

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of March 5, 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, Town Administrator David Ragucci and Town Counsel William H. Solomon.

Pledge of Allegiance

Bi-Board Meeting with Conservation Commission

Public Hearing on Swap of Brookbridge Road/Stoneham Oaks as in regards to Article 97 Restrictions

Mr. Ragucci apologizes that the reverse 911 did not work for all neighbors and he will find out why. We have had a number of meetings to discuss the land swap between Oaks and Brookbridge. Our Par 3 golf course is failing and has been for about five years. Swapping the 97 from Oaks to Brookbridge will take our restriction off of the Oaks and protect Brookbridge. A decision was made to have Selectman Gregorio, Selectman Sweeney, Town Administrator, Conservation Commission, Town Counsel and residents to meet on March 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to have another discussion and polish up the article and see if they can come to an agreement on what works best for the town.

Meeting Recessed at 8:40 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 8:45p.m.

Reappointment of Town Counsel

Selectman Sweeney moved to reappoint Bill Solomon as Town Counsel. He said Bill has been doing a super job. Motion was seconded by Selectman Gregorio and unanimously voted. Selectmen Boussy and Gregorio say he is doing a great job also.

Voting in favor:

- Selectman Boussy
- Selectman DePinto
- Selectman Gregorio
- Selectman Sweeney
- Chairman Vallarelli

Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).

Accept and Number Articles for Annual Town Meeting and Sign Warrant

Selectman Boussy moved to accept the articles as proposed #2-18 and sign the warrant, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

Approve Minutes

Selectman DePinto made motion to approve minutes of February 19, 2013, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).** Selectman DePinto moved approval of the executive session minutes of February 19, 2013, and not to release them, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

Liquor Licensing Authority

Selectman Gregorio moved to go into Liquor Licensing Authority at 8:55 p.m. and return to the Board of Selectman, seconded by Selectman DePinto, roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

- Selectman Boussy
- Selectman DePinto
- Selectman Gregorio
- Chairman Vallarelli

Meeting reconvened at 8:56 p.m.

Town Administrator Reports

DEP showed up at our golf course to do an inspection on the tanks underground. We were sited for a number of violations none that would create a contamination issue but there are a number of things we should have been doing such as keeping records and we have not been keeping up with that. There are a few pipes that are not up to code and we have four options to address this issue. Option 2 would be his recommendation. I have a contact person for National Grid and I will advertise his name and contact number for the residents. The contact wants him to inform the Board that there is a cost if a resident or neighborhood requests gas service to their home(s). National Grid does not pay; the residents have to pay for the street lines and the house lines to receive service from National Grid. Selectman DePinto requested to have the contact come to a Selectmen’s meeting. Mr. Ragucci will see if he is available for the March 19th meeting. The construction for the Middle School is over budget. He is informing the Board that a 1 million dollar problem has grown to a 3 million dollar problem. Selectman Sweeney says there was talk about selling the parcel out front of the Middle School to make up for the short fall. He states that he will not support selling that parcel to make up for the shortfall. Selectman Boussy is in agreement with Selectman Sweeney on that issue. Mr. Ragucci says at the conclusion of last night’s meeting there have been a number of value engineering attempts. He says there will be lesser of a building than what we intended. Selectman Boussy is not comfortable starting this project with kind of shortfall. Mr. Ragucci says this is off to a rough start.

Accept and Number Additional Articles for Annual Town Meeting

Selectman Gregorio moved to accept the additional articles and renumber accordingly, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

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Miscellaneous Correspondence

Chairman Vallarelli received a notice from the Public Health Tobacco Coordinator. He said we will add it to the next agenda. He also states that we got a notice that the convenient store on Franklin Street is moving to 11 Franklin Street. They applied for a Keno on the go license and we need to act tonight. We will not act and they will be granted the Keno on the go license from the Lottery Commission.

Executive Session

Selectman DePinto moved to go into executive session, pursuant to Chapter 30A of the General Laws to discuss Town Administrator Contract Negotiations, and not to return as the Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded by Selectman Sweeney and was **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Gregorio
Selectman Sweeney
Chairman Vallarelli

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair