

A photograph of the Town of Stoneham building, a large, light-colored structure with a prominent portico supported by columns. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. An American flag flies on a tall pole to the left of the building. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. Centered over the image is white text that reads: "Town of Stoneham", "Select Board Meeting", "Ballot Question", and "October 21, 2025".

Town of Stoneham
Select Board Meeting
Ballot Question
October 21, 2025

Override Amount Recommendations by Department

Department	Number	Cost Per Unit	Subtotals	Department Total:
Council on Aging				\$236,000
Restore funding			\$136,000	
CoA budget improvement			\$100,000	
Library				\$232,766
Economic Development				\$113,000
Restoration			\$40,000	
Operations Staff Member	1	\$73,000	\$73,000	
Prevention & Outreach			\$40,000	\$40,000
Shared Services				\$1,724,000
Healthcare			\$1,000,000	
Medicare			\$100,000	
P&C Insurance			\$200,000	
Workers Comp			\$100,000	
New Hires	12	\$27,000	\$324,000	
Police				\$508,000
Restore Patrol Officers	3	\$67,882	\$203,645	
New Patrol Officer Hires	2	\$61,680	\$123,360	
Restore Traffic Directors	4	\$9,122	\$36,486	
New overnight Dispatcher	1	\$51,509	\$51,509	
New School Resource Officer	1	\$93,000	\$93,000	
DPW				\$361,325
Restore 2 staff	2	\$64,163	\$128,325	
Restore MS4 Consulting			\$53,000	
New DPW Staff	3	\$60,000	\$180,000	
Fire				\$522,196
Restore Firefighter	1	\$60,028	\$60,028	
New Firefighters	4	\$60,000	\$240,000	
Firefighter Promotions	4	\$15,542	\$62,168	
New Deputy Chief	1	\$160,000	\$160,000	
Recreation				\$49,086
Asst. Building Inspector	1	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000

Schools		\$8,681,721
Personnel		\$1,536,669
Facilities/Util		\$83,955
Contracted Services		\$226,392
Out of District Tuition		\$123,457
ARPA addbacks		\$500,000
Growth Factor		\$500,000
Reductions Restored		<u>\$1,123,059</u>
Specialized Instruction	\$250,100	
General Education Instruction	\$532,045	
Facilities	\$126,500	
District Operations	\$214,414	
Contracts Flexibility*		\$4,588,189
Totals		<u>\$12,506,094</u>

	FY27	FY28 Estimate	FY29 Estimate	FY30 Estimate
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	64,236,362	79,378,517	82,080,480	84,849,992
Override	12,506,094			
New Growth	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
Debt Exclusion	8,728,669	8,724,544	8,726,044	8,733,144
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	86,171,125	88,803,061	91,506,524	94,283,136
Local Receipts	8,545,474	8,716,384	8,890,711	9,068,526
State Aid	14,063,049	14,484,941	14,919,489	15,367,074
Free Cash/Overlay Surplus	1,945,018	1,945,018	1,945,018	1,945,018
Water & Sewer Indirect	1,394,002	1,435,822	1,478,897	1,523,264
TOTAL REVENUE	112,118,668	115,385,226	118,740,639	122,187,017
Expenses				
Town Base Operating Expense	20,647,101			
Town restorations/new services	2,100,373			
Town Total	22,747,474	23,429,898	24,132,795	24,856,779
School Base Operating Expense	39,460,244			
contract adj, restorations	8,681,721			
School Total	48,141,965	49,586,224	51,073,811	52,606,025
Regional School Expense	1,873,812	1,930,026	1,987,927	2,047,565
Shared Expenses				
Medicare, Insurance, Retirement, & Audit	19,141,005			
	1,724,000			
Total Shared Expenses	20,865,005	22,197,354	23,642,786	25,210,907
Debt Service - Non exempt	980,095	935,269	885,767	847,440
Debt Service - Exempt	8,728,669	8,724,544	8,726,044	8,733,144
OPEB/Capital Stabilization/Stabilization	1,945,018	1,945,018	1,945,018	1,945,018
Additional funds allocated to Stabilization	1,335,473	860,677	281,466	
Non Appropriated Expenses	5,501,158	5,776,216	6,065,027	6,368,278
TOTAL EXPENSES	112,118,668	115,385,225	118,740,639	122,615,156
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(0)	0	(0)	(428,139)

12.5M Override	
Value	\$ Increase
250,000	\$ 438
300,000	\$ 525
350,000	\$ 613
400,000	\$ 700
450,000	\$ 788
500,000	\$ 875
550,000	\$ 963
600,000	\$ 1,050
650,000	\$ 1,138
700,000	\$ 1,225
750,000	\$ 1,313
800,000	\$ 1,400
801,126	\$ 1,402
850,000	\$ 1,488
900,000	\$ 1,575
950,000	\$ 1,663
1,000,000	\$ 1,750
1,500,000	\$ 2,625

*Slide Updated-11.4 with FY 26 updates from Assessor

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Council on Aging				\$236,000	Council on Aging				\$100,000
Restore funding			\$136,000		Restore funding			\$100,000	
CoA budget improvement			\$100,000		CoA budget improvement				
Library				\$232,766	Library				\$232,766
Economic Development				\$113,000	Economic Development				\$40,000
Restoration			\$40,000		Restoration			\$40,000	
Operations Staff Member	1	\$73,000	\$73,000		Operations Staff Member	0	\$73,000		
Prevention & Outreach			\$40,000	\$40,000	Prevention & Outreach			\$40,000	\$40,000
Shared Services				\$1,724,000	Shared Services				\$1,508,000
Healthcare			\$1,000,000		Healthcare			\$1,000,000	
Medicare			\$100,000		Medicare			\$100,000	
P&C Insurance			\$200,000		P&C Insurance			\$200,000	
Workers Comp			\$100,000		Workers Comp			\$100,000	
New Hires	12	\$27,000	\$324,000		New Hires	4	\$27,000	\$108,000	
Police				\$508,000	Police				\$291,640
Restore Patrol Officers	3	\$67,882	\$203,645		Restore Patrol Officers	3	\$67,882	\$203,645	
New Patrol Officer Hires	2	\$61,680	\$123,360		New Patrol Officer Hires	0	\$61,680		
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Fire				\$522,196	Fire				\$60,028
Restore Firefighter	1	\$60,028	\$60,028		Restore Firefighter	1	\$60,028	\$60,028	
New Firefighters	4	\$60,000	\$240,000		New Firefighters	0	\$60,000		
Firefighter Promotions	4	\$15,542	\$62,168		Firefighter Promotions	0	\$15,542		
New Deputy Chief	1	\$160,000	\$160,000		New Deputy Chief	0	\$160,000		
Recreation				\$49,086	Recreation				\$49,086
Asst. Building Inspector	1	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	Asst. Building Inspector	1	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000
Schools				\$8,681,721	Schools				\$6,558,662
Personnel			\$1,536,669		Personnel			\$1,536,669	
Facilities/Util			\$83,955		Facilities/Util			\$83,955	
Contracted Services			\$226,392		Contracted Services			\$226,392	
Out of District Tuition			\$123,457		Out of District Tuition			\$123,457	
ARPA addbacks			\$500,000		ARPA addbacks				
Growth Factor			\$500,000		Growth Factor				
Reductions Restored			\$1,123,059		Reductions Restored				
Specialized Instruction		\$250,100		0	Specialized Instruction		\$250,100		0
General Education Instruction		\$532,045		0	General Education Instruction		\$532,045		0
Facilities		\$126,500		0	Facilities		\$126,500		0
District Operations		\$214,414		0	District Operations		\$214,414		0
Contracts Flexibility*			\$4,588,189		Contracts Flexibility*			\$4,588,189	
Totals				\$12,506,094	Totals				\$9,279,507

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Prevention & Outreach			\$40,000	\$40,000	Prevention & Outreach			\$40,000	\$40,000
Shared Services				\$1,724,000	Shared Services				\$1,508,000
Healthcare			\$1,000,000		Healthcare			\$1,000,000	
Medicare			\$100,000		Medicare			\$100,000	
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Restore Firefighter	1	\$60,028	\$60,028		Restore Firefighter	1	\$60,028	\$60,028	
New Firefighters	4	\$60,000	\$240,000		New Firefighters	0	\$60,000		
Firefighter Promotions	4	\$15,542	\$62,168		Firefighter Promotions	0	\$15,542		
New Deputy Chief	1	\$160,000	\$160,000		New Deputy Chief	0	\$160,000		
Recreation				\$49,086	Recreation				\$49,086
Asst. Building Inspector	1	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	Asst. Building Inspector	1	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000
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Facilities/Util			\$83,955		Facilities/Util			\$83,955	
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Growth Factor			\$500,000		Growth Factor				
Reductions Restored			\$1,123,059		Reductions Restored				
Specialized Instruction		\$250,100		0	Specialized Instruction		\$250,100		0
General Education Instruction		\$532,045		0	General Education Instruction		\$532,045		0
Facilities		\$126,500		0	Facilities		\$126,500		0
District Operations		\$214,414		0	District Operations		\$214,414		0
Contracts Flexibility*			\$4,588,189		Contracts Flexibility*			\$4,588,189	
Totals				\$12,506,094	Totals				\$9,279,507



	OSC Recommendation	2nd Question		% Reduction from OSC
Town	\$2,100,373	\$1,212,845		42%
School	\$8,681,721	\$6,558,662		24%
Shared	\$1,724,000	\$1,508,000		13%
Total	\$12,506,094	\$9,279,507		

	FY27	FY28 Estimate	FY29 Estimate	FY30 Estimate
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	64,236,362	76,071,265	78,690,547	81,375,311
Override	9,279,507			
New Growth	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
Debt Exclusion	8,728,669	8,724,544	8,726,044	8,733,144
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	82,944,538	85,495,809	88,116,591	90,808,455
Local Receipts	8,545,474	8,716,384	8,890,711	9,068,526
State Aid	14,063,049	14,484,941	14,919,489	15,367,074
Free Cash/Overlay Surplus	1,945,018	1,945,018	1,945,018	1,945,018
Water & Sewer Indirect	1,394,002	1,435,822	1,478,897	1,523,264
TOTAL REVENUE	108,892,081	112,077,974	115,350,706	118,712,336
Expenses				
Town Base Operating Expense	20,647,101			
Town restorations/new services	1,212,845			
Town Total	21,859,946	22,515,744	23,191,217	23,886,953
School Base Operating Expense	39,460,244			
contract adj, restorations	6,558,662			
School Total	46,018,906	47,399,473	48,821,457	50,286,101
Regional School Expense	1,873,812	1,930,026	1,987,927	2,047,565
Shared Expenses				
Medicare, Insurance, Retirement, & Audit	19,141,005			
	1,508,000			
Total Shared Expenses	20,649,005	21,962,994	23,388,505	24,935,014
Debt Service - Non exempt	980,095	935,269	885,767	847,440
Debt Service - Exempt	8,728,669	8,724,544	8,726,044	8,733,144
OPEB/Capital Stabilization/Stabilization	1,945,018	1,945,018	1,945,018	1,945,018
Additional funds allocated to Stabilization	1,335,473	888,690	339,745	
Non Appropriated Expenses	5,501,158	5,776,216	6,065,027	6,368,278
TOTAL EXPENSES	108,892,081	112,077,974	115,350,706	119,049,512
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(0)	0	0	(337,176)

9.3M Override	
Value	\$ Increase
250,000	\$ 325
300,000	\$ 390
350,000	\$ 455
400,000	\$ 520
450,000	\$ 585
500,000	\$ 650
550,000	\$ 715
600,000	\$ 780
650,000	\$ 845
700,000	\$ 910
750,000	\$ 975
800,000	\$ 1,040
801,126	\$ 1,041
850,000	\$ 1,105
900,000	\$ 1,170
950,000	\$ 1,235
1,000,000	\$ 1,300
1,500,000	\$ 1,950

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from Assessor

— Question 1: Shall the Town of Stoneham be allowed to assess an additional \$12,500,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding public safety, education, council on aging, public works, library and general government expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026?

Question 2: Shall the Town of Stoneham be allowed to assess an additional \$9,300,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding public safety, education, council on aging, public works, library and general government expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026?

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REVENUES				
Property Taxes	64,236,362	76,158,242	78,779,698	81,466,690
Override	9,364,362			
New Growth	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
Debt Exclusion	8,728,669	8,724,544	8,726,044	8,733,144
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	83,029,393	85,582,786	88,205,742	90,899,834
Local Receipts	8,545,474	8,716,384	8,890,711	9,068,526
State Aid	14,063,049	14,484,941	14,919,489	15,367,074
Free Cash/Overlay Surplus	1,945,018	1,945,018	1,945,018	1,945,018
Water & Sewer Indirect	1,394,002	1,435,822	1,478,897	1,523,264
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School Total	46,018,906	47,399,473	48,821,457	50,286,101
Regional School Expense	1,873,812	1,930,026	1,987,927	2,047,565
Shared Expenses				
Medicare, Insurance, Retirement, & Audit	19,141,005			
	1,508,000			
Total Shared Expenses	20,649,005	21,962,994	23,388,505	24,935,014
Debt Service - Non exempt	980,095	935,269	885,767	847,440
Debt Service - Exempt	8,728,669	8,724,544	8,726,044	8,733,144
OPEB/Capital Stabilization/Stabilization	1,945,018	1,945,018	1,945,018	1,945,018
Additional funds allocated to Stabilization	1,420,328	975,667	428,896	
Non Appropriated Expenses	5,501,158	5,776,216	6,065,027	6,368,278
TOTAL EXPENSES	108,976,936	112,164,951	115,439,857	119,049,512
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(245,797)