

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
Open Session Meeting Minutes  
35 Central Street – Town Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hearing Room  
April 26, 2016**

**Members Present:** Selectman Thomas Boussy, Selectwoman Caroline Colarusso, Selectwoman Ann Marie O'Neill, Selectman George Seibold, and Selectman Anthony Wilson

**Also Present:** Attorney William Solomon, Town Administrator David Ragucci

**Call to Order:** Chairwoman O'Neill called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. (To view this meeting in its entirety go to Stoneham TV on Demand available from the Town's homepage at [www.stoneham-ma.gov](http://www.stoneham-ma.gov))

**Agenda Item 1: Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Item 2: Bi-Board Meeting (Time 1:00 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Chairwoman O'Neill stated that because the Agenda for the Bi-Board was not properly posted, there would be no Bi-Board meeting this evening. Chairwoman O'Neill stated that since the members of the School Committee were present, and had opened their meeting, they could speak about the FY17 budget as part of the Board's meeting.

**Agenda Item 3: Discussion of Town Budget (Time 1:28 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Town Accountant Donald Piatt was present and spoke about the FY17 budget. He stated that since he last appeared before the Board, the school budget had increased by \$100,000; the fire department over time fund had been restored; the cap on stabilization transfer had been decreased; the Town Accountant's budget had been increased by \$4000 for continuing education; a savings from North East Vocational School had been realized; and there was a significant increase in the state aid assessment. Selectwoman O'Neill requested clarification of the unclassified funds. Piatt explained that the unclassified funds were comprised of workers compensation, labor counsel, employee raises, and liability insurance.

Selectman Wilson stated that he was surprised at the growth in the budget. He stated that, in his opinion, the budget did a good job of balancing the limited funds and the different needs in this community. He is concerned that last year the fire department was at a staffing level of 36 and this year they were projected to be at 38, but with 2 retirees that is a net gain on zero. Selectwoman Colarusso also raised this concern and stated that four firefighters are required to bring staffing up to 38. Town Administrator Ragucci stated that there are 2 retirees, 2 in the academy now, they are hoping to put 4 in the academy in August and that would bring the staffing to acceptable levels. Right now there are 9 out the door on every shift.

Chairwoman O'Neill stated that she spoke to Chief Grafton about the aging equipment at the firehouse and he is looking for grants to help with this issue. She stated that she would like a

complete list of capital equipment including purchase dates. Town Administrator Ragucci said that the list has been compiled and he would send it out. He also stated that the turn out gear needs to be replaced and that another complete set needs to be purchased as each firefighter needs to have 2. Selectman Wilson stated that turn out gear replacement would cost between \$60,000 and \$70,000. Selectwoman Colarusso stated that the fire department is answering a large number of opiate related calls and that they need to plan for the correct number of personnel equivalents. She stated that even with an increase in personnel there can still be a savings when you factor in end of career pay rates, increased FMLA, and workers compensation if staffing is not at an appropriate level. She stated that military leave also needs to be factored in.

Selectman Seibold asked if we were still going to hear from the School Committee and wondered why we were still having budget discussions the week before Town Meeting. Chairwoman O'Neill stated that the budget needs to be prepared 90 days in advance of Town Meeting according to Town Code, but there are always changes to be made. Town Administrator Ragucci stated that the timing of state aid and health insurance premiums slows this process down. There were also changes in the vocational school budget that were not anticipated.

Chairwoman O'Neill stated that the Town needs to do a better job forecasting public safety and capital needs. She stated that she hopes the new Town Accountant and the compact can help in this area.

Shelly MacNeill, Chairwoman of the School Committee stated that she has worked with 21 municipalities over the course of 20 years and this is how the process goes in most towns. She stated that the time line is difficult to work with, but October Town Meeting gives municipalities the opportunity to change budget items. Chairwoman O'Neill stated that school size and safety need to be planned for especially with the number of new units that may be coming into this town. Chairwoman MacNeill stated that the schools are covered with the budget number before the Board and would like approval.

Selectman Seibold asked whether user fees for sports have been decreased. Chairwoman MacNeill stated that the family cap had decreased, but that the per student fee remained the same. Chairwoman O'Neill stated that the sports fees were in line with other communities. Chairwoman MacNeill stated that she is pleased that the Town is able to offer after school music lessons at no cost through a grant and that this budget allows more options at the middle school level for students that need assistance with ELA or math.

Selectman Boussy stated that the Town continues to not budget for street and sidewalk improvement. He stated that we have 60 miles of road in this town and we do not budget for maintenance. He is concerned that road work is based on water and sewage work. He stated that we also have to plan for the installation of sidewalks and outdoor lighting. He stated that the Town's above-ground infrastructure needs to be addressed.

School Committee member Rachel Meredith Warren stated that the school budget is released in January and it gives a good idea of where the school department's overall budget is going. It would be great if the Town could model the process and form a subcommittee for FY18.

Selectman Wilson stated that after Town meeting the Board needs to think about a structure for standard financials that we can plan for, how to make the process work better, and which strategic financials need to be determined. Selectwoman O'Neill stated that we need to plan for infrastructure repairs and we need to plan for capital purchases and stick to the plan, even if it means we use contractors. She stated that the Town cannot continue to make unplanned capital purchases. Selectman Wilson moved to approve the FY17 budget. Selectwoman Colarusso seconded this motion.

Voting in favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectwoman Colarusso  
Selectman Seibold  
Selectman Wilson

**Motion carries (5-0).**

**Agenda Item 4: STAC East-West Bus Route/SAP update (Time 47:33 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Rachel Meredith Warren, member of STAC, stated that the Committee is in the early stages of a plan to provide an East-West bus route through Stoneham and was appearing to see if the Board wanted to be involved and to find out the Board's ideas on this issue. Chairman O'Neill stated that East-West corridor transportation would bring value to the community. Meredith Warren stated that in terms of connectivity to the Board the Committee could do monthly check-ins. Selectwoman Colarusso mentioned the success that the Board had with creating a bus stop at the zoo. Both Selectman Boussy and Seibold will work with Committee on this matter.

**Agenda Item 5: Town Employee Social Media Policy (Time 63:49 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Chairwoman O'Neill stated that the policy is unclear as to what is prohibited regarding personal accounts or what the proper social media channels are and who is supposed to use the accounts. Town Administrator Ragucci stated that it was geared toward the police and fire departments since they have official Twitter and Facebook accounts. It was meant to discourage the use of social media during work hours. Selectwoman Colarusso stated that the policy attempts to create a culture of respect and is a good start with respect to expressing expectations and decreasing liability. Selectman Wilson asked whether the Town, as an employer, has constraints with respect to telling employees what to do on social media. Selectman Boussy commented that Town employees can get in trouble if using social media and saying things in an official capacity. Selectman Seibold asked if the Town needs to be careful of freedom of speech issues with respect to employees on their own time. He is concerned about infringing on personal rights. Chairman O'Neill stated that anyone can express an opinion but cannot make false statements. Selectman Seibold stated that he does not want the policy to be seen as a form of bullying. Chairwoman O'Neill stated that bullying on social media should be included in the policy. Town Administrator Ragucci stated he would give the policy back to human resources for changes.

**Agenda Item #6: Town Employee Dress Code (Time 82:48 Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Town Administrator Ragucci stated that changes had been made since the last meeting. He noted that some employees were concerned that their jobs required them to wear sneakers on occasion and that some sneakers were considered dressy. Selectman Seibold stated that telling employees what to wear is harassment. Selectwoman Colarusso moved to accept the dress code as written. Selectman Boussy seconded this motion.

Voting in favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectwoman Colarusso  
Selectman Seibold  
Selectman Wilson

**Motion carries (5-0).**

**Agenda Item #7: Town Website (Time 86:22 Stoneham TV on Demand)** Chairwoman O'Neill stated that the website needs to be more user friendly and more intuitive. She stated that we have a vendor and part of the fee is to update the site. Chairwoman O'Neill asked if anyone on the Board would like to take the lead on this matter. Selectman Seibold stated that Bill Solomon and John Hanright really started the process, but that he is not computer savvy. Selectman Wilson stated that he would talk to Tom Ciccattelli and determine the terms of the contract with respect to reformatting.

**Agenda Item #8: Town Procedures Manuals (Time 90:50 Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Chairwoman O'Neill stated that every department should have a procedures manual so that if an employee is out of the office, someone else could manage daily tasks. Town Administrator Ragucci stated that he would speak to Human Resources and see where she is on that project.

**Agenda Item #9: Recycling Barrel Purchase (Time 93:18 Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Selectman Boussy stated that he met with Town Administrator Ragucci in November 2015, about putting zoo barrels with secure lids in the parks, fields, schools, and common. They put the procurement out to bid and it would cost \$26,000 to put the zoo barrels in all the schools and in select parks, and a \$12,000 big belly barrel in the common. Selectman Wilson asked if we could find an option for the common that is not \$12,000. Selectman Seibold stated that \$12,000 was steep for one barrel and wanted to know how much the wrought iron barrels cost. Selectman Boussy stated that the big belly barrels are solar powered trash compactors and send a signal when they need emptying. He stated that there are no comparable barrels. Chairwoman O'Neill stated that she would like to see a cost benefit analysis. Selectman Boussy moved to purchase the zoo barrels and the big belly for \$26,000 to be taken from the surplus in the trash account. Selectwoman Colarusso seconded this motion with the following amendment: that the Town order the zoo barrels and perform a cost benefit analysis on the big belly barrels. Chairwoman O'Neill called for a roll call vote on the amendment.

Voting in favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Selectman Boussy

Selectwoman Colarusso  
Selectman Seibold  
Selectman Wilson

**Motion carries (5-0).**

Chairwoman O'Neill called for a roll call vote on the original motion.

Voting in favor:

Selectman Boussy

Voting against:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Selectwoman Colarusso  
Selectman Seibold  
Selectman Wilson

**Motion fails (1-4).**

**Agenda Item#10: Collins Institute – Job Description (Time 115:35 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Selectman Boussy stated that he wants to keep moving this process along and asked if there were changes to the job description written by the Collins Institute. Chairwoman O'Neill stated that as part of the Town Administrator's Act, there is a requirement that the Town Administrator live in or near Stoneham and she would like to see that language mirrored in the job description. Selectwoman Colarusso agreed that she would like to have that language added. Selectman Seibold asked if any public safety personnel were included. Selectman Boussy stated that adding the public safety personnel is a different matter and has nothing to do with the job description. Selectwoman Colarusso moved to accept the job description with the language from the Town Administrator's Act added. Selectman Wilson seconded the motion.

Voting in favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Selectwoman Colarusso  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectman Wilson

Voting against:

Selectman Seibold

**Motion carries (4-1).**

**Agenda Item #11: Approval of Minutes (Time 120:00 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Selectman Boussy stated that the Chairwoman O'Neill needed to be changed to Selectwoman O'Neill prior to reorganization. Selectman Wilson moved to approve the minutes as changed. Selectwoman Colarusso seconded that motion.

Voting in favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill

Selectman Boussy  
Selectwoman Colarusso  
Selectman Seibold  
Selectman Wilson

**Motion carries (5-0).**

**Agenda Item #12: Farmers Market Licensing (Time 121:44 on Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Lauren Murphy, member of the Farmers Market Committee, stated that the Market had a vendor interested in having wine tastings on the common and would like the Board to waive any licensing requirements or regulations in the Town Code. Town Counsel Solomon stated that since it is a Board regulation, the Board maintains the right to waive or change the requirement. Selectman Seibold stated that there is the liability issue to consider, that it is not a good precedent to set, and asked Town Counsel about liability on Town property. Town Counsel stated that the policy question is whether this would be considered sampling versus drinking. He stated that in his opinion we can distinguish this type of event from drinking and that there is no server liability. Lauren Murphy stated that those sampling would need to present a valid ID and that it would only be every other week during the farmers market. Selectman Wilson stated that he was concerned with the message being sent to children about public drinking. Chairwoman O'Neill stated that while she understood the concern about the message, there would be no underage drinking and it is a great marketing tool to bring consumers and other vendors. Public member Raymie Parker asked whether the Board was discussing a bylaw or a regulation. Town Counsel stated that it was a regulation and that the Board could vote to waive it. Selectman Seibold stated that the bylaw was put in place for a reason and that the common is Town owned property. Selectman Boussy moved to waive the regulation for one year for the farmers market only. Selectwoman Colarusso seconded the motion.

Voting in favor:      Chairwoman O'Neill  
                                 Selectwoman Colarusso  
                                 Selectman Boussy  
                                 Selectman Wilson

Voting against:      Selectman Seibold

**Motion carries (4-1).**

**Agenda Item #13: Annual Town meeting – Recommendations on Warrant Articles 12, 14, 22, 23 (Time 138:16 on Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Selectman Boussy moved that the Board consider Agenda Items 16 and 15 out of order based on the length of the meeting and public members present at the meeting. Selectman Seibold seconded the motion.

Voting in favor:      Chairwoman O'Neill  
                                 Selectman Boussy

Selectwoman Colarusso  
Selectman Seibold  
Selectman Wilson

**Motion carries (5-0).**

**Agenda Item 16: Redstone Shopping Center – Site Plan Extension (Time 138:26 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Attorney Steven Cicatelli appeared on behalf of the Petitioner, Redstone Shopping Center Limited Partnership, who is seeking a site plan extension. According to Mr. Cicatelli, in May 2008, the Petitioner applied for and the BOS granted a Site Plan allowing the redevelopment of the shopping center. The only part of the plan that is not completed in a 12,800 foot addition to Marshalls and the Petitioner would like an extension of 2 years to complete that portion of the renovation. Selectman Boussy stated that Redstone Shopping Center has never looked better. Selectman Seibold moved to extend the Site Plan for two years. Selectman Boussy seconded this motion.

Voting in favor:

Chairwoman O’Neill  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectwoman Colarusso  
Selectman Seibold  
Selectman Wilson

**Motion carries (5-0).**

**Agenda Item #15: Annual Committee Appointments (Time 142:36 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Chairwoman O’Neill stated the Board needed to vote regarding committee appointments. She announced each committee and the public members who made application for the appointments.

Board of Appeals:

Lawrence Rotundi : Selectman Boussy made a motion to appoint Lawrence Rotondi as an associate member of the Board of Appeals. That motion was seconded by Selectman Seibold. **Unanimously voted.**

Michael Dufour: Selectman Boussy made a motion to appoint Michael Dufour as a member of the Board of Appeals. That motion was seconded by Selectman Seibold. **Unanimously voted.**

Eric Rubin: Selectman Boussy made a motion to appoint Eric Rubin as an associate member of the Board of Appeals. That motion was seconded by Selectman Seibold. **Unanimously voted.**

Kevin McLaughlin: Selectman Boussy made a motion to appoint Kevin McLaughlin as a member of the Board of Appeals. That motion was seconded by Selectman Seibold. **Unanimously voted.**

Capital Improvement Committee:

Tim Waitkevitch: Selectman Boussy made a motion to appoint Tim Waitkevitch as a member of the Capital Improvement Committee. That motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson.

**Unanimously voted.**

Both Selectman Boussy and Wilson expressed an interest in being the Board's designee to the Capital Improvement Committee. Selectman Seibold nominated Selectman Wilson and Selectman Colarusso nominated Selectman Boussy. Selectman Boussy second both nominations.

Voting in favor of Selectman Boussy:

Selectwoman Colarusso  
Selectman Boussy

Voting in favor of Selectman Wilson:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Selectman Wilson  
Selectman Seibold

**Selectman Wilson is the Board's designee (3-2).**

Conservation Commission:

Norman L'Esperance: Selectwoman Colarusso made a motion to appoint Norman L'Esperance to the Conservation Commission. That motion was seconded by Selectman Boussy.

**Unanimously voted.**

Herlinda Charpentier Saitz: Selectwoman Colarusso made a motion to appoint Herlinda Charpentier Saitz to the Conservation Commission. That motion was seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Unanimously voted.**

Council on Aging:

Angelika Adams: Selectman Wilson made a motion to appoint Angelika Adams to the Council on Aging. That motion was seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Unanimously voted.**

William Kelly: Selectman Wilson made a motion to appoint William Kelly to the Council on Aging for a two year term. That motion was seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Unanimously voted.**

Walter Wolonsavich: Selectman Wilson made a motion to appoint Walter Wolonsavich to the Council on Aging. That motion was seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Unanimously voted.**

Jane DiGangi: Selectman Wilson made a motion to appoint Jane DiGangi to the Council on Aging. That motion was seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Unanimously voted.**

Disability Committee:

Kathleen Balestrier: Selectman Boussy made a motion to appoint Kathleen Balestrier to the Disability Committee. That motion was seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso. **Unanimously voted.**

William Cameron: Selectman Boussy made a motion to appoint William Cameron to the Disability Committee. That motion was seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso. **Unanimously voted.**

Farmers Market Committee:

Karen Kelly: Selectman Boussy made a motion to appoint Karen Kelly to the Farmer's Market Committee. That motion was seconded by Selectman Seibold. **Unanimously voted.**

Kristy Sinagra: Selectman Boussy made a motion to appoint Kristy Sinagra to the Farmer's Market Committee. That motion was seconded by Selectman Seibold. **Unanimously voted**

Tammy Fallon: Selectman Boussy made a motion to appoint Tammy Fallon to the Farmer's Market Committee. That motion was seconded by Selectman Seibold. **Unanimously voted**

Open Space and Recreation Committee:

Stephen Sylvester: Selectman Seibold made a motion to appoint Stephen Sylvester to the Open Space and Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Unanimously voted.**

Therese DiBlasi: Selectm Selectman Seibold made a motion to appoint Therese DiBlasi to the Open Space and Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Unanimously voted.**

Donna DiVirgilio: Selectman Seibold made a motion to appoint Donna DiVirgilio to the Open Space and Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded by Selectman Boussy.

Voting in favor:

Selectwoman Colarusso  
Selectman Seibold

**Motion fails.**

Cynthia Hemenway: Selectman Boussy made a motion to appoint Cynthia Hemenway to the Open Space and Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso.

Voting in favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Selectwoman Colarusso  
Selectman Wilson

Selectman Boussy

**Motion carries.**

David Goodberg: Selectman Seibold made a motion to appoint David Goodberg to the Open Space and Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded by Selectman Boussy.

Voting in favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Selectman Seibold  
Selectman Wilson  
Selectman Boussy

**Motion carries.**

Substance Abuse Coalition:

Selectman Seibold stated his interest in being the Board's designee to the Substance Abuse Coalition and made a motion regarding the same. The motion was seconded by Selectman Boussy. **Unanimously voted.**

Water and Sewer:

Stephen Quattrocchi: Selectman Boussy made a motion to appoint Stephen Quattrocchi to the Water and Sewer Committee. The motion was seconded by Chairwoman O'Neill. **Voted unanimously.**

Cultural Council:

Andrea Simmons: Selectman Boussy made a motion to appoint Andrea Simmons to the Cultural Council. The motion was seconded by Chairwoman O'Neill. **Voted unanimously.**

Memorial Day Parade Committee:

Cameron Bain: Selectman Boussy made a motion to appoint Cameron Bain to the Memorial Day Parade Committee. The motion was seconded by Chairwoman O'Neill. **Voted unanimously.**

Selectman Boussy stated that he noticed that three members of the newly formed Stoneham Fire Station Centennial Celebration Committee were from outside of Stoneham. He stated that if the Committee was raising money it should not be ad hoc, it should be a committee as per the bylaws. Chairwoman O'Neill stated that if they are a committee that they need a mission statement, appointments, terms, agendas, bylaws, etc. All committees should be meeting the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. She stated that based on the fact that they are raising money it appears to be a committee and they need to follow all of the Town and State requirements including an accounting on an annual basis. Town Administrator Ragucci stated that at the last meeting the Board agreed that this would be an ad hoc committee under his office

and he set up an account for that purpose. Selectwoman O'Neill stated that if this was a committee, the three firefighters involved could be ex officio members. Selectman Boussy moved that the Fire Station Centennial Celebration Committee be made a Committee subject to bylaw requirements and the Open Meeting Law. Select woman Colarusso seconded this the motion.

Voting in favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill  
Selectman Boussy  
Selectwoman Colarusso  
Selectman Seibold  
Selectman Wilson

**Motion carries (5-0).**

**Agenda Item #13: Annual Town meeting – Recommendations on Warrant Articles 12, 14, 22, 23 (Time 168:12 on Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Warrant Articles 22 and 23: Town Counsel Solomon stated that Articles 22 and 23 would be indefinitely postponed. Selectman Wilson moved to recommend indefinite postponement of Warrant Article 22 and 23. Selectwoman Colarusso seconded this motion. **Unanimously voted.**

Warrant Article 12: Chairwoman O'Neill stated that the budget had been unanimously approved earlier in the evening.

Warrant Article 14: Selectman Seibold asked if Unicorn Golf Course received wholesale water. Town Administrator Ragucci stated that it did. Selectwoman Colarusso asked why the budget line item for snow and ice was \$190,000 when the total was \$360,000. She also questioned the large purchase of salt late in the season. Selectman Seibold stated that a large amount of salt would have been used this winter based on melting during the day and freezing at night. Selectman Boussy moved to recommend approval. Superintendent Les Olson stated that the Board was reviewing a budget that left the School Department short \$33,000 and added \$33,000 to the health insurance figure. Town Moderator Means stated that he would make sure the figures at Town Meeting would be corrected. Selectman Boussy again moved to recommend Article 14 at Town Meeting. Selectman Wilson seconded this motion. **Unanimously voted.**

**Agenda Item #14: Annual Town meeting – Recommendations on Warrant Articles 1, 2 (Time 191:29 on Stoneham TV on Demand)**

Warrant Article 1: Selectman Boussy moved to view Warrant Article 1 favorably. Selectman Wilson seconded this motion. **Unanimously voted.**

Warrant Article 2: Selectman Wilson stated that he cannot support this article because if he lived near the gas station/convenience store at issue, he would not want it to stay open all night. Selectman Boussy agreed and stated that there is a need for 24 hour services. Selectman Seibold said that night shift workers need the service. Selectwoman Colarusso stated that she is

concerned that this article makes Stoneham a 24 hour town. Moderator Means pointed out the transcription errors in the Warrant Article. Public Member Bonnie Gilleo stated that the owner of the stations at issue were originally given operating permits for gasoline only and not convenience stores. She stated that the Town should protect its residents. Selectman Wilson moved to view Warrant Article 1 unfavorably. Selectman Seibold seconded this motion. **Unanimously voted.**

**Agenda Item #17: Mental Health Awareness Week (Time 200:31 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Selectman Boussy read a proclamation regarding Mental Health Awareness Week.

**Agenda Item #18: Eversource Update (Time 203:13 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Town Administrator Ragucci stated that he and Town Counsel Solomon met with Eversource and discussed its boring hole and test pit location request and requirements and Administrator Ragucci requested a field survey of exact locations prior to the commencement of the work. Selectwoman O'Neill stated that she found the request from Eversource to be quite premature since no agreement had been reached yet. Selectman Seibold stated that the project is going to be disruptive to businesses and residents. He questioned why the path could not go under the bridge near Winchester and what type of mitigation the Town would be receiving. Town Administrator Ragucci stated that he would take a written mitigation request to management. Selectman Seibold asked who was negotiating mitigation. Town Administrator Ragucci stated that the Eversource subcommittee, Selectwoman Colarusso, Selectman Boussy, and Chairwoman O'Neill, Town Counsel Soloman, and he was negotiating on behalf of the Town. Selectman Colarusso stated that the line should not go up Elm Street based on the effect it will have on residents. Town Administrator Ragucci stated that Eversource has and is refusing to discuss changing the planned route of the project. Selectman Seibold stated that once the state gives the go ahead, it's difficult to stop or change the route and the Town should get what they can. Chairwoman O'Neill stated that Woburn and Wakefield are getting sizable host payments. Selectman Wilson stated that if businesses can demonstrate harm, they can often receive compensation, but it is a lengthy process. Chairwoman O'Neill scheduled an executive session regarding this project on May 3, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

**Agenda Item #19: Town Administrator (Time 218:30 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Town Administrator Ragucci stated that water and sewer work would begin on May 5, 2016, and will last for 4-6 weeks. Selectman Colarusso requested a traffic study be performed near Stop and Shop on Williams Street. She stated that it is not safe for the middle school children to cross without a light. Chairwoman O'Neill agreed that the location is very dangerous. Town Administrator Ragucci stated that he will find out the cost of the study and report back. Selectwoman Colarusso stated that she is still waiting on the Town's policy regarding walkway repair and replacement. Selectman Seibold stated that the DPW has a list and then the Selectmen put people at the top of the list and it is unfair. Chairwoman O'Neill stated that sometimes the list is altered by need and safety concerns. She also requested that the Department Heads clear out See Clix Fix. Selectman Seibold requested access to See Clix Fix. Selectwoman Colarusso requested that the curb at 14 Perkins Street be addressed and also asked for a public hearing on the removal of the speedbump on Park Street. Selectman Wilson stated that he is concerned about the safety of the residents on Park Street if the speed bump is removed.

**Agenda Item #20: Miscellaneous (Time 224:52 on Stoneham TV on Demand)** Selectman Seibold stated that there are \$27,287 in legal fees for the Selectmen on various matters and he questioned why Town Counsel cannot handle those matters. Town Counsel Solomon stated that under Massachusetts Open Meeting Law this matter should be placed on the Agenda and discussed when everyone has had adequate notice. Public member Marcia Wengen asked for clarification regarding the status of the Fire Station Centennial Parade Committee. She asked if the committee should continue as an ad hoc committee as per the Board's determination at its last meeting or if they will be required to adhere to the requirements of a formal committee. Attorney Solomon offered to meet with Wengen to determine which format would meet the goal of the Parade Committee.

Selectman Boussy moved to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson and **unanimously voted (5-0)**.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dava Feltch Kilbride  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen