

**Select Board
Hearing Room
Stoneham Town Hall
35 Central Street
Tuesday, February 19, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

Open Session (Hearing Room)

Members Present: Chairwoman Shelly MacNeill, Vice Chairwoman Raymie Parker, Clerk George Seibold, Selectwoman Caroline Colarusso, Selectman Anthony Wilson

Also Present: Town Administrator Dennis Sheehan

Call to Order: Chairwoman MacNeill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. (To view this meeting in its entirety go to Stoneham TV on Demand available from the Town's homepage at www.stoneham-ma.gov)

Agenda Item 1: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Items 2 and 3: Wilson moved to enter into executive session to return to the Select Board for the purpose of reviewing, approving, and releasing executive session minutes. Seibold seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman MacNeill
Vice Chairwoman Parker
Clerk Seibold
Selectman Wilson
Selectwoman Colarusso

Motion carries (5-0).

Agenda Item 4: Public Comment Ellen McBride thanked the Town and DPW for the excellent job done plowing and cleaning up after the last storm.

Agenda Item 5: Health and Wellness Expo 5K Road Race Megan Day appeared for the Chamber of Commerce and announced that the Health Expo will be held in Town Hall on 4/6 this year and the Chamber is sponsoring a 5K road race. She stated that the race would begin at 9:30 a.m. and would require street closings from 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Wilson moved to approve the requested street closings. Seibold seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

MacNeill welcomed Sheehan to the meeting and to his position as Town Administrator.

Agenda Item 6: FY20 Budget Discussion MacNeill thanked David Castellarin, Al Rego, and Sheehan for the work they have done on the FY20 Budget and the budget book. She stated that she appreciated the narrative and found it helpful. MacNeill also thanked the Finance and Advisory Board and the School Committee for the excellent partnership that has been enjoyed this year.

Sheehan stated that he is very confident in the budget that is before the Board. He continued that it is the result of a process that began in October 2018, is structurally balanced and creates transparency. Sheehan stated that he is grateful for the work that has been done on the budget and for the good communication.

Castellarin described the highlights of the budget. He stated that it creates new positions while appropriately moving other positions into the general fund. He stated that there is a 1.375 million dollar increase in the school operating budget and an increase in the reserve fund of \$80,000.

Seibold stated that Castellarin and Rego did a great job on the book. He stated that regarding the Town's policy on reserves, he feels it is not even close to what it should be. Castellarin stated that we are beginning to build reserves and he wants to continue making sure that free cash is not used once it is certified so that it can be used to fund reserves.

Colarusso stated that there are four Board meetings before Town meeting and she would like to see as a rolling agenda item. Seibold requested a breakout for the unclassified funds. Colarusso asked about hiring 4 new individuals in facilities as opposed to outsourcing some of the work. Castellarin stated that prevailing wage requirements make the cost burdensome. Parker thanked Castellarin and Rego for stepping up and stated that the level of communication has been great.

Agenda Item 7: Review and Approve Minutes Seibold moved to accept the minutes of 12/4/18. Wilson seconded the motion. The vote was (4-0-1) with Colarusso abstaining.

Agenda Item 8: STAC/MBTA Update Parker stated that STAC has been working on increasing transportation availability in Town and has been working hard on increasing the 132 bus route. Sharon Iovanni stated that in 2015 STAC was formed as part of the CDC and has a focus on transportation. She stated that in December, STAC met with the members of the Better Bus Project who recommended that STAC continue to keep Stoneham in the forefront of the Project so that new services and opportunities would come to Stoneham. She stated that STAC's goal is to send four letters to the Better Bus Project and that they would like the Board to sign onto the letters.

Sheehan stated that he will be signing the letter and that the Project is entering phase 2 so time is of the essence. MacNeill suggested that STAC reduce the letter to one page and place it on the website for public participation. Colarusso stated that she would like to hear from Erin Wortman to solidify the goals mentioned in the letter. She stated that the goals are dated and

costly. Parker asked Colarusso to come to the STAC meetings and stated that the goals are based on residential requests from an MAPC survey that was completed.

MacNeill stated that the letters were in the Board's packet and in the future Colarusso should seek out department head opinions in advance of the meeting. Wilson stated that the MAPC study was performed in 2014, and that Wortman and Rachel Meredith Warren have been before the Board on numerous occasions. He stated that the plan is before the Board, at least yearly and that STAC has numerous and recurring outreach events. Seibold moved to sign the letter presented by STAC. Wilson seconded the motion. Voted (4-1) with Colarusso voting in the negative. Iovanni confirmed that the signature of the Chairwoman would suffice. Iovanni will be preparing the letter for signature.

Agenda Item 9: School Building Committee Appointment Wilson moved to appoint Susan Lippman to the School Building Committee. Seibold seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

Wilson moved to enter into Liquor Licensing Authority to return to the Select Board. Seibold seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman MacNeill
Vice Chairwoman Parker
Clerk Seibold
Selectman Wilson
Selectwoman Colarusso

Motion carries (5-0).

Agenda Item 10: Bear Hill Golf Club, Inc. – Change of Officers Parker moved to approve Bear Hill Golf Club's request for Change of Officers. Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman MacNeill
Vice Chairwoman Parker
Clerk Seibold
Selectman Wilson
Selectwoman Colarusso

Motion carries (4-0). With Seibold recusing himself and MacNeill disclosing membership.

Wilson moved to return to the Select Board. Seibold seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman MacNeill
Vice Chairwoman Parker
Clerk Seibold
Selectman Wilson
Selectwoman Colarusso

Motion carries (5-0).

Agenda Item 11: Response to Public Comment Sheehan stated that in response to the owner of 66/68 Maple Street concerns about property damage, he visited the property with Bob Grover and is meeting with the resident next week to discuss the matter in full.

Agenda Item 12: Town Administrator's Report Sheehan stated that his first five days on the job have gone well. He stated that he had a department head meeting and will be meeting with all department heads individually. He also stated that Pat the Patriot would be on the common on 2/23.

Agenda Item 13: Miscellaneous Seibold announced Dodging for Dollars on 4/20. Parker announced Stoneham Against Violence unplugged event on 3/5. MacNeill announced the Senior Sock Hop on 3/21 and Black History Month.

Parker moved to adjourn. Colarusso seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dava Kilbride – Secretary to the Board of Selectmen