

**Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of January 8, 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, Robert W. Sweeney, and Town Administrator David Ragucci. Town Counsel William H. Solomon arrived at 7:20 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Bi-Board Meeting to discuss and accept the fiscal guidelines and budget agreement**

The Board of Selectmen met with the School Committee. Town Administrator Ragucci gave a presentation on the fiscal guidelines, FY 14 budget agreement, FY14 estimated revenues and FY14 local receipts.

Selectman Boussy moved to eliminate the annual budget guidelines, seconded by Selectman Sweeney.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy  
Selectman Sweeney

Opposed:

Selectman DePinto  
Selectman Gregorio  
Chairman Vallarelli

Voting was 2-3 not in favor. **Motion did not carry.**

Selectman DePinto moved to adopt fiscal budget guidelines and annual budget agreement, seconded by Selectmen Gregorio.

Voting in Favor

Selectman DePinto  
Selectman Gregorio  
Chairman Vallarelli

Opposed:

Selectman Boussy  
Selectman Sweeney

Voting was 3-2 in favor. **Motion carried.**

Selectman DePinto makes motion to adjourn the bi-board meeting, seconded by Selectman Boussy.

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

**Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.**

**Discussion on the future of the Oaks/Town Administrator**

Town Administrator Ragucci talks about the future of the Oaks Golf Course. Stoneham Oaks is costing \$80,000.00 to maintain. He is asking the Board if he should fund the Oaks for this year. Town Administrator Ragucci feels that the Oaks will maintain itself this upcoming year. His recommendation is to keep it open for this year. Town Administrator Ragucci states he is meeting with the Conservation Commission tomorrow night regarding the transfer of Oaks and Brookbridge Road. If the Conservation Commission rejects this idea then the likelihood with us doing anything with the Oaks is reduced. Mr. Ragucci needs the support of the Conservation Commission to move forward. Selectman Sweeney states we should go back to the Brookbridge neighborhood before going to conservation. Selectman Gregorio suggests making sure that this switch will provide more protection for Brookbridge before going to the neighborhood. Town Administrator Ragucci will report back on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Approve Auto Amusement License for RCM Group d/b/a J.J. Grimsby & Co**

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the Auto Amusement License Renewal for RCM Group d/b/a J.J. Grimsby & Co. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gregorio and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

**Approve 140 Franklin Street Site Plan Decision Letter**

Selectman Gregorio moved approval of the site plan decision letter for 140 Franklin Street. Motion was seconded by Selectman DePinto, and a roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy  
Selectman DePinto  
Selectman Gregorio  
Selectman Sweeney  
Chairman Vallarelli

**Motion was unanimously voted.**

**Approve 221 & 225 Fallon Road Site Plan Decision Letter**

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the site plan decision letter for 221 & 225 Fallon Road. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gregorio, and a roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy  
Selectman DePinto  
Selectman Gregorio  
Selectman Sweeney  
Chairman Vallarelli

**Motion was unanimously voted.**

**Approve Minutes**

Selectman Sweeney moved approval of 12/11/2012 minutes, seconded by Selectman Boussy. Selectman DePinto abstained. Motion was unanimously voted (4-0-1)

**Accept Donation to General Fund in the amount of \$854.14 from The Mark Vaughan Committee which was dissolved**

Selectman DePinto moved to accept donation from The Mark Vaughan Committee. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gregorio and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Marijuana Bylaw/Continue discussion with possibility of opening warrant for Special within Annual Town Meeting/Town Counsel**

Selectman Gregorio moved to open Special Town Meeting within Annual Town Meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2013 and close it on Thursday January 31, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Open Warrant for Annual Town Meeting and Set Warrant Closing Date/Town Counsel**

Selectman Gregorio moved to open Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday January 30, 2013 and close it on Monday February 25, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Town Administrator Reports**

North school update the three residential lots have been sold and they have poured one foundation. We are closing on the bigger parcel on January 17, 2013. Also, the middle school bid opening on is January 17, 2013 which will provide a more accurate figure on the cost of the building. Mr. Ragucci has a bond counsel meeting regarding long term bonding for the building. The bike path is scheduled for FY15. There are major problems with the grade at Maple Street and the Woburn line. Mr. Ragucci met with a few of the abutters and they have agreed to remove the fill. There is a house located on Hersam Street that is in poor condition. The Building Inspector has been trying to work with homeowner and he is not cooperating. Mr. Ragucci says that they are going to start legal action. Town Counsel is filing a complaint of violation of state building code at Woburn District Court tomorrow. The recent snow storm cost the town \$35,000.00. There is \$85,000.00 left from the \$190,000.00 allotment. Selectman DePinto stated that sand is already paid for.

**Miscellaneous Correspondence**

Selectman DePinto states that during the snow someone had driven over the island at Ravine Road and thinks that maybe going to DCR to get some type of arrow to put on the island so people know it is there.

**Executive Session**

Selectman DePinto moved to go into executive session, pursuant to Chapter 30 of the General Laws to discuss contract negotiations, grievances and Stockwell Trust, and not to return as the Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gregorio and was **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy  
Selectman DePinto  
Selectman Gregorio  
Selectman Sweeney  
Chairman Vallarelli

**Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair