

**Stoneham Select Board
Remote Meeting
Tuesday, February 1, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

Open Session (Remote Access)

Members Present: Heidi Bilbo, George Seibold, David Pignone, Shelly MacNeill, Raymie Parker

Also Present: Town Administrator Dennis Sheehan

Call to Order: Bilbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Open Meeting Bilbo opened the remote meeting with roll call attendance.

Agenda Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 3: Citizens' Comments No comments were received.

Agenda Item 4: Approve Minutes of 1/18/22 Parker moved to approve the minutes of 1/18/22. Pignone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Heidi Bilbo
George Seibold
David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (5-0)

Agenda Item 5: Department of Public Works Update Brett Gonsalves, Director of DPW, gave the Board an update of the weekend storm stating that Stoneham received 21 inches of snow and that his crew was out for 22 hours on Saturday and 8-9 hours on Sunday. He stated that his crew did an outstanding job and that 10 pieces of equipment broke down during the storm. Seibold commended Gonsalves and his crew on their clean-up efforts.

Gonsalves gave a brief overview of ongoing and upcoming projects. He stated that the Eversource project is currently at High Street and working its way up Elm Street. He stated that the phase 7 sewer improvements are continuing on Main Street, Elm Street, and Montvale Avenue. Gonsalves stated that through the shared streets project, the existing curb line near the post office will be bumped out to create shorter crossing diameter. He discussed the 42 inch

water main cleaning and lining and the 12 inch water main replacement project. Gonsalves also discussed upcoming DOT projects.

Agenda Item 6: Arena Update Lou Chiulli, Arena Manager, stated that COVID protocols are still in place and only those 18 and older can use the locker rooms with adequate spacing. He stated that all high school hockey programs are back and ice times are fully booked through April. Chiulli stated that he anticipates the lower roof repairs to begin in April and, once completed, use of the concession stand will go out to bid. He stated that the solar panels are saving approximately \$1000/month in energy costs. Chiulli stated that the Arena made \$200,000 from 7/1-12/1 and he expects that number to increase.

Pignone asked Chiulli the status of the Zamboni and the vending machines. Chiulli stated that in the last 2 years, the Zamboni has cost \$65,000 to repair and \$15,000 for a new battery. He stated that he has requested \$165,000 from the Capital Committee for the purchase of a new machine. Chiulli stated that he is working with Sheehan to figure out how to proceed with the vending machines.

MacNeill asked how long it will take to order and receive delivery of a Zamboni and Chiulli replied that it would take about 13 months to receive delivery. Sheehan stated that the Capital Committee has been sensitive to the needs of the arena, replacing the ice, boards, roof over the last few years. Chiulli stated that he could look for sponsors and hold fundraising events if necessary. Parker stated that this type of purchase could be made with ARPA funds. Chiulli thanked his staff.

Agenda Item 7: COVID 19 Update Sheehan stated that the number of reported cases of COVID has dropped dramatically since the post-holiday spike. The state has created a digital vaccination card system. The COVID tests that were ordered by the Town should arrive by mid-February and a distribution plan will be developed.

Agenda Item 8: Subcommittee Policy Review and Discussion Bilbo stated that she questioned the appropriate make-up of subcommittees in relation to what the Board has been discussing. Sheehan stated that 2 members of the Board performing a task and reporting back to the Board is a subcommittee. He stated that 2 members of the Board can work with others to facilitate a task, but if there is a bigger task with other resident members, it may be creating a committee. MacNeill stated that policy 1.8 may need to be reworked to encompass that definition and that she would rework the language. She emphasized that all subcommittees needed to follow the open meeting law. Bilbo stated that she would like to discuss the edited language before doing a deeper review of the subcommittees that have been proposed.

Agenda Item 9: High School Building Project Update Sheehan reported that the High School Building Committee met last week and will be meeting next week. If you are interested in the interior and stylistic choices being made, Sheehan and Parker encouraged watching the most recent meetings.

Agenda Item 10: Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School Bilbo reported that Stoneham overwhelmingly voted in favor of supporting the building of the new vocational

school according to the results of last week's ballot. Sheehan stated that there was an overall 82% yes vote across the communities that voted.

Agenda Item 11: ARPA – Update and Discussion Sheehan stated that the ARPA survey is still available on the website and that residents, employees, and groups have been submitting concepts for possible funding. MacNeill stated that she would like to see a breakdown of the survey and then the Board can submit priorities. Pignone state that he would like to hear from the Capital Committee and the Finance and Advisory Board to assist the Board with categorizing and prioritizing projects. Bilbo stated that so much of what is on the list has no dollar amount attached to it and it is difficult to make decisions with limited information. Sheehan stated that the state and federal governments have ARPA funds to spend and his trying to prioritize and not duplicate efforts and expenditures. Parker stated that she would like items put into categories and to also complete small tasks that are put off. Bilbo stated that she would like the items that cannot be paid for as a capital purchase this year to be placed on the list. Sheehan requested that this agenda item become a standing agenda item for several meetings.

Agenda Item 12: Common Victualler and Entertainment License: JK Stoneham d/b/a Kennedy's Café Seibold moved to approve the common victualler license for Kennedy's Café. Parker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Heidi Bilbo
George Seibold
David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (5-0)

Agenda Item 13: Town Administrator's Report – Dennis Sheehan Sheehan stated that the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by FEMA. He continued that we will be holding public meetings in February and March on the downtown redesign project.

Agenda Item 14: Non-Deliberative Announcements and Scheduling Parker noted that February is Black History Month and encouraged residents to learn more about Black history.

Agenda Item 15: Adjourn Select Board Seibold moved to adjourn. Parker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Heidi Bilbo
George Seibold
David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Dava Feltch Kilbride, Office Manager