

**Stoneham Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 7, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

Open Session

Members Present: George Seibold, David Pignone (by remote access), Raymie Parker, Heidi Bilbo, Shelly MacNeill (by remote access)

Also Present: Town Administrator Dennis Sheehan

Call to Order: Seibold 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 Seibold opened the meeting with a roll call vote.

Agenda Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 3: Juneteenth Proclamation Parker read the Juneteenth proclamation.

Agenda Item 4: 2022 Sapphire Award Recipients Seibold announced that Bob Sweeney, Debbie Pettengill, and Carol O'Loughlin were the Sapphire Award Recipients for 2022. The recipients will receive their awards at the Board's 6/21/22 meeting.

Agenda Item 5: Citizens' Comment No comments were received.

Agenda Item 6: Global Companies LLC- Combustible License Amendment – 96 Montvale Avenue Bilbo read the hearing notice. Carolyn Parker appeared for Global Companies LLC. She stated that they will be removing 3 underground tanks at 96 Montvale Avenue and installing 3 double walled tanks holding 29,000 gallons of gas and 5000 gallons of diesel fuel and re-piping the station. MacNeill moved to approve the license amendment. Bilbo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

George Seibold
Raymie Parker
Heidi Bilbo
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (4-0)

Pignone entered the meeting by remote access.

Agenda Item 7: MWRA Borrowing Treasurer Paulette Gerry stated that on 5/2/22, Town Meeting voted to authorize the borrowing of \$700,000 from the MWRA. This is an interest free loan that must be used for water main replacement. Parker moved to approve the borrowing as presented with the agenda. Bilbo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

George Seibold
David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Heidi Bilbo
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (5-0)

Agenda Item 8: Debt Service Payment from Golf Course Premium Gerry stated that in January, the Town borrowed \$135 million for the high school building project with a BAN for the golf course irrigation. There is \$4256.14, representing the balance of the net bond premium which will be used for payment of debt service on the bonds allocable to the irrigation project. Parker moved to approve the debt service payment as presented in the packet. Bilbo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

George Seibold
David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Heidi Bilbo
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (5-0)

Bilbo moved to hear agenda items 10 and 11. Parker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

George Seibold
David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Heidi Bilbo
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (5-0)

Agenda Item 10: Stoneham Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Community – Account Transfer Carol O’Loughlin, Chair of the Stoneham Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Community stated that the Coalition has secured non-profit status which will make it easier to fundraise and

support recovery efforts, fund sober house scholarships, help fund police programs. MacNeill stated that when the Coalition started in 2013, the Town shepherded it by opening a donation account for it and it is no longer necessary.

Parker thanked the Coalition for its hard work and dedication. MacNeill moved to accept the change in status and transfer funds to the Coalition's non-profit. Parker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

George Seibold
David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Heidi Bilbo
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (5-0)

Agenda Item 11: Stoneham Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Community - Update

O'Loughlin stated that the Coalition meets monthly and will be more visible this spring and summer. She stated that the Coalition recently attended the health fair and will be attending Pride Day, the farmers market, Town Day, and will host a recovery event in September. O'Loughlin stated that the Cumming's Foundation is funding 2 years of the referral interface and that Elizabeth Valett just completed a grant application for 5 more years of funding to assist on the prevention side.

Bilbo moved to return to agenda item 9. MacNeill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

George Seibold
David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Heidi Bilbo
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (5-0)

Agenda Item 9: Year End Transfers Sheehan stated that at the end of the fiscal year towns are permitted to move available funds from one budget to another budget that may be experiencing a shortfall. He stated that he is requesting to move \$1,010,408.30 in year end transfers. He stated that the Finance and Advisory Board met on this issue last night and approved the transfer. MacNeill stated that this is common practice and it is no indication of mismanagement. Seibold stated that he would like to see the police overtime decrease by hiring more officers. Bilbo moved to approve the year end transfers. Parker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

George Seibold
David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Heidi Bilbo
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (5-0)

Agenda Item 12: Approve Minutes: 5/24/22 Bilbo moved to approve the minutes of 5/24/22. Parker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

George Seibold
David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Heidi Bilbo

Motion Passes (4-0-1 with MacNeill abstaining)

Agenda Item 13: High School Building Project Update Sheehan stated that the ground breaking ceremony will be on 6/15 at 1:00 p.m. and that Treasurer Goldberg will be present. He stated that the School Building Committee reviewed bid packages at last night's meeting and that work should begin in the next few weeks. Sheehan stated that the driveway to the high school will be closed once the utilities start to move, and that an entry for limited use will be opened at Boxwood Street. He stated that most activities will be shifted from the high school to the middle school.

Parker requested a robo-call to the Town regarding the driveway closure and that discussions have begun regarding hanging the Bank of America mural at the high school.

Parker moved to hear agenda item 15. Bilbo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

George Seibold
David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Heidi Bilbo
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (5-0)

Parker moved to enter into Liquor Licensing Authority to return to the Select Board. Bilbo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

George Seibold

David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Heidi Bilbo
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (5-0)

Agenda Item 15: One Day License – Mystic Valley Elder Services 6/25/22 Deb Ingalls appeared for Butlers Bar, the caterer who is hosting the cocktail hour for Mystic Valley Elder Services. Kilbride stated that all documents were in order and that Chief McIntyre signed off on the event. Parker moved to approve the one day license. Bilbo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

George Seibold
David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Heidi Bilbo
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (5-0)

Parker moved to exit Liquor Licensing Authority and return to the Select Board. Bilbo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

George Seibold
David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Heidi Bilbo
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (5-0)

Agenda Item 14: ARPA Funds - Discussion Sheehan stated that the Capitol Committee will be meeting next week to review the items on the capitol list as well as the ARPA survey and make recommendations to the Board regarding its spending priorities. Seibold asked if the list could be sent to each member to expedite the prioritization. Parker stated that there is an urgency for some items, such as the Zamboni, and she would like to make this item to be on the next agenda if possible.

Agenda Item 16: Town Administrator's Report Sheehan stated that the down town redesign presentation will take place tomorrow at 7:00 in the banquet hall. He stated that Shannon Ciarlone has been hired as his new assistant. Sheehan reported that the Town received the Shared Streets Grant to assist with the redesign on the crosswalk near the common and the post

office. He concluded by stating that the arena roof project is wrapping up and that Unicorn has begun rebuilding the 9th hole.

a. Water and Sewer Rates Sheehan stated that last evening he met with the Finance and Advisory Board and that water rates will remain the same as last year at \$6.95 and that sewer rates were increasing by 1.64% to \$11.18.

Agenda Item 17: Non-Deliberative Announcements and Scheduling Parker announced that Pride Day is on 6/11 on the common at 11:00 a.m. and that Juneteenth will be commemorated on 6/16 on the common following the farmers market at 6:30.

Agenda Item 18: Adjourn Parker moved to adjourn the meeting. Bilbo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

George Seibold
David Pignone
Raymie Parker
Heidi Bilbo
Shelly MacNeill

Motion Passes (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Dava Feltch Kilbride, Office Manager