

**Stoneham Select Board
Open Meeting
Thursday, March 6, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

Open Session

Members Present: Raymie Parker – Chair, Heidi Bilbo – Clerk, George Seibold, David Pignone

Also Present: Town Administrator Dennis Sheehan

Document List: Warrant for Town Meeting; Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition Inter-Municipal Agreement

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order: Parker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Parker took a moment personal privilege and made a brief statement about the racist comments that appeared on Facebook over the weekend. She stated that the Town is investigating the matter fully.

Agenda Item 3: Citizens' Comments Jay McNeil, 6 Lawndale Road stated that he is in favor of the override and he is in favor of collecting \$14.6 million in year one. Ryan Foreman, 12 Windsor Road stated that he had a chance to review the warrant for town meeting and that he is in favor of the Select Board's attempt to accommodate those who cannot afford the override by creating exemptions.

Agenda Item 4: Warrant for Town Meeting – Vote to Accept Articles Sheehan stated that there seems to be some overlap between articles 10 and 11 as currently drafted and he is working on clearing up the redundancy. Sheehan briefly reviewed the articles noting that there will be time for further debate. Seibold moved to accept the warrant articles as presented pending minor modifications. Bilbo seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition Inter-Municipal Agreement Anthony Choi appeared for the Department of Health stating that it has been great to see the expansion of services that the collaboration between Wakefield, Melrose, Medford, Malden, Winchester, and Stoneham has created. He stated that his main focus has been to improve the local health structure and that includes public nursing and food inspections. He stated that this year the

coalition focused on inspector training and the hiring of a regional health inspector and epidemiologist. He stated that the grant will allow the coalition to continue training staff, expand translator services, and order supplies of nursing and inspections. The agreement will formally memorialize the coalition and create an advisory board. Bilbo moved to accept the Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition Inter-Municipal Agreement. Pignone seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Town Administrator's Report Sheehan stated that the Bylaw Review Committee continues its work and met this week. He stated that the Capital Committee has been meeting and will finalize its recommendations for town meeting this week. Sheehan thanked the staff of the arena for hosting the MIA tournament. He stated that the Police Department underwent training for body worn cameras this week and he thanked the department and the union for its support.

Agenda Item 7: Miscellaneous No announcements were offered.

Agenda Item 8: Adjourn Seibold moved to adjourn. Pignone seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dava Feltch Kilbride, Office Manager