

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting February 18, 2014

Chairman Robert W. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Also present were Selectman John F. DePinto, Selectwoman Ann Marie O’Neill, Town Administrator David Ragucci and Town Counsel William H. Solomon. Selectman Vallarelli arrived at 7:05 p.m. Selectman Thomas Boussy was not present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Selectman DePinto moved to bring up item #3, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill and **unanimously voted (3-0)**.

Tobacco/Nicotine products being sold/available for purchase by Minors/Update Regulations/BOH

John Fralick from the Board of Health presented the Board with the Current Tobacco Regulations, the Additions to the Current Tobacco Regulations and Board of Health Regulation Prohibiting the Sale of Drug Paraphernalia. He explained all the additions that we are adding to our current regulations which are all currently adopted by Melrose, Reading, Wakefield, Malden and Medford. Selectmen DePinto asks if the Board of Health sets the fines. Mr. Fralick states we follow the coalition wide standards. Chairman Sweeney confirms that what we are doing is in line with the coalition is doing. Mr. Fralick states yes. Chairman Sweeney states that was a great presentation and thank you.

Selectman DePinto moved to go back to the site plan for 16 Main Street, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Site Plan Hearing/16 Main Street/Cicatelli

Selectman DePinto read the Notice of Hearing. Attorney Steven Cicatelli was present to represent WALLAROO LLC to construct an a new commercial building including an ATM, on the property located at 16 Main Street, Stoneham, MA on land owned by WALLAROO LLC c/o Brickpoint Properties, Inc., 2 Main Street, Stoneham, MA 02180. Selectmen DePinto read Department Recommendations – Attorney Steven Cicatelli agrees with all DPW Engineering, Police Department, Board of Health, Fire Department and Inspectional Services. Chairman Sweeney confirms entrances and exits for the property. Chairman Sweeney asks about the Board of Appeals decisions. Mr. Cicatelli states that those are all in the backup. Chairman Sweeney states he would like to see some bollards protecting the building to protect from cars backing up out of spots. Chairman Sweeney states he would like to see this put in place and requests the applicant look into this. This was agreed. Selectman Vallarelli asks about driving around the building and parking spots. Mr. Cicatelli clarifies for Selectman Vallarelli. Selectman DePinto asks if they have spoken with the State regarding the proposed traffic reconstruction at North & Main Streets. Mr. Cicatelli states they are not planning on that happening soon. Selectman DePinto asks if there are any environmental issues where it was a gas station. Attorney Cicatelli states that no there is not and they need to request the board revoke that license. Selectwoman O’Neill asks if there is yearly basis maintenance plan in place. Attorney Cicatelli states yes there is. Chairman Sweeney opened the hearing to the public. Jim Sullivan, Sunset Road asks how many stories will this building be. Attorney Cicatelli states it is a one story building. He is concerned with the three tenants that would be increasing the traffic flow which is already bad. Marcia Wengen, Washington Street clarifies that this company is owned by the 99. Ms. Wengen asks if the outside of the building could like the 99 to keep is somewhat uniform. He says that would probably not be agreeable by the 99 where they have their own specific look. Chairman Sweeney closes the public hearing. Chairman Sweeney closes public hearing. Selectman DePinto made motion to approve site plan subject to installing bollards in the front of the building and two years allowed for completion, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. Chairman Sweeney states that they do have the right to have them back if this causes chaos or a problem in the area. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O’Neill
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).

Sign 5th Congressional Warrant

Selectman Vallarelli moved to sign the Warrant for the 5th Congressional Warrant, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

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 Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).

**Meeting recessed at 7:40 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.
Meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.**

Approve Minutes

Selectman DePinto moved to accept the minutes of 1/28/2014, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Selectman Vallarelli moved to accept the minutes of 2/04/2014, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Selectman Vallarelli moved to accept the minutes of 2/04/2014 of executive session minutes and not to release, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Warrant Articles Submission Review/Town Counsel

Attorney Solomon gives a submission review on the warrant articles he will be submitting on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Attorney Solomon briefly discusses the Medical Marijuana, Non Criminal Disposition, Railroad Right of Way Zoning, Railroad Right of Way, Site Plan, Zoning and Leasing Senior Center, Beer and Wine and DCR Grimsby.

Approve Response Letter to MassHousing

Selectman DePinto moves to approve and mail the response letter, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Attorney Solomon informs the Board that there is a letter from Glen Gibbs the Town Planner for Ipswich and if the Board would like Glen to forward his letter to MassHousing he will do so tomorrow. The Board requests that both letters be sent together.

Miscellaneous

Selectman DePinto would like to congratulate and wish luck and safety to our new police officers Michael Colotti, Brian Raffaello and Brendan Carr. Chairman Sweeney wishes he mentioned this at the beginning of the meeting but he speaks about the loss of Police Officer Thomas Cullen. He was the Dare Officer for many years and had contact with many generations of Stoneham. Chairman Sweeney would like send his family prayers. Tom was a real good guy and we are going to miss him. He did a lot of good for the town. Chairman Sweeney states Cumming Foundation donated a fire commander rescue suit to the Fire Department and he would like to thank them for the generous donation. Chairman Sweeney bring up trash/recycling data. Mr. Ragucci states the advisory committee will be presenting their recommendation and it will be discussed at the March 11th meeting. Mr. Ragucci states that the incineration costs will be doing down next year from \$63.58 per ton to \$62.50. He states that between the increased recycling and the cost decreasing we should be saving dollars next year. Mr. Ragucci briefly discusses the new trash recommendation but states this will be presented at the March 11th meeting. Selectwoman O'Neill speaks on updating the island sponsorship program and that we are in the process of getting sponsors. DPW has generously offered to clear and take everything away prior to the new sponsors. Selectman Vallarelli would like an update on the new communication video equipment. Mr. Ragucci will check on this and respond with an update.

Town Administrator Reports

Mr. Ragucci states that we are well over \$325,000 mark in the red on snow and ice. The budget is stressed due to this and the overtime for the Police Department. He states that they may need to use stabilization fund to offset this deficit. Mr. Ragucci talks about the Veterans work off program and working on island beautification program being a part of it. Mr. Ragucci states that he has sent an email to the representative for Corcoran requesting them pay for a communication liaison. The response was that they would be interested in looking at the proposal. Mr. Ragucci will be looking for a decision after Thursday. Mr. Ragucci asks permission from the Board to seek out a candidate to represent us on MAPC. The Board supported this request.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair