

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Open Session Meeting Minutes
35 Central Street – Town Hall
1st Floor Hearing Room
June 7, 2016**

Members Present: Chairwoman Ann Marie O'Neill, Vice Chairwoman Caroline Colarusso, Secretary Anthony Wilson, and Selectman George Seibold

Also Present: Attorney William Solomon

Call to Order: Chairwoman O'Neill called the meeting to order at 7:10 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)

Agenda Item 1: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 2: Park Street Speed Bump – Public Hearing (Time 00:48 on Stoneham TV on Demand) Chairwoman O'Neill read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Stoneham Independent. Selectman Seibold asked which selectman put this matter forward. Selectman Wilson stated that there had been some discussion regarding this issue at a previous meeting and it was determined that there should be a public hearing on this issue. Selectwoman Colarusso stated that the Board had previously reviewed this matter and agreed to remove the speed bump and then Selectman Wilson raised the issue a few meetings back and the Board determined that a public hearing was appropriate. Selectman Wilson stated that there were many speeding complaints on See Clix Fix and that from a safety perspective, the speed bump is a good thing for the Town. Selectwoman Colarusso stated that it had been brought to her attention that the speed bump had been installed to assist a disabled child, but that at the public never had the opportunity to be heard on this issue. Selectman Seibold stated that from a safety perspective, he agreed with Selectman Wilson. He stated that public member, Neil Porter told him that he would rather live with noise than have the speed bump removed. Selectwoman Colarusso stated that Joseph O'Brien, as well as other residents, expressed the desire to have the speed bump removed.

Public member Joan Lemire stated that she recently drove over the speed bump at 25 mph and it was very bad. Public member Marie Salvagio stated that speed is a huge concern and that Park Street is very dangerous. Public member Wendy Smith stated that speeding is an issue and the intention of the speed bump is very positive, but since there are no sidewalks on Park Street drivers swerve around the speed bump and it is very dangerous to pedestrians and home owners. She suggested that speeding on Park Street be addressed in a different manner.

Selectwoman Colarusso stated that the Board made a decision to remove the speed bump and now they are pausing to hear from the public. Public member Michael Marini stated that the speed bump reduces speeds and deters trucks from coming down Park Street. Public member Sidney Smith stated that she dislikes the speed bump and the real issue is toward the highway

end of Park Street. Public member Sean Tarrel stated he feels the speed bump is a good deterrent. Chairwoman O'Neill stated that if the Town was going to expend the monies to remove the speed bump, they could also expend it to make the speed bump better. Public member Christine Doherty stated that she would like to keep the speed bump, but that cars swerve around it. Public member Maureen Vaunna lives adjacent to the speed bump and stated that it is dangerous and ineffective. She stated that the noise from the speed bump starts at 5 a.m. and that there is a lot of debris from cars and trucks speeding over it. Public member Charles Smith stated that the speed bump is an issue and it requires an expert to review the matter. He stated that commercial vehicles should be stopped from traveling on Park Street, the speed limit should be enforced at high volume times, and the speed bump should be removed and sidewalks installed.

Public member Joseph O'Brien stated that there need to be sidewalks on Park Street and better signage. He also stated that See Clix Fix should only be used for problems, not public comments. Selectwoman Colarusso stated that the Board has to determine if the benefit outweighs the harm. She stated that she does not want to be a member of the Board that leaves the speed bump in place and then someone is hurt. She stated that the speed bump was supposed to be removed and now she would like to know what process the Board needs to follow. Selectman Wilson stated that he could not find a vote in the minutes regarding the removal. Selectwoman O'Neil asked Dava Kilbride to search for the minutes for the next meeting to determine if a vote was taken.

Chairwoman O'Neill stated that she would like to hear from both the DPW and the Police Department. Robert Grover, head of the DPW stated that people seemed divided on this issue. He suggested that he and Chief McIntyre go and look at the area and see what can be done and see what type of improvements can be made. Selectman Seibold stated that he would hate to remove something that added to the safety of the area. Chief McIntyre stated that he would go down and look at the area with Grover and speak to the neighbors. Chairwoman O'Neill asked him to increase police presence in the area. Chief McIntyre stated that each officer is given a 30 minute directed patrol and he will put officers in the area. Chairwoman O'Neill asked Grover and Chief McIntyre to return at the next meeting with recommendations.

Agenda Item 3: Committee Appointments – Cultural Council – Helinda Charpentier Saitz; Historical Commission – Joanne DiMambro (Time 43:09 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman Wilson moved to appoint Herlinda Charpentier Saitz to the Cultural Council. Selectman Seibold seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso
Secretary Wilson
Selectman Seibold

Motion carries (4-0).

Selectman Wilson moved to appoint Joanne DiMambro to the Historical Commission. Selectwoman Colarusso seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso
Secretary Wilson
Selectman Seibold

Motion carries (4-0).

Agenda Item 4: Liquor Licensing Authority: (Time 44:15 on Stoneham TV on Demand)

Selectman Wilson moved the Board to enter into the Liquor Licensing Authority and reconvene and the Board of Selectmen. Selectwoman Colarusso seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso
Secretary Wilson
Selectman Seibold

Motion carries (4-0).

Agenda Item 4a: Special Alcoholic Beverage License – Stone Zoo Cynthia Mead was present to represent the Stone Zoo regarding the Wild Affair to be held at the Stone Zoo on June 18, 2016. Selectman Wilson moved to approve the Special Alcoholic Beverage License. The motion was seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso
Secretary Wilson
Selectman Seibold

Motion carries (4-0).

Agenda Item 4b: Special Alcoholic Beverage License – Stone Zoo – Centerplate Joe Peters was present to represent Centerplate regarding the Wild Affair to be held at the Stone Zoo on June 18, 2016. Selectman Seibold moved to approve the Special Alcoholic Beverage License. The motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso
Secretary Wilson
Selectman Seibold

Motion carries (4-0).

Agenda Item 4c: Special Alcoholic Beverage License – St. Patrick's Parish Susanne Bromander was present to represent St. Patrick's Parish regarding the Corn Hole Tournament at St. Patrick's Church on June 10, 2016. Selectwoman Colarusso moved to the Special Alcoholic Beverage License. The motion was seconded by Selectman Seibold. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O’Neill
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso
Secretary Wilson
Selectman Seibold

Motion carries (4-0).

Agenda Item 4d: Change of Manager – Bacci Restaurant Robert Lombardo was present to represent Bacci Restaurant with respect to their request for a change of manager on its Liquor License. Selectwoman Colarusso moved to approve the change of manager. The motion was seconded by Selectman Seibold. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O’Neill
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso
Secretary Wilson
Selectman Seibold

Motion carries (4-0).

Selectwoman Colarusso moved to return to the Board of Selectman. Selectman Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O’Neill
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso
Secretary Wilson
Selectman Seibold

Motion carries (4-0).

Agenda Item 5: Approval of Minutes – 5/10/16; 5/24/16 (Time 52:40 on Stoneham TV on Demand) Selectman Wilson moved to approve the minutes of 5/10/16. This motion was seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso. **Voted unanimously.**

Selectman Wilson stated that, with respect to the minutes of 5/24/16, Agenda Item 16, should be amended to read “a resident has appealed” instead of “Winchester has appealed.” Selectman Wilson moved to approve the minutes of 5/24/16 as corrected. This motion was seconded by Selectwoman Colarusso. **Voted unanimously.**

Agenda Item 6: Mass Municipal Request – Caroline Colarusso (Time 55:08 on Stoneham TV on Demand) Selectwoman Colarusso stated that she Senate Bill 2311, being voted on by the Massachusetts legislature on Thursday, June 9, 2016, will exacerbate the type of issues raised by Weiss Farm and 40B. She stated that she has been at nearly 100 meeting regarding Weiss Farm and no one from the Board of Selectmen were invited to discuss this legislation. S 2311 allows local authority to be preempted, creates by right zoning for affordable housing and multi-family dwellings; and will increase the amount of housing and density. Selectman Colarusso

stated that she is drafting a letter to Jason Lewis requesting that he not support S2311 and that she would make it available to the other Selectmen for review and signature. Selectwoman O'Neill stated that when the agenda was posted, she began receiving emails from concerned residents. She stated that Senator Lewis was unable to attend, but prepared a written statement. Selectwoman O'Neill asked for a personal courtesy and read Senator Lewis' letter. Selectman Wilson stated that most of the comments that he received were against S 2311. His main issues were the size of the accessory dwellings allowed on small lots and the vague requirements for multi-dwelling units. He stated that he reached out to the Michael Day and Jason Lewis to discuss the legislation. Selectwoman Colarusso stated that there are three major projects in town that will change the face of Stoneham forever and this legislation will take away zoning autonomy. She stated that Stoneham will be the victim on high profit developments with unintended consequences.

Town Counsel William Solomon stated that the act tries to make decisions for communities without regard for differences and takes away control instead of giving support. Selectwoman Colarusso stated that the Town is approaching its safe harbor on affordable housing and we need to make decisions based on tangibles, not variables.

Agenda Item 7: Verizon Cable License Renewal - (Time 82:00 on Stoneham TV on Demand) Town Counsel William Solomon stated that the Verizon Cable license has been in the renewal process for a long time. Verizon has not completed its renewal with any community. He sent an RFP, but Verizon sent it back and submitted an informal proposal. Solomon stated he is writing a letter on behalf of the Town regarding the agreement. The current agreement ends on June 26, 2016. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for a vote.

Agenda Item 8: Island Sponsorship Program (Time 87:29 on Stoneham TV on Demand) **Motion carries (5-0).** Chairwoman O'Neill stated that the Main Street islands have been completed and look beautiful.

Agenda Item 9: Complete Streets Letter of Intent and Policy – Anthony Wilson (Time 87:55 on Stoneham TV on Demand) Selectman Wilson gave a presentation regarding the Complete Streets program. He stated that if the Town is approved by the State, it could mean more sidewalk repairs, cross walk painting, ADA compliance, and road improvements. He stated that the first step in the process is signing a Complete Streets letter of intent which, if accepted, would qualify the town for \$50,000 for planning Complete Street projects. After the planning phase, the Town could qualify for \$400,000 for project completion. Chairwoman O'Neill asked if there was a deadline for the letter of intent. Selectman Wilson stated that he would like to move forward on the letter of intent immediately as the Town is competing with other Towns for funding approval, but that he would like feedback on the Complete Streets policy. Public member Susanne Bromander asked what it will cost if the Town if \$50,000 is inadequate for the planning phase. Selectman Wilson stated that \$50,000 should cover the cost of a full plan and that he would like to have the Board sign the letter of intent tonight and the full must be submitted by September 15, 2016 to be eligible for the \$400k in funding. Selectman Wilson moved to have the Board sign the letter of intent to create a Complete Streets Policy and the board will provide feedback on the policy in the next meeting. Selectman Seibold seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso
Secretary Wilson
Selectman Seibold

Motion carries (4-0).

Agenda Item 10: Process for Hiring Interim TA (Time 97:13 on Stoneham TV on Demand) Chairwoman Colarusso stated that the Collins Institute is providing a list of candidates for the position of Interim TA. She stated that there is an urgency regarding this matter because Town Administrator David Ragucci sent an email stating that he is taking time off at the end of June. She asked that a meeting be set next week to review the resumes for the Interim Town Administrator. Selectman Seibold asked if anyone had reached out to Ronald Florino to fill the position of interim Town Administrator. Chairwoman O'Neill stated that he is retiring, but to let him know that he can make application for the position.

Agenda Item 11: Selectmen Meetings and Scheduling This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Agenda Item 12: Chapter 90 Funding Plans – Ann Marie O'Neill (Time 100:25 on Stoneham TV on Demand) Chairwoman O'Neill stated that the Town needs a 5-10 year plan to coordinate Complete Streets, Chapter 90, and mitigation monies, and to prioritize street and sidewalk repair. She stated that the downtown area needs to be accessible by all and ADA compliant. Selectwoman Colarusso stated that she agreed that there needs to be a multifaceted funding approach for street paving that is balanced and prioritized. Selectman Wilson stated that if the Town has a vision, it makes it easier to obtain funding and grants. Selectman Wilson moved to form a subcommittee for the creation of an infrastructure plan. The subcommittee members will be Selectman Wilson and Selectwoman Colarusso. Selectman Seibold seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso
Secretary Wilson
Selectman Seibold

Motion carries (4-0).

Agenda Item 13: BOS Appointed Committee Agendas/Minutes – Ann Marie O'Neill This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Agenda Item 14: Town Administrator – David Ragucci Town Administrator Ragucci was not present.

Agenda Item 15: Miscellaneous (Time 109:20 on Stoneham TV on Demand) Selectman Seibold stated that he saw a sign for the Fire Department that he liked and that he spoke with Chief Grafton and the Centennial Committee who were in favor of the sign. He stated that he spoke with Mark Tadesco as Gamit Signs who agreed to donate the labor for the sign. Selectman

Seibold stated he would donate the installation labor. He stated that he spoke to Chris Onesechuck, of the SHS Class of 1982 Beautification Committee and that they wanted to be involved in the project. Chris Onesechuck stated that while the Committee no longer existed, they had \$6,400 to donate, which is the estimated cost of the sign and the granite posts. Selectwoman O'Neill thanked the Committee. Selectwoman Colarusso moved to accept the gift from the SHS Class of 1982 Beautification Committee. Selectman Seibold seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso
Secretary Wilson
Selectman Seibold

Motion carries (4-0).

Chairwoman O'Neill stated that she met with Frederick Laskey from the MWRA. Town Counsel Solomon stated that this was a matter that was not reasonably anticipated by the Chair when the agenda was posted, or 48 hours prior to the meeting. Selectman Wilson moved to discuss this matter. Selectman Seibold seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor:

Chairwoman O'Neill
Vice Chairwoman Colarusso
Secretary Wilson
Selectman Seibold

Motion carries (4-0).

Selectwoman O'Neill stated that she wanted Town Counsel Solomon to review the agreement proposed by Laskey and requested that the Town Administrator put together a working group to move the contract with the MWRA forward.

Selectwoman Colarusso stated that the Cummings Foundation awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Friends of the Fells to educate local students on environmental issues.

Selectman Wilson congratulated Town Planner Erin Wortman for being elected Vice President of MAPC.

Agenda Item 16: Executive Session The Board did not enter into executive session.

Selectwoman Colarusso moved to adjourn. Selectman Wilson seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dava Feltch Kilbride
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

