

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of February 5, 2013

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

Coventry Lane Homeowners Association/Charles Houghton

Selectman Gregorio made motion to accept Coventry Lane Homeowners Association, seconded by Selectman DePinto. Attorney Charles Houghton presents the Declaration of Trust of Coventry Estates Homeowners Association. Town Counsel reviewed changes from the first draft. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

Approve Site Plan Extension/411 Main St

Atty. Houghton was present to represent the petitioner, Frank Petrillo, in his request for a site plan extension for 411 Main Street. Selectman DePinto would like the lot cleaned up. Selectman Boussy is concerned about spot zoning. Attorney Houghton is looking to bring a zoning article to the town meeting for the entire square. Selectman Sweeney moved to extend the site plan approval for one year, seconded by Selectman DePinto. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Gregorio
Selectman Sweeney
Chairman Vallarelli

Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).

Whiphill Trust/Gift/Dan Towse/Trustee

Dan Towse donated \$10,000 from Angie Crockett's estate to help cover the expenses. Dan Towse would like to personally thank the people who help out at Christmas at Whip Hill - Santa, Vocational School, Volunteers, Garden Club Ladies, Joe Lecsese, Neighbors for tolerating the traffic, Jim and Mary Previti, Angie. Dan Towse suggested possibly putting the trust into a rotating item for the Whip Hill maintenance fund. Reserve acct has about 63,000.00 balance.

Accept Amended Fiscal Guidelines/TA

Town Administrator Ragucci states he made one change Section D reinserted the original language Finance and Advisory Board reserve fund but no dollar amount is funded. Selectman DePinto made a motion to accept the amended Fiscal Guidelines, seconded by Selectman Gregorio.

Voting in favor:

Selectman DePinto
Selectman Gregorio
Chairman Vallarelli

Voting Opposed:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman Sweeney

Voting was 3-2 in favor. **Motion carried.**

Rezoning of Parcel 27 on lot 1 in the Brookbridge Area

Town Administrator Ragucci says there will be articles that need to be presented at annual town meeting in May. Mr. Ragucci would like the direction of the Board on what direction to go. Selectman Sweeney said bring this to Brookbridge residents and see if they agree, then go to Conservation Commission, Open Space and then if it passes those three then present articles. Selectman DePinto made motion for Town Administrator to release documents to the Conservation Commission, Open Space and Recreation and the neighborhood. seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

Approve Minutes

Selectman Gregorio made motion to approve minutes of January 22, 2013, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

North School

Selectman Gregorio made motion to execute North School documents, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

Vote to Ban Dispensaries

Selectman Sweeney says a lot of cities and towns are moving to address the marijuana dispensaries issue. He is not against the use of marijuana for medical purposes. His opinion is that it should be dispensed through pharmacies. The concern is the vagueness of the bill that was passed he doesn't want to see a dispensary store popping up in downtown Stoneham or anywhere else in Stoneham. Selectman Sweeney made motion to state our intent is not to allow any marijuana dispensaries in Stoneham and send letter to the Attorney General stating our non support, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

Town Administrator Reports

Town Administrator states after the last storm our snow and ice are in the red \$6000.00 at this point. Trash collection tonnage it seems we are on target to meet our budget with the \$20.00 reduction that residents will see this last quarter bill. Mr. Ragucci states he met with Moody on Friday everything went well and he is waiting to hear the end of this week about maintaining the AA rating. We are preparing to go out to bid but the Middle School final bids about 650,700 above estimates as well as the non filed sub bids both coming in excessive we could be at a million plus deficit on the building. We will be meeting Friday with the School Building Committee and Moody Advisors and Bond Advisors. School Building Commissioner has asked the contractors to look at how we can drive down those costs. Mr. Ragucci says the bike path is scheduled for FY15. Iron Horse is a non profit organization that specializes in tearing up rails to no cost to the town contacted him to see if the town would be interested in them handling this. Mr. Ragucci contacted the Bike Patch Committee to look into it and see if they are interested in these services. This company will take up ties and clean the entire patch. They are meeting with bike patch this week and he will wait for recommendation from them. MWRA we have set up a Public Hearing on March 6th at 7pm on pipe lines coming through town. We will use the reverse 911, advertising and posting on the web page as notification of this meeting. Mr. Ragucci states the frame work has been completed on the new website. The information in the next month will be inputted into the new system. Mr. Ragucci says the CPA will be on the agenda in May. Mr. Ragucci is asking the board if they would like him to start the preparations of a Committee etc., incase it passes. Mr. Ragucci asks permission to draft a by law for consideration on the 19th. Selectman Boussy said yes, Selectman Gregorio said yes, Chairman Vallarelli said yes. Mr. Ragucci states that NStar has petitioned to repair 3500 conduit lines. Selectman Sweeney says that there are a few neighborhoods that are looking to have gas connections. Selectman Sweeney requests Mr. Ragucci have Bob Grover go to Barrett Ave and check out the street issues.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Town Planner position will be in charge of doing an inventory of our properties and what possibilities we have. Stoneham Oaks will also benefit from this position. Selectman DePinto wants to discuss it at the bi board meeting on March 7, 2013 and make sure they are in agreement with using mitigation money to pay for the planner. Mr. Ragucci would like the board to look through the job description and give some input. Selectman DePinto says make sure it is an independent contractor for one year. Chairman Vallarelli is not in support of the town planner. Selectman Gregorio states the Town Planner will report to the Town Administrator. Mr. Ragucci suggests posting for the job as a contract position (a non employee position) to get feedback on who would be interested leaving the details to be negotiated. Selectman Boussy wants to update Philips road flooding issue. Representative Lewis and Representative Clark came to meet with neighborhood and are taking the lead on this issue and contacting DCR. He feels progress is being made. Town Counsel Solomon and Chairman Vallarelli are meeting with Amy from Cable Tuesday February 12, 2013 at 5pm to discuss the capital plan.

Executive Session

Selectman DePinto moved to go into executive session, pursuant to Chapter 30 of the General Laws to discuss contract negotiations and Stockwell Trust, and not to return as the Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded by Selectman Sweeney and was unanimously voted (5-0).

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Gregorio
Selectman Sweeney
Chairman Vallarelli

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair