

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of June 10, 2014

Selectman 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, Town Administrator David Ragucci and Town Counsel William H. Solomon. Chairman Thomas Boussy was not present.

Selectman Vallarelli made a motion to table the SHS 1982 Beautification Fund and **was unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Selectman Sweeney made a motion to move up item #10, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **was unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Unicorn Golf Course Discussion/Rick Amato

Rick Amato the Manager at Unicorn Golf Course was present to discuss a few things about the Golf Course. He states he has worked there for 23 years and he worked very closely with the prior Superintendent Rick Arzillo and nothing has changed up there as for the care of the course. He states he is following the same plan and he also has the same license as Rick Arzillo. He addresses some complaints that were made at the last Selectmen’s meeting. Mr. Amato states that if anyone has complaints or questions for them to go to the course. Selectman Sweeney thanks him for his professional presentation. Selectman Sweeney states he is impressed with the condition of the course. Selectman Sweeney states that with Rick work ethic he is proud to have him part of the team. Selectman Sweeney asks for the billboard advertisement looks somewhat cartoonish and would like it to be redesigned. Selectwoman O’Neill states he is a hard worker and she appreciates it. Selectwoman O’Neill would like him to know they are looking at all departments and does not want him to take it personal. Selectwoman O’Neill clarified that the golf course is not being singled out or being criticized. New this year the BOS are asking all departments to come before the board to report on the department for which they are responsible, their goals and challenges. The goal is to maximize profit to those areas like the golf course and the skating rink that have more potential. She acknowledged all departments are operating at least 25% under funding and/or staffing levels of past years. The goal of departmental presentations is to give the BOS a better idea of funding needs so that challenges are considered all year and not just immediately prior to budget decision making. Selectwoman O’Neill asked about advertising goals of the golf course considering surrounding businesses and a hotel. Rick responded he is advertising at both. He also brought up the policy of taking cash only. Rick stated this is a town decision and taking cash or credit was fine with him, the town just needed to clarify the policy and let him know. He reviewed the challenges of accepting credit cards and said most people who used the course were aware of the cash only policy so it really wasn’t an issue. Selectwoman O’Neill noted she never carries cash and would suspect that people staying in hotels who wanted to use the course, or business people meeting at the course would also not know of the policy. Also, new credit card policies require a simple swipe and not even a signature in some cases. Bob Ranieri, 6 Cowdrey Street speaks regarding last meetings presentation states that he feels it was a personal attack. Chairman DePinto states we are getting off point. Larry Means, 6 Victoria Lane starts to address the issue. Chairman DePinto closes debate.

Presentation of ADA Proclamation

Chairman DePinto read the ADA Proclamation. Deputy Director Shawn McDuff from Independent Living Center was present to accept the proclamation. The Board of Selectmen presented Mr. McDuff with the Proclamation.

Selectman Vallarelli made a motion to take SHS 1982 Beautification off the table, seconded by Selectman Sweeney **and unanimously voted (4-0)**.

SHS 1982 Beautification Fund/Fountain Information/Chris Oneschuk

Chris Oneschuk was present to discuss the Fountain Information. The Board supports the project. Mrs. Oneschuk states they will be back with more a finalized plan when they get to that point. If donations would like to be made they can be sent to SHS 1982 Beautification Fund, PO Box 326, Stoneham, MA 02180. Selectman Sweeney asks what the cost would be to do this project. They have gotten prices that range from \$27,000-\$330,000.00. Chris Oneschuk 617-908-4923. Selectwoman O’Neill would like to recognize all the work they put into Stoneham.

Liquor Licensing Authority

Selectman Sweeney moved to go into Liquor Licensing Authority and return as the Board of Selectman, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli.

Voting in Favor:

- Selectman DePinto
- Selectwoman O’Neill
- Selectman Sweeney
- Selectman Vallarelli
- Chairman Boussy

Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).

Meeting recessed at 7:42 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.

Meeting reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

Discussion regarding Stevens Street Recycling Center/O’Neill

Selectwoman O’Neill would like to have a discussion on the potential of Steven Street Recycling Center. Director of Public Works Robert Grover spoke and stated that there is a part-time recycling coordinator that he is going to be looking into this in the future right now he is focused on the trash changes. Selectman Sweeney states it is the cleanest recycling center he has seen. Selectmen Vallarelli asks about the piles near Spring Lane. Mr. Grover states that Mr. Ragucci is in negotiations regarding those piles. Selectwoman O’Neill asks about hazardous waste day. He believes that the date for that is September 27th at the High School. Selectman Sweeney asks Mr. Grover about an email that was disturbing regarding a landscaper using Steven Street. Mr. Grover responds stating that the landscaper that was there is under contract with the High School.

Appointments to Boards/Committees

Council on Aging

Two appointment for a three-year term effective until 4/30/17

Selectman Sweeney moved to appoint Connie Rosa and Celia Schulhoff to the two (3) three-year terms. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.
Disability Committee

Selectman Sweeney moved to reappoint Lynda Allard to the one (1) one-year term. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Article Recommendation for Special Town Meeting

Article 1 - Selectman Vallarelli moved favorable action, seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **voted (3-1)**. Article 2 – Selectman Vallarelli moved favorable action, seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **voted (3-1)**.

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Approve Minutes

Selectwoman O'Neill made motion to approve minutes of May 27, 2014, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Selectman Sweeney made a motion to move up Miscellaneous Correspondence, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Selectman Sweeney made a motion to approve the block party on 3 Martin Lewis Way, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Chairman DePinto wanted to let people know he did not know about the Friends meeting but going further he would like the Friends to post their meetings so the Selectmen will know about their meetings. Selectman Sweeney would like to address the letter that was in the packet regarding Frank Petrillo renting parking spaces for a year and that time has expired. This means we cannot accept any money after the year expired. The building is near completion. Selectman Sweeney since we are not getting paid for the parking spaces that he is occupying Mr. Petrillo is willing to donate money to the School Department. Charlie Houghton speaks on behalf of Frank Petrillo and states they are about 8 weeks away. Mr. Houghton states he is thinking he is going to ask for a Town Meeting to resolve this issue because we need Town Meeting approval to be in line with the By Law. Mr. Petrillo speaks on where he is stands with the completion of the building. The Board states if a Special Town Meeting is needed come back with a date. Selectwoman O'Neill would like to let everyone know that the Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition has accepted a donation from The Chamber of Commerce as seed money for the organization. She would like to thank the Board and BOH for working on the regs for changing the cigarette purchase age to 21. Maureen Buzby is using Stoneham as an example to other communities. Also she would like people to know that a beautification plan has been sent out to the Chamber. Selectwoman O'Neill would also like to congratulate the graduating Class of 2014.

Town Administrator Reports

Town Administrator Ragucci states for the past year we have been working on changing our trash pickup and that on May 28 he received the last best offers from JRM and Hiltz. After reviewing the paperwork and discussing with the Chairman of Finance & Advisory Mr. Ragucci has decided he will be offering the contract to Hiltz. The reasoning is because he feels this company has been good business partner with the Town of Stoneham for the past plus years. The difference is a little of 100,000 over the three (3) year contract. Mr. Ragucci would like to thank the Board especially Selectman Boussy and Vallarelli for their time and effort that they put into this issue. Mr. Ragucci states this contract will allow us to free up funds and reduce the trash fee. He feels this is a win for the Town of Stoneham. Mr. Ragucci also states that Selectman Vallarelli wanted weekly recycling and to be sure that we do not pay for recycling and Mr. Ragucci states this contract provide both. Mr. Ragucci states we will be rolling out our implementation plan next week. Chairman DePinto says thank you to Selectman Boussy and Vallarelli. Selectman Vallarelli would like to speak on an email that was sent to Mr. Ragucci, Mr. Grover and Mr. Solomon back on May 27th when the first bids were received. He reiterated that whoever the contract is issued to that there is weekly recycling and no cost to the town over the course of the contract for recycling. He would like to see penalties if there is any comingling the trash and recycling. Mr. Ragucci passed out a copy of the letter of support for the Bikeway/Greenway. Selectman Vallarelli made a motion to approve the letter, seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Selectman Sweeney made a motion to give Selectman DePinto the authority to sign the letter, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Selectwoman O'Neill clarifies that the trash is just for residential. Mr. Ragucci states yes it is just residential. Mr. Ragucci states that he received a letter from Bayside Engineering stating that they will be holding a public hearing regarding Route 28 and North Street traffic improvements but there has been not date set as of now. Mr. Ragucci met with Fred Laskey from MWRA last week and he was informed that they will be holding a public hearing on June 18th at 6:30pm regarding the closing of Ravine Road for possibly 6 weeks to connect major piping.

Executive Session

Selectwoman O'Neill moved to go into executive session, pursuant to Chapter 30A of the General Laws to discuss Personnel (Non Union Contract) and not to return as the Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and was **unanimously voted (4-1)**.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman DePinto
Selectman O'Neill
Selectman Vallarelli

Voting Against:

Selectman Sweeney

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair