

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting May 28, 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 and Town Counsel William H. Solomon.

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation of Heritage Award/Historical Commission

Chairman Margaret O. Warren presented the annual Heritage Award to Larry and Bee Russo for their efforts and success in saving the East School from demolition and refurbishing it to residential use.

Woodland Road Project Discussion

We were notified this afternoon that the Commissioners Office could not make the meeting tonight. We are going to reschedule this meeting.

411 Main Street/Deed Signing Parcel A & Parcel B/Attorney Charles Houghton

Attorney Charles Houghton was here to represent the property owner 411 Main Street, LLC. Chairman Sweeney says that he has received a few phone calls regarding a handicap ramp in front of Felicia's and Frank Petrillo has agreed to install the ramp. Director of Public Works Bob Grover had a site walk today at 411 Main Street and he said that everything is going fine. Chairman Sweeney states he is happy with the communication Mr. Petrillo is having with the neighbors. Selectman Vallarelli is also pleased with the project. Selectman Vallarelli move that the Board, having determined that the below described property is not otherwise needed for the purposes for which it held, and pursuant to the below votes of the Stoneham Town Meeting on October 20, 2008 (Article 7) and October 26, 2009 (Article 2) whereby the Town Meeting voted to transfer the subject property to this Board for the purpose of sale of said land, hereby vote to sell and convey by release deed, a copy of which incorporated by reference into this vote, the below referenced Parcel A and B to 411 Main Street, LLC., a duly organized limited liability company in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with a principal place of business at 31 Main Street, North Reading, MA 01864 ("the Grantee") in consideration of Five Thousand Eighty-Two (\$5,082.00) Dollars to be paid by 411 Main St., LLC. Said two parcels of land in Stoneham, Massachusetts, shown as Parcel A and Parcel B on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land of 409-4119 Main Street in Stoneham, MA" dated May 13, 2013, prepared by P.J.F. and Associates. Parcel A contains 312 square feet and Parcel B contains 150 square feet according to said plan. Said plan to be recorded with the deed, seconded by Selectman DePinto. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).

National Grid/Gas Expansion Discussion

Chairman Sweeney starts by saying that they have been receiving phone calls from neighborhoods wanting gas brought out to their homes. His question is why is National Grid not willing to bring gas lines to houses? National Grid Representative Victor Santana states that throughout the Commonwealth its not they are not willing they are not quite able. National Grid is a regulated company. Attorney Solomon suggests that National Grid use Stoneham to test this project. Selectman DePinto thanks them for coming. Selectman DePinto's question is why National Grid can't take the cost to run one main line if there is gas already in that area. Resident Rocco Ciccarello states he doesn't understand why he has to pay to become a customer. Mr. Santana states there is more accurate pricing happening around town. Mr. Santana states National Grid wants to meet the new demand. Selectmen DePinto asks if contacting our Representative and Senators to talk to the regulators regarding making Stoneham a pilot program on expansion. Mr. Santana would encourage reaching out. Paul Misano is looking for an understanding of what we have underground in Stoneham (size, capacity etc.). Mr. Santana will make sure National Grid is in contact with Bob Grover the Director of Public Works about those concerns. Chairman Sweeney volunteers Paul Misano to sit with National Grid and Bob Grover to start this process on getting all the answers we need.

Approve Block Parties/Philips Road/Winthrop Street

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the request for a Block Party on Philips Road on 6/8/13, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).** Selectman DePinto moved approval of the Block Party on Winthrop Street on 6/8/13, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

Approve 2 Hill Court Site Plan Decision Letter

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the site plan decision letter for 2 Hill Court, seconded by Selectman Boussy. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).

Approve Minutes

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the 5/14/13 minutes, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Selectman DePinto moved approval of the 5/14/13 executive session minutes and not to release, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Accept Donations/AP Rounds

Selectman Vallarelli moved to accept a donation for \$1,000.00 for AP Rounds, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **All in favor (4-0)**.

Sign US Senate Election Warrant

Selectman DePinto moved to accept and sign the warrant, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Sign Special Town Election Warrant

Selectman DePinto moved to accept and sign the warrant, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Town Administrator Reports

Mr. Ragucci not present

Miscellaneous

Selectmen DePinto confirms with Attorney Solomon that the Comcast check is accurate. Attorney Solomon says it is in line with historical revenues and deductions are accurate. Chairman Sweeney wanted to acknowledge town employee Bill McCabe for last Sunday's fundraiser which he reran the marathon and raised money for the Stoneham survivors. Also, the Stoneham Elks has a very successful fundraiser at Montvale Plaza Friday night also for the Stoneham survivors. The Stoneham Strong School float in the parade yesterday was great. He doesn't want to single people out but is very impressed with how the Town as a whole has pulled together for the marathon survivors. Chairman Sweeney also says if you are around town and see any fundraisers to support the survivors it would be appreciated to help out. The guys and lady are going to need all the help they can get. Selectman DePinto asks if the Department of Telecommunications and Cable letter he got pertains to Stoneham. Attorney Solomon responds and states it does not involve Stoneham.

Executive Session

Selectman DePinto moved to go into executive session, pursuant to Chapter 30A of the General Laws to discuss Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Company v. Town of Stoneham, Department of Industrial Accidents Case 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 8:05 p.m.