

**Stoneham Select Board  
Open Meeting  
Thursday, October 29, 2025  
6:30 p.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; Town Counsel Robert Galvin

**Document List:** Notice of Ballot Questions – letter for inside cover

**Agenda Item 1: Call to Order:** Waitkevitch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Parker moved to open the meeting. Bilbo 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: Review and Approve Voter Information Guide Materials** Waitkevitch stated that the Board is reviewing the Select Board’s letter that is part of the information guide. Bilbo suggested that “strategic rebuilding” is a more accurate description than “strategic investment” for the use of the \$12.5 million override. Foreman agreed with the sentiment.

Parker suggested that the sentence regarding working and playing in Stoneham should go after the sentence after “we take lightly.” Foreman stated that he agrees because some of the division he has been hearing is that the Select Board members are not invested in the community. Parker asked if the packet fully explains the loss of the critical services. Sheehan stated that there will be an explanation in the boxes in the back of the booklet as well as in Galvin’s explanation.

Foreman stated that the word “prevail” is slightly confusing. He stated that the wording seems to suggest that the override number could expand beyond \$12.5 million. Galvin stated that the explanation can be expanded in the booklet.

Foreman stated that he would like to see the portion after the hyphen in the “no” section to be its own sentence for clarity. Galvin stated that the hyphen actually connects it to the sentences preceding it. Waitkevitch reminded all to stick to the content of the letter as there are assigned roles in this process.

Bilbo stated that it may be worth mentioning that this is not a unique problem to Stoneham. Foreman pointed out that this point is mentioned in the explanation. Waitkevitch suggested that a reference to the many communities seeking an override and the Massachusetts Municipal Association article on this year’s fiscal challenges.

Foreman would like to add “all non-mandated town services, and put...” to highlight that all non-required services could be cut if the override does not pass. Bilbo agreed and stated that most people are more informed this time around, but that everyone has to understand that everything is at risk of being cut. Foreman requested that a box be added with upcoming engagement dates.

Parker moved to approve the Select Board letter of the voter information mailer as presented and allow the Town Clerk and Town Counsel to make grammatical edits. Foreman 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 4: Future Dates for Public Engagement** The Board discussed the public engagement calendar. Sheehan stated that he is holding office hours at the library next week. The Board agreed to the following dates for public engagement: 12/2/25 and 12/6/25. Parker requested that one of the events be held at a school. Galvin stated that he has a written a memo to outline the Board’s authority to advocate for/against the override. Sheehan stated that all events are intended to be informational and not advocacy based. Parker moved to place the 12/2/25 and 12/6/25 informational engagement events on the flier. Bilbo 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 5: Town Administrator's Report** Sheehan stated that the website is live and will be updated as information is available.

**Agenda Item 6: Non-Deliberative Announcements and Scheduling** Parker stated that she is trying to be in touch with the food pantries in town and is hoping to do a food drive in the next few weeks. She stated that Community Dinner is in need of gift cards to purchase groceries.

**Agenda Item 7: Adjourn** Parker moved to adjourn. Foreman 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)

Respectfully submitted,

Dava Kilbride – Office Manager