

TOWN OF STONINGTON
SELECTMAN'S MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2024

Present: Richard Larrabee, Evelyn Duncan, John Robbins, Donna Brewer, Travis Fifield
Public: Kathleen Billings, Annaleis Hafford, Morgan Eaton, Joseph Rackliff, newspaper,
Linda Nelson

Minutes: Tabled till next meeting

Warrants: Moved Brewer second Robbins to accept accounts payable warrants
Vote 5-0

ARPA funds: Billings explained that the town had no projects acceptable to use the remaining ARPA funds. She also explained that the water company also did not have any acceptable projects. Hafford explained that other towns have used this funding for sanitary need. The Stonington Sanitary District is installing a new tank in Main Street. This project meets the criteria of the funding. Moved Duncan second Brewer to use the funds to offset cost of new Sanitary District tank. Vote 5-0

C-Hub Grant: Nelson reported that the old school building project is gaining ground. Stacy Roberts has been hired as a common health officer, The rooms have been finished and video cameras are coming. Nelson is working on a 5 year proforma. An engineer has been hired to plan the elevator. Adult Ed has been installed in building. Larrabee mentioned that new reporting requirements are confusing to fishermen and Adult ED should offer help.

Since this is a big project Board discussed how it wanted to keep track of expenses and bids. Board wants bids to come to them for approval and wants something similar to accounts payable warrants.

Nelson reported that she has applied for a \$15,000 grant from the State Office of tourism. If successful this would match a \$15,000, she has already obtained and will be used for off season development.

She also reported that the town is applying for a \$75,000 Comprehensive Plan update grant

3rd Party: Board decided to put the following requests on the warrant: 4th July, American Legion, Life Flight, the rest on referendum Moved Robbins second Brewer to move these requests Vote 5-0

Harbor: Duncan reported that the Harbor committee recommended purchasing a new float Moved Robbins second Brewer to purchase a new float. Vote 5-0
Duncan reported that the Fish Pier wanted to keep rates the same and

re-visit in July. Committee requested that the mooring fees change. They want one fee for commercial residential and a larger fee for non-residential commercial. Non-resident (not owning property in Stonington) would also go up. Selectman want to know about fees for companies (Billings) Duncan will ask Harbor committee
Brewer wanted to know if Sunshine had paid for October thru December. heated discussion followed; no decision made on issue.

Clam: Duncan reported that she attended the Clam committee meeting. She reported that she gave the committee financial information. After a long discussion the clam committee decided not to increase fees, and not to allow additional off islanders commercial licenses. The clam Board voted to decrease their budget by 10%. It also decided to have fund raisers and clam bakes to off set deficits. Duncan thought that like this year next year will result in using reserve funds to offset some expenses

Pier Parking Moved Brewer second Robbins allow parking on pier for permitted vehicles only. No residential during Main Street construction Vote 4-1

Meeting adjourned 9:15PM

Respectively submitted

Evelyn K Duncan








