

**Borough of Stonington  
Board of Warden and Burgesses  
Regular Monthly Meeting - September 17, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Jeff Callahan called the monthly meeting of the Borough of Stonington Board of Warden and Burgesses to order in Borough Hall at 7:00p.m. Present were Burgesses Robert Scala, Amanda Barnes, Shaun Mastroianni and Amy Nicholas. Also present was Tiffany Cook, serving as Clerk-Treasurer.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion by Robert Scala, seconded by Amanda Barnes, the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 20th were unanimously approved

**3. REPORT OF ADMIN ASSISTANT**

Received property taxes from Town -- \$96,600.88  
Received semi-annual Town Road Aid grant from State -- \$7,611.28  
Received FY 19 fire protection fees from Wamphassuc Point Association and Lords Pt. Assoc:  
WPA- \$27,945; LPA- \$26,003.  
Received payment from VFIS for Fire House door claim -- \$4,489.33  
Worked with auditors on annual audit (FY-18)

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Stonington Community Ctr: Letter of thanks for contribution  
Mattern & Stefon, surveyors: Report on Borough/Town boundary study

**5. REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER:**

There was one recipient of funds from the Williams Fund, in the amount of \$650.00

**6. REVIEW OF BILLS/YTD FINANCIALS**

Bills for period totaled \$50,804.97  
YTD Financials – Net income as of Sept 13<sup>th</sup> = \$682,002. Reserve fund is approximately \$226,000

**7. WARDEN'S REPORT**

1. Attended meeting with First Selectman and others regarding playground equipment
2. As required by statute, published public notice in New London Day announcing Board passage of revised charter
3. Performed stormwater outfall survey in Borough with Town Engineer

4. Participated in conference call with LED streetlight consultants, Tanko Associates
5. Received report on Borough/Town Boundary
6. Met with Town Engineer twice to discuss MS4 progress
7. Marched in Special Olympics parade

Noted that Karen Von Ruffer Hills will be acting warden while Jeff is away, September 21 – October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

### **a. Streets (Callahan)**

1. Filled potholes on Harmony Street
2. Picked up new “Billy Goat” leaf vac
3. Monitored trash situation at Point and posted signs
4. Continued weekly park mowing.

### **BOROUGH CLOCK –**

1. With assist from Roger and Sue, corrected error in north face dials.

### **b. Fire & Emergency Management (Adair/Hoadley)**

We responded to 16 Alarms in August 2018, they were as follows:

- 1) 8-4-18 12:22pm Fire Alarm Activation 105 Elm St. (burnt food)
- 2) 8-4-18 6:56pm Fire Alarm Activation 107 Water St. (cause unknown)
- 3) 8-5-18 5:15pm Medical assist with SAC 10 Hill Ave. Lords Pt. (lift assist)
- 4) 8-6-18 4:03pm Fire Alarm Activation 6 School St. (nothing found)
- 5) 8-7-18 8:15am Fire Alarm Activation 45 Quana Duck Rd. (nothing found)
- 6) 8-9-18 10:43am MVA N.Main St. @ Tipping Rock Rd. (1 injury to hospital)
- 7) 8-9-18 2:43pm Wires down IFO 37 Briar Patch Rd. (Fallen tree)
- 8) 8-9-18 10:02pm Box 15 Velvet Mill (water flow Alarm)
- 9) 8-10-18 9:45am Fire Alarm Activation 17 Elihu Island Rd. (faulty detector)
- 10) 8-18-18 6:48pm Wires down IFO 40 Collins Rd. (big tree fell across road)
- 11) 8-23-18 2:15am Box 15 Velvet Mill (water flow alarm)
- 12) 8-23-18 11:37am Fire Alarm Activation 310 Elm St. (faulty head)
- 13) 8-24-18 2:41pm Transformer explosion, Wolcott & Charles St. Lords Pt.
- 14) 8-24-18 10:55pm Fire Alarm Activation 107 Water St. (painted heat detector)
- 15) 8-29-18 12:25pm Fire Alarm Activation 27 Church St. (worker set off)
- 16) 8-31-18 2:10pm Odor of gas in area of 100 Water St. (nothing found)

Chief Hoadley noted that the humid weather tends to set off house alarms  
The Special Olympics were a huge succes

**c. Parks, Trees, Rights of Way (Barnes)**

Nothing new on trees this month.

Burgess Barnes will be attending a 6-week certification course to be Tree Warden.

**d. Public Buildings & Charter Revision Commission (Mastroianni)**

Nothing to report, other than getting a quote for street department garage door painting

**e. Sidewalks (Scala)**

Owner of 18 Water Street is replacing the sidewalk with a new one

**f. Police (Nicholas)**

During the month of August 2018 there were 70 incidents in the police report for the Borough including 10 Fire Related Calls, 9 Medical Assists, 7 Animal Control Complaints, 7 Parking/Motor Vehicle Complaints, 6 Check Buildings, 4 Burglar Alarms all of which were false, 3 Accidents including 2 Hit and Runs, 3 Assist Citizens, 2 Assist Other Agency, 2 Suspicious Activities, 2 911 Hang ups, 2 Found Items, and 2 Welfare Checks. There was one incident each of Ambulance Standby, Traffic Enforcement, Motor Vehicle Abandoned, Trespass, Disturbance, Motorist Assistance, Keys in Vehicle, Suicidal, Larceny, Order to Repossess and Phone Scam.

One of the motor vehicle complaints and one of the accidents resulted in arrest.

**g. Sanitation and Utilities (von Ruffer Hills)**

Completion of new streetlight installation on High Street

Completion of RFP process and vendor identified by Town of Stonington to perform Streetlight audit - and possible LED streetlight implementation thereafter. Kick off meeting on 9/17.

Various trash notices delivered to neighbors not complying with trash ordinance.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Mattern & Stefon's report found that the existing granite boundary markers are essentially correct. However, the area by Dodson's Boatyard has changed over the years and the boundary as shown on the Town GPS is in error. Granite markers are located at: the Como entrance; 131 Elm Street; 3 Chesebro Lane ; and Walker's Dock. The marker under the viaduct is no longer there.
- b. On the matter of using Borough facilities (Borough Hall and Fire House) by the general public, discussion is tabled until October meeting, as Burgess Adair is on vacation.

c. On the issue of speeding on Main Street at corner of High Street, the data collection device will be going up soon. Burgess Nichols is currently working with Captain Olson on this project. It was suggested that speed readings should be recorded now, in the off season, and then again in the summer, to evaluate the difference.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. There were no requests to use Borough property
- b. Regarding the playground equipment the warden reported that Town staff discovered that a major piece of equipment is no longer safe and will be removed. The estimate to replace it is \$60,000-80,000. The Town is getting bids from several suppliers. Warden Callahan suggested the Borough donate \$5,000 but no vote was taken since we do not have a firm cost estimate from Town Recreation Dept. The matter has been tabled for October meeting.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tiffany Cook, Clerk-Treasurer  
September 19, 2018