers has spoken with Mari and her dad about asking the companies to use smaller trucks to deliver to Breakwater. The Warden says there is an issue with the trucks parking on yellow lines and that we should begin citing them. There is State Statute 7-148 that grants Municipalities and Boroughs the authority to regulate traffic within their jurisdictions. He suggests we have the Borough attorney look at this Statute.

Resident Al Razzano of Main St. restated that a Town of Stonington Ordinance permits oversize vehicles that are delivering with the purpose of the delivery of goods or services.

Resident Craig Rowley of 19 Summit St. asked the cost to have graffiti removed from the pedestrian bridge and Warden Schefers said it had cost \$4,900. He asked that the chains that are a security issue still need to be replaced, he will ask Susan to do this. He is asking that the Board return to this issue and make it more secure. He mentioned that the drains are plugged up and cause ponding.

Resident Steve Horvath of 1 Hyde St. thanked the Board for replacing the bricks back. Concerned that the good intentions of the group that met July 30, 2025, have not been followed up. Warden will ask that neighbors, himself and DEEP meet again. Large rocks need to be removed. He has reached out to enforcement DEEP person.

Resident Jim Andrus of 41 Orchard St. remarked that the storm drain is still being blocked.

Stu Malcolm of Denison Ave remarked that the vegetation at 51 Main and 6 Union is blocking the sidewalk. He suggests the holly trees be removed. Burgess Bowdler mentioned that shrubs on the corner of Water Street and High Street need to be cut back.

Burgess Bowdler asked Chris Errichetti that there be a tab added to the Borough website with a summary of the process that P&Z went through making zoning regulations' changes. Chris Errichetti gave a short summary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Viaduct Update

Monthly meetings are being held with the DOT and nothing to report. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month.

Stormwater Management Update

Warden Schefers indicated he has followed through with DEEP.

Borough Traffic Committee Update

A map (attached) has been made with a legend of all the traffic calming issues. We must go to Board of Police Commissioners with a few things. Resident Casey Malcolm asked that the committee start thinking about the effectiveness of these changes.

NEW BUSINESS**PUBLIC COMMENT (#2) Before Votes**

None

Salt Marsh Events

On a motion by Burgess Bowdler, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to concur with the Town of Stonington's approval of Salt Marsh Opera's concerts at Stonington Light House on August 9, 2026, and September 6, 2026, from 4:30 to 8:30 pm, was unanimously approved.

Battle of Stonington Road Race

On a motion by Burgess Bowdler, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to approve the application made by Jeff Walker on behalf of Kelley's Pace for the use of Wad Square, Main St., Mathews St., Water St., Omega St., Hancock St., and Diving St. for the Battle of Stonington 5K Road Race on Tuesday, August 18 from 5:45 to 7:30 pm, was unanimously approved.

Appointment of Fire Marshal

On a motion by Burgess Barnes, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to approve Tom Martin as an additional Fire Marshal for the Borough of Stonington and to contact the State of Connecticut Fire Marshal within ten days, was unanimously approved.

Flock camera discussion

The Town of Stonington has a proposed policy and the State has a new proposed regulation. A new tab will be put on the Borough website with the proposed policy. Discussion will continue at the next Board of W&B meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS and DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Bowdler, adjournment of the meeting at 8:14 p.m., was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Coleman

August 3, 2026