

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of January 26, 2016

Chairman Thomas Boussy called the meeting to order at 5:35 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 Attorney William Solomon.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes

Attorney Solomon handed out minutes for the Board to review. Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve meeting minutes of 11/10/15 Open Session, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**. Selectman Vallarelli made a motion to approve meeting minutes of 11/10/15 Executive Session, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**. Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve meeting minutes of 11/17/15 Open Session, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (5-0)**. Selectwoman O’Neill does not agree with the content of the minutes of the 11/17/15 Executive Session minutes and would like these put on the next executive session meeting for approval. Selectwoman Colarusso states she has more to add to the minutes of 11/19/15 open session minutes and would like these put on the next agenda for approval.

Appointment of Town Accountant

Selectmen Vallarelli stated they had all good candidates. Chairman Boussy stated Selectwoman O’Neill and Selectman Vallarelli worked hard from getting 36 applications and bringing them down to 12 to interviewing those 12 and bringing it down to the final 5. The Board agrees there was five impressive candidates. Each board member gave their input on the candidates interviewed. Nominations: Selectman DePinto nominates Donald Piatt, seconded Selectwoman O’Neill. There were no other nominations. Selectman DePinto made a motion to nominate Donald Piatt and give Mr. Ragucci authority to make an offer and negotiate his salary and contract, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill and a roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Golf Course Contract-Management, Operations, and Maintenance for the Stoneham Unicorn and Stoneham Oaks Municipal Golf Courses and Associated Facilities

Town Administrator Ragucci stated that they selected a contractor and sent out the draft contract. He states that the contractor’s remarks were due today but Mr. Ragucci has not received them yet. He states he contacted the contractor and was told he would have them by 5:00pm but has not received them as of now. Mr. Ragucci states that once he receives them he will forward them off to the Board. Mr. Ragucci asks the Board for their feedback on the contract on what they might like to see for changes. Selectmen DePinto asks when would the contractor start. Mr. Ragucci states it was supposed to be January 1st but will most likely be February 1st or immediately when they agree. Mr. Ragucci states he will keep the Board updated.

Vote to send Municipal Modernization Letter

Selectwoman Colarusso requests that the Board review and sign the letter in support of Municipal Modernization to give the town more control in the future such as with liquor licenses and utility companies. Attorney Solomon went to get the letter for the Board to review and Chairman Boussy states they are going into executive session then they will come out and approve the Municipal Modernization Letter, then they will return to Executive Session without him being present.

Executive Session

Selectman DePinto moved that the Board vote to enter executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) of the Open Meeting Law (“discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining”) to review and consider approval, including any vote, of a collective bargaining agreement with Town Hall Employees Association (THEA) union and the Town and to return to the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Sinclair