

**Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of April 8, 2014**

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

Chairman Sweeney would like to congratulate Selectwoman O’Neill on her recent victory and welcome her back to the Board.

**Reorganization**

Selectman Vallarelli nominated Selectmen Boussy for Chairman, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill. Selectman DePinto nominated Robert Sweeney for Chairman, seconded by Chairman Sweeney. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor of Thomas Boussy  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectwoman O’Neill  
Selectman Vallarelli  
Voting in Favor of Robert Sweeney  
Selectman DePinto  
Selectman Sweeney

**Vote was 3-2 in favor of Thomas Boussy.**

Selectman Sweeney nominated John F. DePinto as Vice Chairman, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill. Motion was **unanimously voted (5-0)**. Selectman Vallarelli nominated Selectwoman O’Neill as Secretary, seconded by Selectman Sweeney was **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Appoint Board of Selectmen Member to Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition**

Selectman Sweeney would like to nominate Selectwoman O’Neill to serve on this Board since she has been working on it, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Site Plan Bylaw Update**

Town Counsel gave an update on the Site Plan Bylaw. Jim Sullivan, 6 Sunset Road asks Attorney Solomon to clarify some of his questions regarding these changes. Selectman DePinto made a motion to submit this for the Special Town Meeting within the Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**Accept Donation from WhipHill Park Trust**

Selectman Sweeney made a motion to accept the donation from Whip Hill, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Approve Minutes**

Selectman DePinto made motion to approve minutes of March 18 2014 Bi-Board Meeting, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0-1)**. Selectman Sweeney abstained. Selectman DePinto moved approval of March 18, 2014, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0-1)**. Selectman Sweeney abstained.

**Liquor Licensing Authority**

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

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

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

**Meeting recessed at 7:54 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.**

**Meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.**

**Accept Donation from Stoneham Little League**

Craig Celli spoke on behalf of Stoneham Little League. His business would like to make a donation to improve the field at AP Rounds to continue the efforts to improve this field. The donation would include (1) the donation of a private landscaper to service the fields during baseball season (2) donate the construction of an outfield fence and (3) donate two sets of bleachers which is subject to approval by the ADA to make sure they are handicap accessible and we will continue that process upon acceptance of the donation. Mr. Celli stated he is looking to come back to the Board with additional donations in the future to keep improving the field. Selectman DePinto moved to accept the donation, seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Town Administrator Reports**

Mr. Ragucci discusses the second meter program and whether or not we are going to open it up for a period of time or keep it closed. Therese DiBlasi the Chairwoman from the Water & Sewer Review Board speaks on the issue and explains details of the second meter program. Mrs. DiBlasi requests that the boards get together so there can be an explanation of the pros and cons. Selectman Sweeney requests a joint meeting of the Boards to talk this issue out. It was suggested Therese DiBlasi contact the Town Administrators Office to set this up. Mr. Ragucci states that 10% was budgeted for the increase at Northeast Regional. We just got the actual bill and it is a 15% increase. He is not sure why there is such a high increase. He is discussing this with Les Olson. Larry Means, 4 Victoria Lane states the problem is Stoneham is considered the richest community out of the 12 districts. Mr. Means there are 6 more kids than last year which equals 100,000.00. He states that the problem is with Chapter 70. Mr. Means further explains the process. Mr. Ragucci states that there was a meeting setup with the Director of MassHousing and he wanted to inform the Board that we were able to get a stay on the permit process for 30 days. The letter we received last week from MassHousing was requiring the Developer to meet with us to familiarize ourselves with the plan. Mr. Ragucci is working on setting up a public hearing. Attorney Solomon suggests the full Board be present and the Standing Committee meet together with the Developer. This is not going to be a public hearing. If there is public input that should be submitted to a Board Member or Standing Committee prior to the public meeting. Mr. Ragucci states there is a bill for Virtual Town Hall for \$2,800.00 which gets paid out of RCN Telecommunications Money. Selectman DePinto made a motion to pay that bill with RCN money, seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted (5-0)**. Selectwoman O'Neill informed Mr. Ragucci there is grant available to fund what is called Open Checkbook which the City of Woburn uses on their website. Mr. Ragucci states he applied for this grant to offer this Open Checkbook program for our town. Mr. Ragucci states that paving will start on be starting Main Street by the State of Massachusetts from Elm Street to North Street. He is not sure if this means MWRA has given up on running the pipeline. Selectwoman O'Neill asks about the deficit on the School utilities. Mr. Ragucci states that Les Olson is working on this with Shawmut.

**Miscellaneous Correspondence**

Selectwoman O'Neill states she reached out to the Schools and Senior Center about opening the town meeting with music. She also reached out regarding the art displays. They are excited about this. Chairman Boussy suggested that throughout the year different department heads come to the Selectmen's meeting to discuss their budget issues. Mr. Ragucci states he will start that in May.

Selectman DePinto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Sweeney and was **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Evin Sinclair*