

**Borough of Stonington
Board of Warden and Burgesses
Regular Monthly Meeting – October 17, 2022
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Jeffrey Callahan called the monthly meeting of the Borough of Stonington Board of Warden and Burgesses to order at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was held in Borough Hall. Present in Borough Hall in addition to Warden Callahan were Burgesses Amy Nicholas, Kevin Rogers, and Amanda Barnes; and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Coleman. Burgess Shaun Mastroianni was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Burgess Barnes, seconded by Burgess Rogers, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2022, were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Michelle Cady, request to reschedule Pup Fest on 10/25/2022.
- b. PHGS request to reserve parking spaces for Friday Fish and Chips fundraiser through 11/18/22.
- c. Aquarion Water Company, notice of proposed rate increase request to PURA.
- d. SVIA, request to conduct Holiday Stroll and carol sing on 12/02.

REVIEW OF BILLS/YTD FINANCIAL REPORT

Bills for the period September 17, 2022 through October 15, 2022 totaled \$34,002.41. Large bills of note were ARPA distributions and fire hydrant rentals. Net income for the current fiscal year through October 15, 2022 is \$758,525.87. We have exceeded our FY-23 income budget by \$13,934 so far.

WARDEN'S REPORT

1. Received second ARPA check from State. All Borough ARPA funds have been received.
2. Met with Borough attorney re: cannabis ordinance and other matters.
3. FY-22 audit process continues.
4. Local Covid statistics: New London County cumulative deaths now total 722 (Jeff, your report reads 722. During the meeting you said 772). State and county positivity rate steady at 9-10%.

BOROUGH CLOCK – Nothing to report

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Streets & Sidewalks (Callahan)

1. Conducted monthly brush pickup
2. Watered new trees
3. Painted yellow curbs
4. Mowed parks
5. Checked Harbor Edge outfall.

Fire & Emergency Management (Nicholas/Hoadley)

SBFD responded to 9 alarms (of which, six were in the Borough) in September 2022, they were as follows:

- 1) 9-1-22 4:15pm Medical assist with SAC 7 Hancox St. (lift assist)
- 2) 9-2-22 9:24am Medical assist with SAC 7 Hancox St. (lift assist)

- 3) 9-5-22 9:25pm Alarm sounding 71 Cutler St. (CO, high readings, vented, stove issue)
- 4) 9-15-22 8:13pm Medical assist with QFD & SAC 90 Lords Hill Rd. (cardiac arrest)
- 5) 9-16-22 12:32pm Wires down IFO 6 Bradley St. (cable tv wire)
- 6) 9-17-22 3:11pm Medical assist with SAC 32 Water St., SHYC dinghy dock. (head injury from a boating accident)
- 7) 9-19-22 4:00pm Wires down IFO 18 School St. (cable tv wire)
- 8) 9-22-22 5:14pm Tree on fire IFO 212 N. Main St. (wind blew tree onto power lines setting tree on fire, EVERSOURCE enroute)
- 9) 9-29-22 4:48pm Medical assist with SAC 32 Water St., SHYC dinghy dock. (Sailboat coming in with a person onboard suffering seizures)

September Police Department incidents totaled 57 including 13 Medical Assists, 5 Assist Citizen, 4 Parking Complaints, 4 Accidents 3 of which had no injury and another was a hit and run, 4 Suspicious Activity, 4 Welfare Check, 3 Check Building, 3 Burglar Alarms 1 of which was false, 2 Assist Other Agency, 2 Minor Traffic Service and 2 Fire Related calls. There was one incident each of Loud Music, Vandalism, Escort, Nuisance, Ambulance Mutual Aide, Landlord Tenant Dispute, Scam against the Elderly, Harassment, Larceny, 911 Misdialed, and a Raffle Application.

Burgess Mastroianni, Chief Hoadley, Captain Olson and I met with two citizens to discuss recurring parking issues and parking on sidewalk and yellow lines around Noah's Restaurant.

Parks, Trees & Rights of Way (Barnes)

Three trees were removed from Wad Square this month: the large maple on the southeast corner, the completely dead crab apple just north of the maple, and the copper beech to the east of the library, which was in bad shape because of the beech leaf disease, which is already affecting many Borough trees (and beyond). Four trees were planted on the square - one near where each was removed and another on the southwestern side of the square. A much-awaited tree was also planted on Elm Street (in front of #15).

Public Buildings (Mastroianni) – No report

Utilities & Sanitation (Rogers)

Six letters concerning trash being put out in yellow bags overnight were mailed out. All is quiet concerning utilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss memorial plaques, trees, etc.

Tabled

Cannabis Ordinances

Both ordinances to be put on November 2022 agenda.

Appoint officials authorized to issue tickets under SBO-27

A motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to authorize members of the Board of

Warden and Burgesses and Fire Chief Hoadley to issue tickets under SBO-27, was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider requests to use Borough property

A motion by Burgess Barnes, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to approve the request by Michelle Cady of Pup Stop to use Wadawanuck Square on October 22nd from 10 am – 3 pm for vendors and a pup parade to start at 1 pm from the corner of Broad Street and Water Street at Wad Square, down Water Street and returning up Main Street, was unanimously approved.

A motion by Burgess Barnes, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to approve the request by Portuguese Holy Ghost Society to use three to four parking spots in front of 26 Main Street from 11 am – 6 pm on Fridays October 6 – Nov 18, 2022 for Fish and Chips Fundraisers (for take-out only), was unanimously approved.

A motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Rogers, to approve the request by SVIA to use Wadawanuck Square and Water Street from High Street to Cannon Square for the Annual Borough carol sing and Holiday Stroll on Dec. 2, 2022 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm, and to allow for two food trucks (locations TBD), was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Barnes, adjournment of the meeting at 7:44 pm, was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Coleman
October 23, 2022