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DAVID RAGUCCI

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

June 8, 2015

Anita M. Cronin
87 Oak Street
Stoneham, Massachusetts 02180

Dear Anita:

In accordance with Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981, I hereby appoint you to the position of Office Assistant at the Stoneham Arena in the Town of Stoneham.

This appointment becomes effective on Monday, June 8, 2015. You will be paid at a rate of \$16.3818 per hour for an 18 hour workweek at Grade 32, Step A.

The THEA 2013 collective bargaining agreement is currently being negotiated. Salary increases for July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014 will be in accordance with the terms of the CBA.

Please contact Town Clerk Maria Sagarino to be sworn in. You may contact Maria Sagarino at (781) 279-2650.

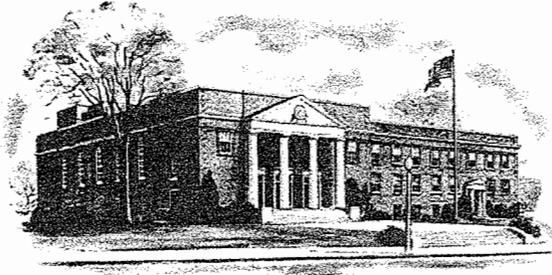
The Office Assistant position is a classification within the Town Hall Employees Association (THEA) collective bargaining union; therefore, I am sending a notice of your appointment to Union President Kathy Sullivan for her information and follow-up.

Congratulations! If you need any assistance from my office, please contact Debbie or Ginny.

Sincerely,

David Ragucci
Town Administrator

cc: Lou Chiulli, Arena Manager
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Retirement
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Board of Selectmen ✓
Kathy Sullivan, President, THEA



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June 15, 2015

Thomas W. Taranti
25 Valley Road
Stoneham, Massachusetts 02180

Dear Mr. Taranti:

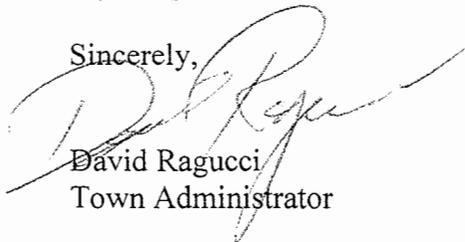
In accordance with Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981, I hereby appoint you to the position of Spare Traffic Director for the Town of Stoneham. This appointment will become effective on Monday, June 15, 2015. Your salary as a Spare Traffic Director will be \$18.7543 per hour in FY15 and \$19.0356 in FY16.

Since the Spare Traffic Director position is a classification within the Stoneham Traffic Director's Association collective bargaining union, I am sending a notice of your appointment to Union President Anthony Proia for his information and follow-up.

Please contact Town Clerk Maria Sagarino at (781) 279-2650 to make an appointment to be sworn-in.

My congratulations to you and I wish you much success in this new endeavor.

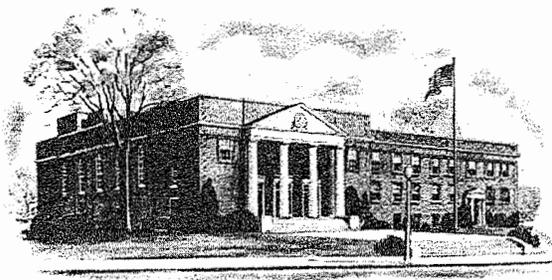
Sincerely,



David Ragucci
Town Administrator

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cc: Board of Selectmen ✓
Chief James McIntyre
Officer Joseph Ponzio, Safety Officer
Anthony Proia, President, Traffic Directors Association
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June 15, 2015

Jane E. York
200 Leisure Lane #31
Stoneham, Massachusetts 02180

Dear Ms. York:

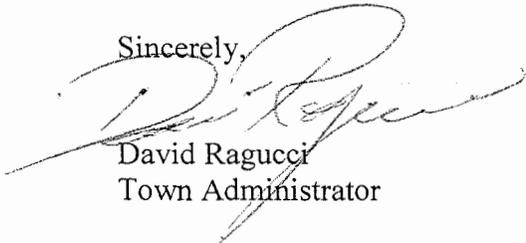
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David Ragucci
Town Administrator

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cc: Board of Selectmen ✓
Chief James McIntyre
Officer Joseph Ponzio, Safety Officer
Anthony Proia, President, Traffic Directors Association
Town Accountant
Human Resources
Town Clerk

June 17, 2015

To: Stoneam Board of Selectmen
Stoneham Town Hall
Central Street
Stoneham, MA 02180

From: Barbara A. Lawrence
The Montale Condominiums
100 LedgeWood Drive - Unit #513
Stoneham, MA 02180

Phone: 781-279-0497 (after 5:00 p.m.)

Re: Eversource Substation Project - proposed new 8.5 mile long line through Woburn, Winchester, Stoneham and Wakefield—including Montvale Avenue, Stoneham

I was watching a meeting of the Board of Selectmen in early May when a representative from Eversource met with the Board and said that Eversource wanted to install an underground cable or wire along a route in Stoneham. She wanted the Selectmen to select a route that night and vote to approve the project because Eversource needed to get the paperwork in for the project to go forward. The Board declined both of her requests.

I had no idea of the magnitude of this project until I watched the May 26th meeting of the Board of Selectmen and heard, for the very first time, all the details of this proposed Eversource project from Chairman Boussy.

I stopped by your office and Mrs. Sinclair was kind enough to give me some of the paperwork regarding this project, including a map.

Chairman Boussy said this project would be huge, and he's right. If you look at the map of this proposed new 8.5 mile long line through Woburn, Winchester, Stoneham and Wakefield—including Montvale Avenue, Stoneham, after the Eversource Woburn substation, they will be laying in 1800 feet of cable first, then they will be burying a substation the size of a school bus. They will be doing this the entire 8.5 mile route through all four communities until they reach the National Grid Wakefield Junction substation in Wakefield. At no time did Eversource ever appear before the Board of Selectmen and spell this out for all of us to hear. They just kept saying that they only wanted to install an underground cable or wire under a route in Stoneham. Chairman Boussy also said that these substations would also be providing electricity to Eversource's customers in both New Hampshire and Maine.

Once the cables and substations hook up, the vibrations, electromagnetic field and electrical voltage from these substations will be enormous.

One of the routes that Eversource wanted to use was the area designated for the new, soon to be built, Stoneham bike path. The Selectmen told them that location was definitely out. Substations under that bike path would be too dangerous to both bike riders and people walking that bike path. They were also told by the Board that they cannot bury these substations near our schools because it would be too dangerous to our school children.

Eversource is now proposing to come down Montvale Avenue with these substations. We are located in precinct one.

There are three separate complexes housed closely together here—across from Stoneham Bank. The Foxcroft Apartments on Montvale Avenue, the Montvale Condominiums on Ledgewood Drive and the federal housing complex on Mountain View Drive. All three of these complexes include children. If these substations are so dangerous that they cannot be buried on our bike path or near our schools, then they are too dangerous to our children who live in these three complexes.

On May 27th all the business owners on Montvale Avenue attended a meeting at Stoneham Bank. All the business owners told the Selectmen that they do not want these substations buried on Montvale Avenue. They have all worked very hard to establish their businesses here, and they are well aware of the consequences of this huge Eversource project. They may end up being forced to go out of business.

Our State Representative from Stoneham, Michael Day and our State Senator, Jason Lewis, along with their colleagues from our surrounding towns wrote the federal regulatory board that oversees electric companies requesting that Eversource install their substations by sea. Representative Day said that Eversource has the ability to do exactly that. This is what Eversource needs to do.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for sending Eversource a letter telling them that you are not approving this project in the Town of Stoneham and for letting them know that they have both the availability and ability to route this entire new 8.5 mile project by sea.

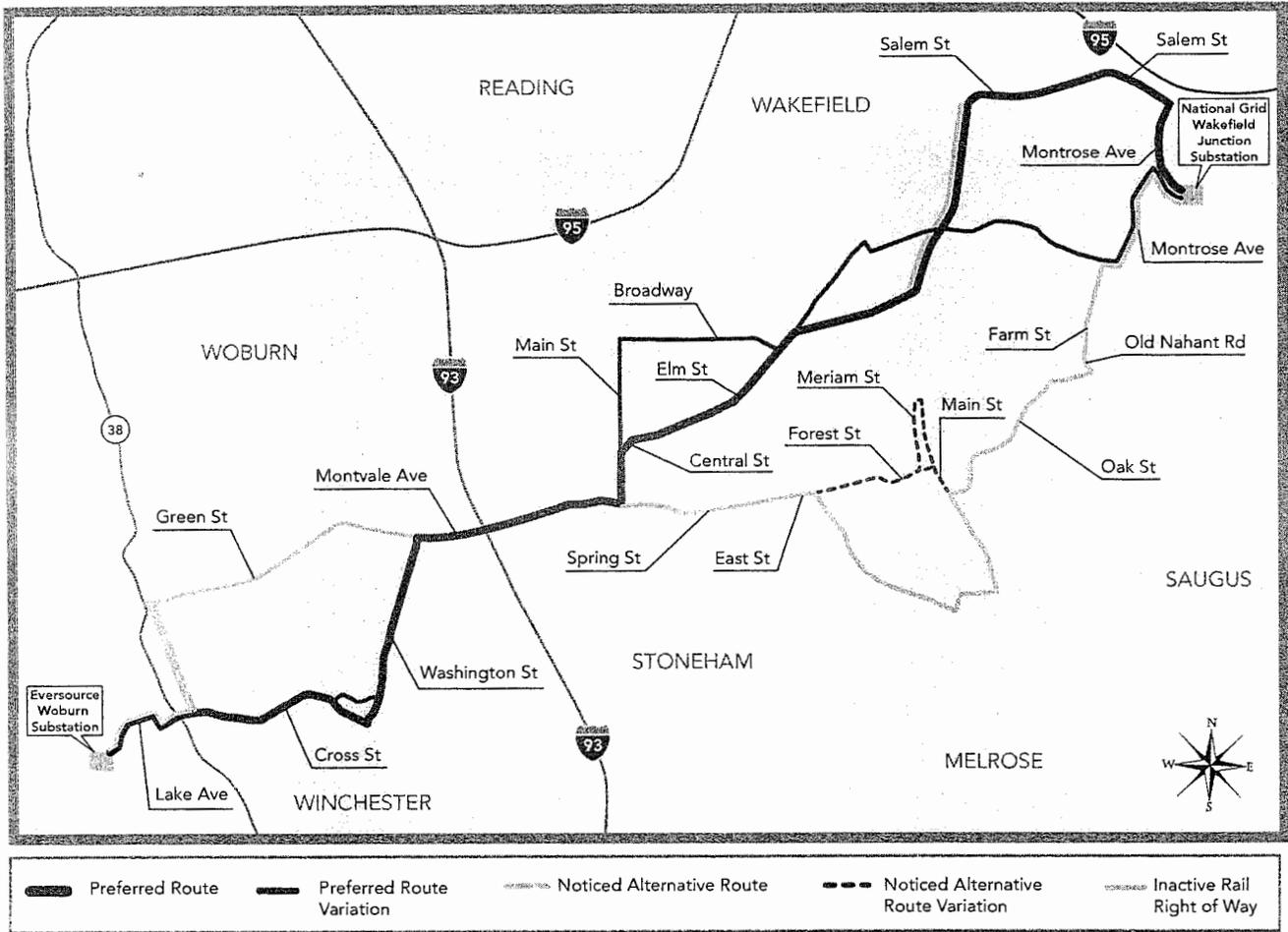
Eversource can fight this through the federal regulatory board. We know that and the business owners and the Board of Selectmen also know that. So this fight is not over—yet.

That is why it is so important to send a letter to all three members of our congressional delegation in Washington—Senators Warren and Markey and Congresswoman Clark letting them know what Eversource really wants to do in the Town of Stoneham and the tremendous impact this project would have on all the people of Stoneham.

Thank you for all you have done, and thank you for letting me express how I feel about this project.

Proposed Project Route:

The map below outlines the Preferred and Noticed Alternative routes, and route variations, for the proposed transmission line.





Monday

Dear Selectman DePinto,

The next time you hear from legislative leaders that there just isn't enough money to fund local aid adequately, know that overspending caused by the Pacheco Law is a big part of the reason why.

My name is Rick Green, and I am the chairman of the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance (www.MassFiscal.org), a non-profit organization that advocates for better fiscal policies and increased transparency in the Massachusetts legislature. I'm writing because I believe we share a deep concern that state government operate as efficiently and effectively as possible. The Pacheco Law has had a **significant, negative impact on every city and town in the Commonwealth**. We must work together to abolish this arcane statute.

Passed in 1993, the Pacheco Law sought to clarify the process for approving proposals to privatize state services, in response to reasonable concerns raised at the time about whether the state was actually saving money on such efforts. In practice, however, the law has created needless bureaucracy. As Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollack told the *Boston Globe's* Scot Lehigh last April, "Many ideas for cost savings are never even pursued because of the assumption that Pacheco would bar them."

The results are clear. As Rep. Randy Hunt of Sandwich pointed out in a recent *Boston Globe* op-ed, Massachusetts' expenditures on maintenance for both highways and transit are substantially higher - **to the tune of billions each year** - than our neighbors and peers, without noticeably better results.

Governor Baker has proposed suspending the Pacheco Law's application to the MBTA for five years, and we urge you to **call Senator Pacheco at (617) 722-1551 and ask that he embrace changing the failed law**. Ultimately, the choice is clear: legislators can stand with Governor Baker this summer, or stand in the snow next winter.

Sincerely,

Rick Green
Chairman
Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance

Sinclair, Erin

From: Ragucci, David
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 9:53 AM
To: Sinclair, Erin; (tboussy@thbcompany.com); AnnMarie O'Neill; Caroline Colarusso (Carolinecolarusso@gmail.com); JDP9633@aol.com; Frank Vallarelli
Subject: Issues

Below are the comments from the building, fire and Board of Health on the issues that were raised at the last BOS meeting. Dave

I did a co-inspection with the Building Inspector and Board of Health Agent on Thursday May 28th and although I agree these properties may present an eye sore, there are really no enforceable code violations (I cannot make someone clean up their property because it looks bad). We have inspected 3 marble Street a few times and nothing has changed from the first time we went there.

Chief Rolli

The fire department, Board of Health inspector and I performed inspections of the properties in question. Here is what I found

160 Franklin Street – About a month ago I met with Attorney Charlie Houghton and the homeowner at the site. The homeowner provided documentation that there is only one unregistered vehicle on this property.

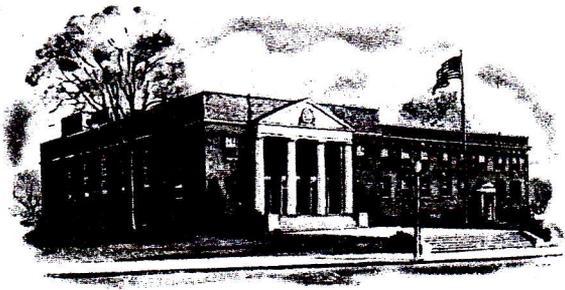
130 Main Street – I went out two separate days and viewed this location. On neither of these two days was there evidence of a paving company being run out of this location. One commercial vehicle is allowed on the property. There is also an unregistered pick- up truck at this location which is allowed.

14 Waverly Street – At the time of this inspection there was only one unregistered vehicle on this property. 3 Marble Street – There is no change in the status of this location. No violations.

Building Department

From the Public Health standpoint, no noted activity in the bait stations we had placed there last year at 3 Marble Street, nor has there been any complaints in the area regarding rodent activity since we had the stations placed by Waltham Chemical, so as far as enforceable code violations are concerned, the building is not posing an immediate threat to the health or safety of the general public in its current state, and unfortunately, that is what would constitute a violation. At 130 Main Street, there was no noted activity that could be identified as a hazard or be identified as evidence that they are operating any kind of business, and as I am to understand, there is one commercial vehicle allowed per residence, which is what I believe the complainant to be referring to. At 160 Franklin, no onsite vegetation is encroaching onto neighboring properties, and there are no identifiable hazards associated with the property that haven't already been addressed by Inspectional Services (unregistered vehicles are not within BOH jurisdiction). At 14 Waverly, no violations, no hazards identified.

All of these properties are privately owned. As previously stated, regardless of the aesthetic state of these properties, the State Sanitary Code (105CMR410.000) outlines the MINIMUM standards for human habitation. If the conditions outlined in this code are met, unfortunately there are no other outlets for enforcement, especially regarding privately owned properties. Also, MGL 111 does not outline any protocol for unsightly or aesthetically displeasing commercial properties



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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

June 16, 2015

Ms. Susan Arena
Architectural Historian
c/o EBI Consulting
21 B Street
Burlington, MA 01803

Subject: EBI Project # 6115002388
3 Central Street/ Dow Block

Dear Ms. Arena:

Thank you for your letter dated May 12, 2015 which the Stoneham Historical Commission received on June 1st. Your last email of June 4th did not address my request for an extension to reply on or before June 30th.

In 2009, EBI, the Stoneham Historical Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals worked together successfully to set the standard for faux chimneys that are stylistically compatible and visually sympathetic to the architectural character of historic buildings. I believe we can accomplish this again, now that MetroPCS and T-Mobile are merged.

History of the Dow Block

The property at 3-6 Central Square, historically known as the Dow Block, is located within the Central Square Historic District and is listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places. We were pleased to honor the Copley Group, new owners of the building in 2004 with our Heritage Award for the fine work they did in updating the building and retaining its Second Empire façade that has been the centerpiece of Stoneham Square since it was built by Moses Dow in 1864.

Replacement Chimneys

As we understand the project, your vendor T-Mobile USA wishes to replace the two 26-inch fiberglass stealth chimneys installed in 2009 with two new faux chimneys which may be larger than the existing structures. We respectfully request photo simulations of the Dow Block showing the proposed enclosures and how they compare in size to the two existing chimneys which you plan to replace.

We expect that any new stealth enclosures will be modeled after the existing enclosures in mass, color, design and be located on the east/west sides of the roof where the current MetroPCS chimneys are now.

Our records indicate that the 2009 chimneys were designed by Atlantic Concealment of Maine and the three Verizon chimneys of 2012 by Duro Fiber Company, Inc. of New Hampshire. The corners must look like brick laid in staggered courses; not straight edged fiberglass butted together.

In its May 5, 2009 decision the Board of Appeals requested fiberglass samples for their approval. The Historical Commission anticipates this request will be made again.

The fiberglass stealth chimneys shall be completely removed from the building once the use of the wireless facility is discontinued.

Cable Tray

In light of the building's historical significance, the Commission respectfully requests your vendor to remove the cable tray installed on the north side of the building, apparently within the last six months. The tray is referenced on sheet 1 of 3 in your packet of May 12th as "Existing MetroPCS Vertical Cable Tray".

The Stoneham Historical Commission was never consulted and, if we had been, we would have ruled this installation as having an 'adverse effect' on this historic property. The brick and mortar damaged by the fourteen plates that hold the tray needs to be repaired according the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for historic buildings.

In 2009, the original MetroPCS project #61084055 noted that "Cables will be routed from the proposed 10-foot by 17-foot lease area in the basement, vertically along a proposed framed out-chase through the floors to a proposed coax exit at the roof, then along a rooftop cable tray to the antennas". This is the standard the Stoneham Historical Commission expects.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment pursuant to Section 106 of the National Preservation Act regarding T-Mobile USA's proposed telecommunications facility installation on the Dow Block.

Sincerely,



Marcia M. Wengen
Co-Chair

CC: Massachusetts Historical Commission
Cheryl Noble, Inspectional Services
Thomas Boussy, Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Robert Saltzman, Chairman, Stoneham Zoning Board of Appeals