

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting June 11, 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

Presentation of Certificates to Sergeant Heller & Officer Carroll

The Board presented Sergeant Heller and Officer Carroll with certificates for their outstanding service and dedication to the North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council during the Marathon tragedy on April 15, 2013.

Presentation of Certificate to Auxiliary Chief Richard Hastings

The Board presented the Auxiliary Chief Richard Hastings with a certificate in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to the Town of Stoneham as Chief on the Auxiliary Fire Department for years and 25+ years as Chief.

Appoint Members to the Disability Commission

Appoint Members to Committees

Selectman DePinto moved to appoint David Ragucci the Town Administrator and Jonathan Delman to the (3) three-year terms that expires 4/30/2016. Christina Zizza and Sue Coughlin to the (2) two two-year terms that expires 4/30/2015 and Maureen Rasetta to the (1) one-year term. Motion was seconded by Selectman Boussy and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Hall Memorial Pool Discussion/Gerry DeViller

Representative Lewis, DCR and the Boys and Girls Club spoke on the history and future plans of the Hall Memorial Pool. This is the first of its kind that the DCR is sharing responsibility of the pool with a community partner. They will be opening the wading pool for the summer of 2013. The deep water pool is not scheduled to open until the summer of 2014 due to extensive repairs that need to be made. The DCR will continue to run the pool this summer and the Boys and Girls Club are aiming to manage the pool summer of 2014. Selectman Boussy states this is fantastic very happy. Selectman DePinto states that everyone stepped up to the plate to keep this running and he is very pleased with the outcome.

Representative Lewis states an update on Ravine and Woodland Road will be sometime in July.

Switchbox Art Project/Accept Donation/Marcia Wengen

Marcia Wengen, Margaret Warren, Peg Drummy and Bee Russo are leading this project. They are looking for skilled local artists to paint on the switchboxes around town. At some point they will be looking to involve the school system. Selectman DePinto moved to support this project and let them choose which boxes and pictures to paint on the switchboxes, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Selectman DePinto made motion to accept \$300.00 donation from Stoneham Bank, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Approve Minutes

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the 5/28/13 minutes, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Selectman DePinto moved approval of the 5/28/13 executive session minutes and not to release, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Approve June 23rd 5K Road Race/Dave Poland

Dave Poland spoke regarding the specifics for the 5K to raise money for the marathon victims from Stoneham. He has gotten the approval from Police Department and Public Works. An insurance policy has been issued to cover Stoneham. Selectman Vallarelli moved to approve the 5K road race, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (4-0)**.

Liquor Licensing Authority

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

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).

Meeting recessed at 7:55 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.

Meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Chairman Sweeney would like to recognize the two people that Stoneham lost this week one was Retired Police Chief Bernard Vacon and second was Owner of Stoneham Ford Alan Melkonian. There has been a group of people who came together with the idea of putting a stone with the plaque at the common. Charlie Houghton asked Alan's family and they think it is a great idea. Alan's brothers along with Charlie Houghton will look at a spot. Chairman Sweeney requests the blessing of the board so they can go forward. Selectman DePinto moves to support his issue, seconded by Selectman Boussy and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Selectman DePinto asks Attorney Solomon about the lottery letter. He states that if the Board does not object then no action needs to be taken. Selectman Vallarelli wanted to discuss water rates and wants to make sure they do not have to take any action. He confirmed that the Water and Sewer Review Board handles this issue. Selectman DePinto wants to know if he should buy new barrels. Town Administrator Ragucci says bids are due on June 21st and we have an extension on the current contract for 6 months. Selectman DePinto is going to look into both issues about the meals tax/local tax emails.

Town Administrator Reports

The Fire Chief was successful in receiving a \$164,800 grant for the self contained breathing apparatus which is great news. Tomorrow night the famous author Dennis Lehane will be here in our auditorium sponsored by the Stoneham Public Library to support the Stoneham marathon victims. We have been struggling with the servers crashing and the time has come to replace them. We will be spending close to \$20,000 to do this project. We can not wait any longer we have to get it up and running now. Mr. Ragucci would like on a personal note say thank you to the board, own employees and friends he has made in Stoneham for their support and kindness that has been shown to me and my family through the loss of my brother. Regarding the local aid new is not good since 2002 the Town of Stoneham has lost in real dollars 3.5 million dollars in local aid. Selectman DePinto says that letters need to written to our Governor, Senator and Representative to vote no on the budget. Selectman DePinto also suggests that we write a letter to the editor suggesting that the residents also write in. Selectman DePinto moved for Mr. Ragucci and Town Counsel Solomon to draft letters to send letters to not support the budget, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli and **unanimously voted (4-0)**. Attorney Solomon will look into why the numbers have decreased so drastically for the state owned land.

Executive Session

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

Voting in Favor:

Selectman Boussy
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Sweeney

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair