

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting November 5, 2013

Chairman Robert W. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Selectman Boussy, Selectwoman Ann Marie O’Neill, Selectman Vallarelli, Town Administrator David Ragucci and Town Counsel William H. Solomon. Selectman DePinto was unable to attend.

Pledge of Allegiance

Accept Donation from Youth Football & Cheer

Michele Bryn presented the Selectmen with a donation to be used toward extending the sprinkler irrigation system at Rec Park. Selectman Vallarelli moved to accept the donation from Youth Football & Cheer, seconded by Selectman Boussy and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Chairman Sweeney thanks the organization for their contribution and says if they need any help to just let them know.

Selectman Vallarelli moved to move up item #11, seconded by Selectman Boussy and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Discuss Update on Islands/O’Neill

Director of Public Works Robert Grover explains the history of the islands in town. Mr. Grover suggests setting up a committee to address the island issue. Selectwoman O’Neill speaks on the importance of the upkeep of the islands in town. Mr. Grover says he will work over the winter to setup criteria to move forward. Selectwoman O’Neill discusses the worn down Welcome to Stoneham signs and states that both these issues need to be addressed. Selectman Vallarelli says that there has been a disconnect with the Chamber of Commerce which Mr. Grover agrees. Mr. Grover and Selectwoman O’Neill will be in touch and move forward on this issue.

Agreement By and Between the Town of Stoneham and Stoneham Community Access, Inc./Access Agreement/Town Counsel

Town Counsel explains and updates the Board on the agreement between the Town of Stoneham and Stoneham Community Access. Selectman Boussy made a motion to move \$250,000.00 of existing funding going to Access Corp, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Site Plan Hearing/99 Restaurant/2 Main Street

Selectman Vallarelli read the Notice of Hearing. Attorney John Kimball III was present to represent Quokka, LLC, d/b/a Ninety Nine Restaurant, to construct an exterior cooler/freezer approximately 31’-4” long x 17’-6” wide x 9’ high to existing building, on the property located at 2 Main Street, Stoneham, MA on land owned by Quokka, LLC, d/b/a Ninety Nine Restaurant, 2 Main Street, Stoneham, MA 02180. Selectmen Vallarelli read Department Recommendations – Attorney John Kimball agrees with all DPW Engineering and will contact them regarding the water line when they get to that point, Police Department, Board of Health, Fire Department and Inspectional Services. Chairman Sweeney opened the hearing to the public. Selectman Vallarelli closes public hearing. Selectman Boussy made motion to approve site plan and two years allowed for completion, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman O’Neill
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Motion was unanimously voted **(4-0)**.

Liquor Licensing Authority

Selectman Boussy moved to go into Liquor Licensing Authority and return as the Board of Selectman, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectwoman O’Neill
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Motion was unanimously voted **(4-0)**.

Meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.

Meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

Light Gazebo for Autism Awareness in April/Jeanne Craigie

Jeanne Craigie, 53 Dunklee Ave, Stoneham Co-Chairman of Light It Up Blue Stoneham asked the Board to support the lighting of the gazebo blue for the month of April 2013. The Event will kick off on Sunday, April 20, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Selectman Vallarelli makes motion to set April 20th to support Light it up Blue, seconded by Selectwoman O’Neill. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Assignment of Rights (including enforcement) from the MBTA to the Town of Stoneham – Use and Occupancy Agreements Between The MBTA and: (i) Manison Almeida Realty Trust and (i) E.B. Rotondi & Sons, Inc.

Town Counsel would like to go into executive session on this issue⁷.

Approve Minutes

Selectman Boussy moves to accept minutes of 10/08/2013, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Selectman Boussy moves to accept minutes of 10/21/2013, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Selectman Boussy moved to accept the minutes of 10/08/2013 of executive session minutes and not to release, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Certificates of Appreciation to SMS Chorus and The Silver Notes

Selectman Boussy says that was a great touch to Town Meeting. Selectwoman O'Neill says that along with the art work were great additions to the Town Meeting. Chairman Sweeney suggests sending an individual certificate to each person who was involved. Chairman Sweeney made a motion to sign these certificates, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Discuss Renewal of Business Licenses/O'Neill

Selectwoman O'Neill speaks on the up keep of the business in Stoneham. Selectman Vallarelli says a lot of these businesses that are not taken care of by absentee landlords. Selectwoman O'Neill states that there are businesses running that are not keeping up their appearance. Town Counsel states the Mr. Ragucci is setting up a meeting with all our Department Heads/Enforcement Authorities to set up guidelines on how to proceed with this issue. Town Counsel states he will present the Board with a proposal in December on how to move forward with this issue.

Town Administrator Reports

Mr. Ragucci states that they had a walk through of Weiss Farm on October 28, 2013 with MassHousing and all our affected departments. The development being proposed is a 264 unit of which 66 units will be low/moderate income housing. We requested that the comment period be extended and we received approval that that period will be extended to December 20, 2013. Mr. Ragucci discusses Fallon Road stating that he has been meeting with the developer. There will a pumping station study starting which will determine if a new pumping station will be necessary that the developer will be responsible for. They are hoping to be break ground late spring early September. This is a 298 unit complex. There is significant mitigation dollars tied to this project. Mr. Ragucci states it is actually 1.8 million dollars in mitigation money beyond the tax dollars this project will generate. Mr. Ragucci also states that the Assisted Living on Franklin Street is underway and we are seeing progress daily. That project is looking be done spring/summer. Mr. Ragucci says the downtown building is on track. This project should be completely enclosed and barriers taken down by the first snow fall. Mr. Ragucci says he is meeting with NStar regarding snow emergency plans. Mr. Ragucci states the Board can give feed back on what they feel some critical roadways should be on the emergency plan list. Mr. Ragucci states the Board was interested in purchasing about 7 big bellies for the town. He states this cost would be \$3,000.00 for a single, \$4,100.00 for a double which includes recycling. He states that we are looking into grants monies which wouldn't be available until spring. He states we are going to hold off on purchasing until we know if receive grant money towards this purchase. He states even without the grant money we will still purchase but he would like to wait and see if the grants are approved first. Mr. Ragucci states that Par 3 closed last weekend and both courses did better than last year. They are about \$8,000.00-\$10,000.00 more than last year. Mr. Ragucci states that our capital plan is moving forward.

Miscellaneous

Chairman Sweeney speaks on the substance abuse coalition that has kicked off and is to bring awareness and avenues to Middle School and High School age kids with any drug or alcohol problems. Chairman Sweeney also wants to let the public know that we will be having our annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th at 10am at the Town Hall. Selectman Vallarelli asks about a letter that was sent by Allied Dynamics Corporation. Mr. Ragucci states that it is a split street with Woburn on Spartan Circle. He clarifies that the trash being removed from the street are Stoneham residents. Selectwoman O'Neill asks if Weiss Farm info can be put on the website. Town Counsel states that it will be on the website by Thursday. Selectman O'Neill asks about putting information on the TV or newspaper with updates on Weiss Farm. Town Counsel states that there is a meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7pm in the Auditorium where Corcoran will be presenting their proposal to the Board of Selectmen. Selectwoman O'Neill suggests reaching out to surrounding towns. Mr. Ragucci states he has reached out to Wakefield and Melrose. Selectman Boussy points out Diane Murphy and Paulette Gerry have become certified and wants to congratulate them. Selectman Boussy also wants the public to know that November is Men's

Health Awareness Month. Selectman Boussy recommends going to the doctors to be checked. Selectman Vallarelli asks if the new Plumbing Inspector has started. Mr. Ragucci says we just received the physical results and he should be starting later this week or early next week. Mr. Ragucci also talks about the substance abuse coalition and that there is a grant that we share with 7 other communities but he would like to use some of that grant money towards this project. Mr. Ragucci states that the Board of Health and 7 other communities also received a grant for seniors for fall preventions.

Executive Session

Selectman Boussy moved to go into executive session, pursuant to Section 21 Chapter 30A of the General Laws to discuss Stockwell, MBTA Assignment and Occupancy, Contract Negotiations and the letter that was received today between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. from Lisa Goodheart which could involve potential mitigation 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 Boussy
Selectwoman O'Neill
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair