

**Borough of Stonington
Board of Warden and Burgesses
Regular Monthly Meeting – December 16, 2019**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Warden Jeffrey Callahan called the monthly meeting of the Borough of Stonington Board of Warden and Burgesses to order in Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m. Present were Burgesses Kevin Rogers, Amanda Barnes, Shaun Mastroianni, Karen von Ruffer Hills, and Amy Nicholas. Callahan acted as recording secretary. Approximately 6 residents were in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Burgess Barnes, seconded by Burgess Rogers, the minutes of the regular meeting held November 18, 2019 were approved.

3. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Received November property taxes from Town: \$449

Processed payroll audit report with warden

4. CORRESPONDANCE NONE

5. REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER -- NONE

6. REVIEW OF BILLS/YTD FINANCIAL REPORT

Bills for period 18 November through 12 December 2019 totaled \$47,102.

Net income as of 12 December was \$528,720. Reserve was \$340,049.

7. WARDEN'S REPORT

1. Prepared annual worker's comp audit report
2. Attended hearing at probate court for merger of Waldron & Williams Funds
3. Participated in MS4 conference call at Town Hall; town engineer departs 12/20

BOROUGH CLOCK –

Discussed insurance for clock with CIRMA. No new information on status of United Church.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

a. STREET & SIDEWALKS COMMISSIONER

1. Leaf cleanup completed for season

2. Brush pickup
3. Plowed/salted roads after storms on Dec 3 and 11
4. Issued 1 dumpster permit

b. Fire & Emergency Management

We responded to 10 Alarms in November 2019, they were as follows :

- 1) 11-1-19 3:04am Sparks from a transformer, Palmer St. (nothing found)
- 2) 11-4-19 12:44pm Box Alarm Velvet Mill (water flow)
- 3) 11-6-19 5:58am respond with SAC for a passed out person at Velvet Mill (sleeping)
- 4) 11-6-19 3:43pm Box Alarm Velvet Mill (pull station flopped open, FYI all pull stations have been replaced with brand new ones)
- 5) 11-8-19 9:13am Box Alarm Velvet Mill (accidentally set off alarm while replacing pull stations)
- 6) 11-13-19 11:23am Fire Alarm Activation 7 Front St. (accidental by resident)
- 7) 11-14-19 11:53am MVA IFO 477 Stonington Rd. Rt. 1 (1 injury)
- 8) 11-15-19 9:14am Fire Alarm Activation PHGS 26 Main St. (accidental)
- 9) 11-16-19 11:47pm Box Alarm Velvet Mill (water flow)
- 10) 11-17-19 5:28am Fire Alarm Activation 7 East Neck Rd. WAMP. Pt. (nothing found)

c. Parks, Trees, Rights-of-Way

SURPRISE! For those of you who may not know, we have a beautiful new holiday tree on Wad Square. Tremendous thanks to Kathryn Burchenal, Nora MacDonnell, and many others who made this happen very quickly and in time for the holiday stroll. The tree is absolutely beautiful.

We are planning a ribbon cutting for the Wimpfheimer Art Part for spring 2020.

d. Public Buildings – Standby generator installation is nearly complete. Waiting for propane tanks.

e. Public Information – No report

f. Police

During the month of November 2019 there were 43 incidents in the police report for the Borough including 11 Burglar Alarms 10 of which were false, 5 Fire related calls, 5 Parking/Motor Vehicle Complaints, 4 Medical Assists, 4 Assist Citizen, 3 Vehicle Red Tag, 2 911 Hang up/Misdial, 2 Alarm not Registered and 2 Check Building. There was one incident each of Sudden Death, Assault, Motor Vehicle Stop, Animal Bite and Welfare Check. There was one arrest related to the assault. A speed monitor was installed on Meadow near Bayview.

g. Utilities & Sanitation

- Followed up on streetlight outages with Eversource, as well as a viaduct outage with the Town of Stonington. One of the footbridge lights is out.
- Delivered various Trash Ordinance reminders.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Mola of Church Street asked if there is an ordinance limiting the time that a storage container can be kept on private land. He was told there is none, but he can propose one if he chooses. He also asked if the SVIA or Garden Club will be watering the new tree in Wad Square. Burgess Barnes informed him that the tree installation includes an irrigation system.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On a motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Mastroianni, the Board voted unanimously to approve the SBF D policy on firefighter physical evaluations. The policy requires active members of the department to undergo an annual evaluation appropriate to their level of participation, i.e., interior firefighter, driver, police. Chief Hoadley noted that some members declined to take the physical (which is paid for by the Borough), and they have been put on inactive status.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Requests to use Borough property: none
- b. Meeting schedule: On a motion by Burgess Barnes, seconded by Burgess von Ruffer Hills, the Board voted unanimously to approve the schedule of regular meetings for 2020. Except for January and February, regular meetings are held on the third Monday of each month.
- c. P&ZC appointments: On a motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Julia Leeming, Jean Fiore, and Al Razzano to three-year terms ending 31 December 2022 as members of the Borough Planning & Zoning Commission.
- d. ZBA appointments: On a motion by Burgess von Ruffer Hills, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Tony Crane and Rick Larkin to three-year terms ending 31 December 2022 as members of the Borough Zoning Board of Appeals. The same motion and vote appointed Lissa van Dyke and Paul Janssens as alternate members for the same term.

12. OTHER BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION --- NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Burgess Rogers, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, adjournment of the regular meeting at 7:40p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey Callahan, Warden & Acting Secretary
December 17, 2019