

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of June 26, 2012

Chairman Frank Vallarelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Selectmen Thomas Boussy, John F. DePinto, Richard S. Gregorio, Robert W. Sweeney, Town Administrator David Ragucci, and Town Counsel William H. Solomon.

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Stoneham Housing Authority Members William F. Jordan and Vincent L. Orsillo

Edward Pinato, Chairman of the Housing Authority, said Vincent Orsillo has been on the Housing Authority since April 9, 1990 and was Chairman all the years that Mr. Pinato was on. He said William Jordan has been on since April 7, 1992 and has been an advocate of public housing. Chairman Vallarelli presented certificates of appreciation from the Board of Selectmen to Mr. Jordan and Mr. Orsillo. Chairman Pinato also presented a letter and a gift to each of them on behalf of the Housing Authority. Mr. Orsillo noted that the newspaper coverage of Joanne Graves didn't go far enough. He said she was unbelievable. He also thanked Harry Sampson. Chairman Pinato said that a \$3,000 scholarship has been started for Joanne Graves, their Executive Director, who passed away. He said over \$25,000 was donated throughout the Commonwealth.

Hall Memorial Pool

Senator Clark said they all learned that the DCR deep pool wouldn't be open for the season. She said the Governor said they would find the money to open the pool for Stoneham. She said she is thrilled that they heard their pleas. She thanked the Town for the quality of the information they gave the delegation so they could make the pitch. She thanked Jason Lewis and his staff and she gave a big thanks to the Governor and his staff. She said it will be about \$100,000 to run the pool for the rest of the summer. Selectman DePinto thanked school Member Jeanne Craigie. He said she facebooked him and Selectman Sweeney. He also thanked Town Administrator Ragucci who he said sent emails to Commissioner Lambert. He noted they do have some ideas for the DCR for revenue.

BANS/Town Treasurer

Selectman DePinto moved that the Board of Selectmen hereby determine, in accordance with G.L. c. 70B, that the amount of the cost of the middle school project authorized by votes of the Town passed on February 7, 2012 (Article 1) and April 3, 2012 (Question 1) and not being paid by the school facilities grant is \$16,992,515 and we hereby approve of the issuance of notes and bonds in such amount under said G.L. c. 70B.

And further to approve the sale of a \$3,177,986 1.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note (the "Note") of the Town dated June 29, 2012, and payable February 22, 2013, to Jefferies & Company, Inc. at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$13,857.

And further that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Note, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated June 14, 2012, and a final Official Statement dated June 21, 2012, each in such form as may be

approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

And further that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Note for the benefit of the holders of the Note from time to time.

And further that the Board of Selectmen authorize and direct the Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures in such form as the Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes.

And further that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

Motion was seconded by Selectman Gregorio and **unanimously voted.**

Trash Fee Reduction/Selectman Sweeney

Selectman Sweeney said that the Board had all mentioned to the Town Administrator that they would like him to work on knocking the trash fee down. He said Mr. Ragucci has some numbers. Mr. Ragucci said they dropped 1300 tons this year which represents a \$10 reduction on the trash fee. He said he asked Hiltz to allow comingling and that will reduce tipping by 1000 to 1500 and result in another \$10 reduction. Mr. Ragucci said the \$20 discount is for those paying the full freight. Selectman Sweeney asked him to look into everyone getting it. Selectman Sweeney also said he thinks it could be a larger reduction than \$20. Mr. Ragucci asked about condos, and Selectman Sweeney said yes. The Board continued this item to the 7/24/12 meeting.

Approve Minutes

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the 6/12/12 minutes, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted.** Selectman DePinto moved approval of the 6/12/12 executive session minutes and not to publish, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted.**

Approve Block Party/Buttonwood Road

Selectman Sweeney moved approval of the Block Party on Buttonwood Road on 7/7, contingent on speaking to the Acting Chief. Motion was seconded and **unanimously voted.**

Vote to Send Letter to Town Clerk to Place Two Unexpired Housing Authority Vacancies on the 2013 Town Election Ballot

Selectman Gregorio moved to send a letter to the Town Clerk to place two unexpired Housing Authority vacancies on the 2013 Town Election ballot, for terms expiring in 2015 and 2016. Motion was seconded by Selectman Sweeney and **unanimously voted**.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Selectman DePinto said he would like to go to see the Speaker of the House, with Town Administrator Ragucci and Town Counsel Solomon. He noted how the MWRA paid for land and took \$90,000 from the Town. He said they could make a list of everything that has happened. Chairman Vallarelli said he will talk to Mr. Ragucci about setting it up. The Board placed the MAPC appointment on the next agenda.

Town Administrator Reports

Mr. Ragucci said they will have credit card machines installed at Unicorn and Stoneham Oaks and they will be ready this weekend. He said they received a \$75,000 check from the Town of Wakefield and they will be able to begin the Bonair project. Mr. Ragucci said four Stoneham projects are in the Transportation Bond Bill, if they survive. Selectman Gregorio asked if a letter would help on the North Street intersection. Mr. Ragucci said if the Board would send a letter on one issue, he could take a stab at a draft. Selectman DePinto moved to do so, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. Mr. Ragucci updated the Board on the Bikepath. He said they cannot accommodate the business at Montvale Plaza. He said they need to go back to Town Meeting and ask for an extension. He said the federal government requires them to have a 99-year lease from Maple Street to 93. He said the T is very receptive to it. Selectman Gregorio said he would like to see it extended but he would like to work with Mr. Ragucci and Town Counsel on the terms. Town Counsel asked that a two-person committee approve the letter going to Stockwell. Selectman Gregorio moved to allow Selectmen Sweeney and DePinto to sign the letter to Stockwell that will be written by Town Counsel. Motion was seconded and **unanimously voted**. Chairman Vallarelli said then Selectmen Sweeney and DePinto will look the letter over. Chairman Vallarelli noted the two fundraisers held over the weekend – Rounds Playground and Relay for Life. He said Relay for Life raised \$102,000. He thanked both groups.

Executive Session

Selectman DePinto moved to go into executive session pursuant to Chapter 30A for the purpose of negotiations and the THEA grievance and not to return as the Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gregorio, and a roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor: Selectman Sweeney
 Selectman Boussy
 Selectman Gregorio
 Selectman DePinto
 Chairman Vallarelli

Motion was unanimously voted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel Doherty

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