

**Town of Stoneham
Liquor Licensing Authority
Minutes of Meeting of
February 2, 2010**

Chairman DePinto called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members present:

R. Paul Rotondi
Robert W. Sweeney
Frank Vallarelli
John F. DePinto, Chairman

Request for Non-Profit Alcoholic Beverage License/Rev. Wm. T. Schmidt/St. Patrick Parish Center/71 Central St

Selectman Vallarelli moved acceptance of the request by Rev. William T. Schmidt for a Non-Profit Alcoholic Beverage License for 3/13/10, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

Approve 1/5/10 LLA Minutes

Selectman Sweeney moved approval of the 1/5/10 LLA minutes, seconded by Selectman Rotondi. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

Selectman Rotondi moved to adjourn and go back to Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Sweeney. **Motion was unanimously voted (4-0).**

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel Doherty

Town of Stoneham
Liquor Licensing Authority
Minutes of Meeting of
May 18, 2010

Chairman Rotondi called the meeting to order.

Members present:

R. Paul Rotondi, Chairman
John F. DePinto
Richard S. Gregorio
Robert W. Sweeney
Frank Vallarelli

Unicorn Liquor License/Public Hearing

Selectman Sweeney said this is a revenue generating idea. He said that, getting a liquor license at the Golf Course, which most municipal golf courses have, has been talked about for a few years. He said if they allow this liquor license to get approved the Town would benefit. Selectman DePinto agreed. He said it would improve the whole entertainment package at the Golf Course. Selectman Vallarelli agreed. He said people would definitely stay after golfing and it would generate income for the Town. Chairman Rotondi opened the hearing to the public. Marcia Wengen asked if they would consider extending it to the Senior Center rentals. Selectman Sweeney said when they set up a committee they will also look at the Senior Center. Chairman Rotondi said Selectmen Sweeney and DePinto are appointed to the subcommittee to look at the Senior Center and the golf course. Selectman Sweeney recommended voting on it now. Selectman Vallarelli moved to approve an All Alcoholic Liquor License for Unicorn Golf Course, subject to the Town Administrator submitting an application. Motion was seconded by Selectman DePinto, and a roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Selectman Sweeney
Selectman Vallarelli
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Gregorio
Chairman Rotondi

Motion was unanimously voted.

Selectman DePinto moved to return to Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded and **unanimously voted.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel Doherty

Town of Stoneham
Liquor Licensing Authority
Minutes of Meeting of
June 29, 2010

Chairman Rotondi called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Members present:

R. Paul Rotondi, Chairman
John F. DePinto
Richard S. Gregorio
Robert W. Sweeney
Frank Vallarelli

Approve LLA Minutes

Selectman Sweeney moved approval of the 6/3/10 LLA minutes, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted.** Selectman DePinto moved approval of the 6/15/10 LLA minutes, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. **Motion was unanimously voted.**

Revise LLA Regulations/Town Counsel

Town Counsel Solomon reviewed his proposed changes: Delete 16-74; 16-76 iii – Delete and replace with subject to Massachusetts State Building Code; 16-98 – Add service of food not required if served by a cart on playing course area of golf course; 16-101 – Exempt licensed area of any golf course; 16-108 – Delete and reference state law; 16-99 – Exclude golf course and clubhouse from this. Selectman DePinto moved acceptance of the changes, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. **Motion was unanimously voted.**

Appoint Manager of Unicorn Golf Clubhouse and Vote to Apply for All Alcoholic Restaurant License/Request for New All Alcoholic Restaurant License/Unicorn Golf Clubhouse/460 William St

Selectman Vallarelli read the Notice of Hearing concerning the application of the Town of Stoneham d/b/a Unicorn Golf Clubhouse for a Seasonal Restaurant License to sell All Alcoholic Beverages at 460 William Street, Stoneham, MA. Licenses to be premised is a follows: Dining room, Kitchen, pro shop, and deck; two front exits and two rear entrance/exits.

Selectman Vallarelli moved to appoint Town Administrator Dave Ragucci as the Manager, seconded by Selectman Gregorio. The question was asked what the purpose is for the Town to get involved in liquor. Chairman Rotondi said they think this will increase the revenue for golf. Mr. Ragucci said most golf courses in Massachusetts and New Hampshire have approved liquor. He said the hours it would be open will be no more than what the golf course is. He said the restaurant would close ½ hour after dusk. It would be open April to November. **Motion was unanimously voted.** Selectman DePinto moved to apply for an All Alcoholic license at the golf course, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. **Motion was unanimously voted.** Celeste Corbett, 445 William Street, asked how much it will cost and how much will they get. Mr. Ragucci said approximately \$15,000 and that the profit margin on alcohol is quite large. Selectman DePinto said it is 40% on food and 70-75% on liquor. Greg O'Keefe, 15 DeWitt Road,

said they will have to hire Town employees with benefits to sell the alcohol. Town Administrator Ragucci said the employees will be seasonal part-time. Mr. O'Keefe said all the golfers at night are in a league and they will leave. He said this will be more of a liability for the Town. Faith Harvey, 19 West Street, said the Board just voted to relax regulations. She asked why they have regulations on the Main Street restaurants. Chairman Rotondi said the only changes they made in the requirements are no liquor licenses given on Town of Stoneham property and the food requirements. He said they are just adding the golf course. Town Counsel Solomon said a club is not required to have a server. He said going from glass to paper products makes sense. He said they are all very specific to the nature of a clubhouse, just like they made changes for the Theatre. It was stated that the golf course is surrounded by houses. Selectman Vallarelli said every golf course is surrounded by houses. Sharon Barresi, 7 Girard Road, said it is a thickly settled area. Selectman Vallarelli noted Mt. Hood. Jim O'Donnell, 6 DeWitt Road, said he thinks the proposal for people to drink on public property is outrageous. David Corbett, 445 William Street, said the parking lot is pretty full. He asked where the extra cars will go. Cynthia Weymouth, 450 William Street, said they should consider additional lighting. She said they tailgate and drink and come out of there very fast. Hugh O'Brien, 11 DeWitt Road, asked if the seating requirements were waived and how many seats they need. Town Counsel said 50 seats and it is not waived. Randy Stratton, 431 William Street, asked about the deck. Mr. Ragucci said it is coming off the side as they face the building on the right hand side. Jeannette O'Donnell, 6 DeWitt Road, said she is equally concerned about the restaurant as she is about alcohol. She said they are going to need dumpsters and grease traps. She said it is very expensive equipment. She said they will smell the odor from the grill. Selectman Sweeney said the current proposal calls for very little modification of the kitchen area. He said there is not going to be a fryolator. He said the proposal for the menu is hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, and sides that would come out of the refrigerator. Ms. O'Donnell said there has to be a different way. She said maybe raising greens fees. Selectman Sweeney said he wouldn't be opposed to amending the motion to beer and wine at first. He said they are the regulatory board so they can revoke it or modify it. He said the Finance Board gave them a huge laundry list of recommendations to generate revenue. He said this is why they are bringing it forward. Jackie Green, 418 William Street, said they are going to need a larger dumpster. She said they already have a rodent problem. Selectman Sweeney said they can have the pickup more frequent. Carol Stratton, 431 William Street, said she plays golf at Unicorn. She said she had a 45 minute wait. She said they expect golfers to drink and then go out and play golf. She said who knows what kinds of situations will arise. Randy Stratton, 431 William Street, said they've allowed drinking in the parking lot. Hugh O'Brien said they are going to lose people if they force them inside. Mary Adams, 437 William Street, said a driving range is the option to go with. Selectman Sweeney said he is on board with that. Chairman Rotondi said they are all on board with that. Selectman Sweeney said he would love to have an article at Town Meeting to modify the Oaks. He said he thinks it would be a hard sell at Town Meeting. Chairman Rotondi closed the public hearing. Selectman DePinto withdrew his motion, and Selectman Sweeney withdrew his second. Selectman Sweeney moved to apply for a Seasonal Beer and Wine License for the Unicorn Golf Clubhouse, seconded by Selectman DePinto. **Motion was unanimously voted.** Selectman DePinto moved approval of a Seasonal Beer and Wine License for Unicorn Golf Clubhouse, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. **Motion was unanimously voted.**

Selectman DePinto moved to return to Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Vallarelli. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Selectman Gregorio
Selectman DePinto
Selectman Sweeney
Selectman Vallarelli
Chairman Rotondi

Motion was unanimously voted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel Doherty