

**Borough of Stonington
Board of Warden and Burgesses
Regular Monthly Meeting – January 19, 2021**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Warden Jeffrey Callahan called the regular meeting of the Borough of Stonington Board of Warden and Burgesses to order, by way of Zoom conferencing video, at 7:00 p.m. Participating were Burgesses Amy Nicholas, Kevin Rogers, Amanda Barnes, Bergin O'Malley, and Shaun Mastroianni. Warden Callahan took minutes.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas and seconded by Burgess Mastroianni, the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 21, 2020 were unanimously approved as submitted.

3. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT -- NONE

4. CORRESPONDENC

PROPERTY USE REQUEST: STONINGTON HARBOR YACHT CLUB, FLARE SAFETY DEMO AT STONINGTON POINT, MAY 8,2021 @ 10 AM

MEETINGS: SCWA, JANUARY 21, 2021 @ 7 PM, BY ZOOM

OTHER: SECTER, ANNUAL REPORT 2020

GEOFFREY LITTLE, PROPOSED JOINT PROCLAMATION FOR DOUG RADICIONI ON HIS RETIREMENT

OUTGOING: WARDEN TO BELINDA DEKAY ON HER RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE STONINGTON FREE LIBRARY

5. REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER --- NONE

6. REVIEW OF BILLS/ YTD FINANCIAL REPORT

Bills for period December 21, 2020 through January 14, 2021 totaled \$104,196. Large bills included \$41,109 to Columbia Ford for the new dump truck; \$22,500 to Hastedt Bros for drain and sidewalk improvements on Elm Street; and \$13,905 to Shipmans for firefighter suits.

Income & Expense Report showed net income for the year at \$607,386. Revenue to date stands at \$1,423,121, which is \$66,852 over budget.

7. WARDEN'S REPORT

1. Participated in Zoom COVID-19 update with SCCOG and local health districts
2. Attended (virtually) Town Hall department head monthly meeting

3. Completed evaluation of candidates for admin assistant position
4. Tracked Governor’s executive orders (86 and counting) and local Covid statistics; New London County hospitalizations continue to increase (ranging between 90 and 102), and total deaths have risen to 311 from 202 last month. Stonington Town deaths have increased to 13 from 10 last month.
5. Continued working on FEMA concerns about one resident’s flood map revision request.
6. Continued preparation for annual CRS recertification, due Feb 1.
7. Eversource contractor has completed tree trimming in Borough
8. Submitted annual boundary update survey to Census Bureau
9. Submitted annual BLS wage survey

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

a. Streets and Sidewalks (Callahan)

1. Monthly brush pickup
2. Repaired halyard on Point flagpole
3. Filled potholes
4. Issued 1 dumpster permit
5. Submitted annual street change survey to CT DOT

b. Fire & Emergency Management (Rogers/Hoadley)

December 2020 Alarms (10) & 2020 Yearly Report is as follows:

- 1) 12-3-20 6:35pm Structure Fire 91 Water St. 2nd floor (oven fire)
- 2) 12-5-20 12:14pm Odor of gas 348 North Main St. (nothing found)
- 3) 12-6-20 5:27pm Fire Alarm Activation 17 Hancox St. (vacuum bag exploded)
- 4) 12-11-20 2:56pm Boat Fire Lord’s Pt. (Fire pit, 103 Noyes Ave.)
- 5) 12-15-20 6:41pm CO Alarm Activation 129 Flanders Rd. (accidental activation)
- 6) 12-23-20 11:53am 3 Car MVA N.Water @ Owen Dr. (no injuries)
- 7) 12-23-20 6:20pm Fire Alarm Activation 11 East Grand St. (burnt food)
- 8) 12-23-20 8:04pm Stand-by 2 Shawondasse Dr. (lock out, food on stove)
- 9) 12-26-20 7:34am Water emergency 9 Briar Patch Rd. (2ft. water, basement)
- 10) 12-26-20 1:52pm Fire Alarm Activation 67 Water St. (nothing found)

SBFD responded to 142 Alarms in 2020, Up from 126 in 2019, Breakdown is as follows:

Stonington Borough.....80 Alarms
 Stonington Fire District.....44 Alarms
 Wampassuc Pt.....5 Alarms
 Lord’s Pt.....11 Alarms
 Mutual Aid.....2 Alarms
 Chief Hoadley added that he will start Open Burning certification course soon.

c. Parks, Trees, and Rights-of-Way (Barnes)

Bartlett Tree Service has been notified about the need to prune the large maple at the northwest corner of Wadawanuck Square.

d. Public Buildings (Mastroianni)

Burgess Mastroianni is getting cost estimates for the FY-22 budget.

e. Public Information (O'Malley) Nothing to report

f. Police and Sanitation (Nicholas)

Police Incident Report

During the month of December 2020 there were 44 incidents in the police report for the Borough including 12 Medical Assists, 9 Burglar Alarms 8 of which were false, 5 Parking Complaints, 3 Fire Related Calls, 2 Assist Citizens, 2 Check Building/Business Checks, and 2 Welfare Checks. There was one incident each of an Animal Bite, Suspicious Motor Vehicle, Hit and Run Accident, Minor Traffic Service, Identity Theft, Phone Scam, Juvenile, Domestic Disturbance and Pistol Permit.

Sanitation Report --- Nothing to Report

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pam Mola of Church Street reported that the trash pickup started before 6 am this morning. She has spoken to the solid waste coordinator in Town Hall on several occasions, but they continue to come well before the 7 am contractual time. Burgess Nicholas, the Sanitation Commissioner, will bring this to the attention of Mr. Phetteplace. __

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Local Covid-19 Update. See Warden's report
- b. Revisions to SBO-12. Will be considered as part of FY-22 budget discussion
- c. Possible ordinance on fire pits and outdoor burning. After Chief Hoadley completes course
- d. Lower Water Street traffic and parking. Burgess Rogers is working on it.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Requests to use Borough property: Warden Callahan moved, and Burgess Rogers seconded that the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club be given permission to use a portion of the Point to conduct marine flare safety training from 7 am to 2 pm on Saturday May 8th, subject to approval from and coordination with US Coast Guard, SBF, and local police departments. Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time must be observed. After some discussion the motion was unanimously approved.
- b. On a motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Mastroianni, the Board unanimously approved the joint proclamation of the Board and the SVIA honoring Doug Radicioni for his service to the community. The proclamation will be presented to Doug by the Board and SVIA at a ceremony to be arranged in spring.

c. On a motion by Burgess Barnes and seconded by Burgess Nicholas, the Board unanimously cancelled the February 16th regular Board meeting and scheduled a special meeting for February 22nd. The purpose of the change is to accommodate the auditors, who will brief the Board on the FY20 financial report.

d. On a motion by Burgess Mastroianni, seconded by Burgess O'Malley, the Board voted to approve the recommendation of the search committee and offer the administrative assistant position to Ms. Ann Fiore of Pawcatuck. Warden Callahan will follow up with Ms. Fiore. Burgess Mastroianni, who was on the search committee, commented that we had a large and talented pool to select from, and it was a difficult decision.

13. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Rogers, adjournment of the meeting at 7:53 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey Callahan
January 22, 2021