

**Stoneham Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting January 7, 2014**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**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  
Selectwoman O'Neill  
Selectman Vallarelli  
Chairman Sweeney

**Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

**Meeting recessed at 7:01 p.m. to go into Liquor Licensing Authority.**

**Meeting reconvened at 8:01 p.m.**

**Update on Tobacco/Nicotine Product Regulations/John Fralick**

John Fralick from the Board of Health would like to say Happy New Year and thank you for having him come and touch on some tobacco and nicotine regulations that we have proposed for 2014. He introduced Maureen Buckley the Regional Coordinator and her Counsel DJ Wilson. John Fralick updates the Board on what direction the Board of Health are headed in updating the regulations. One of the goals of the Board of Health to place an age restriction and add new language to include the e-cigarettes, hookah pens and the other new devices that are on the market. Chairman Sweeney asks about putting bans on these products. DJ Wilson updates the Board on what process Boston has taken to ban these products. Selectman Boussy asks for clarification on these items. Chairman Sweeney asks about the restriction on advertising of these products. John Fralick states they can look into that also. DJ Wilson hands out a list of what other towns have done. Selectman DePinto would like to see a list of what we should be addressing as a town. Selectwoman O'Neill inquires about applying for grants to help. Selectman Boussy requested John Fralick come back with a list on February 4, 2014 meeting and let us know what direction we should be heading with this issue.

**Chair Presentation to Paul Rotondi & Richard Gregorio**

Chairman Sweeney presents Paul Rotondi & Richard Gregorio with chairs for their life long service to the Town of Stoneham. Richard Gregorio for his service on the Finance & Advisory Board and Board of Selectmen and Paul Rotondi for his service on the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

**Approve Common Victualler License Renewals**

Selectman DePinto moves approval of the following Common Victualler renewals contingent on all the paper being submitted: JZM LLC d/b/a Amore Pizza/414 Main Street, KM Cleo LLC d/b/a Royal Roastbeef/475 Main Street, ISHA LLC d/b/a Subway/200B Main Street, C/K Andrea's Pizza d/b/a Andrea's Pizza/498 Main Street, Red Plaza Donuts LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts/67 Main Street, seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

**Approve Junk, Secondhand Dealers License Renewals**

Selectman DePinto moved approval of the Junk, Secondhand Dealers License Renewal for Louis Michael Chorney/Colonial Trading Co., Inc., 125 Main Street, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

**Approve Minutes**

Selectman DePinto moves to accept minutes of 12/16/2013, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0).** Selectman DePinto moved to accept the minutes of 12/16/2013 of executive session minutes and not to release, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

**Appointment to School Building Committee**

Selectman DePinto moved to appoint Rodger Windt, Director of Facilities of the Stoneham Public Schools, as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Central Middle School Building Committee, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and **unanimously voted (5-0).**

**Approve One Day Change of Time for Super Bowl Sunday Bingo Hours/Boys & Girls Club**

Selectman DePinto made motion for the Boys & Girls club to operate its Beano Game on Sunday, February 2, 2014 from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m., seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Motion was unanimously voted (5-0).**

**Miscellaneous**

Selectwoman O'Neill would like to address the Real Time Travel Management letter from MassDOT and feels this would not be beneficial to Stoneham. She feels it would put more pressure on our Police and Fire. There is enough cut through traffic on Rt. 28. Selectman DePinto made a motion to send a letter to MassDOT stating that we do not support this, seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill. Motion passed (4-0-1) Selectman Vallarelli abstained. Selectwoman O'Neill would like an bike path update. Mr. Ragucci is working with both abutters. He states that the Rotondi property has been cleared and the Halchak property the width is in question. Attorney Solomon has been working with Mr. Halchak's attorney. Mr. Ragucci will be speaking with Mr. Grover about reshooting the elevations. Selectwoman O'Neill discusses the island cleanup. She states there have been 7 businesses who have agreed to maintain their

islands. Selectwoman O'Neill would like to see an Advisory Committee to oversee the islands. Selectman Boussy suggests we use signs in the square to notify residents of current events in town. Selectman DePinto asks the Town Administrator about the Retirement Board report. He wants to make sure it came in at what they thought. Administrator Ragucci confirms it did. Selectman DePinto would like to know with the amount of retirees we have if we compare with other towns. He feels we are high. Selectman DePinto talks with Attorney Solomon regarding a cable issue that has risen with a resident. Attorney Solomon states his will look into it.

**Town Administrator Reports**

Mr. Ragucci tells the board that after the last snow storm we are in a deficit of \$116,000.00 and we are not even half way through winter yet. Chairman Sweeney pointed out that there is a formula for budgeting snow and a law that states if you put a certain amount of money in the budget you have to have that amount as the minimum forever. If people knew this they may have a better understanding. Mr. Ragucci confirms this information. Mr. Ragucci states he will be presenting the FY15 Budget at the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting which will include a Town Planner. Mr. Ragucci stated that he found out today that we got the technical grant from the MAPC. Mr. Ragucci informs the board that there has been one bid that came in for the Golf Course. Mr. Ragucci and Bill will be reviewing it this week. MassDOT is developing guidelines on the Switchbox Art Program. Once this is in place we will be able to the same to the boxes at the entrances of Stoneham that we have done throughout the Town. Rick Arzillo who has been our Superintendent at the Golf Course is retiring after 26 years. We may want to discuss what to do with the position.

**Executive Session**

Selectman DePinto moved to go into executive session, pursuant to Chapter 30A of the General Laws to discuss potential litigation on the Halchak property and not to return as the Board of Selectmen. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman O'Neill and was **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

Voting in Favor:

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

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Erin Sinclair*