

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting August 13, 2013

Vice Chairman Thomas Boussy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Also present were Selectman John F. DePinto, Selectwoman Ann Marie O’Neill, Selectman Frank Vallarelli, Town Administrator David Ragucci and Town Counsel William H. Solomon. Chairman Robert W. Sweeney was unable to attend.

Pledge of Allegiance

Amended Site Plan Hearing/21 Manison Street/Attorney Charles Houghton

Selectman DePinto read the legal notice. Attorney Charles Houghton requests this agenda item be continued to September 10, 2013 at 7:02 p.m. Selectman Vallarelli made a motion to continue amended site plan hearing for 21 Manison Street to September 10, 2013 at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Selectman DePinto. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O’Neill
Selectman Vallarelli
Vice Chairman Boussy

Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).

High Street Pole Location (Conduit Installation)/NStar & Verizon

Selectman Vallarelli read the legal notice. Selectman Boussy opens public hearing. Selectman Vallarelli made a motion to close public hearing, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill. Selectman Vallarelli made a motion to approve the installation of 150 feet of conduit located at 44 - 46 High Street, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

Petition for:

High Street

Southerly from pole 20/70 – approximately 336 feet south of Broadway
– installing approximately 90 feet of conduit.

Westerly from Pole 20/16 installing approximately 60 feet of conduit.

Approve Class II License/21 Manison Street/Charlie Houghton

Attorney Charles Houghton requests this agenda item be continued to September 10, 2013 at 7:10 p.m. Selectman Vallarelli made a motion to continue the Class II approval for 21 Manison Street to September 10, 2013 at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Selectman DePinto. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O’Neill
Selectman Vallarelli
Vice Chairman Boussy

Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).

Selectman DePinto made a motion to move up item #11, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0).**

Accept and Number Articles for Annual Town Meeting and Sign Warrant

Selectman DePinto read all three articles. Selectman DePinto moved to accept Proposed Warrant Article B and sign the warrant, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

Approve Class II License/16-18 Gould Street/Charlie Houghton

Attorney Charles Houghton was present to represent Stoneham Auto Sales. Selectwoman O’Neill read the legal ad. Selectman Vallarelli asks if it has any interference with the bike path. Charles Houghton responds it does not. Vice Chairman Boussy opens public hearing. Marcia Wengen, 56 Washington Street asks if it abuts the old burial ground. Charles Houghton states that it doesn’t abut the burial ground. Dolly Wilson, 181 Washington Street wants to see the plan to see its relation to the bike path. Charles Houghton states there is a fence and everything is enclosed. Selectman Vallarelli closes public hearing, seconded by Selectman DePinto. Selectman DePinto moved for approval Stoneham Auto Sales, to operate a Class II used car business, at the property located at 16-18 Gould Street, Stoneham, MA on land owned by Mark Aldrich, 16-18 Gould Street, Stoneham, MA, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O’Neill
Selectman Vallarelli
Vice Chairman Boussy

Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).

Selectman DePinto made a motion to move to item #16.

Propose Change of Town Meeting Date from September 4, 2013 to September 3, 2013

Vice Chairman Boussy explains the need to change the date for the Special Town Meeting. Vice Chairman Boussy opens to public meeting. Selectman DePinto move to close public meeting, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill. Selectman DePinto moved to have the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. instead of Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Approve Local Aid Protest Letter

Selectman DePinto made a motion to invite both representatives to both September Selectmen's meetings, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Set Date of Annual October Town Meeting and Set Dates for Opening and Closing of Warrant

Set Date of Annual October Town Meeting and Set Dates for Opening & Closing of Warrant. Monday, October 21, 2013 Annual October Town Meeting Date. Opening of warrant will be Tuesday, September 3, 2013 and the warrant will close on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Selectman DePinto moved to hold the Annual October Town Meeting on October 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **was unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Appoint Election Officers

Selectman Vallarelli moved to appoint the following Republican Election Officers: Warden – Gordon Perks; Deputy Warden – Carol Covill; Inspector – Laurie McHugh; Deputy – Robert Shannon. Motion was seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Approve Proclamation for 30th Anniversary of Town Day

Selectman DePinto read and moved for approval of the 30th Anniversary of Town Day proclamation, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Approve Proclamation for Town Day Dedication to Alan Melkonian

Selectman Vallarelli read the proclamation. Selectman DePinto moved for approval of the Town Day Dedication to Alan Melkonian proclamation, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0)**. Mr. Ragucci comments on meeting with the committee and the Melkonian Family. They have made a generous donation to be used at Steele Playground and what they are asking is to close the playground from September 3-7th and then have a grand reopening with the new equipment on Town Day.

Approve Minutes

Selectman Vallarelli moved approval of the 7/16/13 minutes of executive session minutes and not to release, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (3-0-1)**. Selectman DePinto abstained.

Funding of Website, Internet Redundancy and Firewall from Cable Funds/Town Counsel

Attorney Solomon states that Tom Cicutelli is requesting the provision of cable funds, consistent with past practice, for website hosting and support by Virtual Towns & Schools, Firewall and Internet Redundancy. RCN will be used for funding this. Selectman DePinto made a motion to appropriate the money, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Trash Recycling Discussion/Boussy & Vallarelli

Selectman Boussy presented a power point to explain the different options for the town trash removal. Selectman Vallarelli made a motion to look further into options 3 & 4 which is one (1) 48 gallon trash barrel with unlimited recycling (difference between option 3 & 4 is a 5 yr or 10 yr contract to spread out the cost of the barrels) also setting up a meeting with the committee and calling the bidders out to get a final bid, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Mass Water Tank Issue Discussion/DePinto

Selectman DePinto discusses what he would like to see happen with Mass Water. Mr. Ragucci states that he will reach out and request they attend our October meeting.

Town Administrator Reports

Mr. Ragucci states that Stoneham has partnered with surrounding towns and was successful in a partnership grant program to reduce and prevent opiate use. The kickoff is on Aug 21st at the Medford Station Landing. Mr. Ragucci states that we are still waiting for the East School playground equipment. Mr. Ragucci informs the Board that at the 2009 Town Meeting it was voted to sell 494 square feet of land behind Melissa's Bistro. Melissa's Bistro is looking to purchase this land for \$5,400.00. We have cleared all titles and will be closing within the next couple weeks. Mr. Ragucci says that the WWII cabinet maker is interested in building another cabinet dedicated to WWI and put it somewhere on the ramp going up to the first floor. He states that the Rec park basketball court is being filled currently. Mr. Ragucci states that we are currently out of liquor licenses. He informs the board that there have been businesses inquiring about liquor licenses specifically at Redstone. He states that it is common for cities and towns to ask to increase their allotment through a special act at the legislator that would be a whole new petition at Town Meeting. Mr. Ragucci asks the board to continue to look into this and present a warrant article for the October Town Meeting. The Board was in support. Mr. Ragucci informs the Board that Jack Kelly the Plumbing Inspector of over 30 years is retiring and his retirement party is on August 22nd. He informs the Board that the golf course management is in its final year of contact. He would like direction on how should he proceed. Mr. Ragucci states that tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. there will be a meeting in the Banquet Room with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the parking program if anyone would like to attend.

Miscellaneous

Selectwoman O'Neill would like to follow up on some issues from the last meeting. She has received phone calls regarding the island sponsorship and the Welcome to Stoneham signs saying that they need attention. Mr. Ragucci has reached out to the Chamber of Commerce and is waiting for a response from them. He thinks they are bringing the issue to the Board members and maybe they have not met yet. Selectwoman O'Neill also that Selectman Sweeney led the marijuana dispensaries issue and she doesn't want to lose sight of this issue. Attorney Solomon will be working on the by law in September and will present sometime late October. Selectwoman O'Neill asks where we stand with the election signs regulations/laws. Attorney Solomon and Administrator Ragucci will present samples from other communities to get a sense of what the Board wants to accept. Selectman DePinto confirms with Attorney Solomon that the check amounts are correct from RCN. Selectman DePinto and Vallarelli offer to be on the committee that will be looking at the site plan rules and regulations.

Executive Session

Selectman DePinto moved to go into executive session, pursuant to Chapter 30A of the General Laws to discuss Stockwell and Union Contracts and not to return as the Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and was **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O'Neill
Selectman Vallarelli
Vice Chairman Boussy

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair