

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting May 14, 2013

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Site Plan Hearing/2 Hill Court

Selectman DePinto read the Notice of Hearing. Attorney Charles Houghton was present to represent Paicopolos Realty, LLC, to change in current use from four to five residential units, on the property located at 2 Hill Court, Stoneham, MA on land owned by Paicopolos Realty, LLC, 21 Crystal Drive, Stoneham, MA 02180. Selectmen Boussy 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. No one spoke. Chairman Sweeney closes public hearing. Selectman DePinto made motion to approve site plan for 2 Hill Court and two years allowed for completion, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).

Selectman DePinto requests to move up item #8, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. **All in favor (4-0).**

Disability Committee/Town Administrator

Town Administrator discusses the roles of a Disability Commission. Administrator Ragucci requests that the Board support this commission. He states that no more than 5 members. Chairman Sweeney opens the topic up to the public. Sue Coughlin, 300 Mountainview Drive states that she feels if we had a commission in town that there would be more services available to the disabled residents of the town. She says thank you to Administrator Ragucci for moving so quickly on this issue. Selectman DePinto moves to form disability commission with terms of 1 member for 1 year, 2 members for 2 years and 2 members for 3 years, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **All in favor (4-0).**

Liquor Licensing Authority

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

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).

Meeting recessed at 7:20 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.

Meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Approve Arbor Day Proclamation

Selectman Vallarelli read and moved approval of the Arbor Day proclamation, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Chairman Sweeney acknowledges that Jim Previte is doing a great job splitting his time between DPW and Tree Department. Chairman Sweeney suggests the Board meet with Jim to take a picture with the tree that was just planted in the Common.

Approve Minutes

Selectman DePinto made motion to approve minutes of April 22, 2013, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Selectman DePinto made motion to approve minutes of April 23, 2013, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Selectman DePinto

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moved approval of the executive session minutes of April 23, 2013, and not to release them, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

Annual Appointments/Continued

Water & Sewer Review Board

One appointment for three-year term effective until 4/30/2016.

Selectman Vallarelli moved to reappoint John Bracciotti to the (3) three-year term. Motion was seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (4-0).**

Trash Discussion/Selectman Vallarelli

Selectman Vallarelli states that himself along with Selectman Boussy, Town Administrator Ragucci and head of Public Works Bob Grover have met to discuss potential changes that they would like to look at in our current trash contract. We have not gone out to bid in 10 years. The changes they would like to see are in recycling issues which will bring trash fees down and will return money to tax payers. We would like to put out for a proposal for the single stream method. The current contract expires June 1, 2013. Bob Grover has agreed with the current disposal company to let us have a 6 month extension.

Approve Transfer Common Victualler License/Long Stream, Inc., 19 Franklin Street

Selectman DePinto moved to approve Transfer of Common Victualler License from U ME Restaurant to Long Stream, Inc., 19 Franklin Street, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **All in favor (4-0).**

Approve Transfer Entertainment License/Long Stream, Inc., 19 Franklin Street

Selectman DePinto moved to approve Transfer of Entertainment License from U ME Restaurant to Long Stream, Inc., 19 Franklin Street, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **All in favor (4-0).**

Accept Donations/AP Rounds

Selectman DePinto moved to accept two donations for AP Rounds, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. **All in favor (4-0).** Chairman Sweeney mentions Saturday 5/18/2013 at AP Rounds if anyone is interested in helping out bring your equipment. Town Administrator Ragucci says the town will provide backhoe and driver for Saturday at AP Rounds.

House Budget/Selectman DePinto

Selectman DePinto reviews the comparison of Stoneham to surrounding towns on where Stoneham stands with the House Budget. Selectman DePinto requests that the residents of Stoneham start writing to our Senator and Representative.

Hospital Project/Selectman DePinto

Selectman DePinto wants to bring up that there is a representative from another district who is getting involved. He is asking the Board if they feel we should also get our State Representatives involved. Selectman DePinto requests that we send a letter to Senator Clark and Representative Lewis support us in this matter. Bob Conway from the Conservation Commission speaks and states the Conservation Commission opened up the permit process on the Woodland Road improvements and since then there has been allot of questions. Bob Conway summarizes the DCR work that is expected to be done. Chairman Sweeney requests they keep the Selectmen posted on changes. Selectman DePinto requests to send letters to Senator Clark and Representative Lewis for them to give support to the Town of Stoneham on the DCR improvements project.

Approve White Ribbon Proclamation

Selectman DePinto made a motion for Selectman Vallarelli to present the proclamation tomorrow at the ceremony being held at the Town Hall at noon, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **All in favor (4-0).**

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Town Administrator Reports

Administrator Ragucci states that he is close to having the Rolling Thunder display in the hallway of the back entrance to the Town Hall ready. He would like to coordinate a date to have a ceremony. He also states that he has been approached by residents with the idea of doing some artist drawing on switch boxes around town. At no cost to the town. Administrator Ragucci supports this idea and requests the support of the Board. They support the project. Administrator Ragucci states that tomorrow there will be a meeting with area residents of 411 Main Street listen to stipulations for the construction time. The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. downstairs in banquet hall closing the parking lot, block off sidewalks and address concerns of the local business owners. Just a reminder that Saturday is the ground breaking ceremony at the Central School at 9:00 am. He says that the Selectmen's presents would be welcome. The business round table has formed a small committee and has requested I be a part of this to get business input on changes to possible by laws changes.

Miscellaneous

Selectman DePinto asks Attorney Solomon if the Comcast monies are on target. Attorney Solomon will follow up to look at these reports. Chairman Sweeney says that they have received a letter regarding the sale of Weiss Farm. There will be plenty of meeting regarding this property and everything that is going around are all rumors. There will a lot of public hearings on this project.

Executive Session

Selectman DePinto moved to go into executive session, pursuant to Chapter 30A of the General Laws to discuss Stockwell, Leasing of Property, Exchange of Real Property and not to return as the Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded by Selectman Boussy and was unanimously voted (4-0).

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.