

## **Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of November 25, 2014**

Vice Chairman John F. DePinto called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Selectwoman Ann Marie O'Neill, Selectman Robert W. Sweeney, Selectman Frank Vallarelli and Town Counsel William H. Solomon. Chairman Thomas Boussy and Town Administrator David Ragucci were not present.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Tax Hearing/Public Hearing**

Selectman Vallarelli read the public notice. Assessor Brian MacDonald gave the presentation. Vice Chairman DePinto opens to public hearing. No Comments. Selectman Sweeney moved to accept the recommendation of the Board of Assessors for the Residential tax rate of \$12.96 and Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property tax rate of \$22.07, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Selectman Sweeney moved to go with the Assessor's recommendation to deny the Residential Exemption, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Selectman Sweeney moved to go with the Assessor's recommendation to deny the small business exemption, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Selectman Sweeney and DePinto thanked Mr. MacDonald and the Board of Assessors for their good work.

### **Arena Update/Lou Chiulli**

Manager Lou Chiulli was present to give an update on the Arena. Mr. Chiulli informed the Board of the improvements that have been done at the Arena and what he see as a priority for future improvements. Selectman Sweeney states the Arena is in the great condition and Mr. Chiulli and his staff are doing a great job. On January 4, 2015 from 12:30 to 2 pm there is a family skate fundraiser for the Michael Cappuccio Scholarship Fund. Selectman Sweeney asks about a second sheet of ice. Mr. Chiulli states there were plans drawn up a few years ago and feels that would be a success if it was able to happen. Selectman Sweeney states they should revisit that idea. Selectwoman O'Neill asks about the return of investment. Mr. Chiulli states they did not look that far into it.

### **Bikepath Discussion**

Anthony Wilson gave a presentation on the changes the Bike Path Committee is looking for support from the Board of Selectmen which include: Rec Park alternate option, Change to layout lines on Montvale Avenue and Pleasant Street. Selectman Sweeney made a motion to support all three changes, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0).** Mr. Wilson states that the letter regarding Manison Street is something they decided that a Selectman, Attorney Solomon and Town Administrator Ragucci and someone from the Committee need to sit down and discuss this matter along with Lake Industries. Selectwoman O'Neill volunteered. Mr. Wilson stated there is going to be an informational meeting on December 17, 2014 in the Auditorium of the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

### **Public Hearing/Approve Grant of Location/6 Bow Street/National Grid**

Vice Chairman DePinto read the Notice to Abutters regarding the petition of National Grid for locations of mains as hereinafter described for the transmission and distribution of gas in and under the following public streets, lanes, highways, and places of Town of Stoneham substantially as described in the petition dated 9/15/2014, attached hereto made a part hereof, and of the pipes, valves, governors, manholes and other structures, fixtures and appurtenances designed or intended to protect or operate said mains and accomplish the objects of said Company; and the digging up and opening the ground to lay or place same: Extend Gas Main 135' on Bow Street to serve #6. Selectman Sweeney states there was a meeting Thursday night which included a representative from National Grid, DPW Director Bob Grover, the Petitioner and the neighbors. Selectman Sweeney stated all concerns were met and he does not see a problem with this grant of location being approved. Selectman Sweeney made a motion to approve the Grant of Location and request the DPW to extend deadline absent good cause to do so, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill. A roll call vote was taken.

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Voting in Favor:

Selectwoman O'Neill  
Selectman Sweeney  
Selectman Vallarelli  
Vice Chairman DePinto

**Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Approve Entertainment License Renewals**

Selectman Sweeney moved approval of the Entertainment License Renewals for Uno Restaurant/101 Main Street, JJ Grimsby's/301 West Wyoming Avenue, Stoneham Theatre/395 Main Street, Marconi Club/47 Pine Street. Motion was seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Approve Class II Renewals**

Selectman Sweeney moved approval of the Class II License renewal for Franklin Street Auto/41 Franklin Street, Stoneham Auto Sales/16 Gould Street, and COV Motors/28 Pine Street. Motion was seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Approve Common Victualler License Renewals**

Selectman Sweeney moved approval of the following Common Victualler renewals: Three Amigos/125 Main Street, #4, Uno Restaurant/101 Main Street, JJ Grimsby/301 West Wyoming Avenue, Tulip Asian Cuisine/119 Main Street, BJ's Wholesale Club/85 Cedar Street, Friendly's/611 Main Street, Amore Pizza/414 Main Street, Honey Dew Donuts/362 Main Street, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Approve Minutes**

Selectwoman O'Neill made motion to approve minutes of November 18, 2014, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Town Administrator**

Town Administrator was not present.

**Miscellaneous Correspondence**

No topics discussed.

Vice Chairman DePinto would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Sweeney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill **and unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Erin Sinclair*