

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
Open Session Meeting Minutes  
35 Central Street – Town Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hearing Room  
September 6, 2016**

**Members Present:** Chairwoman Ann Marie O'Neill, Vice Chairwoman Caroline Colarusso, Secretary Anthony Wilson, Selectman Thomas Boussy, and Selectman George Seibold

**Also Present:** Attorney William Solomon

**Call to Order:** Chairwoman O'Neill called the meeting to order at 7:00 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](http://www.stoneham-ma.gov))

**Agenda Item 1: Pledge of Allegiance**

Colarusso moved that the Board hear Agenda Item 5, following Agenda Item 2. The motion was seconded by Boussy. Voted unanimously.

**Agenda Item 2: Public Hearing - Eversource – Grant of Location – Fallon Road (Time 1:20 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Jaqueline Duffy appeared for Eversource, regarding conduit placement on Fallon Road. O'Neill stated that there is some outstanding work that needs to be done by Eversource prior to approving a grant of location. Duffy stated that she was unaware of any outstanding issues. Seibold stated that he would like to approve the location, but would like to send a list of outstanding items first.

Public member Cindy Hemmenway stated that she applauded the Board for withholding the location grant until all outstanding issues have been addressed.

Public member Linda Chapman asked where the conduit would be placed and about tree replacement. Duffy stated at the corner of Park and Fallon.

Public member Joan Lemire asked if there was a timeline for the intersection work at Fallon. O'Neill answered that it has not gone out to bid yet.

Public member Thomas Younger, the newly hired Town Administrator, asked if there were outstanding road issues. O'Neill stated that there are streetlight and grading issues. Colarusso stated that the Tammarock neighborhood has been effected by the underground cables in the area.

O'Neill asked Dava Kilbride to coordinate a list and contact Duffy before the next meeting. The matter was tabled until the Board's 9/26/16 meeting.

**Agenda Item 5: Community Addiction Coordinator ( Time 12:19 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Colarusso thanked the community for their interest in the opiate crisis. She stated that from 9/15-9/16 there were 44 overdoses and 9 fatalities in Stoneham. In 8/16 there were 5 overdoses and 3 fatalities. Colarusso stated that in February or March she appeared before the Board and asked for a coordinator position. At that time, the Board had concerns about the location of the position. She is thrilled that the SPD now has resource director in the Middle School and she feels that the timing is right to have a focused and concentrated effort to fight this epidemic. Colarusso stated that the Town needs a person who is full time and committed to working with many organizations and who will work with any resident of the Town who needs confidential help, including education, referrals or counseling. The Town can use mitigation money to fund the position for one year. Colarusso continued, stating that she met with John Fralick from the BOH and the Police Chief to make certain that there is no overlap between the resource officer and this position. Colarusso stated that she would like \$65,000, which includes salary and benefits and an operating budget of \$3,000 to fund the position for one year.

O'Neill asked who the coordinator would report to. Colarusso stated that the person would report to the TA and/or the BOH. O'Neill asked what will happen after the funding expires. Colarusso stated that if the Town is seeing an impact, she will ask Town Meeting for funding to be included as part of the Town budget.

Seibold stated that he thinks the position is great and he is all for it, but that the Town has an unbelievable Coalition and would like to see them involved. He stated that it is powerful what the Coalition does and would like their involvement. Colarusso stated that they should be involved, but that the purpose of this meeting is to secure funding and then, once secured, to fine tune the position. Boussy stated that he liked that the position is not a 9-5 position and he agreed with Seibold that the person should have a seat on the Coalition.

Wilson asked what the feedback has been like. Colarusso stated that it has been positive and she has had been talking with John Fralick and the Chief. She stated that she wants to be proactive and make this a priority. O'Neill stated that the Coalition is outstanding, but that they are volunteers and that we really need a full time coordinator. Wilson stated that the use of mitigation money as funding for a full time position is not the best practice. Colarusso stated that mitigation funding can be used for a one year position. Boussy stated that the Town used mitigation money to initially fund the Town Planner's job.

Seibold stated that he would like the coalition to be part of the hiring process. Colarusso stated that she wants people with experience helping, but that tonight is just about securing funding and approving the position.

Shelly MacNeill, chair of Substance Abuse Coalition and School Committee member, stated that the School Committee hired Colleen Good to work with students at risk, to train the teachers and coaches to identify students under the influence, and to train the nurses to administer Narcan. MacNeill stated that the Coalition would be supportive of the new position, but would like to work with the person.

Public member Carol O’Laughlin stated that she works for the DPH and is a member of the Coalition and is concerned that the position sounds clinical in nature and would like to figure out what the position will look like.

Public member David Doucette stated that he lost his son Steven on 8/25/16 after a four year battle with addiction. He stated that if there had been someone early on to help find a bed or explain insurance coverage it would have been very helpful. He thanked Colarusso for her efforts.

Public member Margaret Rose Principato asked Colarusso what took her so long to start this position stating that it is only two months before the election. O’Neill stated that she would not allow the disruption. Boussy stated that Colarusso attempted to secure the position months ago.

Public member Lisa Capuccio stated that she lost her son Michael after a 28 month ordeal. She stated that she felt helpless and Colarusso was there for her and still is there for her. Capuccio stated that we need the position to turn to for help because our kids are dying.

Seibold moved to fund the position. Boussy seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O’Neill  
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso  
Secretary Wilson  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectman Seibold

**Motion carries (5-0).**

Public member Raymie Parker asked if this was something that could be put in for the October Town Meeting. O’Neill stated that mitigation will fund the position through the year and then it will need to go to Town Planning so that it can be made part of FY18 budget.

Colarusso thanked Doucette and Capuccio for speaking.

O’Neill called for a two minute recess.

**Agenda Item 3: Arena Update (Time 48:20 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Patricia Walsh, chair of the Finance and Advisory Board (FAB), stated that the FAB met on 8/22/16 and 8/31/16 to discuss the arena. She stated that FAB is recommending an increase to the Arena’s hourly rate by \$10.00 for 2016-2017. The recommendation is based on the need to replace the slab beneath the ice which will cost \$750,000 or as much as \$1.5 million (to replace the slab and the compressor). The FAB would like to request the money for an engineering study to determine the cost required to make the necessary repairs to the arena. It is estimated that the repairs will take four months resulting in \$72,000 in lost revenue.

Lou Chiulli, manager of the arena states that the hourly rate has been increased by \$5/hr/year for the last 11 years. Walsh stated that the FAB has reviewed rates for area arenas and that they recommend a \$10/hr increase until an engineering study can be performed. She also stated that the Open Space and Recreation Committee has recommended an increase of \$39/hr and that the FAB would agree with that once the debt service is determined. Walsh also stated that the contract for ice time should require a certificate of insurance and that payment for ice time be received in advance. Walsh also stated that the FAB has recommended that the computer software for the arena be tied to the Town server so that income can be monitored.

Seibold stated that Chiulli was not at the FAB meeting and he would like speak. Walsh stated that Chiulli was at the FAB meeting on 8/22/16, and that the FAB has been asked to make a recommendation to the BOS. Wilson stated that the Capitol Committee is also considering recommending an engineering study.

Boussy stated that the TA should get engineering study prices. Colarusso stated that the study should provide options and time lines and thanked the FAB for its work. Solomon stated that he would draft the contract and add the insurance requirement. Boussy stated that, in the alternative, waivers could be signed.

O'Neill stated that the contract review and drafting should be undertaken by Bob Galvin as Solomon is transitioning. O'Neill asked Kilbride to look for the source of the report that Dave Ragucci stated that the arena floor has 6-8 years left and continue this matter to the next meeting. O'Neill also asked Markel to get prices and develop a scope for the engineering study.

Walsh stated that when the arena's accounts were reviewed by a CPA firm there were \$67,000 that needed to be written off. O'Neill stated that some responsibility shifts to the Town because of there are only two full time and one part time positions at the arena and we need to figure out who should be booking ice time and who should be chasing payments. She stated that payment should also be automated and cash payments should not be use.

Boussy asked Markel to put together a list of rinks and rates in a 20 mile radius.

**Agenda Item 4: Good Energy Service Agreement (Time 87:50 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** John O'Rourke appeared on behalf of Good Energy to answer any questions on the service agreement for energy aggregation. Solomon stated that the agreement needs to be clarified with respect to the Town's right to terminate, penalties, damages, and liability. O'Neill asked what the next step would be. O'Rourke stated that Good Energy would develop a plan for Stoneham and then make it public thought marketing, public outreach, meetings, advertisements, and videos. Solomon stated that if the Board voted in favor of the contract then the TA could sign and finalize.

Public member Linda Hanson asked if the aggregate plan works for people with solar panels and how can Good Energy compete with Eversource. O'Rourke stated that people with solar

panels are still connected to the grid so that the program benefits them and that Good Energy gets the lowest bid on energy rates.

Boussy exited the hearing room.

Wilson moved to approve the agreement contingent on the appropriate changes being made to the agreement. Seibold seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso  
Secretary Wilson  
Selectman Seibold

**Motion carries (4-0).**

**Agenda Item 6: Resident Service Coordinator at Stoneham Housing Authority (Time 107:57 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Maureen Canova, director of the Stoneham Senior Center, appeared to request financial support for a resident services coordinator at the Stoneham housing Authority.

Boussy returned to the hearing room.

Conova stated that the Senior Center and the Council on Aging work closely with Mystic Valley Elder Service. Some of the elderly who live at the Housing Authority do not go to the Senior Center, but they still need some of the services offered. Canova continued that if the position is funded, they would service all people living at the Housing Authority. Canova has been trying to fund this position for some time through many different methods. In the instant case, Stoneham Housing Authority would pay half of the salary, donations could pay for start-up costs, the Verizon antenna lease could pay for a portion of the salary when the lease is finalized, and the Town could pay the portion that remains. O'Neill asked if Mystic Valley Elder Services could fund the position until spring. Canova stated that there needs to be a definite commitment of funds from the Town.

Wilson asked what the actual numbers work out to. Boussy stated that the Town could fund up to \$40,000 for the first year and use mitigation to get the position off of the ground. Thomas Younger commented that the position would be an employee of Mystic Valley Elder Services and not eligible for Town benefits. Sharon Williams, Director of the Housing Authority, stated that if the Town could get the position off the ground, she may be able to add the full position to Mystic Valley Elder Services budget next year. Colarusso stated that the position is greatly needed. Seibold moved to allocate up to \$40,000 to Mystic Valley Elder Services for a resident coordinator and if the Verizon contract is finalized, then the funding can be changed. Boussy seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso  
Secretary Wilson  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectman Seibold

**Motion carries (5-0).**

Boussy exited the hearing room.

**Agenda Item 7: Weiss Farm Update (Time 141 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Seibold stated that he recused himself from this matter, but there are a lot of questions regarding this matter. Solomon stated that no financial agreement has been reached and before Zoning and Conservation can do their work, the Board is trying to set up a financial framework for the transaction. Seibold stated that he wanted an update as of today. Solomon stated that the update is that no financial agreement has been reached. Colarusso stated that the Town is still trying to negotiate the land swap and that she realizes that it is difficult, but that the Town has to fight. Wilson asked that Younger be included in meetings when possible. Ellen McBride, co-chair of the Conservation Commission asked if this matter will be included in the October Town Meeting. Solomon answered that it would not.

Boussy returned to the hearing room.

**Agenda Item 8: Block Parties (Time 158:48 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Colarusso moved to approve the block party applications of 17 Keene Street; 45 Windsor Road; 7 Dinanno Road; 1 Longbow Road; and 31 Parkway Street. Wilson seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso  
Secretary Wilson  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectman Seibold

**Motion carries (5-0).**

**Agenda Item 10: Liquor Licensing Authority (Time 159:28 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Selectman Boussy moved to leave the Board of Selectmen and enter into the Liquor Licensing Authority. Colarusso seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill

Vice Chairwoman Colarusso  
Secretary Wilson  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectman Seibold

**Motion carries (5-0).**

10c. Guy Strazzere was present to represent Hago Harrington's and its request for a Special Alcoholic Beverage License for a fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund to be held on October 1, 2016. Colarusso moved to approve the license. Seibold seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso  
Secretary Wilson  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectman Seibold

**Motion carries (5-0).**

10b. Guy Strazzere was present to represent Hago Harrington's and its request for a Special Alcoholic Beverage License for a fundraiser for the Rotary Club to be held on September 24, 2016. Wilson moved to approve the license. Colarusso seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso  
Secretary Wilson  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectman Seibold

**Motion carries (5-0).**

10a. Courtney Ready was present to represent Zoo New England and its request for a Special Alcoholic Beverage License for a fundraiser to be held September 17, 2016. Colarusso moved to approve the license. Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso  
Secretary Wilson  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectman Seibold

**Motion carries (5-0).**

Colarusso moved to return to the Board of Selectmen. Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso  
Secretary Wilson  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectman Seibold

**Motion carries (5-0).**

**Agenda Item 9: Licensing (Time 163 on Stoneham TV on Demand)**

9a. Wilson moved to approve the license renewal application for Hago Harrington's Miniature Golf. The motion was seconded by Boussy.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso  
Secretary Wilson  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectman Seibold

**Motion carries (5-0).**

9b. Seibold moved to approve the license renewal application for The Gold Refinery. The motion was seconded by Boussy.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso  
Secretary Wilson  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectman Seibold

**Motion carries (5-0).**

**Agenda Item 11: Social Media Policy (Time 164:32 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** O'Neill stated that she and Wilson updated and clarified the definitions with a primary focus on Town

run websites. Seibold asked who would be the administrator of the policy. Wilson stated that the policy's administrator would be delegated by the Town Administrator. O'Neill stated that Town committees have websites and blogs and the Town is ultimately responsible for the content. She continued that the oversight should take place in house through IT. O'Neill stated that she would send an updated version of the policy to the Board to review as well as to Bob Galvin.

Boussy stated that employees of the Town cannot intentionally disseminate false information. Wilson stated that it is difficult to enforce what is said on individual sites, but the policy tries to strike a balance. Younger asked if the Town has an IT use policy. O'Neill stated that the Town does not have a use policy.

**Agenda Item 12: Summer Intern/Temporary Help Report Out (Time 171:19 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** O'Neill stated that when the summer intern program was initiated, every department head who wanted to hire a summer intern had to submit a list of specific goals and tasks to be completed by each intern. Each department head submitted a report regarding the accomplishments of their intern. The program ran at a cost of \$6,000.

**Agenda Item 13: Crosswalk Installation (Time 172:45 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Colarusso stated that the residents of Rustic Road are having a difficult time crossing Franklin Street and since the yellow lines have not been repainted, this may be a good opportunity to have a crosswalk painted. Boussy stated that he is not opposed to a crosswalk, but there should be a comprehensive study done with respect to the traffic patterns and the safety of having a crosswalk installed. Wilson asked if there is a curb cut to make it ADA compliant. Younger inquired as to whether the Town has a Traffic Advisory Committee who could make a recommendation to the Board. Colarusso stated that she reached out to the Chief and to the Safety Officer and they are in favor of a crosswalk.

Wilson requested a recommendation for what type of safety device should go in that location as striping could make the area more dangerous. O'Neill stated that with several schools and a senior living center in the area, a crosswalk is appropriate for the location. Colarusso moved that the TA direct DPW to install an appropriate safety device. Wilson stated that he would like a formal recommendation so that the area does not become more dangerous. Seibold stated that there is a ramp from Rustic, but no curb cut on the other side so that creates liability. O'Neill stated that she feels the crosswalk is appropriate. Colarusso moved to have a crosswalk installed with the approval of the safety officer and the DPW Director. O'Neill passed the gavel to Wilson and seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso

Voting Against:

Secretary Wilson  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectman Seibold

**Motion fails (2-3).**

Younger stated that he will send an email regarding the formation of a Traffic Advisory Committee.

**Agenda Item 14: Minutes (Time 190:52 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Anthony Wilson moved to approve the minutes of 8/9/16. Caroline Colarusso seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso  
Secretary Wilson  
Selectman Seibold

**Motion carries (4-0-1).**

**Agenda Item 15: Release of Executive Session Minutes Reviewed by Town Counsel (Time 191:11 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Solomon stated that he has reviewed Executive Session Minutes and created a spread sheet regarding executive purpose. He will distribute the information as soon as it is complete.

O'Neill exited the hearing room.

**Agenda Item 16: Potential Warrant Articles for October Special Town Meeting (Time 196:00 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Solomon stated that there is a wireless matter that he is preparing for Town Meeting. He stated that wireless companies want to place small antenna on utility poles creating poles housing the property of many companies.

O'Neill returned to the hearing room.

Solomon stated that some companies are requesting locations on public ways. He is working on a bylaw to address these matters.

**Agenda Item 17: Update Regarding Proposed Eversource and National Grid 345 kV Underground Transmission Line (Time 207:50 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Solomon stated that he distributed a loose leaf binder with the details of the Eversource direct case and discussed negotiating a decrease in the fees associated with the case.

**Agenda Item 18: Town Meeting Date and Schedule (Time 214:39 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Solomon discussed the possibility to changing Town Meeting to October 24, to accommodate Younger's arrival and the drafting of zoning articles. No vote was taken regarding this matter.

**Agenda Item 19: Trash Policy Discussion (Time 229:57 on Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Boussy stated that the Board was clear that the Town is trying to move to an automated system. The purpose of an automated system is to eventually save money. Now the contract is for ten years manual and we cannot cap at 65 gallons so the tipping fee will keep increasing. Boussy continued that there is a shortfall of \$451,000 and the Town is paying for recyclables.

Seibold stated that he thought automated collection was going to be a hassle. He continued stating that this should go to public hearing and it should be tabled until the next meeting. I'd like to hear from the people paying the trash fee. Boussy stated that the Board had many public hearings on this for over a year. Boussy stated that he cannot support a trash fee any longer but removing it would create a larger deficit. Seibold said that we need to have the right people here to discuss this and stated they should discuss this matter with the Town Accountant present so that we can ask him the repercussions of eliminating the trash fee. Boussy stated that the Town got the deal done, but he doesn't think it is a good deal because we should have asked only for an automated price. Seibold stated that it is 11:00 and this is a major thing that we are discussing, out of respect we should end this discussion. O'Neill said she realized that it is 11:00 and she would like to give Boussy the benefit and courtesy of five minutes.

Boussy stated that Markel did a good job of getting the trash off of the street with time constraints but does not like how the bid went out and was opened in front of the bidders. Wilson stated that he is amazed that this was corrected so quickly. Seibold stated that Markel is the professional and in an emergency he got it done. O'Neill asked Younger about Swampscott's deal. Younger stated it is with Republic and is six figures higher than the Hiltz contract. O'Neill asked whether the contract had been signed because she did not think the Town wanted a 10 year deal. Wilson stated that he had never heard the Board express a full explanation about going automated. Seibold asked why Markel was not at the meeting to discuss this major issue. Wilson stated that the Town has a 30 day interim contract. Seibold said look at the time we could go on and on. Wilson stated that the Board needs to address the amount of trash, how to communicate that, and the finances. Seibold said let's wait for Markel. He said let's hear from Bob Grover since he has 35 years of experience. He continued stating that this will turn into a horror show if the Board dissects this. O'Neill stated that the Board makes policy. Wilson stated that the Board needs to decide if it is supporting 64 gallon removal. Seibold requested a public hearing. O'Neill stated that residents fully understand that trash needs to be limited and that was the purpose of the public hearings. Colarusso stated that she is happy to designate Boussy to review the contract. O'Neill moved that Boussy and Wilson form a committee to review the trash contract. Colarusso seconded the motion. Seibold stated that the right people need to be in the room, and that the TA and DPW should be in the meetings. Boussy said he doesn't think Grover needs to be in the room. Seibold said that is ridiculous, Grover is the DPW director. O'Neill stated that they are only voting on the committee members from the Board. Seibold said I hope that Markel is not here because he had Grover in the room when the contract was being discussed and he was told not to attend. O'Neill said Markel was not told not to attend the meeting. Seibold asked if O'Neill was sure of that. O'Neill stated as far as she knows Markel was not asked to not attend. Seibold asked Boussy if Markel was asked not to be at the meeting. O'Neill said that she had a motion on the floor. O'Neill called for a five minute recess.

The Board took a five minute recess.

Seibold stated that he would like to ask Younger if he would have the DPW director in the room during discussions on trash. O'Neill stated that questions needs to go through the Chair. Seibold stated that he would like a fifth of the conversation. O'Neill stated that the Board makes policy. Seibold stated that the Board micromanages the departments. O'Neill stated that there is a motion on the floor. Boussy stated that these are policy decisions and not decisions for the DPW. Boussy added that he will meet with the TA and the TA can meet with the DPW director. O'Neill stated there is a motion on the floor and a second.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso  
Secretary Wilson  
Selectman Boussy

**Motion carries (4-0-1).**

Colarusso moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Boussy. Voted unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:17 p.m.**

The Board did not enter into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Dava Felch Kilbride  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen