

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting November 19, 2013

Chairman Robert W. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Selectman Boussy, Selectman DePinto, Selectwoman Ann Marie O’Neill, Selectman Vallarelli, Town Administrator David Ragucci and Town Counsel William H. Solomon.

Pledge of Allegiance

Tax Hearing/Public Hearing

Chairman Robert W. Sweeney read the Notice of Hearing. Brian MacDonald gave the presentation. Chairman Sweeney opens to public hearing. No Comments. Selectman DePinto says there is a \$400.00 savings by accepting this shift for residential. Mr. MacDonald confirms. Selectman Boussy states the presentation is outstanding. Selectman John F. DePinto moved to accept the recommendation of the Board of Assessors for the Residential tax rate of \$13.49 and Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property tax rate of \$22.00, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).** Selectman DePinto moved to deny the Residential Exemption, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

Whiphill Trust/Gift/Dan Towse/Trustee

Dan Towse donated \$10,000.00 from Angie Crockett’s estate to help cover the expenses of Whiphill. Dan Towse would like to mention that this years Christmas at Whip Hill will be held on December 5, 6 & 7, 2013 from 2-5 p.m. This trust pays all expenses at Whiphill. Chairman Sweeney would thanks Mr. Previte for doing a great job at Whiphill. Selectman DePinto moves to accept the gift from Whiphill Trust, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

Public Hearing/Grant of Location/Hill Court/NStar

Jacqueline Duffy was present to represent NStar for the following Petition to:

Hill Court Easterly - approximately 110 feet north of Maple St @ pole #222/2 – installing 138 feet of conduit.
Place four (4) Handholes

Selectman DePinto read the notice to abutters. Chairman Sweeney opens the public hearing. No comments. Chairman Sweeney closes the public hearing. Selectman DePinto moves for approval of this petition seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

Liquor Licensing Authority

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

Voting in Favor:

- Selectman Boussy
- Selectman DePinto
- Selectwoman O’Neill
- Selectman Vallarelli
- Chairman Sweeney

Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).

Meeting recessed at 7:34 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.

Meeting reconvened at 9:09 p.m.

Policy Discussion and Vote Regarding the Trash Collection & Fee

Town Administrator Ragucci explains the policies that he would like the Selectmen to approve. The committee has met and would like the Selectmen to approve A) Contract Length 10 years (6 ½ years with 3 ½ year town option), B) One 55 gallon trash container, 2nd barrel \$60.00 up front, 50% of annual trash fee, One 35 gallon trash container, 50% of annual trash fee, no 2nd barrel, C) Bulk Items, 1 per week less than 25 lbs, 2 large items per year – no charge, additional large item \$25.00, D) Separate Accounting and Billing System by Contractor and Stoneham IT. 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. Selectman DePinto made a motion to keep the policy the same as it is now and have Mr. Ragucci and Mr. Grover come back with the best possible deal for the town and extend the current contract until July 1, 2014, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. Selectman Vallarelli made an amendment to the motion of only allowing one bulk item per household per week starting January 1, 2014 and sending a notice out with the next tax bill. Chairman Sweeney makes an amendment to set a committee with Mr. Ragucci, Mr. Grover and some residents and come back with a plan that seems fit for the town to move forward with July 1, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman DePinto. Roll call vote on the amendment:

Voting in Favor:

- Selectman DePinto
- Selectman Boussy
- Selectwoman O’Neill

Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Motion passed (5-0).

Roll call vote on motion as amended:

Voting in Favor:

Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O'Neill
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Voting Opposed:

Selectman Boussy

Motion passed (4-1).

Sign State 5th Congressional Warrant

Selectman DePinto moved to sign the Warrant for the State 5th Congressional Warrant, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

Approve Common Victualler License Renewals

Selectman DePinto moves approval of the following Common Victualler renewals: Fortune House/418 Main Street, Capi Donuts, Inc., d/b/a Dunkin Donuts/62A Montvale Avenue, 128 Franklin Street Donuts LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts/128 Franklin Street, Friendly's #227/611 Main Street, Papa Ginos Inc/190 Main Street, BJ's Wholesale Club/85 Cedar Street, Liberty Bell Roastbeef & Seafood, Inc./219 Main Street, Bart 33 Ice Cream, Inc. d/b/a The Daily Scoop/232 Main Street, Lefter Spiro d/b/a Stoneham Pizza/232 Main Street, Kuen Luck, Inc., s/b/a Hong Kong City/219 Main Street, Marty's Caterers, Inc., d/b/a Montvale Plaza/54 Montvale Ave, Long Run Inc., d/b/a Sato II/147 Main Street, Long Stream Inc., d/b/a Fusion Taste/19 Franklin Street, 99 Restaurants of Boston, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub/10 Main St, Mastorian Corporation d/b/a Burger King/197 Main Street, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

Approve Class I Renewals

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the Class I License renewal for Kelly Nissan, Inc., 95 Cedar Street. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

Approve Class II Renewals

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the Class II License renewal for COV Motors, Inc. /28 Pine Street. Motion was seconded by Selectman Boussy and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

Approve Auto Amusement License Renewals

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the Auto Amusement License Renewals for Improved Order of Redmen Wamscott Tribe #39/11 Franklin Street, Marconi Club of Stoneham/47 Pine Street. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

Approve Entertainment License Renewals

Selectman Boussy moved approval of the Entertainment License Renewals for Marty's Caterers, Inc. d/b/a Montvale Plaza/54 Montvale Ave, Liquid Investments Inc., d/b/a Bacci's Restaurant, Stoneham Theatre Corp. d/b/a Stoneham Theatre/393 Main St, Long Run, Inc. d/b/a Sato II Restaurant/147 Main St Long Stream Inc., d/b/a Fusion Taste/19 Franklin St, Felicia's Inc. Motion was seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

Approve Minutes

Selectwoman O'Neill moves to accept minutes of 11/05/2013, seconded by Selectman Boussy and **unanimously voted (4-0-1)**. Selectman DePinto abstained. Selectman Boussy moves to accept minutes of 11/12/2013, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0-1)**. Chairman Sweeney abstained. Selectman Boussy moved to accept the minutes of 11/05/2013 of executive session minutes and not to release, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0-1)**. Selectman DePinto abstained.

Miscellaneous

Selectman Vallarelli would like to acknowledge the resignation of Mr. Conway and he would like to thank him for his years of service.

Town Administrator Reports

Mr. Ragucci states that Light it up Blue requested a date of April 20th but needs to change that date due to Easter. They have requested to change the date to April 27, 2014. Mr. Ragucci states that he received

quotes for the signs repairs around town of about \$12,300.00. Mr. Ragucci states at the current time we do not have dollars budgeted for this. Chairman Sweeney suggests getting paint and having public works touch up the signs which will make it look better until we have the money. Mr. Ragucci suggests he would like to wait until after the winter and see if we have any extra money to use towards this project. Mr. Ragucci would like to revisit this late winter early spring. Mr. Ragucci updates on the Bike Path stating that Mr. Rotondi has taken out a tremendous amount of fill. He states that this week we will be shooting grades. Mr. Ragucci states that he will be setting up a working group with our Department Heads on Weiss Farm which was a suggestion of Selectwoman O'Neill. This group will work with the developer to try to mitigate the impact this project would create. Board of Selectmen and Board of Appeals will not be a part of the group. Mr. Ragucci states that he is happy to report that the Middle School is on time and on budget. He states that it is looking so good that the School Building Committee has voted to put back in some of the valued engineered items into the project. Mr. Ragucci says at the last round table meeting Jan Houghton asked about a transportation study in Stoneham. Mr. Ragucci states he would like to look at what improvements we can make in Stoneham. MAPC is willing to help us. Mr. Ragucci states there is grant he will be applying for that will help with the initial process.

Selectman DePinto moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Boussy and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair