

**Minutes for Special Town Meeting
Thursday, August 16, 2007**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Town Hall, 35 Central Street**, on

Thursday, August 16, 2007

at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following Articles of this Warrant:

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 363 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 7:05 PM. He thanked the Town's organist Bruce Netten. Moderator Rotondi led the Pledge of Allegiance and the warrant was read.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$15,000 to the budget of the Open Space and Recreation Department, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 1. **Voted** that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article #1.

**Motion to Indefinitely Postpone
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$92,000 to the budget of the Stoneham Public Library in order to meet the Minimum Appropriation Requirement standard mandated by the State of Massachusetts for Public Library Certification, or do anything in relation thereto. The monies would be distributed as follows: \$38,814 to the Personnel Budget, \$53,186 to the Operating Budget.

Library Board of Trustees

Article 2. **Voted** that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of article #2.

Motion to Indefinitely Postpone Passes Per Moderator

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to amend the Fiscal Year 2008 departmental budgets and funding sources, approved under Article No. 40 of the May 7, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. **Voted** that the Town amend the Fiscal Year 2008 departmental budgets and funding sources, approved under Article No. 40 of the May 7, 2007 [Annual Town Meeting] as presented in Exhibit A.

Motion to amend made by John DeGeorge 148 Franklin Street, as follows:

Reduce the \$59,790,899 FY08 approved budget amount to \$58,250,934 by changing the appropriation for the following accounts; and estimated revenues, accordingly:

#132 Reserve Fund-Personnel at 0-Operating from 269084 to 39134=Total 39134
#155 MIS/GIS-Personnel from 75000 to 37500-Operating at 53900=Total 91400
#182 Planning/Appeal Brd/Conservation-Personnel at 26106-Operating from 31650 to 16650-Total 42756
#210 Police Dept-Personnel from 3281960 to 3161960-Operating at 302177-Total 3,464,137
#220 Fire & Emerg Rescue-Personnel from 2681018 to 2561018-Operating at 143738=Total 2,704,756
#300 Public Schools-From 24389162 to 23639162=Total 23,639,162
#399 NE Reg Vocational-Personnel 0-Operating from 592087 to 512052=Total 512052
#400 Public Works-Personnel at 731626-Operating from 2382395 to 2277395=Total 3009021
#541 Council on Aging-Personnel at 147527 to 132527-Operating at 33700=Total 166227
#542 Youth Commission Personnel from 15000 to 7500-Operating at 0-Total 7500
#610 Library-Personnel from 591322 to 571322-Operating from 193838 to 153838-Total 725160

Estimated revenue of the current year from \$49,579,097 to \$49,592,626
Total Budget-Personnel \$10,967,143 – Operating \$47,283,791-Grand Total \$58,250,934
Spending
Total Budget-Estimated Revenues-Grand Total \$58,250,934

**Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
Vote on Amendment
Amendment Fails Per Moderator
Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved
Vote on Main Motion
Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981 as amended, “An Act Establishing a Selectmen-Town Administrator Form of Government for the Town of Stoneham”, by adding the following:

Sec 17. Budget process-Certified Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).

Upon receipt of Department of Revenue certification of the amount of Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) from a given fiscal year budget, that is available for use; the total amount shall be immediately transferred to the Stabilization Fund Account.

**John M. DeGeorge et al
148 Franklin Street**

Article 4. **Voted** that the Town petition the Legislature to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981 as amended, “An Act Establishing a Selectmen-Town Administrator Form of Government for the Town of Stoneham”, by adding the following:

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Upon receipt of Department of Revenue certification of the amount of Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) from a given fiscal year budget, that is available for use; the total amount shall be immediately transferred to the Stabilization Fund Account.

**Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved
Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

***Home Rule petition sent to Senator Tisei and Representatives Casey & Natale on August 22, 2007**

**Motion to Dissolve
Meeting Dissolved at 8:44PM**

