

### **Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of November 10, 2015**

Chairman Thomas Boussy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Selectwoman Caroline Colarusso, Selectman John F. DePinto, Selectwoman Ann Marie O'Neill, Selectman Frank Vallarelli, Town Administrator David Ragucci and Town Counsel William H. Solomon.

*The following minutes include the actions taken at the meeting and a brief summary of the discussions had by the Board of Selectmen. If you would like to hear detailed discussion please see the time listed next to each agenda item and go to Stoneham TV on Demand available from the homepage [www.stoneham-ma.gov](http://www.stoneham-ma.gov)*

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Update of volunteer work on the transportation recommendations from the Stoneham Square Strategic Action Plan/Rachel Warren (Time 7:00-24:07 on Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Rachel Meredith Warren was present to give an update on the volunteer work on the transportation recommendations from the Stoneham Square Strategic Action Plan. She states the goal is a more robust, convenient and efficient multi-modal, transportation system to better connect Stoneham Square residents and businesses. Improve local mobility and access to transit for town center residents, employees and customers. She discussed what the Stoneham Transportation Advisory Committee's track record is so far in 2015. Rachel Meredith Warren discussed the bus opportunities. She discussed the MBTA service in Stoneham and states we are underserved. She discussed the local vision, scope of problem, input from the business community. Rachel Meredith Warren talked about the detailed list of bus opportunities. Rachel Meredith Warren asked the Board who the point person is. Chairman Boussy states he will be the point person. Selectwoman Colarusso stated that her and Selectwoman O'Neill launched the Stone Zoo bus stop at the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and they were making a lot of progress but that has stopped and she does not know who got involved to stop this progress. Selectwoman O'Neill states they were making progress with the MBTA but the DCR has not been responsive. Town Administrator Ragucci states he has contacted the Commissioner's Office but has had no response. Selectwoman O'Neill asks for Mr. Ragucci to be more aggressive in reaching out to the Commissioner's Office. Selectwoman Colarusso is willing to be a part of the group along with Chairman Boussy. Selectwoman O'Neill will also be added so she gets the notes. Rachel Meredith Warren also asks who negotiates mitigation agreements. Chairman Boussy states she can provide it to the Board. She also states that on the wish list would be that the accidents reports be listed as longitude and latitude not street addresses. Chairman Boussy states that he is looking for an intranet site and this would be another document that could put there. Rachel Meredith Warren asks how often should she come and give an update. Chairman Boussy states as often as she feels she needs to.

### **Golf RFP Discussion/Joanne St. Pierre (Time 24:38-37:18 on Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Joanne St. Pierre was present to discuss the Golf RFP and states that they received two proposals. After reviewing the documents neither met the specifications they requested. She states they would like to change the pricing proposal to a sliding scale and go out right away with the revised RFP in a week or so and bids would close in a month and have someone by the end of January. Selectman Vallarelli states he thinks this is a good idea. Chairman Boussy shows a spreadsheet on the numbers from the two bids submitted. Chairman Boussy also agrees with a sliding scale. Selectman Vallarelli asks if we are losing \$50,000 on both courses. Chairman Boussy gives his opinion on the question. Town Administrator Ragucci states that it is all inclusive in the profit and loss. Selectwoman Colarusso agrees with the request. Selectman DePinto also agrees. Joanne St. Pierre states that she feels this new company will jumpstart the Rec Commission from what she has read. She would like to thank Ann Marie and Caroline for attending a lot of their meetings. Along with a committee members Dennis Visconti, Steve McDonough, Bill Previdi and Therese DiBlasi who did a lot of work. She also states the Bill Solomon spent a lot of time sorting things out. She states he covered everything and made this RFP as strong as it was. She states we are lucky to have him. She also mentions Dave Ragucci being there with them through the process. The Board thanks the committee for all their hard work.

### **Liquor Licensing Authority**

Selectman DePinto moved to go into Liquor Licensing Authority and return as the Board of Selectman, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill.

Voting in Favor:

Selectwoman Colarusso  
Selectman DePinto  
Selectwoman O'Neill  
Selectman Vallarelli  
Chairman Boussy

**Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

**Meeting recessed at 7:40 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.**

**Meeting reconvened at 7:43 p.m.**

Selectman DePinto made a motion to go to item #7, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

### **Approve Renewal Class I License/Stoneham Ford/185 Main Street (Time 41:24-41:32 on Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Selectman DePinto made the motion to approve the renewal for the Class II License for Stoneham Ford, 185 Main Street, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

### **Approve Minutes (Time 41:39-42:56 on Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve executive session meeting minutes of 9/15/15 and not to release, seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso and **voted (4-0-1).** Chairman Boussy abstained. Vice Chairwoman took over roll call.

Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve executive session meeting minutes of 10/26/15 and not to release, seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso and **voted (4-0-1).** Chairman Boussy abstained. Vice Chairwoman took over roll call.

Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve meeting minutes of 10/27/15, seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve meeting minutes of 10/29/15, seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

**Town Administrator (Time 42:58-52:15 on Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Town Administrator Ragucci would like to see the Stockwell process streamlined consisting of the applications being submitted directly to Mellon Bank and not go through the process of the Board of Selectmen. He states that if there an application rejected that would be the point where the Selectmen would be notified and asked to address. The Board had no issue. Mr. Ragucci states that they are in negotiations with the MWRA and he states they suggested that we would like to see some payments from future communities that would like to join the MWRA. He states the MWRA pushed back on it. He states they are looking to meet with the MWRA Board and see what they may think of the idea. Mr. Ragucci states that there has been some movement on the mitigation package and they are scheduled on November 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to continue the dialog. Mr. Ragucci states that we are going to do an estimate of curb to curb paving and sidewalks on Oak Street to give them a cash dollar amount to give back. Town Administrator Ragucci and Town Accountant Ron Florino met with two individuals from the Collins Center regarding the Compact Community contract. Mr. Ragucci informed these individuals that we looking for a transparent, easily understood budget. He states there will be another meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Finance & Advisory Board. Mr. Ragucci states he is not sure the cost. The cost will be submitted to the state and the state will tell them how much they will pay. Town Administrator Ragucci states that Hersam Street has been successfully declared a public nuisance and by November 30<sup>th</sup> it will be torn down. Selectman Vallarelli asks who pays for demolition. Attorney Solomon states it's a receivership. Mr. Ragucci states that Macarthur Road drain work has begun and it will be about 3-4 weeks before it is completed. Town Administrator Ragucci also states that the new ladder truck is done and they are hoping it will be here in 2-3 weeks.

**Subcommittee for Town Accountants Position Discussion/Vallarelli (Time 52:15-55:57 on Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Chairman Boussy asks what the process is to setup a subcommittee for the hiring of the Town Accountant. Attorney Solomon suggested he put together a memo for the next meeting informing the Board on the process and they can decide from there how they would like to set it up. Mr. Ragucci states they received 36 applicants. Mr. Ragucci suggests the applications be sent to the Board so they can start going through them individually. Attorney Solomon states that is fine. The Board agrees.

**Miscellaneous (Time 55:58- on Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Selectwoman O'Neill states she was at the Substance Abuse meeting last night and was told that there is state wide push offering 4 weeks of a free nicotine patch if you are interested in quitting smoking please call 1-800 QUIT NOW. Selectwoman Colarusso would like to remind everyone that she is hosting an Alzheimer's Awareness luncheon on Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Town Hall. She states there will be experts here giving free workshops. If you are interested in attending please call 781-438-5720. Selectwoman Colarusso would also like to let people know that the Stoneham High School Football Team is in Division 4 playoffs this Friday night. She states residents are being asked to wear Spartan blue. This is a MIAA governed game and the cost is \$10.00 adults/seniors and \$7.00 children. She states that the Booster Club which supports all the high school sports and they receives all the proceeds from the concession stand. Come out and show your support at 7:00 p.m. Selectman Vallarelli mentions that tomorrow is Veterans Day and there will be a celebration at Town Hall at 10:30. Chairman Boussy asks Mr. Ragucci to get an update on the following: Intranet site, comp time work sheet, he states that open check book is not working and if it cannot be fixed then to take it down and pay for the open checkbook, get a price for a banner to be put across Main Street and to look into how much for 10/20 wireless cameras to be installed around town along with cost of data storage. Selectwoman Colarusso asked Mr. Ragucci if he has the traffic study from Stop & Shop. Mr. Ragucci stated he does not have it yet.

**Executive Session**

Selectman DePinto move that the Board vote to enter executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(6) to consider the exchange of real property – Weiss Farm (170 Franklin Street) / Stoneham Oaks Golf Course (101 R Montvale Avenue), with the acting Chair declaring that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board and Town and not to return to Open Session, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Boussy recused himself from the executive session meeting. The executive session moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

Voting in Favor:

Selectwoman Colarusso  
Selectman DePinto  
Selectman Vallarelli  
Acting Chairwoman O'Neill

**Selectman DePinto made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and unanimously voted (5-0).**

Respectfully submitted,  
**Erin Sinclair**