

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of April 28, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

TIF Process Discussion/Town Planner (Time 1:40-12:20 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Town Planner Erin Wortman stated she is not going to make another presentation she is available for questions. Mrs. Wortman clarified that the TIF exists per law whether this passes or not tonight. Her goal was to educate the Town and create a policy. Chairman Boussy states he feels this is a great economic tool. Chairman Boussy gave a brief presentation on the process. Selectman DePinto asks if the Board of Selectmen have the final approval. Mrs. Wortman states yes. Selectwoman O’Neill states she thinks this is a great opportunity for businesses who want to invest in Stoneham. Selectman Vallarelli made a motion to approve Erin’s recommendations regarding the TIF process, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

DPW Capital Purchases Discussion (Time 12:21-55:53) on Stoneham TV on Demand

DPW Director Robert Grover was present to inform the Board of the equipment specs/cost for the two trucks that the DPW is requesting be purchased and explained why these need to be replaced immediately. Mr. Grover explained the thought of using Chapter 90 money to purchase these trucks. He states that the Town will be receiving other funds and could replace the money at that point. Mr. Ragucci informs the Board that today the Fallon Road Developers deposited 1.7 million of mitigation money. Chairman Boussy states his concern of using this money while facing the Gelatin closing. There was a discussion on the monies in the Water & Sewer Enterprise accounts. Selectman Vallarelli states he has met with Dave, Bob and Bill Previdi and they are working with really old equipment and this needs to be ordered now because of the six month wait time and secondly he states that the DPW saved us a lot of money the way the ran the snow and ice. Selectmen Vallarelli states he feels that DPW really utilized the equipment and men really well for a bad winter. Selectwoman O’Neill states she does not want anyone working in unsafe vehicles. Selectwoman O’Neill states she wants to see the process of purchases done publically. There was a discussion on the capital purchase plan in place. Selectwoman Colarusso speaks on the operations of the DPW. She asks why DPW is not contracting more work out. Selectwoman Colarusso would like to evaluate and see if contracting work out would make more sense. Mr. Grover explains the contracting process. Selectwoman Colarusso would like to look at other ways to be cost effective. Chairman Boussy asks how much is the total to purchase the two trucks and backhoe. Mr. Grover states around \$300,000.00. Selectman DePinto made a motion to purchase the trucks and equipment out of Capital Stabilization Account, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor

Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O’Neill
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Boussy

Abstaining

Selectwoman Colarusso

Motion passed (4-1-0).

Bill Previdi spoke on the Capital Committee Plan and asked if this would have to be a warrant article. Attorney Solomon responded he will speak with Ron Florino and DOR. Robert Verner asks why it takes so long to order something like this. John Eaton would like to ask Mr. Grover about piping near Weiss Farm. Chairman Boussy states this is out of the scope.

DPW Budget Snapshot/Colarusso (Time 57:00-96:00 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectwoman Colarusso states that with the Board trying to plan and organize better. She states that we all agree that public safety is number one. She states that the way our town is cared for and maintained is important also. Mrs. Colarusso states that is no question of the dedication of the employees they are working 7 days a week for the past few years. Mrs. Colarusso explains that the display chart is all overtime. Selectwoman Colarusso feels that we have not properly planned for this department. Mrs. Colarusso states moving forward she would like to see us plan for this department. Chairman Boussy discusses changing the schedule to multiple shifts. Mr. Grover explains the way some of the shifts are setup. Selectwoman O’Neill would like to see all equipment on the capital plan. Jim Sullivan 6 Sunset Road is concerned as to why there is a problem getting information. Mr. Sullivan states lets gets better with what we have. Bill McCabe employee at DPW spoke on the daily operations of DPW. Dave Visocchi the mechanic for DPW works speaks on his responsibilities. Chairman Boussy closes public hearing and thanks everyone who spoke.

Present Trevor Woodman with Certificate (Time 96:01-97:39 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Chairman Boussy states that Trevor Woodman received his Eagle Scout Badge and was going to be here for a presentation but has a track meet and cannot be here tonight. We will see if he can come in again in the next two weeks.

Open Space & Recreation/Golf Discussion (Time 98:00-143:37 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Dennis Visconti and Joanne St. Pierre both members of the Open Space & Recreation was present to give a presentation on the golf course. The topics for discussion were 1. Introduction, 2. Revenue History, 3. Current Management status of contract, 4. Options for golf course, 5. Impacts of each option, 6. RFP process and timeline, 7. Open Space & Recreation recommendation and 8. Next steps. Chairman Boussy opens discussion to the public. Selectwoman Colarusso made a motion to go ahead with recommendations of the Open Space and make sure all departments adhere to the dates and timeline, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor

Selectwoman Colarusso
Selectman DePinto

Selectwoman O'Neill
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Boussy

Motion passed (5-0).

John Eaton asked about the expenditures of the courses. Joanne St. Pierre gave him what he requested.

Doherty's Way Homeowner's Association Agreement/Houghton (Time 144:00-157:59 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman Vallarelli recused himself from this discussion and left the room.

Attorney Charles Houghton was present to discuss the Doherty's Way Homeowner's Association Agreement. Selectwoman O'Neill asks about provisions being in the Homeowners Agreement about utility companies. Attorney Houghton states this agreement pertains to drainage. Chairman Boussy asks if this development will become a public way. Attorney Houghton states this development will probably become a public way some day. Selectwoman Colarusso asks that they be clear this is private way when the homes are sold. Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve the declaration of trust of Doherty's Way Homeowners Association Trust including obligations to the Town, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Accept Bench from Bernat Family (Time 158:40-159:33 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto made a motion to accept the gift, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Selectwoman O'Neill made a motion to move up to agenda item #11, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Appointment to Historical Commission (Time 159:40-160:40 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto made a motion to appoint Dolly Wilson 181 Central Street to the position of Alternate member on the Historical Commission for a one year term effective until April 30, 2016, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Chairman Boussy asked for a 5 minute recess.

Approve Common Vic License/Gin U Dee Restaurant/418 Main Street (Time 166:00-167:03 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve contingent upon Department Heads signing off, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Approve Common Vic License/Kashaya Sip Coffee Shop/335 Main Street, Suite 101 (Time 167:04-171:16 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve contingent upon Department Heads signing off, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Budget Presentation/Town Administrator (Time 171:45-217:57 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Town Administrator Ragucci gave the FY16 Budget Presentation. Mr. Ragucci goes over the Revenues, Estimated Local Receipts, Profit/Loss Statement for Stoneham Golf Course, Profit/Loss for Stoneham Arena, Stoneham Historical Net State Aid, Stoneham Stabilization Fund Balances, FY16 Budget Expenditures, DPW Budget Detail, 2015 Water Rate Analysis, 2015 Sewer Rate Analysis and FY16 Education Budget. Chairman Boussy states this is good and a lot better than what they have seen in the past but what they are looking for more detail to explain every number. Selectwoman O'Neill asks about the revenues from 2014 and 2015 in the Arena Budget. Selectwoman Colarusso states that she would like to see contracts and rental agreements on ice rental. Mr. Ragucci states there are rental agreements/contracts with our big customers. Chairman Boussy states the Arena makes less of a profit than the Golf Course. Mr. Ragucci discuss budget detail on Public Works Department. Mr. Ragucci states FY 16 water rates have not been set. What you are seeing here is FY15. Selectwoman O'Neill asks about the salaries paid from the water rate. Mr. Ragucci and Mr. Grover explain there is a formula that Mr. Florino uses to figure these out. Selectwoman Colarusso states that if we knew exactly where the employee's time is being spent we could accurately budget. Mr. Ragucci states he has spoken to Mr. Grover about this and is going to speak to unions about how to put this in place. Mr. Ragucci would like feedback on what they would like to see improved. Chairman Boussy states he would like to see the operating cost detailed. Selectwoman O'Neill states she would like to get this timelier next year. Mr. Ragucci states him and Mr. Florino are working to get this done.

Approve Minutes (Time 217:58-218:33 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectwoman O'Neill made motion to approve minutes of April 14, 2015, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. **Voted (3-1-0)**.
Selectman DePinto abstained.

Sign Proclamation for White Ribbon Day (Time 218:34-219:34 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto made a motion to sign the proclamation for White Ribbon Day, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Stockwell Fund (Time 219:34-220:18 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto made a motion for Attorney Solomon to look into request #1 for another way to pay this, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**. Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve request #2, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

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Town Administrator (Time 220:35-221:46 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Town Administrator Ragucci states the Oaks is opening this Friday the YMCA will be having their league down there. Mr. Ragucci states the Arena will be closing for maintenance. Mr. Ragucci states Eversource was here tonight regarding the transmission line. He states he was told that by May 22nd they will have a definitive route to present to the Board. Selectwoman Colarusso confirms with Mr. Ragucci that there will be a robo call on Friday to inform residents they can have a second water meter installed.

Selectman DePinto made the motion to adjourn at 10:45 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair