

**Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting October 8, 2013**

Chairman Robert W. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Also present were Selectman Boussy, Selectman DePinto, Selectwoman Ann Marie O’Neill, Selectman Frank Vallarelli, Town Administrator David Ragucci and Town Counsel William H. Solomon.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Hearing/Grant of Location/Fieldstone, Rustic, Citation, Sparhawk/Continued**

Everett Bryan representing Verizon for the following Petition to:

- Fieldstone Drive** Place approximately 578 feet of underground conduit  
Place four (4) Handholes
- Karen Road** Place approximately 143 feet of underground conduit
- Citation Avenue** Place approximately 216 feet of underground conduit  
Place two (2) Handholes
- Sparhawk Circle** Place approximately 788 feet of underground conduit  
Place four (4) Handholes
- Boxwood Road** Place approximately 110 feet of underground conduit  
Place one (1) Handhole

Chairman Sweeney opens the public hearing. Chairman Sweeney closes the public hearing. Selectman DePinto requests that the street be left clean when they leave. Selectwoman O’Neill is concerned about the neighborhood driveways and making sure the neighborhoods are notified before the work is started. Mr. Bryan states that they are notified by this public hearing. Selectwoman O’Neill suggests that flyers be put in the mailboxes prior to the work being done. Mr. Bryan agrees. Selectman DePinto moves for approval of this petition seconded by Selectman Boussy and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Selectman Vallarelli moves to move up agenda item #12, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Appoint Associate Member to Disability Committee**

Selectman Vallarelli moved to appoint Lynda Allard to a (1) one-year term on the Disability Committee, seconded by Selectman Boussy and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Public Hearing/Grant of Location/Fieldstone, Rustic, Citation, Sparhawk/Verizon**

Everett Bryan representing Verizon for the following Petition to:

- Fieldstone Drive** Place approximately 287 feet of underground conduit  
Place one (1) Handhole
- Rustic Lane** Place approximately 42 feet of underground conduit
- Citation Avenue** Place approximately 657 feet of underground conduit  
Place two (2) Handholes
- Sparhawk Circle** Place approximately 118 feet of underground conduit

Chairman Sweeney opens up to the public. Chairman Sweeney closes public hearing. Selectman DePinto requests that the street be left clean when they leave. Selectwoman O’Neill is concerned about the neighborhood driveways and making sure the neighborhoods are notified. Mr. Bryan states that they are notified by this public hearing. Selectwoman O’Neill asks for a flyer to be put in the mailboxes prior to the work being done. Mr. Bryan agrees. Selectman DePinto moves for approval of this petition seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**MWRA Discussion/Fred Laskey**

Fred Laskey speaks on the Spot Pond Storage/Pump Station and the Northern Intermediate High Redundant Pipeline Projects. Chairman Sweeney wants to know why they chose to put the storage tank there which resulted in the town losing 90,000.00 in revenue. Mr. Laskey states the determining factor was that this location was the only practical space due to elevation. Mr. Laskey goes through a power point presentation on these two projects. Selectman DePinto asks what the process is in doing the testing around town and how it will affect traffic. Mr. Laskey says that they move quickly through the area and they work with the business etc., to make sure everything goes smoothly. Selectwoman O’Neill wants to know about addressing the issues about the aging pipes in the center of town. Selectman DePinto wants to know what benefit Stoneham will get from this project. Selectman DePinto also wants to know why Winthrop is getting mitigation. Mr. Laskey explains why they receive mitigation. Mr. Laskey feels it is premature to discuss Stoneham considering they are not even sure which route the new pipes will be going.

**Liquor Licensing Authority**

Selectman DePinto moved to go into Liquor Licensing Authority and return as the Board of Selectman.

- Voting in Favor:
- Selectman DePinto
  - Selectwoman O’Neill
  - Selectman Boussy
  - Selectman Vallarelli
  - Chairman Sweeney

**Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

**Meeting recessed at 7:53 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.  
Meeting reconvened at 7:57 p.m.**

**Public Hearing/Trash Discussion**

Town Administrator states that he is looking to change the way the collection of trash is done in Stoneham. He is looking to limit the trash removed and increase the recycling. Mr. Ragucci states he has gone out to bid and has started to negotiate with who he feels is the most beneficial bidder to the Town of Stoneham. He would like to listen to the public and hear their input. The board discusses some of the concerns with the proposed trash changes. Chairman Sweeney opens the public hearing. The floor opens to an open forum for residents to ask questions and comment on the proposed trash system. Chairman Sweeney closes the public hearing. Chairman Sweeney states it looks like there will be no decisions made at this point. There will be more committee meeting and a meeting with the Finance and Advisory Board. There will be no action taken tonight on the trash.

**Bikeway Abutters Discussion**

Anthony Wilson gives the Board an update and presents the following recommendations:

- The fill be removed according the following plan: From Marker 606, go down to an elevation of 69' (approx. 3-4 feet), descending to 54' elevation (the rails) at Marker 600, (2.5% slope) following the path of the 75% drawing, and creating a 2 to 1 slope on the south side of the trail, as to be documented further by the committee, reserving the right to require removal of additional fill. Fill should be removed within a week of the completion of the survey.
- Side slopes on the south side of the Greenway must be graded smooth and left at 2h:1v slope in appropriate conditions to prevent erosion on the trail. This will include place seed for erosion control on slopes and all exposed soils, or if the work is done too late to grow seed, place erosion control fabric on the ground and erosion control devices (compost filter tubes and silt fence) at the bottom of slopes to prevent erosion during the winter, with seeding in the spring.
- Mr. Rotondi must assure there are no large materials left on the slope (concrete, stone, granite or asphalt) that would cause a top layer of soil to wash off.
- The former occupants are responsible for accurately determining the elevations and position of the greenway.
- In the unlikely event that the remaining fill causes an issue for government entities in design, approval or construction of the Greenway, foreseen or unforeseen, the original terms of the contract with the MBTA to remove fill will be enforced.
- Financial compensation will be defined for any area of the ROW that are altered from the 75% design plan as discussed on the site visit 9/30.
- No fill from Mr. Rotondi's property is to be pushed into Woburn or into the 100' Buffer Zone around Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.
- After completion of work, the area may be reviewed for accuracy by FST, the town and the Greenway Committee to confirm removal meets the terms of this agreement.
- Proposal is valid for 1 week after submission to former occupants.
- Former occupants agree to remove the fill as defined within 2 week.

Anthony Wilson requests that they go into executive session to discuss this further. Chairman Sweeney agrees to executive session.

**Request amount for Warrant Article/Historical Commission**

Marcia Wengen requests the Board support a request of \$10,000.00 for the Warrant Article that will be presented at town meeting. Selectman Boussy moves to support \$10,000.00 and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Warrant Article Recommendations**

**Article 10** – Favorable Action, **Article 11** – Favorable Action, **Article 12** – Favorable Action, **Article 13** –Favorable Action, **Article 14** – Favorable Action, **Article 15** – Favorable Action, **Article 16** – Favorable Action, **Article 17** – Favorable Action, **Article 18** – Favorable Action, **Article 19** –Favorable Action, **Article 20** – Favorable Action, **Article 21** – Favorable Action, **Article 22** – Favorable Action, **Article 23** – Favorable Action.

**Accept Donation from Chamber of Commerce**

Selectman Vallarelli moved to accept the donation from the Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **All in favor (5-0)**.

**Approve Common Victualler License/New Owners/Subway/200B Main Street**

Selectman DePinto moves approval of the Common Victualler License for ISHA LLC, Subway, 200B Main Street, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and was **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Approve Minutes**

Selectman DePinto moves to accept minutes of 9/24/2013, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Receipt of Project Eligibility Application (received on 10/02/2013) The Commons at Weiss Farm**

Mr. Ragucci suggests the Board supporting Town Counsel send a letter to Mass Housing looking for an extension of at least 30 days for us to hold a meeting and give an opinion to that body. Mr. Ragucci suggests holding a Public Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium to hear from the residents of Stoneham. Mr. Ragucci suggests the town to hire special counsel to assist in the MEPA process. Selectman Boussy made a motion to support Town Counsel sending letter to Mass Housing, seconded by Selectman DePinto. Selectman DePinto made a motion to hold a public hearing on November 12, 2013 for a presentation on Weiss Farm Project.

**Miscellaneous Correspondence**

Selectman Vallarelli requests that Mr. Ragucci send the Tree Warden to 7 Whittemore Lane to check it out an issue with a tree. Selectman DePinto says there is a letter from Mary Todd regarding the IRS giving the library equipment so the public can have access to the IRS. He thinks this a great idea. Selectwoman O'Neill wants to address the Stoneham Pride issue. She states areas around town are deteriorating and we need to take action on. She requests that someone send a new picture to the Patch because the one they have representing us is not a good representation of the Town. She requests putting together a list of all licensees to see if they are keeping up with their properties. Selectwoman O'Neill asks about a letter from the FAA and she wants to know if there is any action needed on this letter. Mr. Ragucci explains that letter pertains to flight patterns and noise.

**Town Administrator Reports**

Mr. Ragucci states that Verizon is looking to put an antenna at or near the Senior Center. He is requesting the Board support him passing this to the COA to make a decision. The Board supports. Mr. Ragucci states that we received reimbursement \$117,000.00 from FEMA for the winter storm in December. He wants to thank Dan Dragani for the hard work gathering up all this information. Mr. Ragucci states that the Fire Chief was successful in receiving the breathing apparatus through a grant. He wants to thank Chief Rolli because this saved the Town he thinks around \$100,000.00.

**Executive Session**

Selectman DePinto moved to go into executive session, pursuant to Chapter 30A of the General Laws to discuss Litigation and not to return as the Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and was **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy  
Selectman DePinto  
Selectwoman O'Neill  
Selectman Vallarelli  
Chairman Sweeney

**Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair