

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of February 28, 2012

Pledge of Allegiance

An Act Relative to Organ Donations/Sen. Clark

Sen. Clark, Ann Linehan, David Shakespeare, and a representative from the New England Organ Bank spoke on the need for organ donation and the Act relative to organ donation regarding paid leave for municipal organ donors. They asked that the Board vote for it. The Board explained that the Act would have to be accepted by Town Meeting in a town. Selectman Sweeney moved to put an article together for the special town meeting, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted.**

Sen. Clark and Rep. Lewis/Legislative Update/Including Local Aid, Chapter 70 Funding and Governor's Preliminary Budget

Sen. Clark and Rep. Lewis gave an update on the budget, local aid, Chapter 70, and the MBTA proposed cuts and answered questions from the Board regarding health insurance and other issues.

Liquor Licensing Authority

Selectman DePinto moved to go into Liquor Licensing Authority and return as the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Board of Selectmen. A roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor:

Selectman Gregorio
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Sweeney
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Rotondi

Motion was unanimously voted.

Meeting recessed at 8:15 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.

Meeting reconvened at 8:49 p.m.

Conservation Commission/Office Coverage

Ellen McBride said they are asking for an additional 5 hours coverage for the office, while their clerk is out. Selectman Vallarelli asked if the Town can accommodate it. Town Administrator Ragucci said this matter belongs in his hands. He said it is a union matter. He said he hasn't been satisfied why additional hours are needed and he would welcome another discussion with them. Chairman Rotondi said that is the Town Administrator's job and he doesn't want to get in the position of managing it.

Standing Rule of the Board of Selectmen re Sale of Surplus Real Property/Selectman Gregorio

Selectman Gregorio said he brought this up because of a complaint about the sale of East School. He said part of the criticism on the East School is they may not have done all they could to advertise it. He asked if they could have attracted one other bidder. This will be put on the 3/13 agenda to be approved. Chairman Rotondi added that they direct the Town Administrator now to go the extra step on advertising for the North School.

Accept and Number Articles for Annual Town Meeting and Sign Warrant

Selectman DePinto moved to accept the articles and number them as numbered now and sign the warrant, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted.**

Appoint Members to Committees

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the appointment of Alice Raia and Patricia Connors, if it is okay by Town Counsel to add two more members to the Council on Aging. Motion was seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted.**

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Approve Proposed Site Plan Decision Letter/55 Main St

Selectman Sweeney moved approval of the 55 Main Street Site Plan Decision Letter, seconded by Selectman DePinto. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Selectman Gregorio
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Sweeney
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Rotondi

Motion was unanimously voted.

Approve Minutes

Selectman Sweeney moved approval of the 2/14/12 minutes, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted.** Selectman Sweeney moved approval of the 2/14/12 executive session minutes and not to release, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted.**

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Selectman Sweeney said he talked to a resident about trucks leaving Nazareth. He said Town Administrator Ragucci and Chief Bongiorno will speak to them about using Wakefield some days. Selectman Sweeney noted the Town will spray the glass inserts on the inside of the Town Common lights so that they will be blue for the Autism program starting in April. Chairman Sweeney asked the Office Manager to call the Eagle Scout to see if he wanted to come to a meeting to receive the commendation.

Town Administrator Reports

Mr. Ragucci said the North School RFP went out last week and there is a lot of interest. Chairman Rotondi asked if they can reimburse the Town for advertising. Town Counsel will look into it.

Executive Session

Selectman DePinto moved to go into executive session for discussion with Police Chief and Stockwell. Town Counsel added for contract negotiations with the Chief and medical privacy. Motion was seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Selectman Sweeney
Selectman Vallarelli
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Gregorio
Chairman Rotondi

Motion was unanimously voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel Doherty