The Town of Stoneham

TAKES PLEASURE IN AWARDING THIS CERTIFICATE

to
Robert Columbus
in recognition of his outstanding efforts in obtaining over 250 signatures of students from Stoneham High School for a petition in support of the Bikepath for the Special Town Meeting on January 12, 2015.

January 20, 2015

Set Dates for Opening & Closing of Warrant
for Annual 4/7/2015 Town Meeting

April 7, 2015 adjourned to May 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm Annual Town Meeting

Opening of warrant will be Monday, February 2, 2015 and the warrant will close on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of January 6, 2015

Chairman Thomas Boussy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Selectman John F. DePinto, Selectwoman Ann Marie O'Neill, Selectman Robert W. Sweeney, Selectman Frank Vallarelli and Town Administrator David Ragucci. Town Counsel William H. Solomon arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer's Office Update/Diane Murphy

Treasurer Diane Murphy was present to give an update on her department. Mrs. Murphy explains to the Board what the duties/responsibilities are in the Treasurers/Collectors Office. Mrs. Murphy states that her most important need would be a new postage machine which she thinks that is slated for the May Town Mee4ting. Selectman Sweeney asks if their software is up to date. Mrs. Murphy states they are up to dated and she really likes Munis. Chairman Boussy asks if her staff is sufficient. Mrs. Murphy states yes. Selectwoman O'Neill asks if there is any incentive with encouraging residents to use electronic billing. Mrs. Murphy states that the Assistant Tax Collector has a meeting setup to look into that. Selectman DePinto asks if there are problem with mortgage companies paying. Mrs. Murphy states no. A resident gave her thoughts on electronic billing.

Article Recommendations

Town Administrator Ragucci states that Article 3 & 4 are going to be IP'd. Article #1 – No Recommendation. Article #2 – No Recommendation. Chairman Boussy informs the public that there is a Special Town Meeting, Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. Selectman Sweeney asks Anthony Wilson if Article 1 addresses the design or just the general acquisition of the land. Anthony Wilson states it does not specifically address the design but the easements that are related to the design so if the design changes the easements can change. Selectman Sweeney states that Town Meeting is to define the footprint. Mr. Wilson states yes. There was discussion of a municipal lot on Montvale Avenue. It was clarified that this lot does not affect the Bikepath. Anthony Wilson also stated that this lot is not part of the Bikepath and has nothing to do with the vote at Town Meeting. Selectman Sweeney stated he would like everyone to come to Town Meeting and vote this project unanimously Monday night but there needs to be conversations

Approve Minutes

Selectman DePinto made motion to approve minutes of December 15, 2014, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **voted (5-0).** Selectman DePinto made a motion to table the approval of executive session minutes till the next meeting, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **voted (4-1).** Selectman Sweeney was opposed.

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:

Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O'Neill
Selectman Sweeney
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Boussy

Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).

Meeting recessed at 8:45 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.
Meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Approve Common Victualler License

Selectman Sweeney moved for approval for the Common Victualler license for Royal Roastbeef, 475 Main Street. Motion was seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

Appointment to Farmers Market Committee

Selectman Sweeney made a motion to appoint Kristy Sinagra to the Farmers Market Committee for a one (1) year term effective until April 30, 2015, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0).** Chairman Boussy states that there were two applicants for the one vacant seat. This applicants request was received first. He states that the Committee is willing to also have volunteers join.

Seeking a transfer from BOS Gift Acct to Replace "Welcome to Stoneham" Sign located on Rt 28 (Stoneham/Reading)

Chairman Boussy states that Northshore Magazine is doing a story on Stoneham. They chose the Welcome to Stoneham Sign entering from Reading to take a picture of. That sign needs to be replaced. The idea is to take the money from the Selectmen Gift Account and pay for the replacement and then at Town Meeting transfer the money back into the account. Town Administrator Ragucci states it is $3875.00. Selectwoman O'Neill asks if there is any opportunity to spiff up that area. Mr. Ragucci states he talked to DPW and they will be cleaning up that area. Selectman Sweeney asks if we can contact the Sheriff's Department to send a crew out. Mr. Ragucci states this area needs to be cleaned out with backhoes. They will be coming in April 2015 to start the article. Selectwoman O'Neill asks if the Chamber and business have been notified. Mr. Ragucci states yes. Selectman Sweeney made a motion to approve this transfer, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

Marcia Wengen asks if this is the area where DOT will be ripping up to do the street improvements. Mr. Ragucci states yes but not where the sign and plantings will be.

42 Pleasant Street Development Agreement/Mitigation Covenant/Boussy

Chairman Boussy states they have been working with Attorney Charles Houghton on the Mitigation Covenant. Attorney Charles Houghton explains the changes to the island/intersection at Spring & Pleasant. Chairman Boussy states that Attorney Charles Houghton has agree to give the Town $20,000.00 to redo the sidewalks on William Street from where Cicatelli' s project ends to the corner of Pomeworth Street. Scott LeBeau 55 Pleasant Street speaks on the traffic at the crosswalk. Anthony Wilson speaks and states that the crosswalk will be improved in the Bikepath project. Selectwoman O'Neill asks if the signs that are used on Elm and Main could be used at that crosswalk. Mr. Ragucci states yes after the snow. There was a discussion on different ideas for the intersection at Spring & Pleasant.

Town Administrator

Town Administrator Ragucci stated he received a complaint about trash being picked up at a commercial location on Pleasant Street. Mr. Ragucci looked into this and the reason the trash is being picked up is because it is a commercial/residential building. This property owner pays a trash fee for the residential portion of his building. Mr. Ragucci stated that he and Mr. Grover attended the MPO meeting in Malden regarding the TIP program. He states he would like the Boards support in moving forward with Woburn on submitting design plans for Montvale Avenue. The Board supports his request. Town Administrator Ragucci informs the Board that the Assistant to the Assessor is leaving on January 20, 2015. He states that the Board of Assessors hires their employees and they will be starting that process. Mr. Ragucci states that the Retirement Board is happy in their new space. He states they are in the process of cleaning the office for the Town Planner. Mr. Ragucci informs the Board that there is a Department Head meeting Monday at 9am to welcome the new Town Planner and introduce her to the rest of the staff. Town Administrator Ragucci addresses the unfunded pension and OPEB topics. Mr. Ragucci states that the Finance and Advisory Board is recommending setting up subcommittees to look at both these topics. Chairman Boussy asks the Board if they would be interested in meeting with the Finance and Advisory Board along with Ton Accountant Ron Florino for a budget workshop on February 3, 2015. If the Board is interested the Selectmen would need to change their meeting date to February 10, 2015. Chairman Boussy requested the Board respond tomorrow on whether they are interested in attending the workshop. The bus stops have moved on Main Street. Selectman DePinto asked that the no parking signs be moved now that the bus stops are moved. Selectman DePinto notified the public that the stop that was in the square is now in front of Bank of America going towards Boston and coming from Boston it is in front of the RCN Building. Mr. Ragucci states that there will be a bus stop going in front of the Library.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Anthony Wilson states it was asked that the Greenway Committee look at the parking issue on Montvale Avenue tomorrow night. He feels there are a lot of issues that are not Greenway related. He does not feel they are qualified to make these decisions. It was decided that Anthony Wilson, Dave Ragucci, Police Chief will setup a meeting on January 7th at 47 Montvale to address this proposal. Selectman DePinto would like to congratulate Representative Michael Day. He is getting sworn in tomorrow as State Rep. Selectman Sweeney asks if there is an emergency plan setup for seniors in the extreme weather. Mr. Ragucci states he will make sure something plan is in place and it will be posted on the website. Selectwoman O'Neill asks if the is an MWRA meeting on January 15th regarding the pipes. Chairman Boussy would like to recognize Robert Columbus a High School student for getting 263 signatures supporting the Bikepath.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Sinclair

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42 Pleasant Street Development Agreement/Mitigation Covenant

Attorney Solomon explained to the Board that everything has been finalized in the agreement. Selectman DePinto made a motion to accept the Mitigation Agreement, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (5-0).** The Board signed the agreement.

Town Administrator

No Reports

Miscellaneous Correspondence

No miscellaneous correspondence

Selectman DePinto made a motion to adjourn after Town Meeting, seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

Meeting recessed at 6:40 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.
Special Town Meeting opened at 7:15 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Sinclair