

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of January 22, 2013

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, Town Administrator David Ragucci and Town Counsel William H. Solomon. Selectman Robert W. Sweeney was unable to attend.

Pledge of Allegiance

Coventry Lane Homeowners Association/Charles Houghton

Charlie Houghton gave explanation regarding the homeowners association. Coventry Lane is a subdivision off of High Street. This is in place if the homeowners association fails to maintain the drainage or Department of Public Works requires work on the drainage the town could enforce that against the association. Selectman Boussy is not comfortable with voting on this since he just received the final document at 5:30pm tonight. Chairman Vallarelli tabled this item until February 5, 2013 at 7:20 pm. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

MAPC Presentation

Jennifer Erickson gave MAPC presentation. Town Administrator Ragucci states the 93/I95 is an important transportation area to be addressed. Selectman Boussy suggests that this handout list be prioritized at some point.

AP Rounds Playground Rebuilding Committee/Accept Donation

Angelika Paul states they raised enough to purchase a toddler structure. They are asking the board to authorize Public Works to help with prep for the site. They explain the current layout and changes to park. They will be applying for a grant to cover some of the expenses. Selectmen approve Public Works Department to help out at AP Rounds. Committee has been instructed to see Town Administrator Ragucci to set this up.

Selectman DePinto made motion to accept donation, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

CPA/DePinto

Selectman DePinto wants to address this issue. He states the Board promised no override for 5 yrs after the middle school. He would like the Board to take a position to not support the CPA due to prior promises made. DePinto makes motion board doesn't support CPA. Chairman Vallarelli is not comfortable with taking a position on this before the Governor releases his budget to see just what tax increases the tax payers will be facing. Selectman Boussy discusses the pros of the CPA.

H.S. SBAB Application/Gregorio

Selectman Gregorio discusses investing in the high school and make renovations such as HVAC system. We need to get on the SBAB. We have been advised to submit an application. Selectman Gregorio says before they move forward he would like to make sure the board is in support of moving forward to submit the application. Selectman Boussy asks how long this process is. Superintendent Olson states about 2-3 years. The board is in support of moving forward.

No vote was needed.

Approve Minutes

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the minutes from December 18, 2012, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Selectman DePinto moved approval of the minutes from January 8, 2013, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Selectman DePinto moved approval of the executive session minutes of December 18, 2012 and not to release them, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Selectman DePinto moved approval of the executive session minutes of January 8, 2013 and not to release them, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Selectman DePinto moved approval of the executive session minutes of December 11, 2012 and not to release them, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

Spot Pond Brook/Boussy

Selectman Boussy explains the phone call that he received regarding the flooding that is going on in the spot pond book area. He is asking the board to send a letter to Lewis and Clarke requesting DCR drudge and see what is going on in this area. Chairman Vallarelli says he thinks they have to go to conservation first. Conservation is meeting 1/23/2013. Chip Larzelere speaks on this issue. Frank Gillespie speaks to the damage he has incurred due to this flooding. Resident on 14 Philips Road also speaks to the issues she has incurred. Conservation states that they need to find out who has jurisdiction over this area before they can move forward.

No vote needed.

Approve documents with updated opening and closing dates of the Annual/Special Town Meeting

Selectman DePinto made motion to open the Annual Town Meeting on January 30, 2013 and close on February 25, 2013, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

Town Counsel states to not move ahead with the Marijuana by law at Special Town Meeting and address it at the Annual Town Meeting. Town Counsel states he would like more language than just requiring a special permit. Town Counsel is meeting with the Planning Board on 1/23/2013 and is going to present more restrictions/limitations to be added to the by law.

Set time for Special Town Meeting within Annual Town Meeting

This item was tabled.

Accept Amended Fiscal Guidelines/TA

This item was tabled.

FY 14 Budget/Town Administrator

Selectman DePinto made motion to approve budget and to send budget off to the finance board, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Town Administrator submitted his FY14 budget to the Board of Selectmen. He said the total budget to be submitted is \$67,966,798. He said there is a 1-1/2% pay raise in there for all of their employees. He said that unclassified fund is going up workers comp, liability insurance by around 10%. Health insurance increase around \$42,000.00. Pension costs going up \$300,000.00. Selectman Gregorio states we should look into hiring a Town Planner. Selectman Boussy asks if mitigation money could be used to fund.

Selectman Gregorio makes motion for Town Administrator to look into using mitigation money to consult in a town planner, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

Appoint Council of Aging Member

Selectman DePinto made motion to appoint Paula Scannelli to Council of Aging, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

Approve Weekly Bingo Hours & Super Bowl Sunday Bingo Hours/Boys & Girls Club

Selectman DePinto made motion for the Boys & Girls club to go back to 6pm till midnight with the exception on February 3, 2013, Noon till 6pm, seconded Boussy. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

Selectman DePinto moves to go into Liquor Licensing Authority at 9:24 p.m. and return to the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Gregorio.

Meeting reconvened at 9:26 p.m.

Town Administrator Reports

Town Administrator states bids came in for the Middle School the total dollar amount is still not set. Administrator Ragucci will be meeting with Moody for ratings on long term borrowing next week. Administrator Ragucci has met with Conservation regarding Brookbridge Road and they have had a discussion with the neighborhood group on what direction he is heading. Administrator Ragucci says everything is moving on with little or no problems.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Chairman Vallarelli wants to thank Randy Perillo and Cheryl Sanders for putting on a fantastic get together at the Boys and Girls Club for Martin Luther King Day. Selectman Boussy wants to recognize that a long time Stoneham resident Doris Pratt is celebrating her 100 year birthday. Selectman DePinto wants to verify the Verizon check is the correct amount. Town Counsel confirmed it is. Selectman DePinto wants residents to know if anyone needs help to get circuit breaker credit to contact him. Town Counsel wants the residents to also know that Comcast offers senior discounts to seniors, if they are interested to call Comcast.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair