

Board of Warden and Burgesses  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 20, 2024  
7:00 PM

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**IN PERSON &  
ZOOM MEETING  
STONINGTON FIRE HOUSE  
MEETING AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
  2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting 01/16/24 (V).
  3. Correspondence- Application -Blessing of the Fleet 5K race; Application-Art Walk; PKF O'Connor Davies audit presentation; Ed Smith's letter regarding traffic issues; Dennis Neumann-email regarding trees.
  4. Report of Clerk-Treasurer
  5. Review of Bills/YTD Financial Report/ ARPA update
  6. Warden's Report
  7. Commissioner Reports---(verbal summaries)
    - a. Streets and Sidewalks (Schefers)
    - b. Fire & Emergency Management (Nicholas/Hoadley)
    - c. Parks, Trees & Rights of Way (Barnes)
    - d. Public Buildings (Rogers)
    - e. Utilities & Sanitation (Bowdler)
  8. Public Comment
  9. Unfinished Business
    - a. Comfort Station Update
    - b. Viaduct Update
    - c. Draft Vendor Ordinance Update
    - d. Water Street Flooding Project Update
    - e. Recreational Vehicles and Motor Homes (Ordinance Clarification)
  10. New Business
    - a. Application – Blessing of the Fleet 5K Race (V)
    - b. Application - Art Walk (V)
    - c. Auditors (PKF O'Connor Davies) Fiscal Year Presentation of Financial Statements.
    - d. Budget preparation.
    - e. Ed Smith
    - f. Dennis Neumann – email concerning trees on Water Street.
    - g. Executive Session.
  11. Other Business and Discussion
  12. Adjournment (V)
- (A) = Attachment (C)= Correspondence (V) = Vote required

**Borough of Stonington**  
**Board of Warden and Burgesses Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**January 23, 2024**  
**MINUTES**

Warden Michael Schefers called the monthly meeting of the Borough of Stonington Board of Warden and Burgesses to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Borough Hall. Present, in addition to Warden Schefers were Burgesses Kevin Rogers, Amy Nicholas, Kevin Bowdler and Amanda Barnes, and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Coleman. Approximately 22 members of the public were present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Rogers, approval of the minutes of the monthly meeting of November 20, 2023 as amended to clarify Jesse Diggs comment Public Comment to read “Jesse Diggs asked if funding was location specific and thinks it should not be” and Buzzi Memorial to read “Buzzi Memorial”, were approved.

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Barnes, approval of the minutes of the monthly meeting of December 18, 2023, as amended (to discuss staff bonuses and no vote was taken), were approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

Ian McCreary — Diving Street  
Mary Maranell — email Memorial Gail Woodrow  
Buzzi Memorial contract — Cannon Square

**REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER**

None

**REVIEW OF BILLS/YTD FINANCIAL REPORT; ARPA UPDATE**

Bills for the period December 16, 2023 through January 11, 2024 totaled \$30,476.12. Large bills of note were \$2,649.92 to Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce from ARPA funds (they did not spend the total amount and have a credit), \$7,367.00 to Stonington Historic Society from ARPA funds (they did not spend the total amount and have a credit), I&E through January 12, 2024 shows total revenue to date of \$1,421,745.11; and net income to date of \$528,640.10. Balance of ARPA funds are \$30,538 (Plus any monies from Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce, Stonington Historic Society, Ness and Mystic Paper Beasts unspent shall be reallocated to the unobligated total (approximately \$6,000.00)

Warden suggested we do a budget review next month and put that on the agenda. The auditor will come to the Board for the presentation in February, 2024.

The Warden clarified that the Allocations from ARPA must be made by calendar year end 2024 and must be spent by end of calendar year 2026.

### **WARDEN'S REPORT**

Attended December SECCOG Meeting

Attended Danielle's January Staff Meeting and our monthly meeting

Attended Meeting on Emergency Planning notification software

Met with Sandy Alexander SBMA consultant to discuss with the merchants and stakeholders on how we can promote our economic development.

Met with Darrell Hayward (CLA Engineers) on Church Street Drainage and Elm Street Pedestrian Bridge Projects.

Discussed follow-up meeting with Amtrak. Amtrak is setting up a follow-up meeting on the viaduct with CT DOT and stakeholders

Met with Nick Paigo of IQT to analyze Borough Hall as-built foot prints for the building

**BOROUGH CLOCK – None**

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Streets & Sidewalks (Scheffers) Conducted**

monthly brush pickup.

Continued leaf pick-up.

Continued Park maintenance.

Removed Storm Seaweed from East Grand Street. Needed two removals.

Initiated Christmas Tree Monday pickups.

Closed access to flooded streets, rights of ways, and the Point and cleared debris, sand, and seaweed.

**Fire & Emergency Management (Nicholas/Hoadley)**

SBFD responded to 13 Alarms in December 2023, they were as follows:

- 1) 12-4-23 3:56am Power line down Pearl & Water St. (EVERSOURCE enroute)
- 2) 12-11-23 7:33am Tree across Rd. 17 Elihu Island Rd. (Cut up & moved, no wires)
- 3) 12-12-23 9:23am CO Alarm Activation 23 Cemetery Rd. (faulty detector)
- 4) 12-12-23 3:05pm Fire Alarm Activation 33 Church St., Calvary Church (workers)
- 5) 12-15-23 8:59am Fire Alarm Activation 33 Church St., Calvary Church (workers)
- 6) 12-16-23 3:04pm Child stuck in a tree, Wad. Square (library, 6 yr. old 25' high in tree) 7)  
12-18-23 6:41am Mutual aid to Weq. Fire Dept. (Structure Fire, 350 Greenhaven Rd.)
- 8) 12-18-23 12:00pm Fire Alarm Activation 55 Church St. (detector in basement was wet) 9)  
12-18-23 1:48pm Water in basement 10 Maplewood La. (saltwater tide from storm) Have

worked with Stonington Human Services to get temporary housing for the family that lives there.

- 10) 12-18-23 7:50pm Water Emergency 24 Cutler St. (no issue)
- 11) 12-19-23 4:56pm Wires down IFO 48 Harborview Terrace (truck took down)
- 12) 12-27-23 10:41am Medical assist with SAC 131 Water St. (lift assist)
- 13) 12-29-23 6:12pm Arcing wires IFO 1 Lambert La. (nothing found)

Report that there was 4 feet of water in the basement of 33 Elm St. Happened last year and three times this year, has to be pumped out.

SBFD RESPONDED TO 133 ALARMS IN 2023 (2022 was 136 alarms) BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

STONINGTON BOROUGH.....64 ALARMS  
STONINGTON FIRE DISTRICT.....54 ALARMS  
WAMPASSUC PT.....4 ALARMS  
LORDS PT.....4 ALARMS MUTUAL  
AID.....7 ALARMS

**December Police Incident Report**

No report from the police since they are switching computer systems. Just one comment, we can no longer use the telephone poles for the speed signs so we must figure something else. Eversource had reprimanded the police department. The poles for the garbage holders are not strong enough. Probably need to install new poles, this will hold up the speed signs data reports.

**Parks, Trees & Rights of Way (Barnes)**

The removals of the maple on the northwest corner of Wad Square and the Linden in front of 68 Main Street are complete. I am waiting to hear when the stump-grinding will take place. A tree in front of 53 Main Street and the two lindens in front of 68 Main Street were pruned. Received a couple messages regarding downed limbs on eastern end of Broad St and Sue picked them up. Asked Bartlett to look at those trees.

**Public Buildings (Rogers)**

Brendan Malloy of IQT did his analysis of Borough Hall and once we get the drawings back, we can move ahead with the comfort station.

**Utilities & Sanitation (Bowdler)**

None

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Chris Erricetti, Vice President of Stonington Commons Association, along with fellow Board member Elizabeth Hopkins, reported about the sea walk condition. About ten years ago the sea walk had a major reconstruction and has performed well, however, as the storms become more intense and frequent. Beginning last year, the construction has been less storm resilient, and this past storm took away the soil, but the concrete is still there but now we have a huge hole. Our engineers will come in a month with an idea of what needs to be done. There has not been a lot of cooperation from the community (people still go on it even though there are signs) and we ask that the Borough place more signage. Warden mentioned that we are working with the State of CT, FEMA with New London County being declared a disaster area so we can approach FEMA through our regional emergency planning director for monies for municipalities (grants will be available)

Erricetti mentioned the condition of the breakwater effecting the seawall. There is a weak spot in the breakwater.

Stonington Commons resident Elizabeth Hopkins thanked the Borough for putting highway signs around on each end of the seawall. There will be "do not enter" signs made by the Borough.

Resident Jesse Diggs of 8 School St. asked what is the status of the speed cushions? Warden answered that we are working with the Police Commission and the Chief of Police and he suggests this be addressed town wide. He asked if the meeting with Amtrak and DOT about the viaduct will be open to the public. Warden answered no, there will not be an open meeting until the conceptual design is brought forth. Jesse Diggs feels it should be open to the public. Warden says he has received Diggs' analysis and that that info be shared at the meeting.

I am vice-chair of Harbor Management Commission who for several years have looked at how to build up the Monsanto breakwater. Perhaps there could be a synergy between Borough, Stonington Commons, Harbor Management Commission, and the Town Flood Prevention Commission. A discussion around who owns the breakwater ensued and Don Maranell says the Town owns the breakwater.

Resident Don Maranell of Bayview Avenue remarked that that since Eversource is not allowing us to post the speed signs on their poles, that we up the pressure on them to remove double poles and repair the areas around the poles that they did not complete. Mentioned that there have never been storms this bad or as frequently. The last three storms have come out of the southeast.

Pam Mola of 2 Church Street submitted a letter to the Board yesterday regarding the fallout at Whalen's Wharf. The issue will be on the agenda next month. Warden says we are at the point on final approval by Corps of Engineers and DEEP. When Phase one (Conceptual Design) is completed, the Borough W&B have to approve what CLA is proposing.

Resident Al Razzano of 25nMain Street asked to move Public Comment to later in meeting.

Resident Jesse Diggs of 8 School Street said that the reason for Public Comment being where it is on the agenda is to have input on business being voted on at the meeting.

Resident Michelle Petrucelli of 1 Church St mentioned that there is a large group of people at this meeting regarding the Whalen's Wharf output. It will be on the agenda next month.

Burgess Amanda Barnes asked who removed the phragmites by the footbridge. Warden will ask Sue.

Resident Sibby Lynch of 198 Water Street mentioned people have comments that come up after Public Comment and cannot say what they want. Burgess Bowdler commented that you have the right during Public Comment to make your comments and that W&B were elected to make the ultimate decisions, your role is to look at the agenda before Public Comment and prepare your comments. Burgess Nicholas commented that you can contact any one of the Warden and Burgesses beforehand.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **Comfort Station Update**

Burgess Rogers said that once Brenden's report is received the design can start.

##### **Viaduct update**

See Warden report above.

##### **Draft Vendor Ordinance**

Still with Planning and Zoning. Warden will follow up with Zanarini

##### **Water Street Flooding Project Update**

Warden has spent time with project engineer and showed drawings of what is happening now and what is being proposed regarding the storm drainage that currently feeds the one pipe. Warden to ask CLA to make a new presentation at March 2024 Board meeting, after the board has had a month of re-education.

##### **Recreational Vehicles and Motor Homes (Ordinance Clarification)**

Warden received the restrictions from several towns and will share with Attorney Kepple and Town Zoning to make a recommendation to us.

### **Public Comment Discussion**

Burgess Nicholas feels like it should stay when it is in the agenda and has become unwieldy and to limit the time. Burgess Barnes asks that the agenda items be made clearer. Burgess Bowdler agreed with Burgess Barnes and to leave it where it is on the agenda. Burgess Rogers suggested two Public Comment sections. Other burgesses disagreed with having two Public Comments, but to be clearer on the agenda listings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Diving Street discussion**

Tabled since this is not an issue.

#### **Planning & Zoning Commission — Paul Collette to Member**

A motion by Burgess Bowdler, seconded by Burgess Rogers, to appoint Paul Collette to Planning and Zoning Commission for a two-year term, was unanimously approved.

#### **Gail Woodrow memorial**

The board received a letter from Mary Maranell. Mary Maranell will come back with a proposal on where to put a memorial to Gail Woodrow on Wadawanuck Square.

#### **Cannon Square — Buzzi Memorials invoice**

A motion by Warden Schefers, seconded by Burgess Barnes to allocate \$1,616 from Borough General Fund to cover additional costs of the granite slabs to be placed under the cannon wheels at Cannon Square, was unanimously approved.

#### **Lighting and sidewalk concerns on Water and Main Streets**

Various kinds of street lights were discussed. A discussion ensued regarding lighting and state of Borough sidewalks. Burgess Rogers thinks the two issues should be dealt with as a dual project. Eversource's new fixtures do comply with dark sky's initiative. By next meeting, the burgesses will identify locations on Main Street that are dark. Burgess Rogers will share his photo of bad sidewalks in the Borough. Warden will report at Feb meeting.

#### **Revision to SBO-4 Off Street Parking application**

No vote taken. There will be a line added to the application for who is responsible for cost of curb cuts.

#### **Fiscal Year Audit 2022-2023**

The audit was completed. There were some recommendations from the auditor. A digital copy will be requested from the auditor.

#### **Consider requests to use Borough property Consider request made by PHGS for parking**

A motion by Burgess Rogers, seconded by Burgess Bowdler, to approve the request by the

Portuguese Holy Ghost Society to use three to four parking spaces on Fridays in front of 26 Main St (PHGS) this winter and early spring, February 9, 2024 through March 29, from 11 am to 6 pm, for take away orders only, was unanimously approved.

**Borough representative to Ledge Light Health District**

A motion by Burgess Barnes, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to approve the appointment of Borough resident Michelle Petrucelli to Ledge Light Health District, was unanimously approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Bowdler, adjournment of the meeting at 8:34 pm, was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa M. Coleman January  
23, 2024



January 10, 2024

Michael Schefers, Warden  
Borough of Stonington  
PO Box 328  
Stonington, CT 06378

Dear Warden Schefers:

The last several years have seen the resurrection of a smaller-scale Blessing of the Fleet in Stonington Borough, as well as a 5K race through the streets of the Borough on the Thursday before the big event on Sunday. On behalf of the Blessing of the Fleet Committee, we respectfully request your consideration of both of these events for July 2024:

1) The Blessing of the Fleet 5K Race is scheduled for Thursday, July 25 at 6PM, with registration beginning at 4PM at the Town Dock. The race has attracted about 200 runners and walkers annually and has been successful on all accounts. Attached please find a certified course route contained entirely within the Borough, beginning and ending at the Town Dock. We will have an official timing agency for the race.

2) The 71st Blessing of the Fleet event is scheduled for Sunday, July 28 from 12PM – 4PM at the Town Dock and includes: a procession from St. Mary's Church following the 10:30AM Fishermen's mass; a blessing of the commercial fishing fleet; food, soft drinks, and a live band; and an exhibit honoring our local fishing fleet. Attached please find a map showing the procession through the Borough.

We are seeking approval simultaneously from the Police Commission, Town of Stonington, and Borough of Stonington. Once we receive approvals and secure the necessary insurance, we will submit the paperwork to all three entities at least one month before the events to ensure that we have met all guidelines.

We hope you will consider our proposal a positive one for the Borough of Stonington, and appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

*Georgia & Mike Crowley*  
*Michele Crowley*  
Georgia and Mike Crowley, Blessing of the Fleet event  
Michele Crowley, Blessing of the Fleet 5K race

Cc: Reverend Dennis Perkins, St. Mary's Church

APPLICATION FOR USE OF STONINGTON BOROUGH PROPERTY INCLUDING STREETS

(REVISED APRIL 2018)

Borough property to be used: Town Dock and Streets

Description of the event to be held: Blessing of the Fleet 5K

Date of the event: Thursday July 25, 2024

Time of the event: From: 4:00PM To: 8:00PM

Contact Person: Michele Crowley

860-326-8505

Name: 11 Palmer Street Stonington Ct 06378

Phone Number(s): maccrowley@aol.com

Mailing Address

E-mail Address

In consideration for the use of Stonington Borough property listed above (agency/organization) St. Michael Parish/Norwich RCDE agrees that it will indemnify and hold harmless the Borough and its respective officers, agents, and employees from any loss, costs, damages, expenses, judgments and liability whatsoever kind or nature howsoever the same maybe caused resulting directly or indirectly by any act or omission of the agency/organization, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable resulting in bodily injury including sickness and death, personal injury or damage o property directly or indirectly, including the loss of use resulting there from as permitted by law unless and to the extent caused by the Borough's willful acts. Certificate of Insurance must be attached. Failure to comply with any conditions stated below may be grounds for reseinding permission.

Signature of Responsible Party

Date: 1/8/2024

Very Rev. Dennis M. Perkins

Printed Name of Responsible Party

Additional Conditions & Requirements:

Approved by the Borough of Stonington:

Name

Date

# BLESSING OF THE FLEET 5K

## Long Loop 1st

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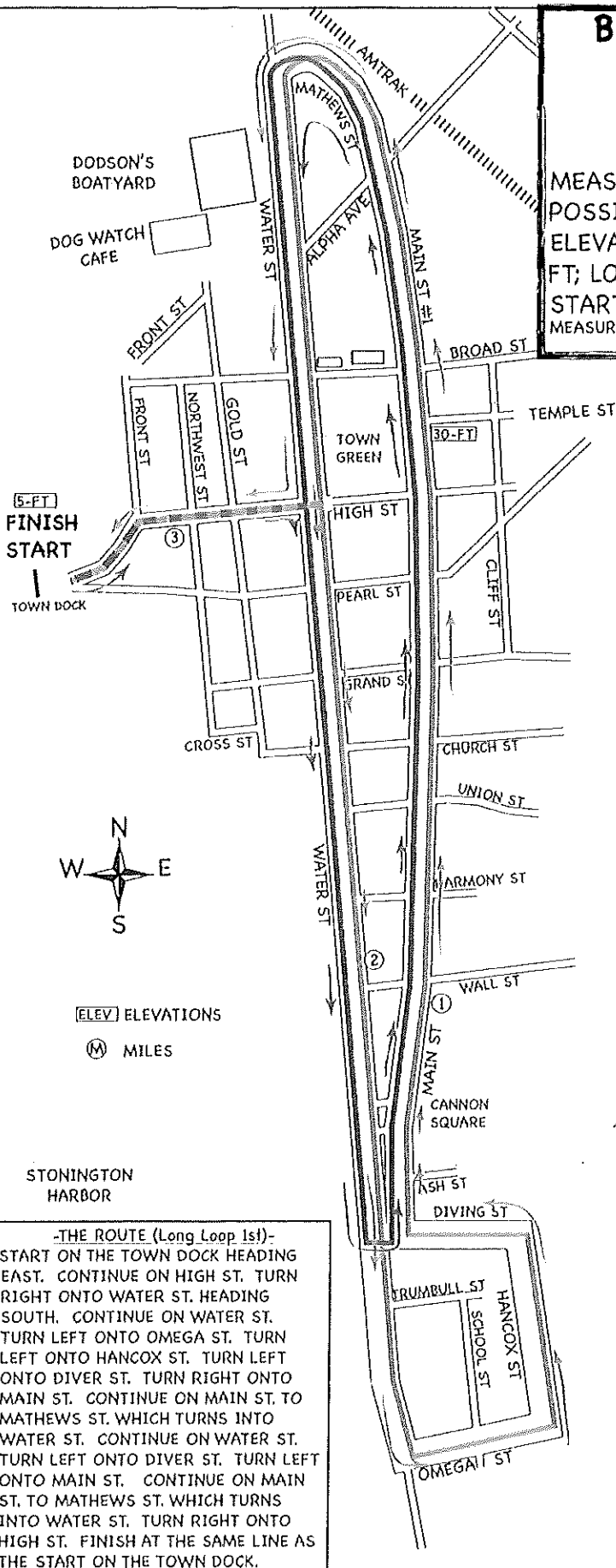
STONINGTON, CT

MEASURED: 6/27/2016 ALONG THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE ROUTE WITHIN THE PAVED ROADWAYS  
ELEVATIONS: START & FINISH 5 FT; HIGHEST 30 FT; LOWEST 5 FT

START-FINISH SEPARATION: 0-FT (COINCIDENT)

MEASURED BY: GUIDO BROTHERS ESCORT SERVICE

pyolkmar@snet.net



5-FT  
FINISH  
START  
TOWN DOCK



ELEV ELEVATIONS  
M MILES

STONINGTON HARBOR

**-THE ROUTE (Long Loop 1st)-**  
START ON THE TOWN DOCK HEADING EAST. CONTINUE ON HIGH ST. TURN RIGHT ONTO WATER ST. HEADING SOUTH. CONTINUE ON WATER ST. TURN LEFT ONTO OMEGA ST. TURN LEFT ONTO HANCOX ST. TURN LEFT ONTO DIVER ST. TURN RIGHT ONTO MAIN ST. CONTINUE ON MAIN ST. TO MATHEWS ST. WHICH TURNS INTO WATER ST. CONTINUE ON WATER ST. TURN LEFT ONTO DIVER ST. TURN LEFT ONTO MAIN ST. CONTINUE ON MAIN ST. TO MATHEWS ST. WHICH TURNS INTO WATER ST. TURN RIGHT ONTO HIGH ST. FINISH AT THE SAME LINE AS THE START ON THE TOWN DOCK.

1st loop  
2nd Loop

**-MILES (Long Loop 1st)-**  
1. ON MAIN ST. 35-FT BEFORE THE INTERSECTION WITH WALL ST. HEADING NORTH.  
2. ON WATER ST. 30-FT BEFORE THE DRIVEWAY TO SKIPPERS DOCK. 140-FT BEFORE THE INTERSECTION WITH WALL ST. HEADING SOUTH.  
3. ON HIGH ST. 35-FT PAST THE NORTHWEST ST. INTERSECTION.

GBES 2019

APPLICATION FOR USE OF STONINGTON BOROUGH PROPERTY  
INCLUDING STREETS

(REVISED APRIL 2018)

Borough property to be used: Town Dock anddStreets

Description of the event to be held: Blessing of the Fleet Event & Procession

Date of the event:  
Sunday July 28, 2024

Time of the event:  
From: 12:00PM To: 4:00PM

Contact Person:  
Michele Crowley

860-326-8505

*Name*

*Phone Number(s)*

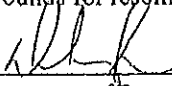
11 Palmer Street Stonington Ct 06378

maccrowley@aol.com

*Mailing Address*

*E-mail Address*

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*Signature of Responsible Party*

1/8/2024  
*Date*

Very Rev. Dennis M. Perkins

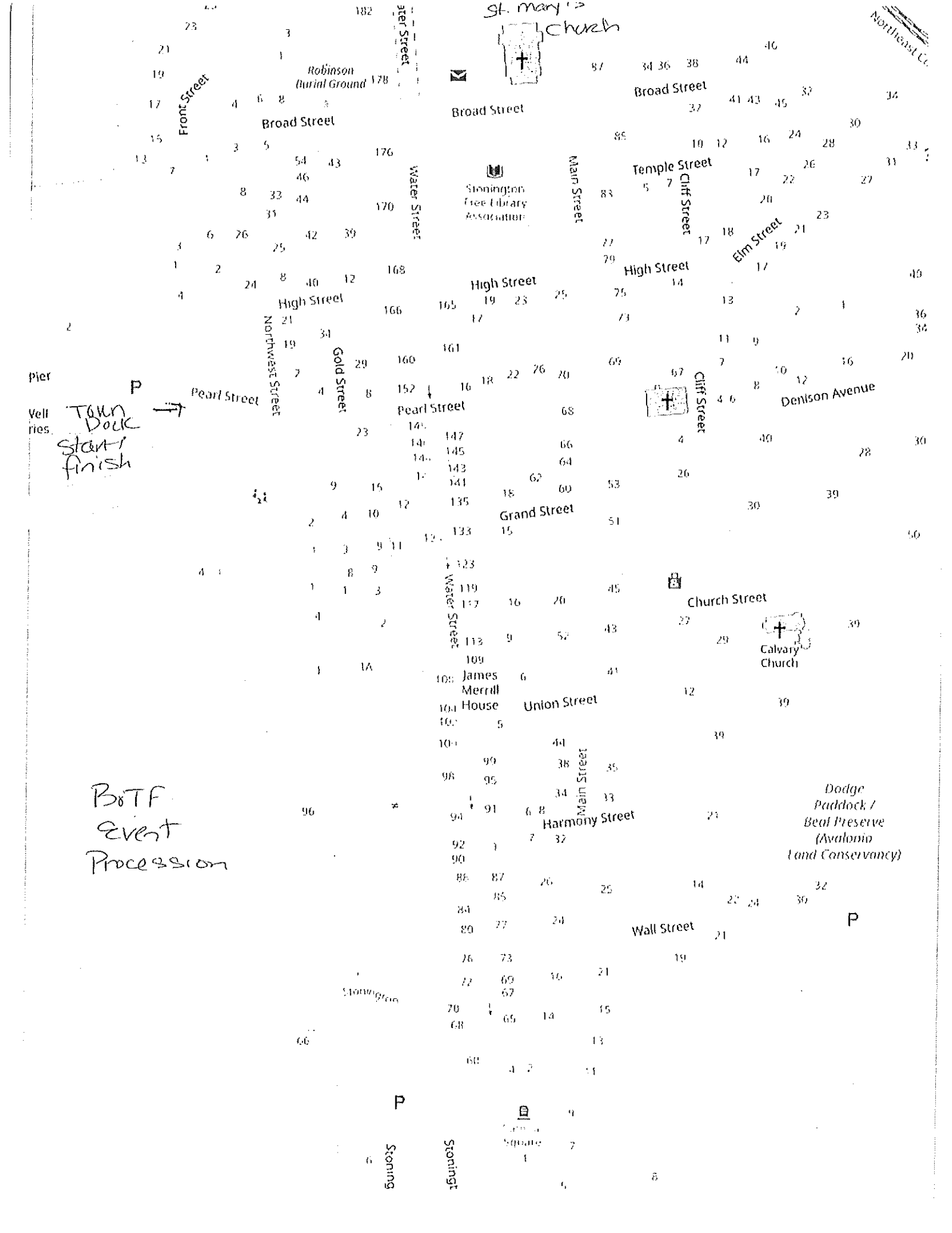
*Printed Name of Responsible Party*

*Additional Conditions & Requirements:* \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Borough of Stonington:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*



Pier  
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 Town  
 Dock  
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B&TF  
 Event  
 Procession

St. Mary's  
 Church

Northeast Co.

Robinson  
 Burial Ground

Stonington  
 Free Library  
 Association

Calvary  
 Church

Dodge  
 Paddock /  
 Bear Preserve  
 (Avalonia  
 Land Conservancy)

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# APPLICATION FOR USE OF STONINGTON BOROUGH PROPERTY INCLUDING STREETS

(REVISED APRIL 2018)

Borough property to be used: Water Street between High Street and Church Street, Wadawanuck Square driveway and green with access to outlets for the purpose of approximately five food vendors and music.

Description of the event to be held: Sixth Annual Art Walk - a one-day outdoor, art show with musicians and food vendors. Artists will set up down the center of Water Street and music will be at select locations along the route.

Date of the event:  
September 14, 2024 / Rain Date 9/15/24

Time of the event:  
From: 10 am To: 4 pm  
CLOSE STREET AT 7:30 AM


Contact Person:  
Sandra Alexander / on behalf of the SBMA  
*Name*

(215) 266-2058  
*Phone Number(s)*

PO Box 821, Stonington CT 06378  
*Mailing Address*

DessaLeaProductions@gmail.com  
*E-mail Address*

In consideration for the use of Stonington Borough property listed above (agency/organization) Stonington Borough Merchants Assoc. agrees that it will indemnify and hold harmless the *Borough* and its respective officers, agents, and employees from any loss, costs, damages, expenses, judgments and liability whatsoever kind or nature howsoever the same maybe caused resulting directly or indirectly by any act or omission of the agency/organization, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable resulting in bodily injury including sickness and death, personal injury or damage o property directly or indirectly, including the loss of use resulting there from as permitted by law unless and to the extent caused by the Borough's willful acts. Certificate of Insurance must be attached. Failure to comply with any conditions stated below may be grounds for rescinding permission.

  
Signature of Responsible Party

February 5, 2024  
*Date*

Sandra Alexander, Dessa Lea Productions / SBMA  
*Printed Name of Responsible Party*

### *Additional Conditions & Requirements:*

- We plan to contract one Stonington Police officer or private security for traffic control.
- Residents will be notified along affection portion of Water Street.
- Upon approval, we will secure and provide proof of insurance.

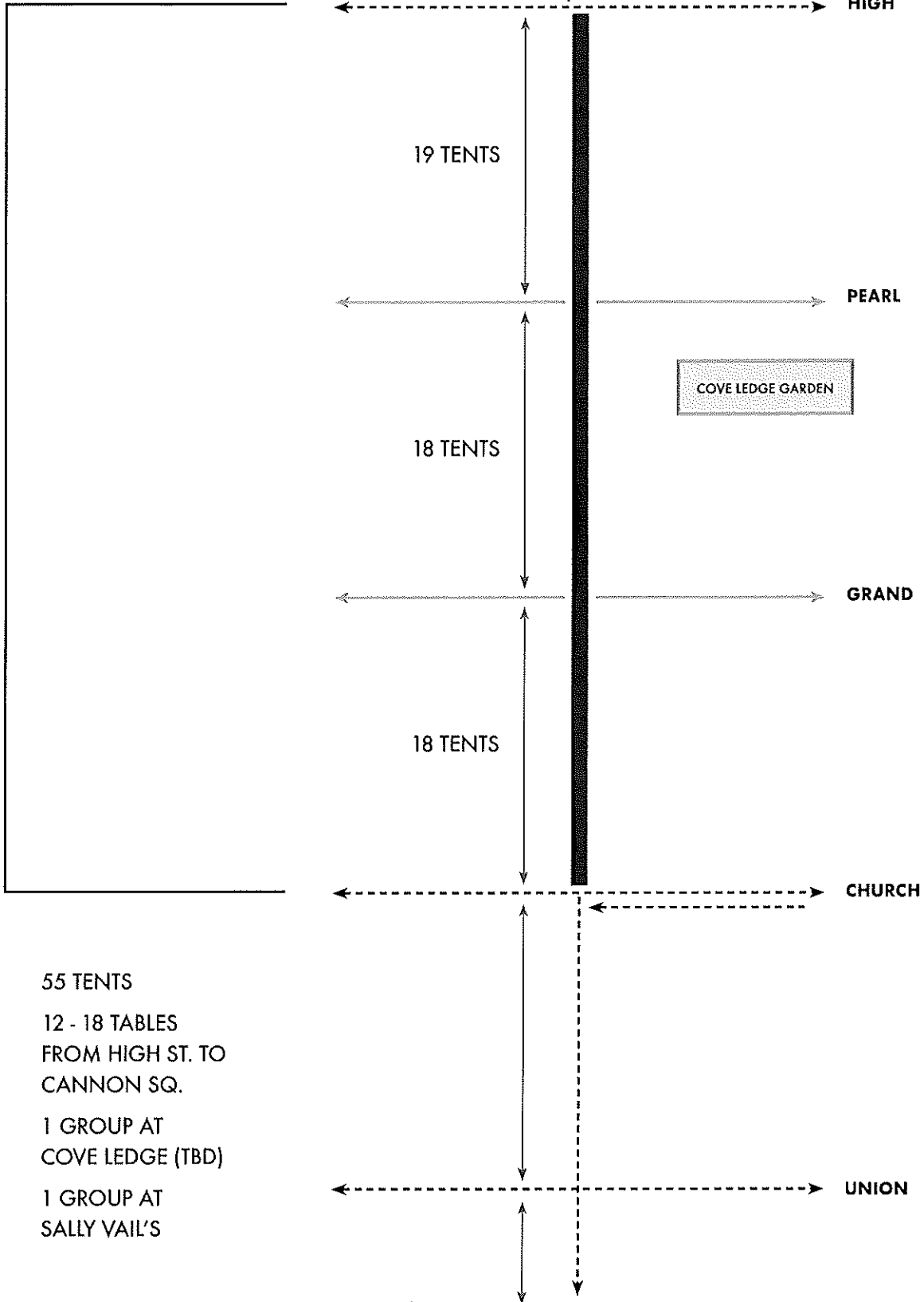
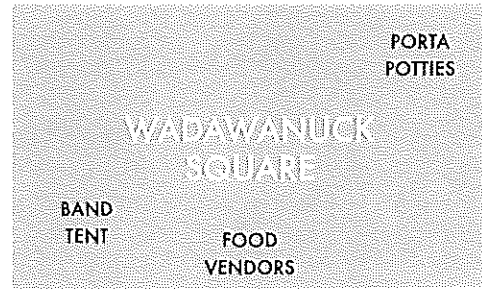
Approved by the Borough of Stonington:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Event Map**

**Water Street between High Street and Church Street to accommodate artist tents in center of street. Tables in front of select merchants.**



**Borough of Stonington, CT**  
**Presentation of Financial Statements**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

PDF page	AFR page		Item	Comments	Balance/ Amount
5-7	1-3	1	Opinion on the Financial Statements	Unmodified opinion "clean opinion"	
8-14	4-10	2	<u>Management's Discussion and Analysis</u>	Executive summary of fiscal year operations	
12	8	a	General Fund - Budgetary Highlights	Revenue variance - favorable by	\$ 48,706
				Expenditure variance - favorable by	53,071
12	8	b	ARPA Fund	Revenues and expenditures of \$70,413. Remaining unearned/ unspent ARPA funds of	119,524
			Reserve for Capital and Nonrecurring Fund	Fund balance increased by \$32,387 for an ending balance of	91,820
			Infrastructure Reserve Fund	Fund balance decreased by \$10,903 for an ending balance of	33,561
13	9	c	Capital assets	Fire equipment additions of	16,250
				Road improvement additions of	123,620
13	9	d	Long-term debt	Decreased by \$106,257 to a balance of	\$ 109,584
		3	<u>General Fund - GAAP Basis</u>	Exhibits C and D	
19	14	a	Unassigned fund balance	45% of budgetary expenditures and transfers out	\$ 583,193
21	16	b	Net change in fund balance	Ex D	16,641
		4	<u>General Fund - Budgetary Basis</u>	RSI-1A and RSI-1B	
43	37	a	Revenues	Above budget by	\$ 48,706
				Property taxes	28,942
			Other financing sources	Appropriation of fund balance	\$ (88,136)
44-47	38-41	b	Expenditures	Under budget by	\$ 53,071
				Fire Department	15,814
				Street Department	39,682
		5	Communication with those charged with governance	Responsibilities. Independence. Adjustments.	



Edward Smith  
7 Omega Street  
Stonington, CT 06378

February 6, 2024

Michael,

I read in your letter that you are working with the police department and police commissioners to address traffic calming measures by lessening and addressing traffic issues in the Borough. I walk my dog multiple times a day and usually walk through the Church Street - Main Street Intersection. I have observed that the majority of cars approaching from the South do not stop at this stop sign. Some, drive straight through, some slow down and some roll through without stopping. Possibly, some of this can be attributed to the fact that we have at least two stop signs in the Borough that are useless and almost 100 % ignored. The ones at School Street and Trumble Street and the one at Handcox Street and Diving Street. They give priority to short dead-end streets that contain only parked cars. I suggest removing them or at least moving them to control the dead end of the streets. Once accustomed to ignoring stop signs such as these, it is easy to continue this practice.

As for the Church Street - Main Street Intersection, I suggest you have the police enforce it or replace it with something like a slow down sign. The two times in the past few years that I have seen police presence at this intersection, they park their cruiser on Church Street, between the old firehouse and the intersection. The police car is visible to the cars approaching the intersection from the South on Main Street, so they abruptly stop. If deterring this practice is really the objective, I suggest that a police officer get out of their car and stand out of sight on the opposite side of Church Street. He can observe the violations and work with another officer located at Library Square to issue violations.

Another suggestion is that an additional sign be added near or to the Stop sign at Water Street and Omega Street that identifies that "On-coming traffic does not stop." Several times when making a turn from southbound on Water Street onto Omega Street, cars who have stopped at the stop sign will proceed northbound on Water Street.

Edward Smith  
(860) 460-1441

**Borough of Stonington**  
**Income & Expenses Budget vs. Actual**  
 July 2023 through June 2024

	Jul '23 - Jun 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS			
1 Town of Stonington	287,260.00	287,260.00	0.00
2 State of Connecticut			
LoCIP	0.00	1,400.00	-1,400.00
2 State of Connecticut - Other	16,779.42	15,000.00	1,779.42
Total 2 State of Connecticut	16,779.42	16,400.00	379.42
Total GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS	304,039.42	303,660.00	379.42
FIRE PROTECTION FEES			
21 Stonington Fire District	68,000.00	68,000.00	0.00
22 Wamphassuc	29,336.00	29,500.00	-164.00
23 Lord's Point	27,515.00	28,000.00	-485.00
Total FIRE PROTECTION FEES	124,851.00	125,500.00	-649.00
OTHER INCOME			
61 Planning & Zoning Fees, Etc.	2,635.00	5,000.00	-2,365.00
62 Interest on Investments	49.60	1,000.00	-950.40
65 Telephone Property Tax	0.00	600.00	-600.00
69 Miscellaneous			
Insurance Claims	29,450.37		
69 Miscellaneous - Other	600.18	1,000.00	-399.82
Total 69 Miscellaneous	30,050.55	1,000.00	29,050.55
OTHER INCOME - Other	25.00	0.00	25.00
Total OTHER INCOME	32,760.15	7,600.00	25,160.15
PROPERTY TAXES			
81-Other	1,000,165.67	974,597.00	25,568.67
Total PROPERTY TAXES	1,000,165.67	974,597.00	25,568.67
RESERVE TRANSFER			
91 Acc Rev Fund Bal Des Budget	0.00	48,257.00	-48,257.00
Total RESERVE TRANSFER	0.00	48,257.00	-48,257.00
Total Income	1,461,816.24	1,459,614.00	2,202.24
Gross Profit	1,461,816.24	1,459,614.00	2,202.24
Expense			
GENERAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSE			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Administrative			
101 Audit	20,831.25	25,000.00	-4,168.75
104 Insurance			
CIRMA LAP	19,798.00	21,000.00	-1,202.00
Surety Bonds	1,027.00		
Worker's Comp (CIRMA)	20,608.00	21,000.00	-392.00
Total 104 Insurance	41,433.00	42,000.00	-567.00
105 Professional Services	14,169.00	20,000.00	-5,831.00
106 Special Mailings	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
107 Community Affairs	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00
108 Health Insurance	41,227.04	60,000.00	-18,772.96
109 H. INS., HSA Contribution	6,000.00	8,000.00	-2,000.00
110 Travel Reimbursement	416.46	500.00	-83.54
111 Ordinance Enforcement	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
Total Administrative	124,076.75	160,100.00	-36,023.25

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	Jul '23 - Jun 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Office</b>			
121 Legal Notices	316.48	2,500.00	-2,183.52
122 Equipment R&M/Upgrading	364.59	5,000.00	-4,635.41
123 Postage	145.20	2,000.00	-1,854.80
124 Supplies	1,863.99	1,500.00	363.99
125 Technology	2,193.26	5,000.00	-2,806.74
126 Bank Fees	539.24	600.00	-60.76
129 Miscellaneous	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
130 Administrative Assistant	27,346.08	42,000.00	-14,653.92
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>32,768.84</b>	<b>60,600.00</b>	<b>-27,831.16</b>
<b>Tax Collector</b>			
141 Legal Notices	0.00	100.00	-100.00
142 Liens	0.00	100.00	-100.00
143 Postage	0.00	200.00	-200.00
144 Collection Expenses	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00
145 Tax Refunds	330.20	500.00	-169.80
Tax Collector - Other	55.44		
<b>Total Tax Collector</b>	<b>385.64</b>	<b>5,400.00</b>	<b>-5,014.36</b>
<b>Salaries</b>			
161 Assessor	1,000.00	1,500.00	-500.00
162 Burgesses	5,166.76	8,000.00	-2,833.24
163 Clerk-Treasurer	2,958.33	4,500.00	-1,541.67
165 Warden	12,041.69	18,500.00	-6,458.31
168 Payroll Taxes	20,192.39	29,934.00	-9,741.61
169 Direct Deposit Fees	0.00	200.00	-200.00
170 Commissioner Stipends	1,333.12	2,000.00	-666.88
171 Deferred Comp Match	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>42,692.29</b>	<b>76,634.00</b>	<b>-33,941.71</b>
<b>Contributions</b>			
191 Stonington Free Library	27,500.00	27,500.00	0.00
192 Stonington Ambulance	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
193 seCTer	439.20	440.00	-0.80
194 SE CT Council of Government	0.00	540.00	-540.00
195 CT Conf of Municipalities	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
196 July 4th/Parade	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
197 Stonington COMO	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
198 Cultural Coalition	0.00	500.00	-500.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>42,939.20</b>	<b>46,980.00</b>	<b>-4,040.80</b>
<b>Total GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>242,862.72</b>	<b>349,714.00</b>	<b>-106,851.28</b>
<b>BOARDS &amp; COMMISSIONS</b>			
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning Commission</b>			
201 Legal Notices	258.72	1,500.00	-1,241.28
202 Printing	0.00	500.00	-500.00
203 Books & Training	205.00	400.00	-195.00
205 Prof Services - Legal	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
206 Prof Svcs- Planner/Engineer	537.00	5,000.00	-4,463.00
207 CRS Prof. Services	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00
<b>Total Planning &amp; Zoning Commission</b>	<b>1,000.72</b>	<b>27,400.00</b>	<b>-26,399.28</b>
<b>Shared PZC &amp; ZBA</b>			
221 Postage	13.57	500.00	-486.43
222 State Conservation Fund	2,320.00	2,000.00	320.00
257 Zoning Officer Salary	13,125.02	20,000.00	-6,874.98
259 Miscellaneous/Office	37.44	1,000.00	-962.56
<b>Total Shared PZC &amp; ZBA</b>	<b>15,496.03</b>	<b>23,500.00</b>	<b>-8,003.97</b>
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>			
241 Legal Notices	590.40	1,500.00	-909.60

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	Jul '23 - Jun 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
242 Books & Training	0.00	100.00	-100.00
243 Prof Services - Legal	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00
<b>Total Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	<b>590.40</b>	<b>6,100.00</b>	<b>-5,509.60</b>
<b>Total BOARDS &amp; COMMISSIONS</b>	<b>17,087.15</b>	<b>57,000.00</b>	<b>-39,912.85</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>			
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
301 Fuel	1,386.39	2,500.00	-1,113.61
302 Maintenance of Alarms	0.00	500.00	-500.00
303 Maintenance of Radios	179.25	1,000.00	-820.75
304 Maintenance Trucks & Equip	23,252.86	25,000.00	-1,747.14
305 New Tools & Equipment	15,778.99	20,000.00	-4,221.01
306 Telecommunications	1,913.73	4,000.00	-2,086.27
307 Fire Marshal Expenses	786.38	3,000.00	-2,213.62
309 Miscellaneous	67.95	1,500.00	-1,432.05
310 Fire Truck Leases	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>43,365.55</b>	<b>87,500.00</b>	<b>-44,134.45</b>
<b>Firehouse - 100 Main Street</b>			
311 Electricity	8,620.17	14,000.00	-5,379.83
312 Propane	5,213.84	15,000.00	-9,786.16
314 Water & Sewer	5,586.71	2,000.00	3,586.71
315 Supplies	2,743.89	2,500.00	243.89
316 Phone/Internet	4,830.19	7,000.00	-2,169.81
317 Repairs & Maintenance	16,560.02	20,000.00	-3,439.98
566 Janitorial - Firehouse	3,355.00	7,000.00	-3,645.00
<b>Total Firehouse - 100 Main Street</b>	<b>46,909.82</b>	<b>67,500.00</b>	<b>-20,590.18</b>
<b>Insurance</b>			
321 Accidental Death	2,288.92	3,000.00	-711.08
324 LAP-Liability/Auto/Prop	30,395.00	32,000.00	-1,605.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>32,683.92</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>	<b>-2,316.08</b>
<b>Personnel Expenses</b>			
341 Companies & Department	7,500.00	10,000.00	-2,500.00
342 Medical	3,844.00	6,000.00	-2,156.00
343 Length of Service Program	36,459.00	50,000.00	-13,541.00
344 Training	1,580.00	2,000.00	-420.00
345 Uniforms	1,343.61	2,500.00	-1,156.39
346 Pay-per-Call Incentive Prog	8,331.66	20,000.00	-11,668.34
347 Deferred Compensation	6,275.00	0.00	6,275.00
<b>Total Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>65,333.27</b>	<b>90,500.00</b>	<b>-25,166.73</b>
<b>Salaries</b>			
361 Chief	68,966.37	99,750.00	-30,783.63
362 Deputy Chief	8,758.33	10,500.00	-1,741.67
363 Assistant Chief	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
364 Fire Marshal	7,985.74	11,550.00	-3,564.26
365 Company Officers	3,228.75	7,000.00	-3,771.25
366 Station Coverage	2,650.00	2,000.00	650.00
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>91,589.19</b>	<b>131,800.00</b>	<b>-40,210.81</b>
<b>Total FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>279,881.75</b>	<b>412,300.00</b>	<b>-132,418.25</b>
<b>HYDRANTS</b>			
401 Rental of Hydrants & Pipe	29,057.11	55,000.00	-25,942.89
<b>Total HYDRANTS</b>	<b>29,057.11</b>	<b>55,000.00</b>	<b>-25,942.89</b>
<b>BOROUGH HALL - 26 CHURCH ST</b>			
<b>Borough Hall/Highway Garage</b>			
501 Electricity	2,176.29	3,500.00	-1,323.71
502 Heating Oil	2,673.85	5,000.00	-2,326.15

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504 Water & Sewer	253.05	300.00	-46.95
505 Supplies	471.53	2,000.00	-1,528.47
506 Internet/Phones	3,514.17	6,000.00	-2,485.83
509 Repairs & Maintenance	9,816.26	10,000.00	-183.74
<b>Total Borough Hall/Highway Garage</b>	<b>18,905.15</b>	<b>26,800.00</b>	<b>-7,894.85</b>
<b>Salaries</b>			
565 Janitorial - Borough Hall	1,760.00	5,000.00	-3,240.00
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>1,760.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>-3,240.00</b>
<b>Total BOROUGH HALL - 26 CHURCH ST</b>	<b>20,665.15</b>	<b>31,800.00</b>	<b>-11,134.85</b>
<b>STREET DEPARTMENT</b>			
<b>General</b>			
601 Gas & Oil	1,557.75	4,000.00	-2,442.25
602 EQUIP. R&M/Upgrading/SIGNS	2,243.86	8,000.00	-5,756.14
604 Street Repairs	865.68	5,000.00	-4,134.32
605 Supplies	4,193.25	7,000.00	-2,806.75
610 Snow Removal	2,796.64	20,000.00	-17,203.36
611 Sidewalk Repairs	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00
612 Stormwater Management	10,554.75	15,000.00	-4,445.25
<b>Total General</b>	<b>22,211.93</b>	<b>71,000.00</b>	<b>-48,788.07</b>
<b>Wages &amp; Salaries</b>			
656 Labor - Regular	85,500.00	133,500.00	-48,000.00
657 Labor - Overtime	6,498.23	15,000.00	-8,501.77
658 Labor - Temporary	4,411.13	10,000.00	-5,588.87
666 Deferred Comp Matching	2,112.50	0.00	2,112.50
667 Street Commissioner	4,333.36	6,500.00	-2,166.64
<b>Total Wages &amp; Salaries</b>	<b>102,855.22</b>	<b>165,000.00</b>	<b>-62,144.78</b>
<b>Total STREET DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>125,067.15</b>	<b>236,000.00</b>	<b>-110,932.85</b>
<b>PARKS, TREES, &amp; RIGHTS OF WAY</b>			
<b>General Expenses</b>			
801 Grounds Maintenance	41.32	5,000.00	-4,958.68
802 Tree Maintenance	8,855.00	25,000.00	-16,145.00
804 Park Utilities	394.97	800.00	-405.03
805 Signs, Surveys & ROW	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>9,291.29</b>	<b>31,800.00</b>	<b>-22,508.71</b>
<b>Total PARKS, TREES, &amp; RIGHTS OF WAY</b>	<b>9,291.29</b>	<b>31,800.00</b>	<b>-22,508.71</b>
<b>SANITATION</b>			
<b>General Expenses</b>			
908 Comfort Station Maintenance	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00
909 Miscellaneous	2,958.91	4,000.00	-1,041.09
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>2,958.91</b>	<b>14,000.00</b>	<b>-11,041.09</b>
<b>Total SANITATION</b>	<b>2,958.91</b>	<b>14,000.00</b>	<b>-11,041.09</b>
<b>CONTINGENCY EXPENSE</b>			
1301 Contingency	0.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00
<b>Total CONTINGENCY EXPENSE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>-20,000.00</b>
<b>Total GENERAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<b>726,871.23</b>	<b>1,207,614.00</b>	<b>-480,742.77</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE &amp; TRUST FUNDS</b>			
1501 Deposits to Funds	252,000.00	252,000.00	0.00
<b>Total SPECIAL REVENUE &amp; TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>252,000.00</b>	<b>252,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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	Jul '23 - Jun 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Total Expense	980,121.23	1,459,614.00	-479,492.77
Net Ordinary Income	481,695.01	0.00	481,695.01
Net Income	<u>481,695.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>481,695.01</u>

## Re: 1 Harmony Street - 3 London Plane Trees

From: Kevin Rogers (burgess.kevinrogers@gmail.com)

To: denniseneumann@icloud.com

Cc: burgess.amandabarnes@gmail.com; borowarden@att.net; burgess.amynicholas@gmail.com; kevinjbowdler@gmail.com; mbukovan@smith.edu

Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 10:56 AM EST

Thank you for your email. As a Board, we are taking on the titanic task of fixing the sidewalks. The wonderful trees that we have are beautiful, but sometimes their roots are problematic. We are here to help. Amanda and Michael are taking the lead on this project. We, as a board, are here to support them. Thanks again for the email.

On Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 10:12 AM Dennis Neumann <[denniseneumann@icloud.com](mailto:denniseneumann@icloud.com)> wrote:

Dear Amanda,

We are writing because of our concern about the three London Plane trees growing along the east side of Water Street outside of our residence at 1 Harmony Street in the Borough. As you probably remember, in 2022 you arranged to have these trees pruned back after we reached out to you about the hazard they posed to our residence. At that time, our insurance company expressed concern about the danger the trees posed to the property. We appreciate your responsiveness to our dilemma (especially with the insurance company threatening to cancel our insurance), but we believe the tree pruning was a temporary fix, and are concerned that these trees have now grown so large that they pose a very serious hazard, especially given the increasing intensity of the storms we now routinely face in our special corner of the world.

When Dennis had Nick Reardon plant the trees in 1989, they were small enough to be protected on both sides by the houses along Water Street. Dennis naively assumed that he would retain control of the trees and be able to take them down if they grew too large. They have done so well in their locations that their tops now far exceed the roofs of the houses around them — probably by about 40 feet. The root systems are now visibly destroying the sidewalk, putting pressure on our stone foundation, and possibly also making their way toward the water and sewer lines that run under Water Street.

1 Harmony Street is a multi-family house. Our primary residence is the apartment on the second floor, and we have three long-term tenants on yearly renewable leases. We therefore offer some affordable local rentals and have resisted multiple offers from those seeking to capitalize on the short-term rental market. Our property houses four different residences, and if one of the trees came down on the house, four different households could lose their homes. While we ourselves have the option to move to our tiny house at 96 Water St., our tenants do not have that luxury.

Our main concerns are with the root systems disturbing the sidewalks, foundations, and underground utilities, and also with the possibility of strong storms bringing down limbs or an entire tree and thereby threatening the power lines and the houses around them. This is not an unrealistic concern given the increased intensity of storms in our area. We remember the tree that came down on the house at 174 Water Street a few years ago. Although the building was able to be repaired and the condominium residents did not lose their homes, we are well aware that if one of the trees came down on our property, it could result in the entire house being condemned, with the resultant loss of primary residence for four households.

We love the Borough and the trees that help make it such a beautiful place. It is with great sadness that we write to ask that the Borough work with us to have these trees removed and replaced. We would be eager to plant at least two replacements, after doing research and consultation with you about which species of tree would be appropriate to the site. We would not be reaching out now if our concerns were unfounded. We look forward to hearing from you and discussing how to proceed on removing and replacing the trees.

With best regards,



Dennis Neumann and Mlada Bukovansky

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Kevin P. Rogers  
Burgess, Stonington Borough  
(m) 860.460.2445

**Borough of Stonington**  
**Bills for Review**  
 January 12 through February 16, 2024

2/12/24

Name	Class	Amount
<b>Jan 12 - Feb 16, 24</b>		
AC/DC Industrial El...	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:509 Repairs & Maintenance	300.00
Aquarion Water Co...	HYDRANTS:401 Rental of Hydrants & Pipes	4,501.83
Aquarion Water Co...	HYDRANTS:401 Rental of Hydrants & Pipes	18.81
Aquarion Water Co...	PARKS, TREES & RIGHTS OF WAY:GENERAL EXPENSES:804 Park Utilities	14.23
Aquarion Water Co...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:314 Water & Sewer	123.09
Aquarion Water Co...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:314 Water & Sewer	49.65
Aquarion Water Co...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:314 Water & Sewer	4,228.98
Bartlett Tree Experts	PARKS, TREES & RIGHTS OF WAY:GENERAL EXPENSES:802 Tree Maintenance	405.00
Bartlett Tree Experts	PARKS, TREES & RIGHTS OF WAY:GENERAL EXPENSES:802 Tree Maintenance	900.00
Brian Meadows	FIRE DEPARTMENT:SALARIES:366 STATION COVERAGE	500.00
Business Card	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:OFFICE:125 Telecommunications	136.08
Buzzi Memorials	OTHER FUNDS:Cannon Fund	4,586.00
Cash True Value H...	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:605 Supplies	303.83
Cash True Value H...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:315 Supplies	82.25
Coastal Plumbing L...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:317 Repairs & Maintenance	394.00
Comcast	506 Internet/Phones	422.31
Comcast	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:316 Phone/Internet	70.97
Comcast	506 Internet/Phones	422.31
Communications Pl...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:305 Tools & Equipment	1,104.00
Communications Pl...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:303 Maintenance of Radios	65.00
ConnRi Paper & Su...	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:505 Supplies	72.43
David W. Graf	OTHER FUNDS:CLOCK FUND	250.00
Department of Envir...	BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:SHARED PZC & ZBA:222 State Conservation Fund	638.00
Dime Oil Company	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:502 Heating Oil	729.41
Elan Financial Servi...	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:OFFICE:124 Supplies	68.02
Elan Financial Servi...	HIGHWAY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:704 SUPPLIES	163.78
Elan Financial Servi...	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:Internet/Phones	127.49
Elan Financial Servi...	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:OFFICE:122 Equipment R&M/Upgrading	10.50
Elan Financial Servi...	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:602 Equipment R&M/Upgrading	20.98
Elan Financial Servi...	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:OFFICE:123 Postage	66.00
Elan Financial Servi...	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:OFFICE:125 Telecommunications	5.00
Evering Electric	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:509 Repairs & Maintenance	274.65
Eversource	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:311 Electricity	1,615.33
Eversource	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:501 Electricity	296.70
Eversource	PARKS, TREES & RIGHTS OF WAY:GENERAL EXPENSES:804 Park Utilities	59.64
Fire Protection Test...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:317 Repairs & Maintenance	175.00
Firematic	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:304 Maintenance of Trucks/Equip	720.47
Frontier Communic...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:316 Phone/Internet	232.30
Integrity LLC	FIRE DEPARTMENT:SALARIES:566 Janitorial - Firehouse	495.00
Integrity LLC	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:JANITORIAL:565 Janitorial - Borough Hall	220.00
Integrity LLC	FIRE DEPARTMENT:SALARIES:566 Janitorial - Firehouse	495.00
Integrity LLC	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:JANITORIAL:565 Janitorial - Borough Hall	275.00
IQT LLC	OTHER FUNDS:ARPA	5,388.56
MES/Shipman's Fir...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:304 Maintenance of Trucks/Equip	287.68
MES/Shipman's Fir...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:317 Repairs & Maintenance	981.11
New England Mech...	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:509 Repairs & Maintenance	1,002.90
Patrick J. Cassidy	FIRE DEPARTMENT:SALARIES:366 STATION COVERAGE	200.00
Poster Compliance ...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:309 Miscellaneous	67.95
Principal Life Insura...	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:ADMINISTRATIVE:108 Health Insurance	452.14
PRISM Office Soluti...	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:OFFICE:122 Equipment R&M/Upgrading	34.00
Ricoh USA Inc	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:307 Fire Marshal Equipment	26.06
Schindler Elevator ...	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:509 Repairs & Maintenance	685.71
Stonington Borough...	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:315 Supplies	36.00
Superior Sewer & D...	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:612 Stormwater Management	2,400.00
Timothy Keena	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:612 Stormwater Management	1,500.00
Timothy Keena	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:612 Stormwater Management	1,500.00
Tom's Newstand	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:OFFICE:124 Supplies	72.00
Tom's Newstand	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:OFFICE:124 Supplies	70.00
Town of Stonington	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:601 Gas & Oil	246.54
Town of Stonington	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:301 Fuel	225.87
Town of Stonington	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:610 Snow removal	799.04
Town of Stonington	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:610 Snow removal	1,498.20
Town of Stonington	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:610 Snow removal	499.40
Town of Stonington	BOROUGH HALL/HWY GARAGE:GENERAL EXPENSES:504 Water & Sewer	63.54
Town of Stonington	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:314 Water & Sewer	98.84
Uncas Gas	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:312 Propane	1,165.65
Uncas Gas	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:312 Propane	591.46

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**Borough of Stonington**  
**Bills for Review**  
January 12 through February 16, 2024

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Name	Class	Amount
Uncas Gas	FIRE DEPARTMENT:FIREHOUSE - 100 MAIN STREET:312 Propane	1,122.27
United Healthcare	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:ADMINISTRATIVE:108 Health Insurance	5,125.58
Verizon Wireless	FIRE DEPARTMENT:GENERAL EXPENSES:306 Telecommunications	81.28
VFIS	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:ADMINISTRATIVE:105 Professional Services	1,810.00
Wex Bank	STREET DEPARTMENT:GENERAL:601 Gas & Oil	56.55
<b>Jan 12 - Feb 16, 24</b>		<b><u>53,727.37</u></b>

**Borough of Stonington**  
**Income & Expenses Budget vs. Actual**  
July 2023 through June 2024

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Filters applied on this Report:

Account: Multiple accounts...

Date: Custom

**BOROUGH ACCOUNTS  
AS OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

<b>General Fund Balance:</b>		<b>\$1,129,601.73</b>
<b>DIME INVESTMENT AC</b>		
Dime Bank Checking		\$1,581,775.51
Due to/from Other Funds (Details Below)		\$452,913.89 **
 <b>ARPA:</b>		 <b>\$83,538.71 *</b>
 <b>Cannon Fund:</b>		 <b>\$4,586.00</b>
Due from General Fund		\$4,586.00
 <b>Capital &amp; Nonrecurring Fund Balance:</b>		 <b>\$86,045.63 ***</b>
Due from General Fund		\$86,045.63
 <b>Fire Dept. Major Expense Balance:</b>		 <b>\$115,000.84</b>
Due from General Fund		\$115,000.84
 <b>Clock Fund Balance:</b>		 <b>\$99.36</b>
Due from General Fund		\$99.36
 <b>Infrastructure Reserve Fund Balance:</b>		 <b>\$126,061.14</b>
Due to General Fund		\$126,061.14
 <b>Robinson Burial Ground Fund:</b>		 <b>\$725.35</b>
Due from General Fund		\$725.35
 <b>Wadawanuck Square Fund:</b>		 <b>\$372.00</b>
Due from General Fund		\$372.00
 <b>Wayland's Wharf Fund Balance:</b>		 <b>\$36,484.86</b>
Due from General Fund		\$36,484.86
 <b>***Capital &amp; Nonrecurring Accounts:</b>		
Building Fund	\$28,742.00	
Truck Fund	\$57,304.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$86,046.00</b>	
 <b>*UNCOMMITTED BALANCE:</b>		
	\$ 30,538.32	
 <b>**Due to Other Funds:</b>		
ARPA		\$83,538.71
Capital & Nonrecurring		\$86,045.63
Fire Dept. Major Expense		\$115,000.84
Clock fund		\$99.36
Infrastructure Reserve		\$126,061.14
Wayland's Wharf		\$36,484.86
Wadawanuck Square Fund		\$372.00
Robinson Burial Ground		\$725.35
Cannon Fund		\$4,586.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$452,913.89</b>
 <b>LoCip Fund Balance:</b>		 <b>\$7,427.00</b>
Available from State of Connecticut		\$7,427.00

**BOROUGH OF STONINGTON CT** **2/20/2024**  
**ARPA PROJECT & EXPENDITURE REPORT: MARCH 2021 - FEBRUARY 2024**

PROJECT NAME & ID	DESCRIPTION	OBLIGATION	EXPENSED	STATUS/BALANCE	
PREMIUM PAY FOR STAFF ARP-1	PREMIUM PAY FOR BOROUGH STAFF, (July 21) VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, VOLUNTEER EMT'S	\$12,250	\$12,250	COMPLETE	
SUPPORT FOR LEDGE LIGHT HD ARP-2	FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO LOCAL HEALTH DIST FOR GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING VACCINATION AND TESTING (August 21)	\$2,700	\$2,700	COMPLETE	
SCCOG ARPA COORDINATOR ARP - 3	FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO S.E. CT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO HIRE AN ARPA COORDINATOR TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES (July 21)	\$429	\$429	COMPLETE	
COMO HVAC - ARP -4	COMMUNITY CENTER HVAC UPGRADE DESIGN FOR AUDITORIUM WHERE PRE-SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ARE HELD (September 21)	\$10,000	\$10,000	COMPLETE	
STORM WATER SYSTEM STUDY ARP-5	I. ASSESSMENT OF BOROUGH STORM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REPAIRS AND UPGRADES (Jan 22) II. UPGRADE OPTIONS FEASIBILITY & ANALYSIS(Sept22) III. WAYLAND'S WHARF OUTFALL DESIGN(Feb23)	\$30,400 \$13,000 \$25,300	\$30,400 \$13,000 \$23,140	COMPLETE COMPLETE \$2,160	
HISTORICAL SOCIETY SIGNAGE ARP - 6	DESIGN, FABRICATE & INSTALL PANELS THAT EXPLAIN POINTS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH(Feb22)	\$8,000	7367	MOVED	
JAMES MERRILL HOUSE UPGRADE ARP-7	IMPROVE ELECTRICAL AND SPRINKLER SYSTEMS (Feb22)	\$8,320	\$8,320	COMPLETE	
MAURICE LA GRUA CENTER A/V ARP-8	DESIGN/INSTALL NEW A/V SYSTEM IN PERFORMANCE SPACE (Feb22)	\$10,000	\$10,000	COMPLETE	
PROJECT NAME & ID	DESCRIPTION	OBLIGATION	EXPENSED	STATUS/BALANCE	
LIBRARY OUTDOOR MEETING ARP-9	DESIGN/CREATE OUTDOOR MEETING AREA IN PUBLIC PARK ADJACENT TO LIBRARY BUILDING(Feb22)	\$5,873	\$5,873	COMPLETE	
MYSTIC PAPER BEASTS PERFORAN ARP-10	CREATE A PERFORMANCE TO BE GIVIN DURING THE ANNUAL BOROUGH GARDEN TOUR IN JUNE 2022 (Feb22)	\$2,700	\$2,500	MOVED	
NESS FREE WATER ACTIVITES ARP-11	N E SCIENCE & SAILING WILL OFFER FREE OUTDOOR, WATER- RELATED ACTIVITIES TO BORO RESIDENTS DURING SUMMER(Feb22)	\$9,725	\$6,728	MOVED	
SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS ARP - 12	OCEAN COMM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BOROUGH SMALL BUSINESS ASSOC. WILL MANAGE GRANTS TO HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES RECOVER FROM LOSSES DURING PANDEMIC(Feb22)	\$26,085	\$23,437	MOVED	
PORTUGUESE HOLY GHOST SOC. ARP-B13	REPAIR LEAKING ROOF OVER COMMUNITY HALL(Feb22)	\$8,000	\$8,000	COMPLETE	
STON. VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ARP - 14	INSTALL WATER BOTTLE FILLER AT PUBLIC BEACH(Feb22)	\$8,300	\$8,300	COMPLETE	
COMFORT STATION ARP-15	CONSTRUCT PUBLIC (July22) RESTROOMS AT WAD SQUARE	\$50,000	0	\$50,000	
<b>MOVED AMOUNT LEFT OVER TO UNOBLIGATED TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$6,478.00</b>	
		<b>TOTALS \$</b>	<b>231,082</b>	<b>\$ 172,444</b>	<b>\$ 52,160</b>
<b>UNOBLIGATED TOTAL =261,620</b>		<b>-231,082</b>	<b>=\$30,538</b>	<b>\$ 6,478.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,016</b>

## **WARDEN'S REPORT – February 2024**

1. Attended Dec SCOOG Legislative Meeting
2. Attended Danielle's Staff Meeting and our bi-monthly meeting
3. Completed Draft MS4 (Stormwater) Borough Report to Town Engineer
4. Conducted Review of Stormwater event damage with Town Emergency Planning Director (Brian Schneider) and state and federal officials.
5. Submitted CRS/Fema report.

## **STREET & SIDEWALKS COMMISSIONER REPORT -**

1. Conducted monthly brush pickup.
2. Conducted Christmas tree pickup.
3. Continued Park maintenance.
4. Removed sand, seaweed, and storm debris from various Borough locations
5. Graded and resurfaced Point Parking Lot twice due to Storm damage
6. Addressed flood related storm drain issues on Diving, Main and Bradley
- 7 Reviewed Flooding and Snow responses and problems/issues with Borough Highway Foreman

## January 2024 Alarms

From: Jeff Hoadley (chief@stoningtonvfd.org)

To: borowarden@att.net; boroughct@gmail.com; burgess.amynicholas@gmail.com

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 12:02 PM EST

Hi Michael, Lisa & Amy

SBFD responded to 5 Alarms in January 2024, they were as follows:

- 1)1-10-2024 1:06pm 4ft. of water in basement 33 Elm St. (helped pump)
- 2)1-12-2024 10:49pm Fire Alarm Activation 214 N. Water St. (burnt cake in oven)
- 3)1-13-2024 12:01pm 3ft. of water in basement 33 Elm St. (helped pump)
- 4)1-18-2024 12:40pm Wires down 205 N. Water St. (utility, called Frontier)
- 5)1-22-2024 4:34pm Water emergency 6 Maplewood Lane (outside shower pipe)

See you all at SBFD February 20th !

Regards, Jeff

Jeffrey Hoadley

Fire Chief/Fire Marshal

Stonington Borough Fire Dept.

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## **Utility and Sanitation Report – February 2023**

### **Sanitation.**

I issued six 'Warning' citations and one \$100 fine, all for yellow bags not being properly contained within a closed bins on the night before collection.

### **Utilities**

I have conducted a six-month audit of duplicate Eversource poles. The good news is that three duplicate poles have been removed and no new duplicate poles have been installed. We have nine duplicate poles remaining in the Borough.

The bad news is that there are many bases around the new poles that need to be fixed with either concrete or bitumen. I originally thought that this was the homeowner's responsibility, but Teresa Jackman from Eversource has asked me to provide a list of poles that need to be fixed and an Eversource crew will come and fix them. We have 17 poles that have bases that need fixing.

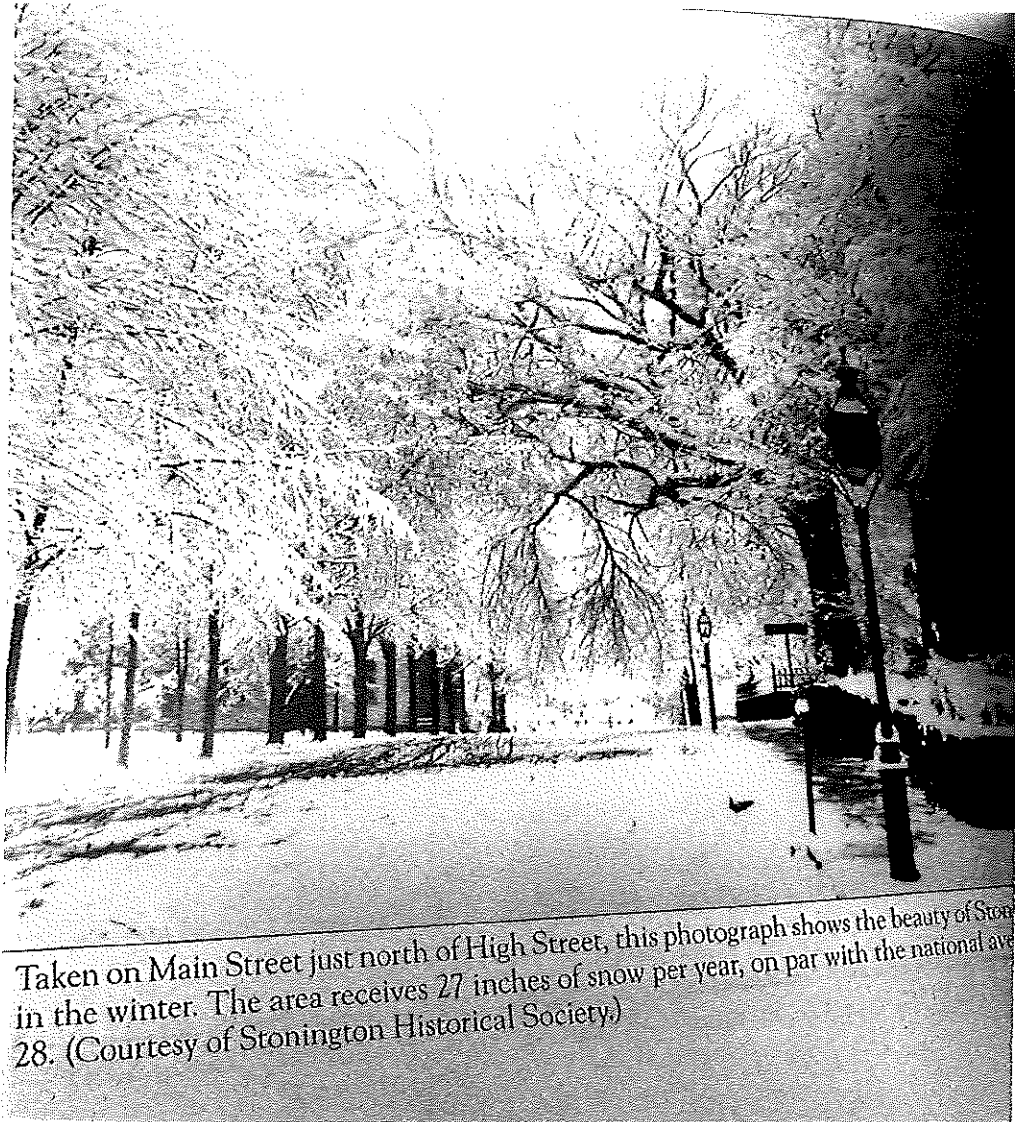
I have sent a summary spreadsheet and photos of the above issues to our point person at Eversource.

### **Street Lighting**

At January's meeting we discussed street lighting, and I said I would do a review of areas on Water St and Main Street that are particularly dark. We have a streetlight on nearly every street corner that projects light mainly on the intersection with some additional light also hitting the footpath closest to the pole upon which the light fixture is attached. The lighting is not uniform from one intersection to the next because the poles are on different sides of the street. The darkest areas are in the middle section between each intersection. I have shaded in red the darkest areas on Water Steet and Main St. There are two poles on Main St which do not have proximate neighbors and could be considered for adding streetlights. The purpose however of streetlights is primarily for safe driving, not for safe walking. Pedestrians receive an indirect benefit from the streetlights, but it is not necessarily solving the specific issue we are trying to solve.... which is safe walking around the Borough. We also want to minimize light trespass. I am sure that there is a solution to provide a consistent and non-invasive lighting to nighttime pedestrians. I do not feel qualified to solve this issue and think this is an area where we need expert guidance on how to proceed.

As an aside, I noticed that we have a couple of different non-street light options in the Borough. Should we try to be consistent?





Taken on Main Street just north of High Street, this photograph shows the beauty of Stonington in the winter. The area receives 27 inches of snow per year, on par with the national average. (Courtesy of Stonington Historical Society)

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Bowdler

