

**Board of Warden and Burgesses
Minutes of Special Board Meeting ~ July 9, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER:

- Warden Jeffrey Callahan called the Special Board Meeting of the Borough of Stonington to order in Borough Hall at 7:32 p.m. Also present were Burgesses Michael Blair, Sibby Lynch, and Howard Park, and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Coleman. Burgesses Michael Adair, Amy Nicholas and Robert Scala were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Consider proposal from Hastedt Bros. to remove and dispose of seaweed accumulation in cove at the end of Ash Street**
- Warden Jeff Callahan stated we do have a permit from DEEP to remove the seaweed. The permit requires that DEEP be informed where the seaweed will be going. Coogan Farm Community Garden in Mystic wants it.
- The name of the invasive seaweed is Heterosiphonia Japonica.
- Burgess Blair suggested we either put a \$6,000 line item in the yearly budget or see if property owners have additional ideas to keep the seaweed from returning.
- Burgess Park suggested a simple and less costly solution might be to run nets to the north of the area to keep the seaweed from coming in.
- Resident Rita McCreary stated it comes in on the floor of the ocean.
- Resident Beth Leamon stated the breakwaters, docks, and jetties changed the ebb and flow of the water.
- Burgess Park stated altering the beach would not solve the problem.
- Warden Callahan stated we need to think of longer-term solutions.
- Burgess Blair suggested the 5 or 6 abutting property owners, along with the Borough warden and burgesses as facilitators, develop some ideas on how to find a long-term solution for the Ash St. location.
- Warden Callahan stated that he is discussing with Docko the feasibility of reengineering the beach to reduce seaweed accumulation.
- A motion by Warden Jeff Callahan, seconded by Burgess Blair, to accept the proposal from Hasted Bros. to remove and dispose of the seaweed accumulation in the cove at the end of Ash Street, for \$6,000, was unanimously approved.
- Notice of the date of the removal will be given to the residents.

- **Consider request to use Borough property for Blessing of Fleet on July 27, 2014.**
A motion by Burgess Blair, seconded by Burgess Park, to grant permission to use Borough property for the Blessing of the Fleet on July 27, 2014 was unanimously approved.

- **Consider audit services proposal from O'Connor, Davies**
A motion by Warden Jeff Callahan, seconded by Burgess Blair, to accept the proposal from O'Connor, Davies to conduct this year's audit for a fee of \$17,250, was unanimously approved.
- **Discuss heating system repairs**
- Warden Jeff Callahan will ask for a firm quote for a replace Borough Hall steam boiler. The current one has cracked tubing that cannot be replaced.
Burgess Blair will present a report, at the August 2014 Warden and Burgesses meeting, on a geothermal system as an alternative to replacing the boiler.

ADJOURNMENT

- On a motion by Burgess Lynch, seconded by Burgess Park, adjournment of the meeting at 8:20 PM was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Coleman
Clerk-Treasurer
July 18, 2014