

Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting of September 22, 2015

Chairman Thomas Boussy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Selectwoman Caroline Colarusso, Selectman John F. DePinto, Selectwoman Ann Marie O'Neill, Selectman Frank Vallarelli, Town Administrator David Ragucci and Town Counsel William H. Solomon.

The following minutes include the actions taken at the meeting and a brief summary of the discussions had by the Board of Selectmen. If you would like to hear detailed discussion please see the time listed next to each agenda item and go to Stoneham TV on Demand available from the homepage www.stoneham-ma.gov

Pledge of Allegiance

Update from Senator Jason Lewis & State Representative Michael Day (Time :45-34:08 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

State Representative Michael Day spoke on the following budget items: FY16 budget has been resolved and passed, the amount of local aid was 3.426 million dollars which is an increase of about \$120,000 from last year, Chapter 70 went up to 3.838 million which is an increase of \$60,000 from last year and \$50,000 to Stoneham for the Substance Abuse Coalition Coordinator. Representative Day states that the Substance Abuse Coalition is having an event on October 2, 2015 6pm at the Montvale Plaza he would like to encourage everyone here and at home to come to this event. Representative Day stated that they over road other cuts on the vetoes such as to education funding which will restore full day kindergarten grants, early education programs, as well as UMASS scholarship programs, directly \$6,000 of programming to Stoneham Cultural Council as well as \$11,500 to Stoneham Theatre for programming. He also mentioned Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program was restored. He states there will be about 1,000 new vouchers to families at risk of homelessness. He states the money will be used to implement a law that passed last session that was built on Massachusetts Special Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth. He states they will move forward on those recommendations and the piece there that he is proud of is not only is it going to keep these kids off the street which will add some stability to their lives it is also going to significantly cut down on societal costs such as crime and emergency services. He states this was driven forward by Max Davis a young man from Stoneham who has been in the State House repeatedly along with his parents Brenna and Michael Davis. They were the driving force behind this line item. He states Stoneham should be proud of Max and his work on this. Representative Day states the House also approved funding for a piolet program for post-partum depression and for prostate cancer research. Representative Day states that they restored 1 million dollars of funding to the Stone Zoo to operational budget. He states they received a commitment from the administration that Zoo New England will receive 3 million dollars under a Mass Works grant. That money will be dedicated to capital investments and deferred maintenance. He stated that 2.8 of that 3 million will directly to the Stone Zoo and as result of that Stone Zoo was just informed that it received it reaccreditation which is a huge bonus for us. He states there are some strings with the reaccreditation but it is a huge step to secure the Zoos future. He would like to thank everyone from the community that helped. Representative Day states there is a transportation forum coming up on October 30th at 7pm at Town Hall. He states this is the opportunity for Stoneham to come out and talk to the head of the MBTA on the needs and what we would like to see. Representative Day states there was a senior panel discussion yesterday at the Senior Center that will broadcast on Stoneham TV starting next week highlighting all the services and resources available for seniors in Stoneham. He would also like to let everyone know about the Veterans Day Road Race on November 11, 2015 which will be a 5k road race. He encourages everyone to sign up and run it. He states that the turn out for the Veterans Day Ceremony has been dismal stating it is usually less than 20 people at Town Hall. There is a group of them who would like to see this change and they think by putting the race together it will help us come together to honor our veterans. Senator Jason Lewis would like to start with congratulating the Town and the Chamber of Commerce on another fantastic Town Day this past weekend. He would like say how much of an accomplishment it was for Rep Day on his very first budget in the State House on a number of the items he mentioned and imp articular the \$50,000 for a coordinator for Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition. He states we would have not been successful with that if it was not for Rep Day. Senator Lewis also mentions the incredible accomplishment we had all together with the funding to the Stone Zoo. He states with all the support from the community, the Board, the letter and petitions Secretary Ash stated heard it load and clear and he was the key decision maker on that along with the Baker administration. Senator Lewis states he is aware that the community would like a bus stop at the Zoo and he has brought that up with the MBTA multiple times. He states they have always told him they have safety concerns. He states they are not giving up and he will continue to raise that with them and seek to increase access to the Stone Zoo. Senator Lewis speaks on Chapter 70 School funding formula. They were successful in creating a foundation budget review commission in the State budget last year. That commission was formed and they have been holding hearing around the State. Senator Lewis and Rep Day both testified at the hearing. They came out with their preliminary report in June. He states there was a very strong finding that due to health insurance cost and special needs those have led to expenses for our school districts that significantly exceed what assumed in the formula and therefor the State has been essentially under funding the needs of our school districts. He states they will be finishing their work in November and there will be a final report. Senator Lewis, Rep. Day and many of their colleges will be pushing hard to then take that up in the budget next year and start taking steps to address that in education funding moving forward. Senator Lewis states he knows there is a desire in the community to improve pedestrian access, bike access, sidewalks and he states they are continuing to monitor the launch of the complete streets program. He states the Department of Transportation is still working to put together the parameters for the program and he will make sure he keeps them updated. Senator Lewis states this would be a separate pot of Chapter 90 money that would become available to those communities. Senator Lewis speaks about the Eversource project and that they have had numerous meeting with Eversource and the Department of Transportation to push for alternative paths of travel that would go out and around Stoneham. He states they have written letters to the Secretary of Transportation and to Governor Baker. Senator Lewis states at this point they are waiting for feedback from the utility. He is expecting them to go to the Energy Facilities Sighting Board by the end of this month. He states will still have the opportunity to comment on the project and they will continue to advocate for Stoneham. Senator Lewis speaks on the Tri Community Bikeway. He states the funding that was in this fiscal year has now been transferred to the next fiscal year which means our funding is protected. The last topic Senator Lewis address is the issue on Ravine Road. He states there were concerns about a guardrail. He states that they have come up with a design that meets everyone's approval. Chairman Boussy thanks Senator Lewis and Representative Day and states he thinks that was very thorough and that he is glad that Stoneham is moving up. He states the information on the Zoo is fantastic and there is a lot of good things happening in the State House. He states they appreciate the hard work that they are doing for Stoneham. Selectwoman Colarusso states they are getting calls and complaints regarding the intersection at North Street. She asks if they can conduct a traffic study at that intersection. Representative Day states they are well beyond a traffic study and states that the DOT has this on the list. He states they are working with the engineer in town. Town Administrator Ragucci states it is at 75% design. Selectwoman Colarusso asks if they can share the results of the traffic study. Representative Day states it is between the Town and DOT on what the town would like vs. what the DOT is willing to do. Selectwoman Colarusso states she would like something done before someone get seriously hurt. Mr. Ragucci states he believes this is on the tip for FY17. Selectwoman Colarusso would like to see this project done sooner than FY17. Mr. Ragucci states the MPO controls the tip dollars and they can try to move this up but he doesn't think it will happen. Representative Day states the intersection at Friendly's is also a

problem intersection. Selectwoman Colarusso states she hopes we are bracing ourselves where we have Langwood Commons, Weiss Farm proposed and Fallon Road which will be several thousand more residents which equates to thousands of more vehicles in a short period of time on our roads and she would like to see planning at the town and state levels. Selectwoman O'Neill asks if there is any State or DCR resources that we can partner with on these roadways that we don't have any control over. Representative Day states he met with the Commissioner and that intersection was one of the big pieces they talked about and he was told they are under an order from the court not to do anything there until Langwood Commons litigation plays out. Senator Lewis states they have been working on different areas to help with the traffic flow. Selectwoman O'Neill states she would like to gather some of the research from Reading. She states she has talked to some of the officials there and they are excited about it. She states like Senator Lewis said it sounds like it should make some vast improvements and help the flow of traffic. Chairman Boussy asks if this ties into complete streets. Senator Lewis states it can. Selectwoman O'Neill why there are no buses just beyond the school and is it because there are no safe places to stop. Senator Lewis states he is not sure. Selectwoman O'Neill states she will find that out on the 30th. Chairman Boussy discusses the MWRA project that is going on in Reading and states it is like having a crystal ball and seeing what is going to happen in Stoneham in a year from now with MWRA and Eversource projects coming through. Mr. Ragucci discuss the MWRA mitigation money discussions he has been having for the Town of Stoneham. Mr. Ragucci states the idea he would like to float to Senator Lewis and Representative Day and ask for their help on is that this pipeline they are putting through Stoneham is not just for the redundancy of Stoneham but to also be the branch to Northwestern part of the State. His idea and suggestion is the communities that are not members now why shouldn't they be assessed something on top of their water bills to pay Stoneham for the inconvenience and the loss of underground space. He is not asking the MWRA to burden their current customers but when a new community wants to come online why shouldn't Stoneham get .2% of every gallon that is going into that community. He asks if something like this would require a special act of the legislature or is it something we can negotiate in a mitigation agreement with the MWRA. Representative Day states he will look into and follow up with him. Selectwoman O'Neill states getting the money for the Zoo is fantastic. She states that was a big community effort and would like to thank her Board members and the members of the community. Senator Lewis states this a great opportunity to strengthen the relationship between the Town, Schools and the Zoo.

Public Hearing Site Plan/85 Cedar Street/Riemer & Braunstein (Time 34:19- 62:29 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Attorney Mark Vaughan from Riemer & Braunstein was present to represent BJ's Wholesale Club. Selectmen DePinto read the Notice of Hearing. Attorney Vaughan discusses the proposed changes to the location and states this will require a special permit from the Planning Board and was approved unanimously. Mr. Luke DeStefano with Bohler Engineering walked the Board through the layout. Selectman DePinto asked if they were selling anything other than gas. Attorney Vaughan stated there would be no retail items sold from the kiosk other than BJ's membership cards. Selectman DePinto read the Department Recommendations: DPW Engineering – Agreed, Police Department – Agreed, Board of Health – Agreed, Fire Department – Agreed and Inspectional Service – Agreed. Attorney Vaughan explains the canopy signs and states they have not met with the Zoning Board of Appeals. Selectman Vallarelli asks if the hours of operation will be in conjunction with the store hours. Attorney Vaughan stated that hours of operation will be 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sundays. Selectman Vallarelli asks if there is any plan to come back and revise the signage out by Route 93. Attorney Vaughan states no they are not altering that sign. The Board was not comfortable approving the proposed canopy signage at this time as they have not yet appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance for the 2 canopy signs. Therefore, they approved the overall site plan without the canopy signage, with a condition that a site plan amendment will be submitted in the future to reflect any canopy signage approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Selectwoman O'Neill asks how large the canopy is and can it be seen from any of the neighborhood. Attorney Vaughan states the canopy will not be intrusive. Chairman Boussy asks if it backs up to the expressway. Attorney Vaughan states yes. Selectwoman Colarusso understand the concerns of the Board members but as she shops at BJ's and would love to get gas there. Also, she states they are right the back parking lot is always empty. She likes the design and thinks it will provide a great service to folks that are there. Selectwoman Colarusso asks when the project will be started. They stated it will probably not begin until the spring. Chairman Boussy open to public comment. There was no public comment. Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve the site plan except for anything they need a variance for, seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso. Attorney Solomon stated that in the site plan approval letter it should be noted that there will be no other retail items sold at the kiosk other than BJ's memberships. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectwoman Colarusso
 Selectman DePinto
 Selectwoman O'Neill
 Selectman Vallarelli
 Chairman Boussy

Motion passed (5-0).

Public Hearing Underground Storage Tank/85 Cedar Street/Riemer & Braunstein (Time 62:40-65:55 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto read the Notice of Hearing. Attorney Mark Vaughan was present to represent BJ's Wholesale Club. Selectman DePinto moved to approve the underground tank license, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Public Hearing Site Plan/42 Pleasant Street/Houghton (Time 69:35-117:29 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto discloses he is a member of the Appian Club which is located at 42 Pleasant Street. He states he wants that on the record and does not feel this would influence his vote tonight. He states they are tenants of the current owner. He states he is not an officer of the Appian Club. Selectman Vallarelli also discloses he is a member of the Appian Club and filled out a notice tonight. Selectman DePinto read the Notice of Hearing. Attorney Charles F. Houghton was present to represent Forty Two Pleasant Street Nominee Trust and stated that they have been to Town Meeting, the Planning Board for Special Permit and they are here tonight to go over the Department Head Reviews on the site plan. He states when they were at the Planning Board the work to the intersection at Pleasant and Spring Streets was left up to the Selectmen. The Planning Board did not issue an opinion on the two designs. Selectman DePinto read the Department Recommendations: DPW Engineering – Agreed, Police Department – Agreed, Board of Health – Agreed, Fire Department – Agreed and Inspectional Service – Agreed. At issue is the re-design of the intersection of Pleasant Street and Spring Street. The goal is to slow traffic and create an easier flow by creating a bump out by Lake Industries. This is being done as part of an agreed upon mitigation between the contractor and the town. Selectwoman Colarusso states she is not ready to vote as tonight is the first time she has seen the plan and would like more time to digest design. Chairman Boussy wants to make sure site plans are complete and not contingent upon other circumstances before the board approves. Chairman Boussy wants to take a more measured approach before approval on hypothesis. Attorney Houghton promised to send BOS the traffic study designs (2) for BOS review prior to the next meeting. Chairman Boussy asks if anyone

has comments up to this point. GWBW Chair Anthony Wilson is also to receive a site plan to reconcile with GWBW plans. Chairman Boussy states that the motion will include the 4 foot high scalloped fence. Attorney Houghton discusses the traffic plans with the Board. Chairman Boussy apologizes but thinks the Board needs more time to digest this because it is a big decision. Selectwoman O'Neill asks about a light at the intersection. The traffic engineer states that would cause more congestion and high risk of accidents. Selectman Vallarelli states he would go with the recommendation from the Police Chief and Safety Officer. The traffic engineer states to Selectwoman O'Neill there has been traffic counts and studies such as accident history done at the intersection. Chairman Boussy opens for public comments. Attorney Cicatelli representing Lake Industries spoke. Chairman Boussy closes public hearing. Selectman Vallarelli made a motion to continue the hearing until October 13, 2015 at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**. Attorney Houghton will forward the studies and plans to the Board of Selectmen for review.

Accept and Number Warrant Articles & Sign Warrant for October Town Meeting (Time 120:00-141:45 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

The Board of Selectmen accepted and numbered the warrant articles 1-21. Larry Means 4 Victoria Lane spoke. Selectman DePinto made a motion to sign the Warrant, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectwoman Colarusso
Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O'Neill
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Boussy

Motion passed (5-0).

Sidewalk Discussion (Time 142:50-161:56 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Town Administrator Ragucci walks the Board through the sidewalk program. Chairman Boussy states they need to start budgeting to do sidewalks. The Board members discussed their concerns on specific areas of town and what they are looking to see moving forward. The Board's desire to have a sidewalk installed at Steven's Street was not done on time for school to start. Bids came in \$80K from one contractor and \$150K from a second. Unfortunately, neither bid contained materials which are estimated at an additional \$25K. Therefore, the sidewalk build was put on hold for next year during the summer. Chairman Boussy asked if it were standard to put out a bid and not ask contractors to price materials. Mr. Grover stated it is not standard and that material is usually included. In this case materials were not included because the town can procure materials cheaper than a contractor. Mr. Grover also reported on the use of a pilot program using a company who does saw cuts on sidewalks. Results were great on Dewitt and we will evaluate over winter and decide whether to continue. Albion Ave needs attention and can be done for around \$3K. Another area the Board would like repaired are the sidewalks on Washington Street as it pertains to replacing roll-off curb with granite curbs. The Board's desire is to focus on sidewalks leading to downtown in order to stay in line with the State's desire to create walkable communities. Elm Street on the south side from Williams to Walgreens is a priority for Fall. Chairman Boussy states the challenge of trying to plan sidewalk repairs while considering what streets and sidewalks might be impacted by construction planned by Eversource and the MWRA. Their uncertain plans means Stoneham can't adequately plan for the next 4-5 years. To invest in sidewalks and then have them ripped up is unfair to community. Main Street is another major concern according to Chairman Boussy as well as Williams Street where sidewalks could be utilized to drive pedestrian traffic downtown. These are areas where concrete and granite would be used due to their high visibility. Other requests for sidewalks include Felspa per Selectwoman Colarusso. Chunks of Waverly Street needs attention as all of these sidewalks are heavy pedestrian traffic. We have lists of sidewalks that need attention going back 15 years. The town has \$100K to spend limiting what can actually be completed. Mr. Grover is looking at a list of sidewalks that would cost millions to address. Sidewalk repair needs to be prioritized. Even using mitigation money we are very far behind repairs. We have \$150K this year and next. Selectwoman Colarusso states Eversource should pay minus Stevens Street and we should push this. Elm Street has unacceptable roll-offs that were not Board sanctioned. Selectwoman O'Neill requests a list of sidewalks accompanied by their square footage and prioritized. This needs to be a priority according to Chairman Boussy who is also concerned with lack of bidders. He illustrates a list of bids for sidewalks and roads that Reading shared and they have eight contractor bidding. In comparison we were only able to complete a ½ mile with our money but they appear to get more by putting it out to bid. Likewise, Wakefield was also successful in attracting a more robust multitude of bidders. In comparison Stoneham only attracted 2 contractors. Chairman Boussy wants to encourage more contractors bidding using more specific information. Selectwoman Colarusso took Mr. Ragucci to Felspa to see the condition of that sidewalk. Kids riding bikes along Waverly are forced to ride in the street. She asked that the town please consider repeated requests. Lindenwood and Albion both have a handicap request. There are repeated requests but resources are not available and the town follow up is lacking. Selectwoman O'Neill suggests sidewalks are considered by focusing on school walking routes. Central Middle School is on a walking route toward. Chairman Boussy opens for public comment. There were no comments. Mr. Grover recommends to spend the \$100,000 now and put the rest into next year's program that they will develop and bid over the winter. Chairman Boussy would like to entertain a motion to drop \$50,000 on William Street to get us down to around \$100,000-\$108,000 then we will use the \$8,000 from the mitigation money to cover overages from the \$108,000-\$110,000 and authorize that to get done this year and then we will have a discussion about budgeting sidewalks next year. Selectwoman Colarusso made the motion stating she believes we have to start somewhere, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Meeting recessed at 9:40 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

Selectwoman O'Neill made a motion to move item #8 to the end, seconded by Selectman DePinto and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Accept Policy for Professional Standard of Conduct (Time 171:01-173:08 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto made a motion to accept the Professional Standard of Conduct Policy, seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso and **unanimously voted (5-0)**. Chairman Boussy he is glad to see these coming in and this is where the intranet site would be used to upload all these for employees to view once year. Selectwoman O'Neill states it looks great. Selectwoman Colarusso tells Mr. Ragucci whoever did this did an excellent job.

Accept Policy for Use of Town Assets/Vehicles for Non Town Purposes (Time 173:10-176:48 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto made a motion to accept the Use of Town Assets/Vehicles for Non Town Purposes Policy, seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso **and unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Accept Policy for Affordable Care Act (Time 177:07-178:40 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto made a motion to accept the Affordable Care Act Policy, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill **and unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Accept Policy for Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy (Time 178:42-180:23 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectwoman Colarusso made a motion to accept the Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill **and unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Accept Policy for Internship Program (Time 180:30-183:10 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectwoman O'Neill states she would like to see us define our needs and put that out there for someone to apply for a job. She states maybe this should really be a summer work program. Selectwoman O'Neill still would like to look at an internship program that would benefit the student and the town. Selectwoman O'Neill states she would like to make this a little more structured and flexible to a real internship vs a summer program. The Board will review this again in a month. Selectwoman O'Neill states Ginny did a great job and she loves the evaluation process in it.

MWRA Mitigation Money/TA (Time 183:13-191:36 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Mr. Ragucci states that two communities Quincy and Winthrop have gotten \$760,000 each in mitigation in 2016. He states that communities in the Sudbury, Wachusett and Quabbin watersheds get piolet money. Communities in other watersheds such as Chestnut Hill, Cochituate and Spot Pond do not. Mr. Ragucci states if Stoneham is going to bear the brunt of growth for MWRA he thinks Stoneham should reap some of the future benefits of it. Mr. Ragucci states lets pick land and charge them maybe \$10,000 a month to lease it from us and take those dollars and repurpose them for whatever the Board wishes. Chairman Boussy asks why can't we tax them on the pipe where we can tax Eversource. Mr. Ragucci states because one is a public entity. Mr. Ragucci states he would like two selectmen, himself and Bill to sit down with Mr. Laskey. Selectman DePinto, Selectwoman Colarusso and Chairman Boussy are interested in participating. Mr. Ragucci asks the Board to email him what they would like to see in mitigation. The Board agrees sidewalks is definitely one of them.

Fallon Road Mitigation Money Discussion/Boussy (Time 191:37-194:35 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Chairman Boussy states we had 1.7 million. We have spent almost \$100,000 and will probably use \$50,000 on streets if not more next year. He states he would like to get a wish list together. He states they also have Viewpoint which is \$40,000. Chairman Boussy states he would really like to start the wish list with definitely projects, wish list and dreams and prioritize it so it is not all spent in the first year. The Board agrees.

Stockwell (Time 194:36-197:07 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto made a motion to approve request 1, 2 & 4 and have Attorney Solomon look at request #3 where we have a program with Winchester Hospital and bring back request 3 at our next meeting, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill **and unanimously voted (5-0)**. The Board would like to revisit how Stockwell is presented for approval.

Approve Minutes (Time 197:08-197:49 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Chairman Boussy states they are not ready to approve the minutes of the Eversouce Subcommittee Meeting. Selectman DePinto made motion to approve minutes of 9/8/15, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli **and voted (5-0)**.

Town Administrator (Time 198:10-208:12 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Town Administrator Ragucci states that the Library Director will be retiring in April after 30 years of service to the community. He will be talking with her early next year about the transition period and will be sitting down with the trustees regarding the process of filling her position. The trustees directly control the employees of the Library. Mr. Ragucci and Ginny will more of assistants in moving the process along. Mr. Ragucci states he has called the Commissioner's Office three times on the bus stop cement pad. He states he is still waiting for a call back from the point person Mr. Lowell. Selectwoman Colarusso and Selectwoman O'Neill stated they felt the only issue with the stop was where the funding was coming from. They were unaware of there being any safety issues. Selectwoman O'Neill states maybe we need to go back to our State Reps and have them push a little harder for us. Mr. Ragucci states four people who pulled out the RFPs on the golf course. He states three of these businesses they met with for a question and answer period. Mr. Ragucci states the businesses told him that basically what you are asking for is something they would not be interested in bidding on. They felt the asking price was too much, staffing levels needed clarity, water costs and a host of other issues. The golf RFP committee is going to be tweaking and he asks that the Board put this on for the October 13th meeting. Mr. Ragucci states the Food Truck Festival had a conference call with all of our departments. He states we are on board for October 17th event. Mr. Ragucci states he invited Carl Anderson here from Viewpoint. Mr. Ragucci would like the Board to consider using 34,400 of the mitigation dollars that would pay for the startup cost and the first year. Chairman Boussy states he asked this topic go on the next meeting so they had to time to go over what they are doing with the mitigation money.

Miscellaneous

No discussion.

Issues/Matter of legal requirements for Town employee meal and rest breaks (Time 208:45-209:40 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto moved that Board vote to enter executive session to discuss employee meals and rest breaks pursuant MGL 30A Section 21 A2 to construct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel and MGL 30A Section 21 A3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining since an opening meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Board as declared by the Chair. Chairman Boussy declares this could be problematic. Motion was seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectwoman Colarusso
Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O'Neill

Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Boussy

Motion passed (5-0).

Executive Session (Time 209:41-210:19 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman DePinto moved that the Board vote to enter executive session to discuss employee retirement incentive for non-public safety, collective bargaining employees pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A Section 21 A3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining since an opening meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Board as declared by the Chairman and not to return to open session, seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Selectwoman Colarusso
Selectman DePinto
Selectwoman O'Neill
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Boussy

Motion passed (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Sinclair