



Selectmen's Agenda
Monday July 1, 2024
7PM
Minutes

Richard Larrabee Sr., John Robbins, Travis Fifield, Donna Brewer. Evelyn Duncan-absent.
Others: TM Billings, Linda Nelson, Wil Robinson, Rob Degenrio, Andy Chappel, Eric 27th
fathoms.

4th of July event
Harbor Committee -Tuesday, July 9
Boat races-July 14th

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Minutes from June 17, 2024-Motion by Donna to approve, June 3, 10, & 17 minutes,
2nd by John. 5-0

Weekly Warrants-Motion by Donna, 2nd by John to approve them. 5-0

TM mentioned she finally got the paperwork from the banks for interest rates for the Interim loan needed for the School Street and Water Tank design projects. As Olver's does the work, we will need to pay them ahead of time. But we can submit where we have paid them, get reimbursed the interest expense as well from the Drinking water grant funds, instead of utilizing our own checking account funds. No bond counsel is required for the loan as well. Motion by John to accept from Machias Savings Bank a proposal for \$175,000 loan for one year at 5.83% interest for the Interim loan needs for Water Company School Street and Water tank design projects. 2nd by Donna. 5-0

- 1. Community Hub-School Building grant/plan-Linda Nelson was in to go over plan for the school building project. We received great news that Linda got the \$1,750, 000 grant to renovate the building to make it ADA, have usable space for the Hub for DI-STon Adult Ed, Project Launch, Haystack Fab Lab, NE Health. All of these programs working together will help workforce transitions needed in our Economic Resiliency Plan, Comp plan to address the challenges we face with our own economic challenges here in Stonington and on the Island to provide help and resource directions. Selectmen reviewed the**

outline of the grant, Linda mentioned she will be bringing forth other items like working with building engineers for the elevator, IT for connectivity needs, electrical to make upgrades for the project. Linda said this was the largest awarded in Maine as a result of all our planning work and economic strategy work. Selectmen and TM expressed their gratitude for Linda getting such a great needed project off the ground with getting the funding.

2. **Camoin housing session-next steps**-Board and TM discussed last Tuesdays event hosted by them. Board discussed items they took away from the discussion. Would like to see a follow up meeting, TM said she was pleased that a lot of the items discussed reaffirmed what she has heard from residents and businesses on items to look at. Town owned land. Trailer park for short term needs, helping with apartments with Seniors, low hanging fruit, land trust for housing, etc. Discussed next steps, Board is open to proposals as well as a follow up meeting with Camoin from the survey that is out there.
3. **4th July (5th) day**-TM said the staff would like to close the office on the 5th and use the day from their vacation or personal days. Transfer station would stay open, and we will offer them another day off to keep it open during our busy 4th time of the year with restaurants and such... Motion by John, 2nd by Donna to close the office on the 5th. 5-0.
4. **Restaurant-food truck-trash dumpsters/barrels**-Board took no action on requests from restaurant owners to do an ordinance to ban food trucks in Stonington. Also, discussion on more public bathrooms in Stonington.

Old Business-Donna mentioned the trailer on the FP. TM said she has called the County DA, and also our attorney on getting it dismissed.

New Business-TM mentioned the FD has three new fire truck drivers. They trained last weekend and got their EVOC certification. Big boost to our Volunteer Dept. Board said they were really pleased with the turn around of the Stonington Fire Dept and Chief Steve. TM said Code and Health (her) are doing some violation work on more camping with no toilets. Hoping to get it resolved soon. Dick asked how many students do we have or pay tuition for, for HCTC, do we pay for home schoolers, etc. TM said she would email the Supt and find out.

Adjourn-Motion by Donna, 2nd by John to adjourn at 8:50PM. 5-0






