

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting April 9, 2013

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Vallarelli says he would like to thank the voters of Stoneham who came out and voted last week. He and John DePinto will return to office and it is very much appreciated. John DePinto says thank you also.

Selectman DePinto made a motion to add item for reorganization of the Board, seconded by Selectman Sweeney.

Reorganization

Selectman DePinto nominated Robert Sweeney for Chairman, seconded by Selectman Boussy. Chairman Vallarelli moved to close nominations. Motion was unanimously voted. Selectman Sweeney nominated Tom Boussy as Vice Chairman, seconded by Selectman DePinto. Motion was unanimously voted.

Frank Vallarelli would like to say that this is Richard Gregorio's last meeting. He would like to thank him whole heartedly for all his years of service to the Town of Stoneham.

Richard Gregorio would like to say it was pleasure working with this board and appreciates what the town has done for him.

Robert W. Sweeney would like to say thank you and echo what Frank said about Richard. Richard has been a huge asset to the town. Chairman Sweeney would like to congratulate all the winners of the election.

Mystic Valley Tobacco Alcohol Program

Maureen Buzby gives a presentation on the Tobacco Alcohol Program.

Liquor Licensing Authority

Selectman DePinto moved to go into Liquor Licensing Authority at 7:23 p.m. and return to the Board of Selectman, seconded by Selectman Gregorio, roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Gregorio
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).

Meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

NStar Electric Company/Dapper Darby Dr., Skywood Dr., Heather Ln and Laurie Ln/Conduit/Public Hearing

Selectman Vallarelli made motion to approve based on Bob Grover's approval, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).** Tom Morihan was present to discuss all the proposed work in the Skywood area. NStar is proposing to put the conduit in the curb line in a 3 feet trench. NStar is also proposing replace sidewalks in the area and come back a year later after the project is complete to give it a chance to settle. They will replace any irrigation and grass with seed if it is disturbed during the work project. NStar doesn't use sod as replacement they use seed but will guarantee that the looming and seeding will be up to customer satisfaction if not he will work with the homeowners. He doesn't anticipate much lawn damage. NStar will put pipe in for the five street lights that are currently not working.

Site Plan Hearing/185 Main Street

Selectman Gregorio read the Notice of Hearing. Attorney Charles Houghton was present to represent Stoneham Motor Service LLC, d/b/a Stoneham Motor Co., Inc., to add a second floor addition of approximately 3250 square feet to the existing building and remove a small area at the front of the existing building, on the property located at 185 Main Street, Stoneham, MA on land owned by Stoneham Motor Service LLC, d/b/a Stoneham Motor Co., 185 Main Street, Stoneham, MA 02180. Attorney Houghton states that this is the service building they are proposing to put a second floor for office space for Stoneham Motors. Attorney Houghton shows a drawing of the building. Selectmen Gregorio read Department Recommendations – Charlie Houghton agrees with all DPW Engineering, Police Department, Board of Health, Fire Department and Inspectional Services. Chairman Sweeney opened the hearing to the public. Jim LeBlanc lives behind Stoneham Ford one problem he has is no description of the height, windows, etc., he states that he will loose privacy if this goes up. Attorney Houghton explains it will not affect the back of the building. Selectman Gregorio asks if they could not put windows on the back of the building. Ed Westhaver shares concern of privacy from the second floor would request there be no windows on the back of the building. Attorney Houghton agrees to not having windows in the back of the building. Chairman Sweeney closes public hearing. Selectman Gregorio made motion to approve site plan subject to no windows in the rear of the building and two years allowed for completion, seconded by Selectman DePinto. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Gregorio
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).

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Selectman Vallarelli requested to move up item #11.

Hybrid Trash Pickup System/Boussy

Robert Grover explains the Hybrid Trash Pickup system. Selectman Vallarelli has done further research and would like to say that he would like to follow what Medford is doing for trash removal. Selectman Vallarelli states that you need to do the responsible thing and recycle or you are going to end up spending more for trash removal. Recycling would be weekly. Selectman Boussy says our current contract is up on July 1st so we need to figure out what direction we are going. Selectman Vallarelli says it works out to be \$100.00 per household. Chairman Sweeney suggests a few people get together and iron out all the questions and facts and then come back to us.

Appoint to Board of Registrars

Selectman Vallarelli moved to reappoint Lawrence Allen to the Board of Registrars, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

Article Recommendations/Annual Town Meeting

Chairman Sweeney reads: Article 4 – Selectman Gregorio moved approval, seconded by Selectman DePinto and unanimously voted. Article 5 & Article 6 – Attorney Houghton explained both articles, Article 8 – IP, Article 9 – IP this article suggested by Town Administrator, Chairman Sweeney says Open Space and Recreation should take this over. Article 10 – Selectman Vallarelli moved approval, seconded by Selectman Boussy. Motion passed 4-1. Article 11 – Selectman Vallarelli moved approval, seconded by Selectman Boussy. Motion passed 4-1. Article 12 – Selectman Gregorio moved approval, seconded by Selectman DePinto and unanimously voted. Article 13 – Selectman Gregorio moved approval, seconded by Selectman DePinto and unanimously voted. Article 14 – Selectman Gregorio moved approval, seconded by Selectman DePinto and unanimously voted. Article 15 - Selectman Gregorio moved approval, seconded by Selectman DePinto and unanimously voted. Article 16 - Selectman Gregorio moved approval, seconded by Selectman DePinto and unanimously voted. Article 17 – Selectman Gregorio moved approval, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. Motion passed 4-1. Article 18 - Selectman Gregorio moved approval, seconded by Selectman DePinto and unanimously voted. Article 19 – Selectman Vallarelli moved approval, seconded by Selectman DePinto. Motion passed 4-1.

Call for Special Town Election to fill vacancy on Board of Selectmen

Selectman Vallarelli made motion to put vacant selectman's seat on the June 25, 2013 ballot, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0)**

Approve Minutes

Selectman DePinto made motion to approve minutes of March 19, 2013, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Motion passed (4-0-1).** Selectman DePinto moved approval of the executive session minutes of March 19, 2013, and not to release them, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Motion passed (4-0-1).**

Discussion on Oaks/Continued Town Administrator

Chairman Sweeney states this was addressed in item #8. We are going to have Open Space and Recreation look at this issue.

Town Administrator Reports

Mr. Ragucci informs the Board that we will start seeing work being done at the East School joint effort between the DPW and developers of the East School. There is a program that will be kicked off at our Senior Center on April 24th called TRIAT sponsor by the Sheriff's Department provides ways of seniors for protecting themselves. We are hoping to have a recycling coordinator on board within the next few weeks. Round committee is rocky and rolling we should see activity within the next few weeks. You may see something in the Globe about a group looking to regionalize our 911 system. We will be starting looking into that savings within the next few weeks also once we get the go ahead from the State.

Selectman Gregorio explains the issues with Capital Committee that need to be addressed and he recommends opening a Special Town Meeting within the Annual Town Meeting. Selectman Vallarelli made motion of open the Special Town Meeting within the Annual Town Meeting on Thursday April 11, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. and closes on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 4:00 p.m., seconded by Selectman DePinto and unanimously voted (5-0).

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Chairman Sweeney got a request from Special Olympics looking for a little league field to use on Thursday nights. We should accommodate them with the Upper Pomeworth field. He would like the board to support him in directing the Town Administrator to see this request is accommodated. Chairman Sweeney would like to thank the DPW and the Fire Department for putting up the blue lights in the common. They did a great job. The ceremony is this Sunday from 1-4 at the Common. Selectman DePinto would like to let the residents know at the next meeting what is going on with the hospital project. He thinks its time to send letters to our elected officials on where they stand on this development. Chairman Sweeney asked Town Administrator where we stand with the gas company. Chairman Sweeney suggests we send a letter to Rep Lewis and Clarke that they are not addressing our issues. Mary Todd from the library speaks on her concerns about the budget.

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Executive Session

Selectman DePinto moved to go into executive session, pursuant to Chapter 30A of the General Laws to discuss contract negotiations, and not to return as the Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded by Selectman Sweeney and was **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Gregorio
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair