

**Borough of Stonington
Board of Warden and Burgesses
Regular Monthly Meeting - June 17, 2019**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Warden Jeff Callahan called the monthly meeting of the Borough of Stonington Board of Warden and Burgesses to order at Borough Hall at 6:55 p.m. Present were Burgesses Kevin Rogers, Amanda Barnes, Bergin O'Malley, Amy Nicholas, and Karen von Ruffer Hills. Also present was Tiffany Cook, serving as Clerk-Treasurer.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Barnes, minutes of the regular meeting held May 20, 2019 were unanimously approved.

3. REPORT OF ADMIN ASSISTANT

- Received May property taxes from town: \$77.50
- Received dumpster fee: \$100
- Received copier fee from law firm: \$35.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Requests: None

Meetings: None

Other:

FOIA request for 4 Maplewood Lane documents

Outgoing: None

5. REPORT OF CLERK TREASURER

The new Charter of the Borough of Stonington was submitted to the Secretary of State and the election process is officially complete.

6. REVIEW of BILLS/YTD FINANCIAL REPORT

Bills for month totaled \$15,780.41

YTD I&E report (through June 13th) shows net income of \$160,167.

7. WARDEN'S REPORT

1. Finalized preparations for FEMA CRS verification visit later this month
2. Worked with zoning officer and chair of P&ZC on revisions to zoning regs
3. Responded to FOIA request related to 4 Maplewood Lane zoning application

BOROUGH CLOCK – Nothing to report

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

a. Streets

1. Continued sweeping streets and mowing lawns
2. Filled more potholes
3. Painted over graffiti on footbridge

b. Fire & Emergency Management

In what is one of the quietest months I can remember (not complaining) we responded to 3 Alarms in May of 2019, they were as follows:

- 1) 5-6-19 10:06am Fire Alarm Activation 13 East Grand St. (workers)
- 2) 5-23-19 1:29pm Fire Alarm Activation 26 Main St. Port. Club (cleaning stove)
- 3) 5-30-19 11:10pm Fire Alarm Activation 51 Trumbull Ave. (nothing found)

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

Burgess Barnes and Warden Callahan met with Holleycraft regarding the Sculpture Park. A statue piece was stabilized and the remaining 5 pieces are going up soon. A ribbon cutting is planned when the park is complete.

Bartlett will be planting 2 Elm trees on Elm Street in July

d. Public Buildings

The fire house will be weeded this weekend. Still pending second sidewalk quote. Generator pending a survey which was not expected.

e. Public Information

Burgess O'Malley suggested that any public information relative to the Borough that impacts 3 or more people, she should be informed in order to better communicate it to the Borough Community.

f. Police and Public Affairs

During the month of May 2019 there were 55 incidents in the police report for the Borough including 9 Medical Assists, 8 Check Building/Business, 4 Burglar Alarms all of which were false, 4 Accidents including 2 Hit and Runs, 4 Assist Citizen, 3 911Misdials, 3 Parking/Motor Vehicle Complaints, 2 Fire Related Calls, 2 Suspicious Activities, 2 Trespass and 2 Nuisance Related Calls. There was one incident each of Minor Traffic Service, Found Item, Threatening, Criminal Mischief, Assist Other Agency, Motor Vehicle Stop, Escort, Pistol Permit, Animal Control, Alarm Panic, Disturbance and a Warrant was served.

There were 2 arrests one relating to a hit and run accident and one related to the warrant.

g. Utilities & Sanitation

The streetlight at the footbridge has been fixed; signage concerning trash has been posted at Dubois Beach and the Point; the blue port-o-potty at the Point will be replaced with brown or green if available; the washing machine at Elihu property has been removed.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. There were no requests to use Borough property.

b. Burgess Rogers moved, and Burgess O’Malley seconded, that Attorney Nick Kepple be reappointed as Borough Attorney for the period July 2019 through June 2021. Passed unanimously.

c. Burgess Nicholas moved, and Burgess Barnes seconded, approval of a proposed revision to SBO-12. Passed unanimously. The text of the revised ordinance follows:

“SBO-12 SALARIES AND STIPENDS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

1. Salaries- The warden shall receive \$10,000 per year, each burgess shall receive \$600 per year, the clerk-treasurer shall receive \$3,000 per year, and the assessor shall receive \$720 per year. Elected official salaries shall be paid monthly.

2. Commissioner Stipends- The streets and sidewalks commissioner shall be paid a stipend of \$5,500 per year. The building commissioner shall be paid \$1000 per year; all other commissioners shall each be paid \$500 per year. Commissioner stipends shall be paid monthly.

3. Effective July 1, 2019. *Revised May 2, 2001; re-passed April 15, 2006, revised April 21, 2007; re-passed May 7, 2007; revised March 16, 2009, re-passed April 2, 2009; revised April 27, 2013, re-passed May 18, 2013, revised April 18, 2015, revised June 17, 2019.”*

d. Warden Callahan moved, and Burgess Nicholas seconded, to waive the bid requirement as provided for in SBO-11 and accept Hastedt Bros bid to repair Harmony Street and Chesebro Lane. All were in favor and none were opposed.

e. In consideration of a resolution designating authorized signatories to the Borough's Dime Bank account, Warden Callahan moved to approve the designation with a second by Burgess Barnes. The resolution was approved unanimously.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Burgess Nicholas re-addressed the topic of the bus ordinance, restricting busses of a certain size south of Cannon Square, that was overturned a few years ago. The main reason to revisit the issue was relative to tour busses stopping and allowing visitors to shop, thus generating business for shop owners. Also, it was mentioned that busses tend to hold up traffic (and potentially emergency vehicles) when dropping children off at NESS. Chief Hoadley stated that busses are not a concern and that contractor vehicles tend to hold up firetrucks.

Burgess Rogers addressed the graffiti on the breakwater/jetty, asking who is in charge of monitoring it. Warden Callahan replied that the State of CT owns it. And also, the vandals have been identified and reprimanded. They are going to paint over the graffiti.

Chief Hoadley reminded everyone that the new restaurant in the Velvet Mill will be opening in July. The name is Whitecrest Eatery.

13. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess O'Malley, adjournment of the regular meeting at 8:01 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tiffany Cook, Clerk-Treasurer
June 25, 2019