

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of October 13, 2015

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

The following minutes include the actions taken at the meeting and a brief summary of the discussions had by the Board of Selectmen. If you would like to hear detailed discussion please see the time listed next to each agenda item and go to Stoneham TV on Demand available from the homepage www.stoneham-ma.gov

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Transfer of Class II License from Mark Aldrich to Carlos Sagastume dba Stoneham Auto Sales/16-18 Gould Street (Time :55-1:46 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Carlos Sagastume, 54 Cottage Street, Melrose was present. Chairman Boussy asks if there are any changes going on. Mr. Sagastume states not at all. Chairman Boussy asks if there is any comments from the Board. No comments. Chairman Boussy opens for public comment. No comments. Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Approve Viewpoint Software/TA (Time 1:47-16:16 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Town Administrator Ragucci gave a brief explanation on where they are at with the software. Mr. Ragucci requested that the Board support and allow for him to expend the dollars required to startup the initial costs for this program of \$34,400.00. Chairman Boussy asks if Mr. Ragucci is looking to take this from mitigation money. Mr. Ragucci states that would be his recommendation. Chairman Boussy requests that there be a running spreadsheet tracking the mitigation money. Mr. Ragucci states the startup cost is \$20,400.00. This software is for building, electrical, plumbing and sheet metal permits. Selectmen Vallarelli asks what the annual cost is. Mr. Ragucci states \$14,000.00. Chairman Boussy asks where that money would come from. Mr. Ragucci states he would plan on working it into the operating budget starting next fiscal year. Mr. Ragucci states he will be looking at assessing some administrative fees on the use of this product. The board had a discussion about the software, the process and its capabilities. Selectwoman O’Neill states she would like this to be monitored to make sure we can justify the annual fees. She also stated this could be something tied into Selectwoman Colarusso survey initiative. Mr. Ragucci states that Tom Cicatelli, Cheryl Noble the Building Inspector and Brian Macdonald the Assessor will be the point people. Chairman Boussy opens to public comment. Steve Dapkiewicz 8 Richardson Road spoke. Chairman Boussy closes public comment. Selectwoman O’Neill made a motion to approve the viewpoint software, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Discussion of Article 7/Houghton (Time 16:22-40:33 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Attorney Houghton was present representing PGG Outdoor LLC dba Logan Communications. Attorney Houghton suggests they have an impact fee agreement and ask to Board to authorize Attorney Solomon to work on this agreement. Attorney Houghton discussed the details of the sign and there was a discussion on if this sign would affect the houses in Stoneham. Chairman Boussy wanted assurances that this sign would not be visible to homes or neighborhoods in Stoneham and he was assured it would not. The signs will change every 10 seconds. This is a 50 year agreement with mitigation of \$100K per year and 20 hours per month given to the town for any public service announcement we care to advertise. State allows digital and the state mandates a change every 10 seconds. Selectwoman O’Neill expressed concern with mitigation being honored as years pass and cited the mitigation agreement with Clear Channel in respect to their obligation to maintain the Library grounds, which is not being done to satisfaction. Attorney Houghton affirmed we should discuss this at a later time. Selectwoman Colarusso wants to make sure the neighbors are notified that this sign will be going up. Attorney Houghton states notices will be sent for the Planning Board hearing. Selectman DePinto made a motion to setup a subcommittee to include Chairman Boussy, Selectwoman Colarusso and Selectwoman O’Neill to work on this, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0-1)**. Selectman Vallarelli abstained. Selectman DePinto made a motion to authorize Attorney Solomon to work on this, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0-1)**. Selectman Vallarelli abstained. Chairman Boussy requested a meeting at 5pm on Wednesday October 21, 2015 be posted.

Continued Public Hearing Site Plan/42 Pleasant Street/Houghton (Time 40:36-78:34 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Attorney Houghton was present to discuss the intersection at Spring and Pleasant Street intersection. Dan Mills from MDM Transportation Consultants explains the two concept plans. The Board discusses safety, impact, future concerns and mitigation dollars. Attorney Solomon suggests having the consultants come in and meet with all parties and look at a range of options that would work there. He suggests the consultants look at a reasonable range of possibilities and come up with a dollar amount that could be put aside. The Board agrees with this idea. Selectwoman O’Neill cannot imagine these are the only solutions. Attorney Houghton states the both consultants narrowed all options to these two. Attorney Solomon states having the consultants come in and give them a range of dollars for this solution only that addresses their concerns. This will give a level of assurance that the work will be able to be done at a later time. Chairman Boussy open for public comment. Mary Mahoney 44 Pleasant Street spoke. Anthony Wilson 181 Central Street spoke. Chairman Boussy closes public comment. Selectman Vallarelli made a motion to continue to October 27, 2015 at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Meeting recessed at 8:26 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

Liquor Licensing Authority

Selectman DePinto moved to go into Liquor Licensing Authority and return as the Board of Selectman, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill.

Voting in Favor:

Selectwoman Colarusso
Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O’Neill
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Boussy

Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).

Meeting recessed at 8:35 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.

Meeting reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

Warrant Article Recommendations (Time 87:26-154:04 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

There was a discussion on Articles 1, 2 and 3.

Article #1- Not in Favor, 4-0-1, Selectmen DePinto abstained. George Seibold, 1 Tom's Way spoke.

Article #2 - Not in Favor, 4-0-1, Selectmen DePinto abstained.

Article #3 - Not in Favor, 4-0-1, Selectmen DePinto abstained. Steve Dapkiewicz Finance & Advisory Board spoke.

Article #4 – No Vote Taken

Article #5 - Selectman DePinto moved for favorable action, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted 5-0**. Larry Means, 4 Victoria Lane spoke.

Article #6 - No Vote Taken

Article #7 - No Vote Taken

Article #8 - No Vote Taken

Article #9 - No Vote Taken

Article #10 – No Vote Taken

Article #11 – Selectman DePinto moved for favorable action, seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso and **unanimously voted 5-0**.

Article #12 - Discussion on Article 12 – No Vote Taken. Steve Dapkiewicz Finance & Advisory Board spoke. Larry Means, 4 Victoria Lane spoke.

Anthony Wilson, 181 Central Street spoke.

Article #13 – Selectman DePinto moved for favorable action, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted 5-0**.

Article #14 – Selectman DePinto moved for favorable action, seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso and **unanimously voted 5-0**.

Article #15 – No Vote Taken

Article #16 – No Vote Taken

Article #17 – No Vote Taken

Article #18 – No Vote Taken

Article #19 – Selectman DePinto moved for favorable action, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted 5-0**.

Article #20 - Selectman DePinto moved for favorable action, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted 5-0**.

Article #21 – No Vote Taken

Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Cassidy & Celli/Rink on the Common (Time 154:05-164:14 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

The Board discusses the memorandum details and stated their concerns. Selectwoman O'Neill suggested Attorney Solomon clean this up. Attorney Solomon agrees and states he will have it for the next meeting.

Appointment to Disability Commission (Time 164:16-164:33 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto made a motion to appoint Lorna Saulnier, 21 Norval Avenue to a two year term effective until April 30, 2017, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Approve Permanent Change of Bingo Hours (Time 164:34-166:30 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Adam Rogers was present to represent the Boys & Girls Club. Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve the permanent change of Bingo hours, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Policy for Submitting of Town Meeting Articles Discussion/Boussy (Time 166:32-180:47 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Chairman Boussy states any Board or Committee appointed by the BOS should go to them before submission of a warrant article for the BOS to approve sponsoring their articles. Chairman Boussy opens to public comment. Cindy Hemingway 14 Fells Road spoke. Marcia Wengen co-chair of the Historical Commission spoke. Chairman Boussy would like the policy to be all boards appointed by the Board of Selectmen and boards with members appointed by the Board of Selectmen go to the Selectmen and ask for support anything short of that they will need signatures. Chairman Boussy states they would like to also draft a Board of Selectmen policy which would include how a meeting is run. The Board directed Attorney Solomon will work on a policy and Chairman Boussy requested this be put on a December agenda.

Accept Donation from the Chamber of Commerce (Time 180:48-181:07 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto made a motion to accept the generous donation from Town Day, seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Approve Minutes (Time 181:08-181:55 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectwoman O'Neill stated she has not had time to review the minutes of 9/22/15 and would ask for extra time to review.

Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve the Bi-Board minutes of 9/24/15, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Approve Payment to Groundmasters (Time 181:56-184:17 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Chairman Boussy asked that the board to allow him to talk to Erin Wortman tomorrow about these invoices and approve them for payment. The Board agrees. No vote was taken.

Approve Veterans Day Ceremony (Time 184:18-185:00 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve the Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Town Hall, seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso and **unanimously voted (5-0)**. Chairman Boussy reminds people of the 5K Road Race is after the ceremony.

Approve Entertainment License/Food Truck Festivals of America (Time 185:01-186:22 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve the Entertainment License for the Food Truck Festival of America, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**. Attorney Solomon clarifies that they are sending over all updated policies tomorrow.

Stockwell

There were no applications to approve.

Town Administrator (Time 186:27-197:04 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Town Administrator Ragucci states that the trash is one day delayed due to the holiday this week. Mr. Ragucci talks about the new program of soft cutting our cement for sidewalks. He states that was done on Dewitt Avenue and would suggest the Board go look at it. Mr. Ragucci states that the Park and Marble engineering study has been completed. He states \$82,000.00 was given to the town in mitigation money for this project. He states we will need \$175,000 for a total cost of \$257,000.00 to redo that intersection. He asks the Board to consider using some of the mitigation money for this project. He states the other source of money could be Chapter 90 but he states last year we got over \$800,000 this year we are getting \$430,000. Chairman Boussy asks if Mr. Ragucci can submit this to the Capital Committee. Mr. Ragucci states yes he will bring it up tomorrow night. Mr. Ragucci notifies the Board that he has presented a retirement incentive for employees that are over 65 years old with 25 years of service excluding public safety. He states they need to notify him by November 2, 2015 that they will be accepting the package and they would retire by December 18, 2015. He states there are 5 employees eligible and the incentive is \$5,000.00. Mr. Ragucci states the Hiltz fuel adjustment owed to the Town is total \$6,685.00. Mr. Ragucci suggests looking at barrels with the money. Mr. Ragucci states he was notified today the Eversouce will be holding a public hearing in the auditorium regarding their line coming through the Town of Stoneham. He states they have gone to the Dept of Public Utilities for permission to use our streets but they are still interested in sitting down with the Town to get into a community mitigation agreement. Mr. Ragucci asks if we can put a couple Selectman on this. Chairman Boussy states there are Selectmen that have been involved so it will probably be posted as a regular meeting if more want to attend. Mr. Ragucci states he will let Eversouce know after the 27th what the desires of the Board are.

Miscellaneous (Time 197:05-207:00 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectwoman O'Neill asks about the Library painting. Mr. Ragucci states they had one person bid and spoke to that person about the details but never heard back. He states they will be rebidding again in the Spring and hopefully get a reliable contractor. Selectman DePinto asked about the letter in the packet regarding the Korean Memorial. Mr. Ragucci states the person must have lived in Stoneham at time of service and that is how they would qualify. Selectwoman Colarusso states the sidewalk work looks nice and much safer. She states that residents are happy. Selectwoman Colarusso states there is a public meeting on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at 590 Main Street in Melrose regarding the proposed Langwood Commons project. Selectwoman Colarusso states she is hosting an Alzheimer's awareness luncheon on November 16th from 1pm-3pm in the auditorium and asks for people to RSVP the number of people attending 781-438-5720 or email ccolarusso@stoneham-ma.gov. Marcia Wengen 56 Washington Street speaks on the need of the barrels and the request from the Veterans for the flag to be put up. Ms. Wengen asks Mr. Ragucci about the box Park & Marble and if that could be saved and put somewhere when the construction starts. Mr. Ragucci states yes. Dolly Wilson 181 Central Street would like to notify the public that the Old Burial Ground will be open on October 24th from 2pm-4pm as part of the Halloween Stroll. Chairman Boussy reminds the public the Food Truck Festivals of American, 23 food trucks will in Stoneham Square next Saturday.

Selectman Vallarelli moved to adjourn at 10:35 p.m., seconded by Selectman DePinto and unanimously voted (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair