

Stoneham Board of Selectmen -- Minutes of Meeting of July 24, 2012

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Retired Police Chief Richard Bongiorno

The Board of Selectmen presented retired Police Chief Richard Bongiorno with a Certificate of Appreciation for his five years of dedicated service.

A.P. Rounds Playground Donation Presentation

Angelika Paul of the A.P. Rounds Playground Group gave the Board \$6,230.15 in donations raised at their Family Day on the Common fundraiser for the playground.

55 Main Street/Abandonment of Easement

Selectman Gregorio disclosed an appearance of conflict of interest. He said he and his sisters hired Atty. Houghton for probate and Land Court issues. He said he has no financial interest in this item and he filed with the Clerk's Office. Atty. Houghton said the easement at 55 Main Street is no longer needed for the purpose it was given to the Town. Town Counsel said he reviewed it and everything is in order. He said Bob Grover reviewed it, also. Selectman DePinto moved to accept the abandonment of easement, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted.**

Parking Regulations/Pomeworth St/Discussion of Middle School Project/Jeanne Craigie, Chairman/Middle School Bldg Comm

Jeanne Craigie, Chairman of the School Building Committee, asked the Board to make Pomeworth Street a one-way 24/7 for the two years of the project. Chairman Vallarelli said he would like to have a public hearing at the next meeting. Selectman Sweeney said he met one of the women from Pomeworth Street. He said the concern she had was that people on Pomeworth Street hadn't been notified. He said the idea came up that they could blanket the condo buildings and houses and have a neighborhood meeting on options, to get their feedback. Ms. Craigie suggested it might be more convenient to have it at Central School. Selectman Sweeney asked if they could notify neighbors by reverse 911. Ms. Craigie said that is legal.

Approve Minutes

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the 6/26/12 minutes, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted.** Selectman DePinto moved approval of the 6/26/12 executive session minutes, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted.**

Liquor Licensing Authority

Selectman DePinto moved to go into Liquor Licensing Authority and return as the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted.**

**Meeting recessed at 7:28 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.
Meeting reconvened at 7:32 p.m.**

Trash Fee Reduction/Selectman Sweeney/Continued

Selectman Sweeney said that they were going to reduce the fee for people paying the full \$245. He said it caught him by surprise that they weren't giving the condos and seniors a discount. He thought that, instead of putting a dollar figure on the reduction, maybe they could put a percentage. He said he came up with 10%. He said 10% might be cutting it too close in some people's eyes, but if they get more aggressive in letting people know what's recyclable that would knock down the tonnage. Selectman Sweeney moved to reduce the trash fee by 10% across the board, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Motion was unanimously voted.**

Selectman Sweeney said the Water/Sewer Review Board made a recommendation that there be no new second meters after 7/1. The Board decided to extend the second meters to 9/30/12. Selectman Sweeney asked what is going to happen on Rustic Road. Bob Grover said it turned out it was the gas company, not NStar. He said a supervisor from the gas company was going to meet with Neil Grover. Selectman Sweeney asked what will happen if they do nothing. Mr. Grover said the Town will do the repairs. Selectman Sweeney said he was told the Town would replace the street the way it was and then the Town will deal with the responsible party. Mr. Grover said that, in all fairness, the proper company has just been notified. Selectman Sweeney asked if they have a date how long. Mr. Ragucci said if they don't respond by 8/15, the Town will take it upon themselves.

Set Date of Annual Special October Town Meeting and Set Dates for Opening and Closing of Warrant

Selectman Gregorio moved to set the date of the Annual October Special Town Meeting for 10/1/12 at 7:00 p.m. and open the warrant on 7/24/12 and close it on Monday, 8/27/12 at 4:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted.**

Sign State Primary Warrant

Selectman DePinto moved to sign the State Primary Warrant, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted.**

Approve Site Plan Decision Letter/53 Central St & 18 Common St

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the site plan decision letter for 53 Central Street and 18 Common Street. Motion was seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Selectman Sweeney
Selectman Boussy
Selectman Gregorio
Selectman DePinto
Chairman Vallarelli

Motion was unanimously voted.

Approve Site Plan Decision Letter/456 Main St

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the site plan decision letter for 456 Main Street, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Selectman Sweeney
Selectman Boussy
Selectman Gregorio
Selectman DePinto
Chairman Vallarelli

Motion was unanimously voted.

Comcast License Renewal/Preliminary Denial

Town Counsel Solomon said the subcommittee of himself and Selectmen Boussy and DePinto had met concerning the Comcast License renewal.

Town Administrator Reports

Town Administrator Ragucci said he spent \$10,000 to get an appraisal of \$950,000 for the land on Brookbridge Road and \$1 million for the Unicorn 9-hole course. He said Town Counsel and he are going into the State to see if they will accept these appraisals. He said the Senior Center was hit by lightning and it blew out the fire alarm panel. He said they are looking to get a claim into the insurance company. He said the developer had a very good response to the Nazareth flooding. Mr. Ragucci said the State passed a statute that if an employee retires out of a community but had prior years in another community, they can go after that community regarding health insurance. He said Stoneham will be spending out more dollars than they would be billing. Selectman Sweeney asked that when someone from Tulip Asian Restaurant meets with the Building Inspector, let her be aware that there are plans that have been approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board but the Selectmen's plan is the one the Board has to go with.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

The Board discussed correspondence from a resident of Westwood Road to have a tree removed.

Executive Session

Selectman DePinto moved to go into executive session and not to return as the Board of Selectmen for purposes of Stockwell and collective bargaining. Motion was seconded, and a roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Selectman Gregorio
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Boussy
Selectman Sweeney
Chairman Vallarelli

Motion was unanimously voted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel Doherty

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