

## **Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of November 18, 2014**

Chairman Thomas Boussy called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 7:20 p.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **MWRA Discussion**

Mr. Fred Laskey, Mr. Pat Barrett and Mr. Fred Brandon from the MWRA were present to give an update on the pipeline they would like to see come through Stoneham. The first phase would be roughly 7200 feet with an August of 2016 start date. The second phase would be 14400 feet of pipe. He states that they are looking at an August 2019 finish date. Selectman DePinto asks how long this pipe will last. MWRA states this pipe they pipe they are using typically lasts 50-100 years. Selectman DePinto asks about a project that is coming at North & Main Street. WMRA states that they coordinate with the Mass DOT. The route for this project is proposed to start at Gillis Pump Station, Woodland Road, South Street, Main Street, Marble Street, Wright Street, Cottage Street to the intersection on Elm & William, Oak Street, Forest Street, North Street across Main Street and out Prospect Street to Wakefield. They would coordinate with the contractor to work in the school area during summer months. Chairman Boussy asks Mr. Ragucci about coordinating with utility companies on their scheduled work. Mr. Ragucci states that DPW would reach out to utility companies when we have the definite route and they would coordinate with the utility companies. MWRA states they reach out to utility companies also to coordinate work. Chairman Boussy asks about curb to curb replacement. MWRA states that that has been discussed with Mr. Ragucci he has informed the MWRA they must do curb to curb. Selectwoman O'Neill asks about impact to the sidewalks and curbing. MWRA states they like to stay in the street and not go near sidewalks. MWRA states if they do need to rip up sidewalks they replace them. Selectwoman O'Neill asks if this is the final route. MWRA feels this is a good route. Mr. Ragucci clarifies that any water/sewer lines that need replacement while they are working MWRA replaces at their cost. MWRA states yes if the lines are in their trench. Mr. Laskey gave a quick update on the tank. Selectwoman O'Neill asks if the history signs they discussed are still going to be displayed. MWRA states yes. Jim Sullivan 6 Sunset Road speaks on the history of Stoneham not benefiting from water projects. He would like to know what is in it for Stoneham. MWRA states they will coordinate with the Police Department and Mass DOT on notifying drivers of the road work. Chairman Boussy asks about Police details. Mr. Ragucci states that work on state highway would be State Police and all town streets would be Stoneham Police.

### **Board of Health Update/John Fralick**

Health Agent John Fralick was present to give an update on the Health Department. He informs the Board on the duties of the Health Department, what they need and what their goals are. There was an open discussion on what they can do to lighten the load for the Health Department. Selectman Sweeney would like to thank him for his terrific service. Selectwoman O'Neill says thank you to Mr. Fralick for all his work with the Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition. She states all the hard has now put Stoneham in a position to be used as an example to other Towns. Anthony Wilson Central Street asks what a resident should do if they find needles around town. Mr. Fralick states to call the Police Department they are trained in handling needles.

### **Public Hearing/Grant of Location/Central Street/Comcast**

Selectman John F. DePinto read the Notice to Abutters regarding the petition of Comcast for permission to construct upon, along, under or across the public way(s) of the Town of Stoneham, MA, the following: Place 2-4" PVC conduits from utility pole 3, 345' Westerly through the Fuller St Parking lot, to service #6 Central Street for Comcast services. Attorney Solomon states that the cable company does not need to apply for a grant of location. Chairman Boussy requests that they talk with the Stoneham Theatre and work with them on the schedule where the Theatre uses that parking lot during performances. Chairman Boussy open to public. There was no

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comment. Selectman Sweeney made a motion to approve the work with conditions that the contractor agrees to use flow able fill along with mill & inlay in the area they are working, seconded by Selectman DePinto. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

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

**Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

**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 Sweeney  
Selectman Vallarelli  
Chairman Boussy

**Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

**Meeting recessed at 8:15 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.**

**Meeting reconvened at 8:23 p.m.**

**Appointment on Council on Aging**

Selectman DePinto made a motion to appoint Mary Zatta to a three (3) year term on the Council on Aging to expire on April 03, 2017, seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Public Hearing/Approve Grant of Location/Sunset Road/National Grid**

Selectman DePinto read the Notice to Abutters regarding the petition of National Grid for locations of mains as hereinafter described for the transmission and distribution of gas in and under the following public streets, lanes, highways, and places of Town of Stoneham substantially as described in the petition dated 10/30/2014, attached hereto made a part hereof, and of the pipes, valves, governors, manholes and other structures, fixtures and appurtenances designed or intended to protect or operate said mains and accomplish the objects of said Company; and the digging up and opening the ground to lay or place same: Extend Gas Main 115 feet on Sunset Road to serve #5. The Board would like Attorney Solomon to look into them posting a bond. Chairman Boussy opens to public. Jim Sullivan 6 Sunset is in favor of the homeowner receiving gas. Selectman Sweeney made a motion to approve the Grant of Location with the conditions that the contractor use flowable fill along with mill & inlay the area they are working, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill **and unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Public Hearing/Approve Grant of Location/6 Bow Street/National Grid**

Selectman DePinto read the Notice to Abutters regarding the petition of National Grid for locations of mains as hereinafter described for the transmission and distribution of gas in and under the following public streets, lanes, highways, and places of Town of Stoneham substantially as described in the petition dated 9/15/2014, attached hereto made a part hereof, and of the pipes, valves, governors, manholes and other structures, fixtures and appurtenances designed or intended to protect or operate said mains and accomplish the objects of said Company; and the digging up and opening the ground to lay or place same: Extend Gas Main

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135' on Bow Street to serve #6. Mr. Sinclair the homeowner was present to explain why he is looking for gas. Selectman Sweeney requests that there be a meeting on Thursday night at 7pm at the Town Hall regarding this matter. He states this is still strong opposition from the neighbors. There will be a reverse 911 call made to the abutters. The Board will ask DPW Director Robert Grover, a National Grid representative and the neighbors to attend this meeting. Selectman Sweeney made a motion to continue this meeting until November 25, 2014, seconded by Selectwoman DePinto. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

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

**Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

#### **Approve Minutes**

Selectman DePinto made motion to approve minutes of October 21, 2014, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **voted (3-0-2)**. Selectman Sweeney and Selectman DePinto abstained. Selectman DePinto made motion to approve minutes of October 27, 2014, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **voted (4-0-1)**. Selectman Vallarelli abstained.

#### **Discussion on Electronic Voting**

George McCormack gave a presentation on electronic voting. Selectman DePinto made a motion for George McCormack to work with Dave and come back to the Board on December 2, 2014 with the demographics of a committee, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

#### **Approve Entertainment License Renewals**

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the Entertainment License Renewals for Tulip Asian Cuisine/ 119 Main Street, China Moon/170 Main Street, Bear Hill Golf Club/2 North Street, Stoneham Elks/471 Main Street, Fusion Taste/19 Franklin Street, Montvale Plaza/54 Montvale Ave, Bacci's Restaurant/316-320 Main Street, American Legion/11 Common Street, Redman Club/11 Franklin Street. Motion was seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

#### **Approve Auto Amusement License Renewals**

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the Auto Amusement License Renewals for Redmen Club/11 Franklin Street. Motion was seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

#### **Approve Class I Renewals**

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the Class I License renewal for Stoneham Ford/185 Main Street. Motion was seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

#### **Approve Class II Renewals**

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the Class II License renewal for Rotondi Motors/140 ½ Franklin Street. Motion was seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

#### **Approve Common Victualler License Renewals**

Selectman DePinto moves approval of the following Common Victualler renewals: The Daily Scoop/232 Main Street, Dairy Dome/474 Main Street, Fusion Taste/19 Franklin Street, Liberty Bell Roastbeef/219 Main Street, Angelo's Pizzeria & Restaurante/237-239 Main Street, Montvale Plaza/54 Montvale Avenue, Sato II/147 Main Street, Dunkin Donuts/62A Montvale Avenue, Papa Gino's & D'Angelo's/190 Main Street, Dunkin Donuts/128 Franklin Street, Hong Kong City/303 Main Street, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Town Administrator**

Mr. Ragucci informs that Board that the Town Planner Position Offer has been accepted and she will be starting January 2015. Chairman Boussy states he interviewed her and was very impressed. He would like to thank everyone involved. Mr. Ragucci states the Town are the proud owners of 11 Fuller Street due to back taxes. The town has to hold onto this property for a year but he will do his best to keep it safe and secure. Mr. Ragucci states yesterday morning he met with the Bike Path Committee and the business community that will be affected by the bike path. There are two public safety issues he would like to notify the Board on which are Montvale Avenue and 39 Pleasant Street he would ask the Board if they would support moving the plot line over to protect the town from a dangerous situation. He states moving this line would not affect the bike path it would leave that space open for leasing. Mr. Ragucci states that they are working on revised water & sewer hookup fees. Mr. Ragucci states that the Governor is looking to cut local aid. Mr. Ragucci has talked with Senator Lewis and he will work hard to protect Stoneham. December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. is the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new Central Middle School. Mr. Ragucci discusses Retirement future funding. He informs the board that in FY 16 we will be paying 5.3 million dollars and in 2023 we will be paying 8.6 million dollars. Mr. Ragucci has also asked the Finance Board to discuss this. Chairman Boussy asks if it makes sense to borrow this money over a 5 year period. Mr. Ragucci states that towns have gotten burnt by doing that and does not suggest it.

**Miscellaneous Correspondence**

Selectman Sweeney asks Mr. Ragucci if he could look into the lights that out in the Common. Selectman Vallarelli asks Attorney Solomon to look into permitting on a resident doing a horse drawn carriage/hay ride through town for the holidays. Anthony Wilson explains the moving of the line that will address the public safety issue. The Board would like the Bike Path Committee to have their meeting Monday and come back to the Selectmen's meeting on November 25, 2014 to get the support from the Board on this issue. The Board had a discussion on replacing lights around town. Selectwoman O'Neill wants to make sure there is plan in place for replacement of lights that are out. Mr. Ragucci states the amended environmental report is out. Selectman DePinto confirmed with Attorney Solomon that the checks from the cable company were correct. Attorney Solomon states yes.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Erin Sinclair*