

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009

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

Monday, October 26, 2009

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

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 147 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 7:04 PM. He thanked the Town's organist Bruce Netten for playing. Moderator Rotondi led the Pledge of Allegiance and the warrant was read.

Article 1. To see if the Town will accept M.G.L. c. 64L, § 2(a) to impose a local meals excise of 0.75% effective January 1, 2010.

**John Warren et al
25 Dean Street**

Article 1. Voted that the Town accept M.G.L. c. 64L, § 2(a) to impose a local meals excise of 0.75% effective January 1, 2010.

**Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved
Vote on Main Motion
Fails Per Moderator**

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to grant a 500 square foot, more or less, access and utility easement on a portion of the Hill Court parking facility and abutting 411 Main Street parcel of land and further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to take any action necessary for said grant of said easement or to do anything in relation thereto. Said parcel being shown on a plan entitled, "Site Plan of Land of 409-419 Main Street in Stoneham" dated June 3, 2008 as revised and drawn by P.J.F. and Associates, 11 Gleason Street, Medford, MA.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. Voted that the Town transfer the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land, 150 square feet, more or less, said property being a portion of the Hill Court parking facility and abutting the rear of 411 Main Street, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale of said land; and further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town

Administrator to take any action necessary for said transfer and sale. Said parcel being shown on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land of 411 Main Street Rear in Stoneham" dated October 15, 2009 and drawn by P.J.F. and Associates, 11 Gleason Street, Medford, MA.

**Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved
 $\frac{2}{3}$ Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land, said property being a portion of the Hill Court parking facility and abutting 397 Main Street to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale of said land or to grant 224 square foot access and utility easement on said parcel of land and further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to take any action necessary for said sale of grant of said easement or to do anything in relation thereto. Said parcel being shown as lot B on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land Stoneham" dated September 22, 2009 drawn by P.J.F. and Associates.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. **Voted** that the Town transfer the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of land, 224 square feet more or less, said property being a portion of the Hill Court parking facility and abutting the rear of 397 Main Street, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale of said land; and further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to take any action necessary for said transfer and sale. Said parcel being shown as lot B on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land Stoneham" dated September 22, 2009 drawn by P.J.F. and Associates, 11 Gleason Street, Medford, MA.

**Motion to Move Question
Question is Moved
 $\frac{2}{3}$ Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator
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Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the amount to be raised and appropriated under Article No. 26 of the May 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting and adjust the Fiscal Year 2010 departmental budgets and funding sources (as described in Exhibit A).

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. Voted that the Town amend the amount to be raised and appropriated under Article No. 26 of the May 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting and adjust the Fiscal Year 2010 departmental budgets and funding sources by reducing said amount by Three Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$371,353)--(as shown in Exhibit A).

**Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

**ARTICLE
#4--
(EXHIBIT
A)**

Adjust the following budgets:

Dept. #	Department	Salaries	Operating	Total	
132	Reserve Fund		\$26,667	\$26,667	Increase Budget voted at the 5/4/09 Annual Town Mtg.
135	Accounting Dept	(\$22,000)		(\$22,000)	Reduce Asst Town Acct position to 15 hrs from 32 hrs
155	MIS/GIS		(\$2,500)	(\$2,500)	Savings in Telephone Budget
161	Town Clerk		\$10,000	\$10,000	2010 Federal Census
162	Elections & Registrations		\$16,000	\$16,000	2 Special Elections (12/8 State Primary & 1/19 State Election)
210	Police	\$4,000		\$4,000	Transfer Animal Control \$ from DPW \$4K
300	School Department		(\$155,889)	(\$155,889)	Reduce Budget voted at the 5/4/09 Annual Town Mtg.
398	Minuteman Voc. School		\$18,000	\$18,000	Increase Budget voted at the 5/4/09 Annual Town Mtg.
399	Northeast Reg. Voc. School		(\$41,667)	(\$41,667)	This approves a Northeast Reg. Voc. Budget of \$606,311.
400	Public Works Department	(\$4,000)	(\$120,000)	(\$124,000)	Refuse Savings \$120K; Transfer Animal Control \$ to Police \$4K
541	Council on Aging		\$12,240	\$12,240	Increase Budget voted at the 5/4/09 Annual Town Mtg.
631	Arena		(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)	Savings in Vending Supplies
919	Unclassified		(\$107,204)	(\$107,204)	Savings in Workers' Comp (\$27,500) & Prop/Liab Ins (\$82,129); \$2425 needed for Wireless Cellular Facility Technical Consultant.
	Net amount	(\$22,000)	(\$349,353)	(\$371,353)	

Adjust the following funding sources:

Reduce revenue of the Current Year:		(\$828,778)	Reduce State Aid \$697,701; Reduce Local Receipts \$131,077 (COA Rentals of \$12,240 was added to FY10 Local Receipts to offset the budget increase.)
Transfer from Surplus Revenue		\$282,425	Represents 61.88% of Free Cash certified at \$456,425
Transfer from Overlay Surplus		\$175,000	New Released Overlay at 9/1/09 Assessors' Meeting
Transfer from the Cemetery Perpetual Income Fund		\$20,000	To make up for shortfall in Sale of Lots & Graves Acct.
Reduce Sale of Lots & Graves Res. For Approp.		(\$20,000)	\$65K was voted to be transferred at the 5/4/09 Annual Town Mtg, but only \$45K is available.
Net amount		(\$371,353)	
Shortfall			\$0

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Surplus Revenue into the Stabilization Fund.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. **Voted** that the Town transfer Eighty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$87,000) from Surplus Revenue into the Stabilization Fund.

$\frac{2}{3}$ Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Surplus Revenue into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. **Voted** that the Town transfer Eighty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$87,000) from Surplus Revenue into the Capital Stabilization Fund.

$\frac{2}{3}$ Vote Required
Passes Unanimous

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to: (i) appropriate a sum of money from the Capital Stabilization Account, and (ii) transfer funding from Article 12 of the October 2008 Special Town Meeting to fund capital projects, or do anything in relation thereto.

Town of Stoneham
Capital Committee

Article 7. Voted that the Town appropriate and fund capital expenditures totaling Five Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$557,000) in the following manner:

- i) Purchase two marked police vehicles in the amount Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$62,000). Said sum totaling \$62,000 to be transferred as follows: \$11,490 from available funds remaining under Article #10 of the October 2005 Special Town Meeting; \$21,350 from the account entitled "Reserve for Appropriation--Insurance Reimbursement Greater Than \$20,000"; and \$29,160 from the Capital Stabilization Fund;
- ii) Replace/install/major repair the air conditioner at the Senior Center in the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000). Said sum totaling \$60,000 to be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund;
- iii) Replace/install/major repair the Digital Fire Alarm System in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000). Said sum totaling \$40,000 to be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund;
- iv) Purchase a van for the Senior Center in the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000). Said sum totaling \$60,000 to be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund;
- v) Replace/install/major repair windows at the Library in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000). Said sum totaling \$15,000 to be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund;
- vi) Replace/install/major repair doors at the Stoneham Arena in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000). Said sum totaling \$20,000 to be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund; and
- vii) Replace/install/major repair Town Drainage in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000). Said sum totaling \$300,000 to come from borrowing pursuant to Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws and any other applicable laws.

**$\frac{2}{3}$ Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$382,269 to be received by the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for fiscal year 2010 for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on public ways within the Town or other eligible municipal projects and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditure or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8. **Voted** that the Town appropriate \$382,269 to be received by the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for fiscal year 2010 for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on public ways within the Town or other eligible municipal projects and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditure.

**Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous**

**Motion to Dissolve
Meeting Dissolved at 8:36 PM.**

John J. Hanright, Town Clerk