

**Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting July 30, 2013**

Vice Chairman Thomas Boussy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Selectman John F. DePinto, Selectwoman Ann Marie O’Neill, Selectman Frank Vallarelli, Town Administrator David Ragucci and Town Counsel William H. Solomon. Selectman Robert W. Sweeney was unable to be present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**High Street Pole Location (New Pole)/NStar & Verizon**

Rick Schifone was present to discuss the pole location grant of location for High Street. He states that they are going to withdraw the petition and not install a new pole and add additional conduit installation underground. He states that he will submit a new plan later this week to make the next meeting for approval.

Petition for:

High Street – Easterly side approximately 332 feet south of Broadway Street – installing 1 new pole (#20/15A).

**High Street Pole Location (Conduit Installation)/NStar & Verizon**

Rick Schifone was present to discuss the conduit installation for High Street. He states that they are going to withdraw the petition and add additional conduit installation underground. He states that he will submit a new plan later this week to make the next meeting for approval. Attorney Charles Houghton requests a time for the next meeting so this issue can be continued. Vice Chairman Boussy states 7:05 p.m.

Petition for:

High Street Northwesterly from poles 20/15A and 20/16 – approximately 332 feet south of Broadway Street – installing approximately 138 feet of conduit.

**Central Street Pole Location (New Pole)/NStar & Verizon**

Rick Schifone explains the need for this new pole. That it will be for service to the new Middle School. Selectman Vallarelli moves to close public hearing, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Selectman Vallarelli made a motion to approve the pole installation at Central Street., seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Petition for:

Central North Street – Easterly – approximately 242 feet north of William Street – installing 1 new pole (#12/19A).

**Central Street Pole Location (Conduit Installation)/NStar & Verizon**

Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve the conduit installation on Central Street., seconded by Selectwoman Vallarelli. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Petition for:

Central Street Easterly from new pole #12/19A – approximately 242 feet north of William Street – installing approximately 6 feet of conduit.

**Set Date of Special Town Meeting and Set Dates for Opening and Closing of Warrant**

Set Date of Special Town Meeting and Set Dates for Opening & Closing of Warrant. Wednesday, September 4, 2013 Special Town Meeting Date. Opening of warrant will be Wednesday, July 31, 2013 and the warrant will close on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Selectman Vallarelli asks why we are holding a Special Town Meeting. Paul Amato states that he is representing the Friends of Stoneham who submitted a petition requesting a Special Town Meeting. He states they are looking for the Town to appropriate funds. Mr. Ragucci states that he and Attorney Solomon have been in touch with Attorney Whitten and he has agreed to come to work for Stoneham. Mr. Ragucci states that he has \$25,000.00 in his budget to cover legal fees at this point. Attorney Whitten has agreed to represent the Town for \$150.00 an hour. He feels that the \$25,000.00 is significant to carry us through October. Then review in October prior to schedule October Town Meeting. Attorney Solomon explains that the \$25,000.00 would be sufficient to carry us until the scheduled October Town Meeting and then we could submit an article at that point to fund more money for this purpose. Mr. Ragucci and Town Counsel want everyone to understand that we do not want to appropriate money for consulting fees that the developer will be responsible for under MGL. Attorney Solomon goes through the history of other 40B projects in other towns and laws regarding 40B projects. Selectman Boussy and Vallarelli both state they are not in support of a 40B project. Selectman Boussy closes the public hearing. Selectman DePinto moved to hold Special Town Meeting on September 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and a roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman DePinto  
Selectwoman O’Neill  
Selectman Vallarelli  
Vice Chairman Boussy

Selectman DePinto moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair