

**Stoneham Select Board
Open Meeting
Monday, July 7, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

Open Session

Members Present: Timothy Waitkevitch – Chair, David Pignone – Vice Chair, Ryan Foreman – Clerk, Heidi Bilbo; Raymie Parker

Also Present: Town Administrator Dennis Sheehan

Document List: Stoneham Override Study Committee charge; Emails from Luis Cajamarca; Email from Brendan Dowdle; Email from Jennafir Enck; Email from Christine Linn; Email from Jackie Mahoney; Email from Nick Stavre; Email from Eric Scruggs; Email from Stephen Ternullo

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order: Waitkevitch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Foreman moved to open the meeting. Pignone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Timothy Waitkevitch
David Pignone
Ryan Foreman
Heidi Bilbo
Raymie Parker

Motion passes (5-0)

Agenda Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 3: Appoint Resident Members of the Stoneham Override Study Committee

Waitkevitch thanked all of the candidates who submitted their names to be part of the Override Study Committee. Pignone stated that he looked at all of the applicants and he would like to appoint Stephen Ternullo to the committee. He stated that he believes that Ternullo has demonstrated a knowledge of how the Town works and that they don't always share the same thought process. He stated that he is eager to see what Ternullo brings to the committee.

Parker stated that she would like to appoint Nick Starvre to the committee. She stated that Starvre has been involved with the Town for a long time, pays attention, and will bring a good voice to the committee.

Foreman asked any of the candidates if they would like to speak. Brendan Dowdle stated that he has lived in Stoneham for about 10 years and would like to get more involved. He stated that he works in the finance and auditing space and he believes that the skills would be useful to the committee. Eric Scruggs stated that he has lived in Stoneham for 10 years and would like to help the Town find a sustainable solution to its ongoing financial issues.

Bilbo stated that in the spirit of what this committee is charged with doing she would like to appoint Jackie Mahoney and feels that he is a good fit to represent a variety of residents.

Waitkevitch stated that he would like to appoint Scruggs and Foreman appointed Dowdle. Waitkevitch thanked residents for their willingness to be part of the committee and stated that the Board will be reaching out to help get the committee settled.

Foreman stated that he heard from the Library Trustees that they would like to be part of the committee since the library is likely to be greatly impacted by the override vote. Waitkevitch stated that he had a trustee reach out to him and he is happy to have the conversation. Parker stated that she has no problem allowing more voices to be heard during this process.

Sheehan stated that the Board can discuss this issue, but any decisions should be ratified at the next meeting.

Bilbo stated that both the library and Council on Aging, and every department in Town, will be impacted by an override vote. If the Committee wants to hear from a department it can ask for input. She stated that she is the liaison to the library and she is happy to report back to the library the status of the override.

Foreman stated that we have been open about the potential cuts to the library and Council on Aging and every department is at risk. He stated that he is always in favor of more voices, but this has to be balanced with efficiency. Pignone stated that a diverse team has been assembled and if we open this up now the Board will have to open it up to other officials. He stated that he is satisfied with the committee as it stands.

Waitkevitch stated that the committee will meet with department heads and that it is important that this committee be comprised of a collection of residents. Bilbo stated that it would make sense for the committee to hear from departments early in the process. Parker stated that the meetings will be posted and open to the public if anyone would like to be part of the conversation.

Agenda Item 4: Non-Deliberative Announcements Waitkevitch stated that there is a Select Board meeting on 7/15/25.

Agenda Item 5: Adjourn Foreman moved to adjourn. Pignone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in favor:

Timothy Waitkevitch

David Pignone

Ryan Foreman

Heidi Bilbo

Raymie Parker

Motion passes (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Dava Kilbride – Office Manager