

**Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of March 19, 2013**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**NStar Electric Company/Dapper Darby Dr., Skywood Dr., Heather Ln and Laurie Ln/Conduit/Public Hearing**

Selectman DePinto made motion to approve contingent upon NStar agreeing to the concerns of the neighbors and DPW, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

Jacqueline Duffy was present to represent NStar in the following petition:

Dapper Darby Dr.	Westerly from MH29854 approximately 260 feet east of Laurie Lane installing approximately 1150 feet conduit and rebuilding one (1) MH29584 and installing two (2) new MH29582 & MH29583.
Laurie Lane	Easterly @ PMH3536 installing approximately 50 feet (to private property line) conduit.
Heather Lane	Easterly from MH29583 @ the intersection of Dapper Darby Drive installing approximately 215 feet conduit.
Skywood Drive	Northwesterly approximately 200 feet southeast of the intersection @ Dapper Darby Drive installing 840 feet of conduit and installing one (1) New MH29581
Murdock Road	Northerly from PMH18180 – 330 feet south of Skywood Drive installing approximately 1049 feet conduit and installing two (2) New MH29580 & MH29579
Pond Street (W.O. #1883758)	Northwesterly from P#84/22 thence turning and running northeasterly on Skywood Drive – installing approximately 1200 feet conduit.

Mr. Bertoli, 27 Murdock Road is concerned that (1) it is only 10 years old and why does this have to be done, (2) they flagged the burm now they are planning on working in the street, (3) make sure that sod is used if needed to be replace (4) make sure their irrigation systems are not ruined, (5) make sure the sidewalks replaced with concrete not hot top.

Selectman Sweeney makes motion to move up agenda item #4, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Rolling Thunder MIA/Selectman Sweeney**

Joe D'Entremont was present to represent Rolling Thunder requesting that the Town of Stoneham support continuing the MIA/POW awareness. Mr. D'Entremont is requesting the Town purchase a plain black chair, two flags and a plaque. He suggesting moving the memorial around to public places like schools, library, etc., Selectman Sweeney agreed. Selectmen DePinto made a motion to proceed with this idea, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. Selectman Sweeney will keep in contact with Rolling Thunder and make sure this gets done. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Cable Television Equipment Upgrade of Town Hall by Stoneham TV/Update by Town Counsel**

Amy Brough Palmerino, Stoneham T.V. Executive Director gives a presentation on the upgrade to the Town Hall. Selectman Sweeney acknowledges Attorney Solomon, Charlie Houghton's and Ms. Palmerino's dedication to the cable process. Selectman DePinto asks if this system will be hearing impaired. Ms. Palmerino states we will have that available. Chairman Vallarelli asked if she will be back to present an amount to do this project. Ms. Palmerino states it is going to cost approximately \$175,000 to do all three rooms, control room, PA system. Attorney Solomon states that all funding comes from Comcast no Town funds are involved.

**Appoint Committee Members**

Selectman Sweeney makes motion to table appointments to next meeting, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Sign Special State Primary Election Warrant**

Selectman Sweeney moved to execute the Warrant for the Special State Primary Election, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Approve Minutes**

Selectman DePinto made motion to approve minutes of March 5, 2013, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Selectman DePinto moved approval of the executive session minutes of March 5, 2013, and not to release them, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Selectman DePinto made motion to approve minutes of March 14, 2013, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Town Administrator Contract – Approval and Execution of Written Contract Document**

Selectman DePinto moves to approve Town Administrator Contract, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Chairman Vallarelli says keep up the good work and thank you for doing what you do. Mr. Ragucci says thank you for all your support and allowing for him to continue.

**Request for designation (exemption) pursuant to Section 20(f) of Chapter 268A (State Ethics Law) for the provision of services by a Town employee as a police cell monitor on a part-time basis/Town Administrator**

Selectman Sweeney makes a motion to approve this request, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Liquor Licensing Authority**

Selectman DePinto moved to go into Liquor Licensing Authority at 8:05 p.m. and return to the Board of Selectman, seconded by Selectman Sweeney, roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy  
Selectman DePinto  
Selectman Sweeney  
Chairman Vallarelli

**Meeting reconvened at 8:07p.m.**

Chairman Vallarelli mentions that there is an election on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. This could be his and Mr. DePinto's last meeting. He says it has been a pleasure to serve on the Board. He just wants to thank the citizens for allowing him to serve. Please go out and vote and there is a question on the ballot that could affect your life.

Selectman Sweeney requests to move to item #12 to discuss the issue with Park Street resident. Mildred McMahon was there to present her situation with her car being towed. Selectman Sweeney suggests seeing if we can try to see if Stoneham Towing will submit her a receipt so she can get reimbursed from AAA. Selectman Boussy wants to make sure that the car not be parked back in that spot so this will not happen again.

**Town Administrator Reports**

Mr. Ragucci informs the Board that the new website will be up and running on Friday of this week. Snow and Ice deficit is \$300,000-\$330,000. There is a DCR meeting at the Boys and Girls club on March 28<sup>th</sup> at noon to discuss future of the pool. Mayor Galvin is looking into regionalizing the 911 system. Mr. Ragucci would look at that option again. Mr. Ragucci was looking to set up a meeting regarding Brookbridge on March 26<sup>th</sup> but thinks we are going to hold off until we can get some direction with Conservation which he is meeting with on March 20, 2013. The Board agrees to hold off until after the Conservation meeting. Mr. Ragucci will advise at the next meeting. Mr. Ragucci met with the EOEA folks during the MEPA process on the improvement of the Woodland Road Corridor. He met with a number of surrounding area representatives. It's clear the City of Medford is not happy with the plan as it is now. The plan shows one lane from Pond to the circle in Medford and two lanes heading towards Stoneham. This is due to traffic calming. There is one current court case pending. Mr. Ragucci asks if the Board would read and consider supporting sending the letter to Secretary Sullivan. Selectman Sweeney makes a motion to support this letter, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

**Miscellaneous Correspondence**

Selectman Sweeney would like to address the documents on the Middle School project that were put together by Selectman Boussy. He states we are going to give the consultant the same amount of money that he bid on originally and now we have to make all these cuts. There was talk about selling some property to make up for any deficit. If this consultant firm knows that we are willing to sell the property to make up for the deficit they are going to take a huge chunk of that sale knowing they are going to get it. Selectman Boussy states their contingency money number was bizarre. He says they could not come up with a number of what they need. Selectman DePinto does not understand why all of sudden after 18 months how are we 3 million shy. Selectman Boussy said Shawmut has said we are going to be over budget all along but tried to blame it on the stock market. Selectman Boussy says that the understanding was there would be no construction workers in the building during school sessions. Now they are saying that it is going to take 5 months, which will mean workers will be in the building during school sessions. Selectman Boussy said every step of the way we have misinformed. Selectman Boussy requested as built drawings and they said they had them and then they said they did not. Attorney Solomon says he will find out who has legal authority to do what. Attorney Solomon will begin working with the Town Administrator at what the subsequent steps if we are to proceed ahead. Town Administrator advises we go into executive session and discuss this issue. Selectman DePinto asks Attorney Solomon if the Comcast checks were correct. Attorney Solomon will be looking into those payments to make sure they are on track. Selectman Sweeney asked about National Grid. Town Administrator is in contact and asking which meeting the representative from National Grid can attend.

**Executive Session**

Selectman DePinto moved to go into executive session, pursuant to Chapter 30A of the General Laws to discuss Stockwell, and not to return as the Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded by Selectman Sweeney and was **unanimously voted (4-0).**

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy  
Selectman DePinto  
Selectman Sweeney  
Chairman Vallarelli

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

**Executive Session**

Selectman Sweeney moved to go into executive session, pursuant to Chapter 30A of the General Laws to discuss Stockwell and Litigation to discuss Boston Regional Medical Center MEPA process and not to return as the Board of Selectmen.. Motion was

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seconded by Selectman Boussy and was **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Attorney Solomon states for the record that the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen received information yesterday; as a result this appeared to be not just routine that the Town may need to respond. It was not reasonably anticipated prior to yesterday afternoon to be put on the agenda.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy  
Selectman DePinto  
Selectman Sweeney  
Chairman Vallarelli

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair