

**Board of Warden and Burgesses
Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting ~ June 15, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

- Warden Jeffrey Callahan called the regular meeting of the Borough of Stonington Board of Warden and Burgesses to order in Borough Hall at 7:30 PM. Present were Burgesses Robert Scala, Michael Blair, Amanda Barnes, Howard Park, Amy Nicholas and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Coleman. Burgess Michael Adair was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- On a motion by Burgess Scala, seconded by Burgess Park, the minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on May 7, 2015, were approved. Burgess Barnes abstained.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT (PERRY):

- Received Tax collection payments: May: \$858.89, June: \$337.62
- Received Vendor Permit payment for Carlos Reyes: \$500
- Made final payment of Performance Bond: zero balance

CORRESPONDENCE:

Other:

- None

Request:

- Port. Holy Ghost Society: application for 9/5 & 9/6 processions (in packet)
- Stonington Community Center: application for 8/1 Village Fair (in packet)
- Salt Marsh Opera/SHS: request for 7/5 (awaiting application)

Invitations/Meetings:

- None

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT (COLEMAN):

- Sworn in, along with Burgess Barnes, on June 5th in Borough Hall by Attorney Nick Keple.
- Email from Secretary of the State of Connecticut that there will NOT be an audit of the election held in May 2015.

REVIEW OF BILLS:

The 6/8/2015 through 6/12/2015 report was reviewed and is on file in the Borough Office. Bills for the period totaled \$16,365.21.

REVIEW OF PROFIT/LOSS STATEMENT:

The July 2014 through June 12, 2015 Budget vs. Actual P&L Report was reviewed and is on file in the Borough Office. Net income as of June 12, 2015 is \$87,465.41.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

WARDEN'S REPORT:

- Met with Borough Attorney, Town officials, and CT DEEP to discuss use of open area adjacent to sewage treatment plant. The Town has received a permit to install a fence along the waterfront of the area and expects to begin construction this week.
- Met with FEMA staff to file forms required to receive blizzard assistance. All documentation completed and filed. Expected reimbursement about \$25k.
- Worked with SVIA on plans to install light to illuminate flagpole at Cannon Square.
- Discussed installing 1814 plaque at top (at foot of monument) of Cannon Square walk with Historical Society.

SANITATION/UTILITIES REPORT

- Seasonal porta-john installed at Stonington Point.

BOROUGH CLOCK

- None

STREETS (BURGESS PARK):

- The crew has been busy this month with their daily checks for full garbage cans and dog mitt cans. (Kyle empties them on weekends). Four loads of brush pickup (placing notices on plastic bags)
- Most of their time is now taken up with lawn mowing and street sweeping, add to that jobs like repairing the step at Waylands wharf, wheel stops at the point, cleaning outflow pipe on Diving Street, potholes, painting cross walk lines, extended the yellow curb on Main St and Wall, painting the arrows on Water St., general maintenance on equipment and you can understand why Kyle is such a big help by painting Waylands Wharf gazebos cement base, cleaning up the Elm St foot bridge of debris, painting yellow curbs and spraying weeds.
- Signs seem to be disappearing. Hancox St sign needs replacing. Omega St., and the “no loitering” sign missing at the bottom of Wall St. Replaced signs and post on Water St across from the post office, fixed sign post at the bottom of viaduct, placing right of way sign, replaced missing post (yes, post) and signs at Church and Water Streets, replaced sign and post across from Hungry Palette (another post). And replaced the missing STOP sign on Wall St.
- Flags were put out for Memorial Day and replaced the torn flag at the point.
- Roger made up two plant baskets for the front of Borough Hall.
- French and Son will start paving the drive way for the library on or around August 10'
- Received from Rebecca Hasteed some firm numbers on the Gold Street job. Gold St will be paved by Hasteed Bros. This will start late in summer or early fall.
- Sue Cordeiro has been employed by the Borough for 34 years.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (BURGESS BLAIR/CHIEF HOADLEY):

- There were four alarms in May 2015. They were as follows:

05/08/15	10:37 a.m.	Pilings on Fire Stonington Town Dock
05/13/15	9:43 p.m.	Fire on the Tracks in Back of South St.
05/17/15	12:45 a.m.	Fire Alarm Activation 228 North Water St
05/22/15	6:47 a.m.	CO Alarm Activation 42 Broad St.
- Chief Hoadley reported that Aquarion is repainting all hydrants yellow and silver with a reflective flag attached.
- The twin lobster dinner will be held on Saturday, August 1st.

- Request was made that the pay per call payments be made by the last day in June.
- Stonington Ambulance Corps' building's floor is collapsing, they have been asked by the engineers to vacate so that the work, which will last for 3 to 4 months, can be done. The Borough will house one of the ambulances at the firehouse. Mr. Snyder of Dodson's boatyard has been asked to store our T-17 support vehicle in one of their open bays. If Dodson's says no, we might have to put a canopy over T-17 outside of the firehouse.
- Burgess Blair spoke about auditing the pay per call payments from this past FY.
- Carpeting in the firehouse needs to be replaced and repaired, coming from funds from the insurance claims. The quote from Mystic Coastal Flooring is \$6,117.37.
- A motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Park, to waive the bid ordinance for the carpet repair and replacement in the Firehouse, passed unanimously.

PARKS, TREES, AND RIGHTS OF WAY (BURGESS BARNES):

- Request from LaGrua Center to advertise the LaGrua Center Music Festival.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS (BURGESS ADAIR):

- I have had to reschedule the meeting to have Chimney Works inspect and review the problems with both the brickwork of the chimney and the way to fix the leaks in the roof (moved from afternoon of Wed June 11th to Friday June 19th between 1:00 and 4:00, a more precise time to be established prior).
- We need specific suggestions on what is to be done, how long and how much it will cost - not to mention who will do and oversee the work. The Architect, Peter Springsteel has been asked to get involved in this oversight. We should know more after the June 19 evaluation.
- I have not spoken to Cormac O'Malley yet about taking down the pine tree on his land and see if he is willing to share the expense, but will do so on my return.

SIDEWALKS (BURGESS SCALA):

- Conversations have been held with the owners of 7 and 9 Main Street. 7 Main Street appears to be progressing.

POLICE, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND COMMUNICATIONS (BURGESS NICHOLAS):

- **Police Incident Report**
During the month of May 2015 there were 65 incidents in the police report for the Borough including 9 Motor Vehicle Stops, 5 General Information Initiations, 5 Medical Assists, 5 Parking Complaints, 4 Animal Control Calls, 3 Keys in Vehicles, 3 building/bank checks, 3 Suspicious Activity Calls and 3 Burglar Alarms. There were 2 counts each of Juvenile Incidents, Vandalism, Disturbances, Motor Vehicle Complaints, Assist Citizens, Found Items, Abandoned Motor Vehicle, Accident (no injury) and 2 incidents of an Alarm not registered. There was one incident each of Harassment, Larceny, 911 Hang up, a Minor Traffic Service, a Fire Call, Nuisance and a Warrant was served. The speed monitor is back on the viaduct.
- There was a burglary at Yost Jewelry at 2 a.m. this morning and the person has been caught.
- There are still plans for installing the cameras on the viaduct.
- **Website/Communications**
No report

OLD BUSINESS

- **Consider revised Dog Ordinance (SBO-09)**

Warden Callahan presented a proposed revision to the Dog Ordinance. The proposal was to change the jurisdiction of the Borough as pertains to the dog ordinance to be limited to parks, rights of way, streets and sidewalks in the Borough.

Attorney Bonnano is hopeful that the fence that is going up this week in the area next to the WPCF will solve a lot of the issues his clients have. He urged the Borough to step up enforcement of the existing dog ordinance rather than adopt the proposed revised version. Warden Callahan responded that the Borough does not have its own enforcement capability, but must rely on the Town's police department, which has not proved an effective arrangement. Therefore, he is proposing that the Borough hand over regulation of dogs on open land owned by the Town (and the SVIA and Avalonia Land Conservancy) to the property owners.

A motion by Burgess Blair, seconded by Burgess Scala, to approve the revised Dog Ordinance (SBO-09), passed unanimously. The revised Dog Ordinance (SBO-09) will be published in The Day.

- **Discuss re-mounting Daughters of 1814 plaque**

Conversations have been held with Rob Palmer of the Historical Society. Burgess Park suggests we eventually install it at the Stonington Wharf. Burgess Blair suggested it be installed at Wayland's Wharf. The matter was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Expiring Harbor Management Commission terms: Diggs, Crites**

A motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Park, to reappoint Jesse Diggs and Sherman Crites to the Harbor Management Commission for three-year terms, was unanimously approved.

- **Consider requests to use Borough property**

On a motion by Burgess Scala, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, the applications by (1) the COMO to use Wadawanuck Square and High Street across from Stonington Free Library on August 1, 2015 from 11 am until 4 pm for the 63rd Annual Village Fair; (2) Salt Marsh Opera to use Borough Streets to gain access to the Lighthouse Museum on July 5th from 6-8 pm (rain date July 12) for Music at the Lighthouse; and (3) the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society to use Main Street, Broad, Water, Omega, School, Hancox and Diving Streets on September 5 from 6-7 pm and September 6 from 10 am-12 pm for the Annual Feast of the Holy Ghost processions were unanimously approved.

- **Consider tax suspense**

A motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Barnes, to agree and declare the Borough list of taxes noted by the Town Tax Collector as uncollectible, was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Consider temporary shelter for one of the Stonington Ambulance Corps vehicles**
A motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Blair, to give temporary shelter in the fire house to one of the Stonington Ambulance Corps vehicles beginning July 1, 2015 for a period not to exceed four months, pending satisfactory arrangement for housing fire department support vehicle T-17, was unanimously approved.
- **Consider request to use Borough property**
On a motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Barnes, the application by Stonington Historical Society to use Main and Water Streets and Wadawanuck Square from 9:30-11:30 am for the Fourth of July Parade and reading of the Declaration of Independence was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

- On a motion by Burgess Scala, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, adjournment of the meeting at 8:50 PM was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Coleman
Clerk-Treasurer
June 25, 2015