

## **Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of January 17, 2012**

Vice Chairman Frank Vallarelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Selectmen John F. DePinto, Richard S. Gregorio, Robert W. Sweeney, Town Administrator David Ragucci, and Town Counsel William H. Solomon. Chairman R. Paul Rotondi was unable to be present.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **A.P. Rounds Playground Rebuilding Committee**

Angelika Paul, Tania Walsh, and Rachel Meredith Warren were present and spoke of their ideas for the A.P. Rounds Playground at the corner of MacArthur and Broadway. Ms. Paul said they would like to raise private money to rebuild it. She asked that they be made a Town committee. Selectman Sweeney moved to support the committee to get started. Selectman Gregorio moved it be an ad hoc committee under the Town Administrator. Selectman DePinto moved that it be the A.P. Round Rebuilding Committee with 5 members. Vice Chairman Vallarelli asked if someone from the Town should be on it. Mr. Ragucci suggested a DPW employee. Selectman Sweeney said it might be a good idea to have a Selectman help out, and he volunteered. Motion was seconded and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

### **Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement/Council on Aging**

Gene Ferullo, 31 Broadway, Chairman of the Council on Aging, explained the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement and said he strongly recommended that the Selectmen establish a Senior Work Program tonight and set aside \$25,000. He said they figured 33-35 people at \$8 an hour. Selectman Gregorio asked Mr. Ferullo if the suggestion is to form a committee. He asked Town Counsel if they would be considered employees. Town Counsel said yes. Selectman Gregorio asked if that would not violate the Town Administrator Act. Town Counsel said yes. He said his opinion is that the Town Administrator would be in charge of hiring. He said the Selectmen could set it up after a vote of Town Meeting. Selectman Gregorio said he would want to see an impact study by the Town Administrator and that it's financially beneficial to the Town. Selectman Sweeney said they have to keep in mind that they are not inventing the wheel. He said other communities have this in place. Mr. Ferullo said that in other towns the Council on Aging Director interviews them. Selectman DePinto asked if the information could be ready by 2/14. Town Counsel said they could make a decision then as to whether to put it on. It was decided to put it on the 2/14 agenda. Vice Chairman Vallarelli said they also have to make sure it's funded. Mr. Ragucci said they have to discuss this with the unions. Selectman Sweeney asked Mr. Ferullo for input on how other towns do it.

### **Open Warrant for 4/3/12 Annual Town Meeting and Set Warrant Closing Date and Add Town Clerk to Ballot**

Selectman DePinto moved to open the warrant for the 4/3/12 Annual Town Meeting tonight and close it on Monday, February 27, 2012, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0)**. Town Counsel will look at the statute concerning placing the Town Clerk position on the ballot for an unexpired term ending in 2013.

### **Accept and Number Articles and Sign Warrant for 2/7/12 Special Town Meeting**

Selectman Vallarelli said he thinks the School article should be number one. Selectman Sweeney said he talked to a School Committee member who thinks it should be number one. Selectman Sweeney moved to make the School article number one, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0)**. Selectman DePinto moved to put the next three articles in the order they are in. Motion was seconded and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Selectman Gregorio moved that Article 1 is to be submitted by the School Building Committee and accepted by the Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Selectman DePinto moved to accept the articles as now numbered and sign the warrant. Motion was seconded and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

### **Approve Common Victualler License Renewals**

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the Common Victualler License renewals for Anthony S. Piccoli d/b/a Anthony's Italian Specialties/408 Main St and Park Drive Subway LLC d/b/a Subway/200 Main St. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gregorio and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

### **Approve New Common Victualler License/Leonard Collins d/b/a Arielle's Café and Pizzeria/8 Central St**

Selectman Sweeney moved approval of the New Common Victualler License for Leonard Collins d/b/a Arielle's Café and Pizzeria/8 Central St. Motion was seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

### **Approve Proposed Site Plan Extension Letter/411 Main St**

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the proposed site plan extension letter for 411 Main Street, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Selectman Sweeney  
Selectman Gregorio  
Selectman DePinto  
Vice Chairman Vallarelli

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

### **Special Town Meeting Article Recommendations**

**Article 1** – Selectman Gregorio moved **Favorable Recommendation**, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Article 2** – **Deferred.**

**Article 3** – Selectman Gregorio moved **Favorable Recommendation**. Motion was seconded and **unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Article 4** – Selectman Gregorio moved **Favorable Action**, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

### **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

Selectman DePinto noted the Verizon check. Selectman DePinto asked Town Administrator Ragucci what the Retirement Board increase was, as they had been told that there was a 12% increase in salary.

### **Town Administrator Reports**

Mr. Ragucci submitted his FY13 budget to the Board of Selectmen. He said the total budget to be submitted is \$67,026,508. He said there is a 1 ½% pay raise in there for all of their employees. He said he anticipates another bump up in health insurance of 6%. He said Pension is level funded and actually goes down by \$8,000.

**Meeting recessed at 7:50 p.m.**

**Meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.**

### **Open Warrant for 4/3/12 Annual Town Meeting and Set Warrant Closing Date and Add Town Clerk to Ballot/Continued**

Selectman Gregorio moved to put the Town Clerk position on the ballot, conditioned upon no prohibition for doing so, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

### **Executive Session**

Selectman DePinto moved to go into executive session for purposes of discussing the following: a) Litigation Update of All Pending Cases/Town Counsel; b) 11 Gould Street, LLC v. Stoneham Zoning Board of Appeals (Land Court) Appeal of ZBA Determination Upholding Board of Selectmen Site Plan Amendment Denial/Town Counsel; c) State Building Code Enforcement Actions/57 Stevens St/21 Manison St/17 Manison St/Town Administrator/Town Counsel; d) Termination of Use and Occupancy Agreement Railroad ROW Land Adjacent to 35 Pomeworth St/Town Administrator. Motion was seconded and a roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Selectman Sweeney  
Selectman Gregorio  
Selectman DePinto  
Vice Chairman Vallarelli

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel Doherty