

Town of Stoneham Massachusetts Annual Report 2017



**TOWN OF STONEHAM
MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL REPORT
2017**

Board of Selectmen



Left to right: Clerk Shelly MacNeill, Selectwoman Caroline Colarusso, Chairman George Seibold, Vice Chairman Anthony Wilson, Selectman Thomas Boussy

(Photo by William Ryerson)

IN MEMORIAM

Captain Frank Gould Sr. (6/12/34 – 7/12/17)

Stoneham Fire Department 1969-1993

Alice DelRossi (4/4/27-9/2/17)

Board of Selectmen 1971-1973

Lieutenant Bob Marshall (2/28/24 – 10/20/17)

Stoneham Fire Department 1948-1980

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TOWN OF STONEHAM
COMMUNITY PROFILE

Incorporated: Stoneham was incorporated as a town on December 17, 1725.

Situated: 10.3 miles from Boston

County: Middlesex

Land Area: 6.6 square miles

Population: 21,898

Tax Rate FY18: Residential: \$ 11.71
Commercial: \$ 22.55

FY18 Town Operating Budget: \$ 66,289,202

Form of Government: Elected Board of Selectmen; Town Administrator; Open Town Meeting

Annual Town Election: First Tuesday in April

Annual Town Meeting: First Monday in May

Public Schools: Colonial Park School; Robin Hood School; South School; Stoneham Central Middle School; Stoneham High School; Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School

Private Schools: St. Patrick's School; Greater Boston Academy

Governor: Charlie Baker

Senators in US Congress: Edward Markey; Elizabeth Warren

Representatives in US Congress – Fifth Congressional District: Katherine Clark

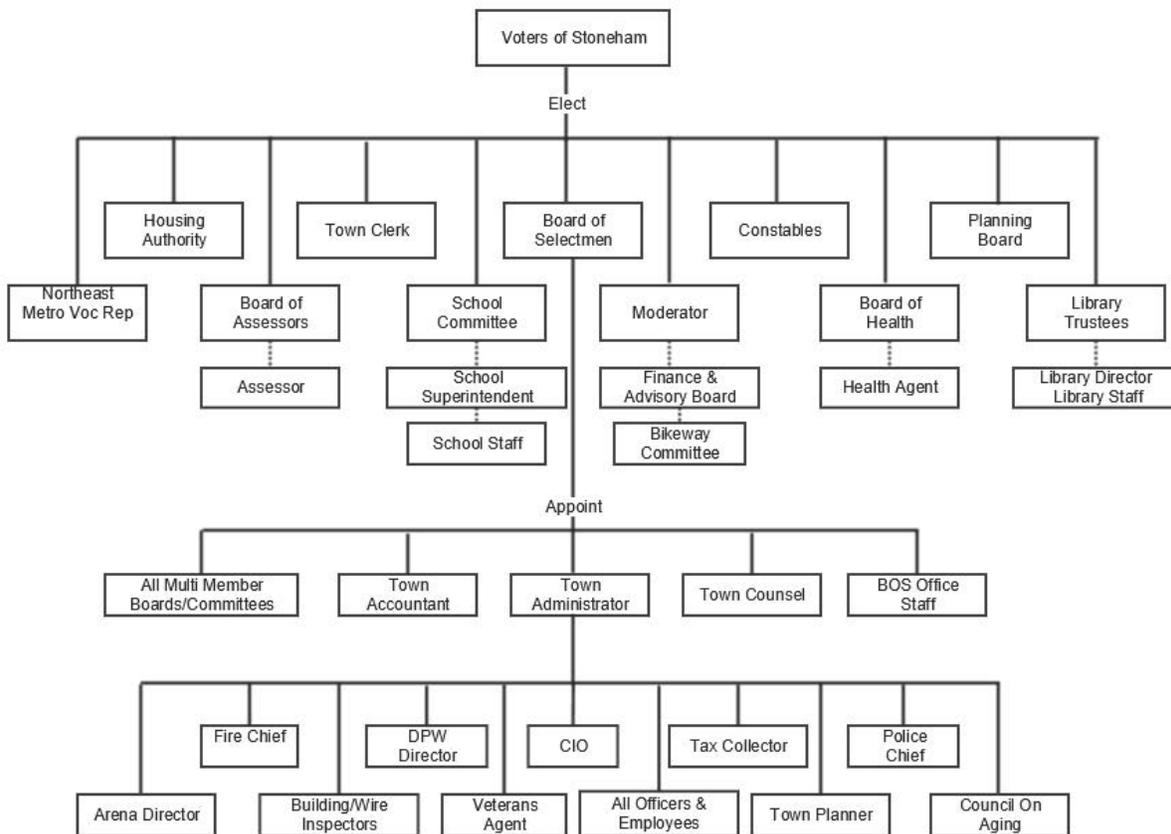
Sixth District Governor's Council: Terrance Kennedy

Fifth Middlesex Senatorial District: Jason Lewis

31st Middlesex Representative District: Michael Day

Official Website: www.stoneham-ma.gov

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



TOWN OF STONEHAM
ELECTED OFFICIALS 2017

Office	Term
Board of Assessors	
Craig Celli, Chairman	2018
Anthony Kennedy, Vice Chairman	2019
William Jordan, Treasurer	2020
Board of Health	
John Scullen, Chairman	2018
Theresa Dean, Vice Chairwoman	2019
Wendy Cayton	2020
Board of Selectmen	
George Seibold, Chairman	2019
Anthony Wilson, Vice-Chairman	2019
Shelly MacNeill, Secretary	2020
Thomas Boussy	2018
Caroline Colarusso	2018
Constables	
David Luciano	2018
Robert Moreira	2018
Robert Nardone	2018
Housing Authority	
Thomas Anderson, Chairman	2018
Kevin McLaughlin, Vic Chairman	2020
Robert Daniels, Treasurer	Appointed by Governor
Michelle Meagher, Assistant Treasurer	2019
Carol Mustone	2021
Library Trustees	
Rocco Chiccarello, Chairman	2020
Jane Francis, Vice Chairwoman	2018
Marina Memmo, Secretary	2018
Patricia DePietro	2019
Susan Fixman	2019
Michael Rora	2020
Moderator	
Jeanne Craigie	2020
Northeast Metropolitan Vocational School District Representative	
Lawrence Means	2020

Office	Term
Planning Board	
August Niewenhous, III, Chairman	2020
Kevin Dolan, Vice Chairman	2019
Terrance Dolan	2020
Daniel Moynihan, Jr.	2018
Joseph Rolli	2021
School Committee	
Marie Christie, Chairwoman	2018
Rachel Meredith-Warren Vice- Chairwoman	2019
David Maurer	2020
Shawn McCarthy	2018
Nicole Fenocchi Nial	2020
Town Clerk	
Maria Sagarino	2019

APPOINTED OFFICIALS 2016

Board	Term
Bike and Greenway Committee	
Dolly Wilson, Chairwoman	2019
Bill Murphy, Vice Chairman	2019
Joan Lemire, Secretary	2018
Cameron Bain	2019
Dorothy Bergold	2018
Linda Hanson	2019
Cindy Hemenway	2019
Catherine Moore	2018
Sheila Ryder	2020
Julie Shulman	2019
Board of Appeals	
Raymond Dufour	2019
Kevin McLaughlin	2019
Eric Rubin	2019
Robert Saltzman	2018
Tobin Shulman	2020
William Sullivan, Associate	2020
Mark Russell, Associate	2019

Board	Term
Capital Improvement Advisory Committee	
Tom Barry, Chairman	2019
Anthony Wilson, Selectman	
Thomas Younger, Town Administrator	
John Macero, Superintendent of Schools	
Marie Christie, School Committee	
Daniel Moynihan, Planning Board	
David Castellarin, Town Accountant	
Tim Waitkevitch, Finance and Advisory Board	
Kara Johnston	2019
Ryan Brown	2020
Conservation Commission	
Ellen McBride, Co-Chair	2020
Robert Parsons, Co-Chair	2020
Herlinda Charpentier Saitz	2019
Domenick Cimina	2018
Megan Day	2020
Norman L'Esperance	2019
David Kelf, Associate	2019
Contributory Retirement Board	
David Castellarin, Town Accountant, Ex-Officio	
Janice Houghton, Chairwoman	2018
James McDermott	2020
John Scullin	2020
Kathleen Sullivan, Board of Selectman Designee	
Council on Aging – Board of Directors	
Kathleen Welch Hudson, Chairwoman	2021
Connie Rosa, Vice Chairwoman	2021
Angelika Adams	2020
Maureen Buckley	2019
Jane DiGangi	2020
William Kelly	2020
Walter Wolonsavich	2020
Mary Zatta	2021
Cultural Council	
Ann McPherson, Chairwoman	2020
Jane Digangi, Treasurer	2020
Nicole Tammaro, Publicity	2019
Rica Blahnik	2020
Herlinda Charpentier Saitz	2019
Lisa Gallagher	2019
Andrea Simmons	2019

Board	Term
Disability Committee	
Thomas Younger, Town Administrator	
Erin Alacron, Chairwoman	2019
Kathleen Bardell	2019
Paul Condon	2019
Robert Meltz	2019
Farmers Market Committee	
Julie Boussy, Co-Chair	2020
Lauren Murphy, co-Chair / Secretary	2020
Karen Kelly, Treasurer	2019
Kathryn Fitzgerald	2020
Tammy Golson	2019
Kristy Sinagra	2019
Finance and Advisory Board	
Angelo Mangino, Chairman	2018
Susan Alpert Lipman, Vice Chairwoman	2020
Thomas Dalton, Secretary	2019
Ben Caggiano	2020
Julianne DeSimone	2018
George Drugas	2018
Andrew Haran	2019
Stephanie Hayes	2018
Hilde MacCormack	2018
Tim Waitkevitch	2020
Historical Commission	
Dolly Wilson, Co-Chairwoman	2020
Marcia Wengen, Co-Chairwoman	2018
Joan Quigley, Treasurer	2020
Hilary Fotino	2019
Susan Larson	2020
Historical Society	
Paulene Bee Russo, President	
Susan Doucette, First Vice President	
Donna Weiss, Second Vice President	
Faith Jenkins, Secretary	
Robert VanTichelt, Treasurer	

Board	Term
Memorial Day Parade Committee	
Maureen Buckley, Chairwoman	
Kevin Cantwell, Vice Chairman	
Cameron Bain	
James Devlin, Veterans Agent	
Michael Doucette	
Francis Geary	
Jay Humphreys	
James Lamb	
George Parsons	
 Mystic Valley Elder Services	
Maureen Canova	
Gene Ferullo, Clerk	
Janice Houghton	
 Open Space and Recreation Committee	
Dennis Visconti, Chairman	2018
Stephen McDonough, Vice Chairman	2020
Aldo Ursino, Secretary	2020
John Bracciotti	2020
Therese DiBlasi	2019
David Goodberg	2019
Maura Hayes Campbell	2020
Cynthia Hemenway	2019
James Sarno	2020
Stephen Sylvester	2019
 Registrars of Voters	
Maria Sagarino, Town Clerk, Ex Officio	
Lawrence Allen	2019
Paul Means	2018
James Sinclair	2020
 Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition	
Shelly MacNeill, School Committee, Chairwoman	
Thomas Younger, Town Administrator	
John Macero, Superintendent of Schools	
James McIntyre, Chief of Police	
George Seibold, Board of Selectmen	
Peg Drummey, Board of Health	
Judith Sadacca, Chamber of Commerce	
 Water and Sewer Review Board	
Carl Gay (BOS Designee)	2018
Scott LeBeau (FAB Designee)	2018
Douglas Potts (FAB Designee)	2019
Stephen Quattrocchi (BOS Designee)	2019
Patricia Walsh (BOS Designee)	2018

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen (Board) is pleased to present the 2017 Annual Report to the residents of Stoneham, in accordance with Section 2-31 of the Town Code, which reads as follows: "Every officer in charge of a department shall annually, on or before the tenth day of January, transmit to the Selectmen, in writing, a report containing a statement of the acts and doings of his department for the past financial year; such report shall be printed in the Annual Report."

On April 4, 2017, Shelly MacNeill was elected to a three-year term as Selectmen. On April 11, 2017, the Board reorganized. George Seibold was elected as Chairman; Anthony Wilson was elected as Vice Chairman; Shelly MacNeill was elected as Clerk; and Thomas Boussy and Caroline Colarusso are Board members.

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2-45, of the Town Code, Robert Galvin was appointed as Town Counsel on March 7, 2017. He has provided excellent service to this Town.

Many applications were processed for the Helen Walcott Stockwell Trust and the Sydney Hill Trust, which cover payment of medical and dental bills for Stoneham Residents who qualify.

The Board met 40 times in 2017. There was one Annual Town Meeting, that included 27 articles, and one Special Town Meeting, that included 20 articles, held this year. In addition, the Board members attended many sub-committee meetings, meetings of other boards, committees, and commissions. Public Hearings were held for site plan approvals, utility installations and grants of location, tax revenue classification, and input on Town projects. The Board generated over \$55,000 in alcohol and other license revenue in 2017. The Board made numerous appointments to boards and committees this year and continues to be encouraged by the spirit of volunteerism in our Town.

This year brought many challenges to the Board including the beginning of the MWRA Northern Intermediate High (NIH) Pipeline Project and continuing discussions and negotiations with Eversource regarding a major construction project in Town. In addition, the Board hired a new Town Accountant, David Castellarin.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with all the residents of Stoneham who are serving our county. The Board extends its to gratitude to Fire Fighters Sean Fitzgerald who serves in the Army National Guard and Fire Fighter David Eastman who serves in the Air Force National Guard. Both were deployed this year.

On November 27, 2017, the Board held its annual Senior Citizens' Holiday Party. Approximately 310 seniors attended the event and enjoyed a wonderful meal, entertainment, and raffle prizes. The Board wishes to thank Marty Murphy and the Murphy family, of Montvale Plaza, for their extraordinary and continued generosity in donating the luncheon and the use of Montvale Plaza, Life Care Center of Stoneham for providing the centerpieces, the Chamber of Commerce, Stoneham Bank, and the Rotary Club for their kind assistance in making this event a success, Maureen Canova and the Council on Aging for providing transportation, the many volunteers who served lunch to our seniors, and the many individuals, departments, associations, and local businesses for their very generous raffle donations. This year both State Senator Jason Lewis and State Representative Michael Day attended the party and honored Marty Murphy with Certificates of Appreciation for his generosity and support of this event throughout the years. The party was a great success.

The Board members continue to be receptive to resident input at public hearings, meetings, office hours, in-home visits, as well as through email and phone calls. The Board welcomes input and strongly encourages this communication between the Board and the community. In 2017, the Board reinstated public comment at the beginning of every meeting. The Board wishes to thank all Town officials, employees, and committee members for their efforts and dedication to this Town. Their continued efforts allow the Town to provide a high level of service, making Stoneham a wonderful place to live and enjoy!

Respectfully submitted: Dava Kilbride, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

The Stoneham Planning Board met thirteen times and conducted eighteen public hearings during 2016. Twelve special permits were granted. One bond request for a new subdivision was approved. Six plans were endorsed Approval Not Required under the Subdivision Control Law. Hearings were held and recommendations made on Zoning Bylaw Warrant Articles and Re-zonings of parcels. In addition, members participated in the Business Roundtable, Stoneham Square Action Plan Committee, The Capital Planning Committee and other joint meetings.

A host of challenges continue to be in the forefront of planning and development efforts in the community. Most business and residential development in Stoneham have been classified as reuse or repurpose projects in otherwise mature districts and neighborhoods for the last decade. The difficulty and complexity in dealing with these projects has increased exponentially in the last several years. The Board remains committed to recognizing the rights of those seeking to develop their property while protecting the rights of abutting properties and the good of the Town.

The Board was pleased to sponsor a Zoning By-Law amendment and a subsequent adoption of Regulations after approval by Town Meeting that allowed for A Frame signs in the Central Business District. This Amendment was the product of a collaborative effort which included the Planning Board, Town Planner, The Building Inspector and the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce. This collaboration ensured that a perceived need for these signs as part of a vibrant downtown could be accomplished through a streamlined process for application approval and oversight to ensure that these signs are in conformity with design standards.

We have been successful in closely monitoring several legislative measures with our State Representative and Senator to ensure that no so called "Zoning Reform" initiatives are advanced which would remove local controls and options from our community.

The protection of boundaries between various residential and commercial uses appear to be a trend and requires a high level of diligence in these sensitive issues. Major projects advance due largely to the proponents themselves taking the opportunity to work with the Town and the Board to rethink and redesign projects during the submission to the Board in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.

Your Board remains dedicated to resolving as many issues in our jurisdiction within the Town without recourse to the court system; but we will exercise every option to protect the integrity of the Board and the Town. We remain committed to take every measure within our jurisdiction to protect the rights of the Town and the integrity of the abutting neighborhoods with regard to the proposal for the large affordable housing project on Franklin Street now advancing under M.G.L. Chapter 40B.

I would like to thank fellow members Kevin Dolan, Terrence Dolan, Daniel Moynihan and Joseph Rolli for their commitment and long-term dedication. The Board members collectively bring many years of land use and zoning experience, life safety and code compliance experience to the Board and our Community. Our work has advanced rapidly and professionally due to the efforts of Cathy Rooney, our Planning Board Administrator, our new Principal Office Assistant, Jen DeCourcy and Town Planner, Erin Wortman, We are fortunate to have such capable staff members allow the Board to function as efficiently as possible. We also welcomed incoming Town Counsel Robert Galvin and thank him for his assistance to the Board.

In closing, we would like to thank all of our colleagues in the various other boards, commissions and departments for their assistance and support in 2017

Respectfully submitted,
August S. Niewenhous, Chairman

BIKE AND GREENWAY COMMITTEE

Members: Dolly Wilson (Chair), Bill Murphy (Vice-Chair), Joan Lemire (Secretary), Cameron Bain, Dorothy Bergold, Linda Hanson, Cindy Hemenway, Catherine Moore, Adrian Nial, Sheila Ryder, and Julie Shulman.

The Stoneham Bikeway/Greenway Committee is a volunteer group of residents established at the October 2009 Town Meeting “to assist the Selectmen/Town Administrator in the implementation and the development of the Town owned land or leased land commonly known as the ‘Railroad right-of-way’ as a Linear Park/Greenway with a continuous multi use trail...”. With 1.6 miles in Stoneham and 6.6 total miles including Winchester and Woburn, the Tri-Community Greenway will provide Stoneham residents a beautiful new trail that connects many neighborhoods to our downtown and other recreation areas. It is ADA compliant and generally consists of a 10 foot paved path with 3 foot unpaved shoulders where space allows. Most of the path is off road, although there are a few on-road connectors, mostly in Winchester.

The year of 2017 saw the biggest milestone for the Greenway yet. The project bid was awarded to Northern Construction of Weymouth and construction started, 29 years after the idea was first broached by Cameron Bain.

There was a groundbreaking for the project in Winchester in May 2017 and construction began in earnest in late June and July in Winchester. Initial work was near Ginn Field and on the Horn Pond extension, traveling through the town towards the Winchester/Woburn line. The contractor worked to prepare the path base and put down a rough coat of pavement before moving on to Woburn and then Stoneham in the late fall, and many areas in Stoneham also now have a base coat as well. After it became too cold to pave, the contractor began work on a prefabricated bridge over the Aberjona River in Woburn. Next spring, the remaining pieces of trail that are unpaved will be finished, the entire path will get a top coat, signals and markings will be put in, and signage and landscaping added.

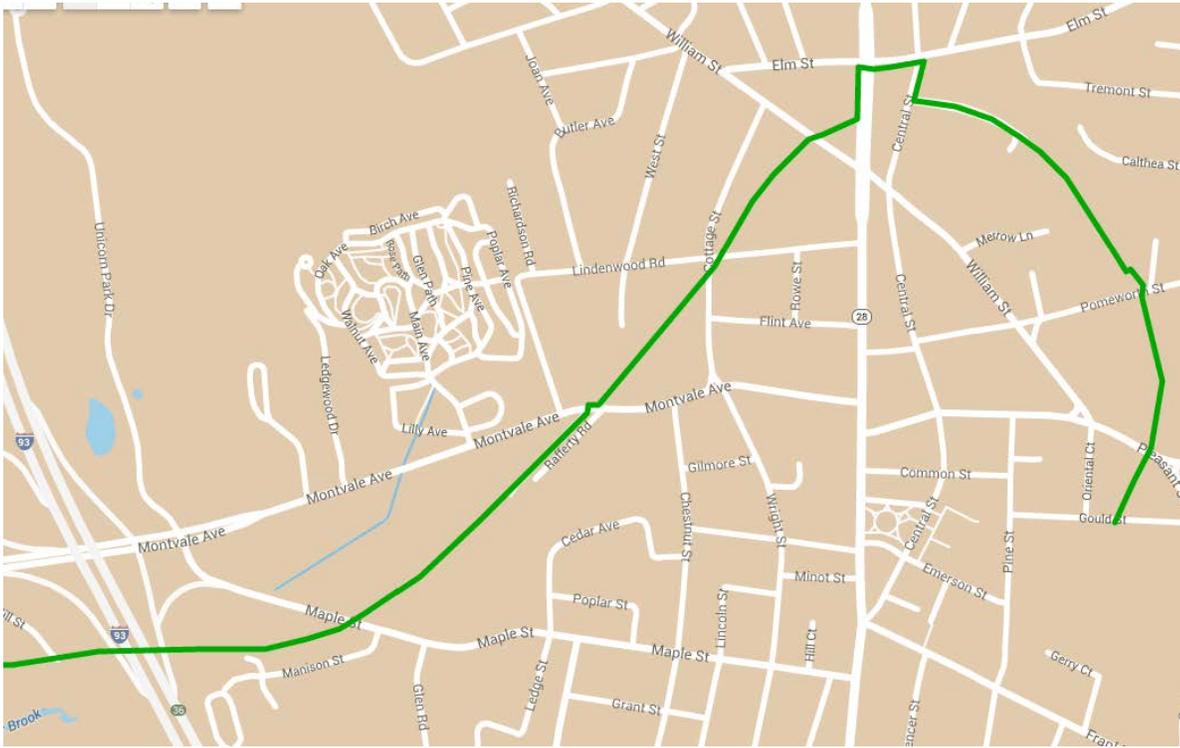
The construction may continue up to October 2018, but MassDOT expects the majority of the trail to be complete in the summer.

During 2017 committee members attended a number of Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Selectman and other meetings for projects adjacent to the railroad right-of-way.

Outreach is a continuing part of the Committee’s mission. Meetings are open to all. In addition to our meetings, committee members presented updates on Stoneham TV, attended Town Day, and sponsored several cleanups of the trail in Stoneham. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with activities.

Mr. Cameron Bain dedicated 30 years to creating a Greenway, and we wish to dedicate the Stoneham portion to him. Get those walking shoes, bikes and scooters ready - we are looking forward to meeting friends and neighbors on the Greenway this coming summer!

Route of the Greenway:



BOARD OF APPEALS

The mission of the Stoneham Board of Appeals is to work to make the community the best it can be while providing for property and business owners needs through thoughtful consideration and the granting, when applicable, of special permits and variances.

Members for the 2017 year included Chairman Tobin Shulman, Vice Chairman Robert Saltzman, Eric Rubin, R. Michael Dufour, Kevin McLaughlin, and Associate members, William Sullivan and Mark Russel

The Stoneham Board of Appeals met 14 times in 2017 for our regular scheduled meetings. The Board reviewed 40 applications for 2017. Thirty-seven petitions were approved, one petition was denied, and two petitions were withdrawn without prejudice. In addition to our regular meetings, the Board met 1 time in Executive Session.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Board of Assessors:

William Jordan Chairman
Craig Celli Secretary
Anthony Kennedy Member

Stoneham Assessors office staff:

Brian C Macdonald Director of Assessing
Cheryl Kozlowski Admin. Assessing Assistant

The calendar year 2017, the latter half of Fiscal Year 2017, began with the release of the actual tax bills for the 2017 Fiscal Year. William Jordan was reelected to the Board of Assessors in April of 2017. There were 25 applications for abatement received by the office of which 17 abatements were granted. There were also 268 statutory exemptions granted by the Board of Assessors as well including 71 Elderly (41C) Exemptions and 165 Veterans Exemptions (22, 22E, 22D and 22F).

Fiscal Year 2018, which began on July 1st, 2017, was an Interim Valuation Year for Stoneham's Assessing Department. Values were adjusted to meet state guidelines and received valuation approval by the Department of Revenue on October 3, 2017. The tax classification hearing was held on November 21, 2017 and Department of Revenue approved the tax rate on November 29, 2017. The Board of Assessors recommended a CIP tax shift of 175 or 175% of the single tax rate of \$12.77. The recommendation was accepted by the Board of Selectman with a 4 – 1 vote with member Caroline Colarusso voting against the recommendation. This established a dual tax rate for the Residential / Open Space and Commercial / Industrial / Personal Property of \$11.71 and \$22.55 respectively. The total valuation of the community increased by approximately \$330,028,995 or 9.4%, from the previous fiscal year. New growth for Fiscal Year 2018 totaled \$596,929.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The mission of the Board of Health is to educate, promote, improve and protect the health and well-being of the citizens of Stoneham, while contributing to building a healthy community and environment in which to live. According to the Town's Bylaws, State and Federal Laws, the Board of Health is under a dutiful obligation to develop and implement health policies, standards, bylaws and regulations.

BOARD:

Mr. John J. Scullin: Mr. Scullin the senior member of the Stoneham Board of Health, currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Health and has done so also in the capacities of Chairman and Co- Chairman since 2000. He also served as a Lieutenant on the Town of Stoneham Fire Department. Mr. Scullin has been certified with the Town of Stoneham Fire Department and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in HAZMAT training and Emergency Medical Training – (EMT) Training. Chairman Scullin, who is now retired, generously and continually contributes his time to the Board of Health in every facet that the Board offers.

Wendy Cayton, RN: Ms. Cayton was elected to the Board of Health in November of 2016, and continues to enhance the Board and Department with her professionalism and expertise. She presently serves on the Board as Secretary. Ms. Cayton is a registered nurse who has previously served as Public Health Nurse for the Town of Stoneham.

Teresa Buckley Dean RN, MS: Mrs. Dean is the newest member of the Board of Health, joining the Board in November 2012 and currently sits as Vice-Chairperson for the Board. Terry was a former Public Health Nurse for the Town of Stoneham from 1999 to 2005. She started her nursing education at Northeastern University where she graduated with her Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing in 1986 and then moved on to receive her Master of Science Degree in Nursing in 1992. Following that, she began her career at Children’s Hospital and then worked at Winchester Hospital. During her time at Winchester Hospital she became the Public Health Nurse for the Town of Stoneham. She left her position at the Board of Health to become the Pediatric Clinical Nurse Educator for Mass General for Children at North Shore Medical Center in 2005. Most recently, Terry has become an Assistant Professor and teaches nursing at MCPHS University and has been accepted into the Doctorate in nursing program at Northeastern University.

The members of the Board of Health held ten (10) meetings this year. In addition to being proactive with public health issues and the rules and regulations, the Board decided on the following items:

- 1 Hearing: Re-Organization
- 1 Hearing: Farmers Market
- 1 Hearing: Vapor Store Moratorium
- 1 Hearing: Mosquito Control Funding
- 1 Hearing: Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition

John R. Fralick III, originally from Woburn, Massachusetts, is a graduate of Bridgewater State University with a Bachelor of Science in Health Education. Mr. Fralick came to the Town of Stoneham with 3 years experience as a Health Inspector for the city of Beverly. Currently, Mr. Fralick is a nationally-certified Environmental Health Specialist and Sanitarian with multiple accredited certifications and professional memberships.

Support staff includes:

John R. Fralick, III, REHS/RS	Health Agent
Margaret E. Drummey, RN	Public Health Nurse
Denise F. Breen	Office Assistant
Janeen Canavan	Office Assistant

HEALTH AGENT

Under the direction of and on behalf of the Board of Health, the Health Agent is responsible for maintaining the day-to-day operations of the department. The Agent also keeps the Chairman of The Board of Health updated on a daily basis and works closely with the Town Administrator and other Department Heads within the town. The Health Agent enforces local, state, and federal regulations pertaining to the general public health, safety, and environment.

The Health Agent received and investigated 130 complaints in 2017:

Besides the complaint investigations, the Health Agent performed the following inspections:

Food Service Routine	98
Temporary Food	22
Food Service Follow up	10
Housing and Follow-up	45
Pools	17
Miscellaneous & Follow-up Inspections	131
Illness Investigation	3
Camps	4
Animal Quarantines	<u>7</u>
Total (+ Complaints)	467

The Board of Health in 2017, has remained proactive in maintaining a safe and community.

The Board of Health is a member of the Substance Abuse Coalition.

Several new businesses were opened in Stoneham during 2017 and the Town also hosted its 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival, which has become a coveted attraction for the Town.

The treatment of the catch-basins as part of a town wide mosquito control program will commence again in June due to expected funding. The purpose behind waiting until June is to ensure the annual winter frost falls within the time frame of protection from the Altosid XR tablets. (180 days) The Board of Health will apply the extended release tablets to a number of catch basin treatments for the warm season to ensure that the town is safe from any mosquito-borne illness, whereas catch

basins and standing water are their primary breeding grounds. Moving forward, the Board of Health looks to expand its Pest Control budget to combat the surging rodent population in Town and the surrounding communities

The Animal Control Officer continues to be funded by the Board of Health, and looks to receive additional funding for equipment and trainings in 2018.

Public Health changes with the seasons and circumstances making educating the general public of the risks surrounding each circumstance an extremely important aspect of Public Health. The Board of Health maintains an open door policy and encourages all residents and businesses owners' needing assistance to contact the office.

The Health Agent along with the Board of Health proposed *departmental goals* for the upcoming year are as follows:

- Increase the presence and involvement of the Board in the community utilizing the media and on-site education:
- Increase community programming and services;
- Establish sufficient staffing to meet the demands of the department.
- Continue to be proactive in helping new establishments, businesses and property owners within our community:
- Maintain a high standard of safety by promoting the philosophy the Board of Health Mission Statement.
- Expand the department to better serve the needs of the community.

OFFICE ASSISTANTS:

The office assistant maintains databases and prepares all permits, licenses, and accounts payable/receivable for approval. In addition, this position transcribes the minutes of the Board's monthly meetings, and composes correspondence as directed. They also assemble and prepare a variety of reports for the Health Agent, Public Health Nurses and Board as needed.

Mrs. Janeen Canavan, Office Assistant, started with the department in October of 2017 while Ms. Denise Breen started in October of 2000. These positions are responsible for issuing permits and collected \$54,105 in permit fees in 2017.

The compiled total of permits issued by this department in 2017 was 660.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:

Public Health Nursing is population based. Under the Board of Health, the Public Health Nurse cares for the health of the entire community instead of one patient at a time. Public Health Nurses monitor, track and respond to outbreaks for infectious diseases, partnering with daycare centers, nursing homes, medical offices, school nurses and city and state officials. Public Health Nurses and the Board of Health conduct case investigations and mass vaccination clinics to stop the spread of disease, providing community education to help people stay healthy. In addition, Public Health Nurses collaborate with first responders and other municipal departments to help prepare the community for emergencies.

Services provided include but are not limited to....

Blood Pressure Clinics	TB Testing	Health Care Referral
Community Agency Referral	Health Teaching and Education	Physician referral

The Public Health Nurse continues to have an active membership with the Northeast Chapter of Public Health Nurses, MAPHN Assoc. and the MRC (Medical Reserve Corps of MA.)

A collaborative relationship continues with all school nurses.

Blood Pressure at Senior Center:	104
Walk-In Blood Pressure at BOH:	47
Home Visits:	8
TB testing:	59
B12 injections	49
Communicable Illnesses:	157
Immunizations:	35
Total Flu Injections:	609

A collaborative effect continues with Stoneham Police Department regarding the Expired Prescription Drop-Off Box located in the Police Lobby.

The Public Health Nurse is part of the School Wellness & Advisory Committee at the High School to develop & implement an annual plan.

The Board of Health and the Public Health Nurse continues a working relationship with the Stoneham Independent and the Stoneham Sun providing public service announcements to keep residents informed of health information.

A monthly column in the Stoneham Senior Center's Sentinel "Ask A Nurse" is provided by the Public Health Nurse.

The Board of Health also continues to provide internship programs for Emmanuel College, U Mass Boston and Ma College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences nursing students.

The Board of Health and the Public Health Nurse are contact persons for the Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition.

The Public Health Nurse, updates immunization records for children attending summer camp.

The Public Health Nurse continues as the Health Care Consultant for the Purpose School.

Monitoring AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators) located at the Town Hall, Library, Senior Center and the Stoneham Arena is also updated by this department.

The Public Health Nurse also attends various seminars on immunization updates, surveillance updates, communicable/infectious diseases and vaccine safety and up to date Webinars in order to maintain a high standard of practice and quality assurance.

The Public Health Nurse is a member of the TRIAD council. The term refers to the three founding organizations: AARP, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Sheriffs' Association. The purpose of TRIAD is to build partnerships between senior citizens and law enforcement and to share information on how seniors can avoid becoming victims of crime and enhance the safety and quality of their lives

The Board of Health and the Public Health Nurse took part in the annual Blood Drive sponsored by the American Red Cross.

The Public Health Nurse attends the monthly Public Health Nurse meeting in Tewksbury, the Annual Conference of PHNs and the Annual Adult Immunization Conference.

COMMUNITY ADDICTION COORDINATOR

The Community Addiction Coordinator is pleased to wrap up the first couple of months of 2017 Annual Report to the residents of Stoneham. The Community Addiction Coordinator started the position in April 2017. The Community Addiction Coordinator works alongside the Police Department, School Department, Fire Department and the Stoneham's Substance Abuse Coalition.

The Community Addiction Coordinator is a community resource that helps Stoneham with information and referral services in terms of substance abuse treatment and aftercare. Goals of the position are to serve community members with dignity, compassion, and confidentiality. Clients range from short term substance abuse/ and or addiction to short term/long term recovery. The core programs of Community Addiction Coordinator are the following: to provide individual information, assessment and referrals, to assist families and individuals during post overdose follow up, facilitate substance abuse informational groups and workshops in the community, provide several community events and to run fun sober activities for the community.

Each month the Community Addiction Coordinator attends monthly meetings with the Stoneham's Substance Abuse Coalition, the District Attorney's Opiate Task force meeting, the Community Task Force Meeting, and Woburn Police Department's Mental Health/ Substance Abuse Task Force Meeting. These meetings go over pending issues within each town and surrounding towns with substance abuse, overdoses and mental health issues.

In early spring 2017 the Fire Department, Police Department and the Community Addiction Coordinator have called and visited individual's houses post overdose follow up on Naloxone (Narcan) calls. Since follow ups the fatal and non-fatal overdoses have dropped. The month of overdoses are as follows: May 2, June 2, July 11, August 5, September 5, October 2, and November 1. Several clients have been admitted to substance abuse treatment as well. Packets of information for individuals and families have been given out as well as an open bed policy on these follow ups.

Stoneham Police and the Community Addiction Coordinator attended presentations of post overdose follow ups calls presented by the Plymouth Police Department, Andover Police Department and Arlington's Police Department. All of them

had one common goal and denominator in the presentations. Every department took on a multi town approach to post overdose follow up. The Plymouth Police Department suggested a data base to help with grant management, data and statistical analysis.

Moreover since the Community Addiction Coordinator position has been created community policing has increase with police attending parent meetings on addiction. Police additionally have been to substance abuse treatment centers for tours. Furthermore the section 35 process(s) has increased with Stoneham's Police Department. In collaboration with the Police Department they were awarded a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training grant through the Department of Mental Health.

Following the Community Addiction Coordinator has met with Gosnold Treatment Center about developing substance abuse treatment centers up on the north shore. The Community Addiction Coordinator has developed a power point for the outcomes of Youth Risk Behavior Survey data 2017 for School Committee. In addition, a power point was made about Marijuana by laws and outcomes and is available to the selectmen, town employees and general public on the town website.

The following events were held: a teen video game event, a tobacco cancer and dental screening event and substance abuse and treatment workshops events. The Community Addiction Coordinator has scheduled a school assembly in the Spring 2018 called "Corey's Cause", a Substance Abuse Drop in Night, an Acupuncture Event and also a Teen Outreach Dance. Additionally community partnerships have increased with various substance abuse treatment centers such as Adcare, Winchester Hospital, Mystic Valley Public Health, Family Restored, Stoneham's Substance Abuse Coalition, Acupuncture of Reading, Bayan, Spectrum Health Systems, Gosnold Treatment Centers, High Point Treatment Centers, and the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army also has decided to partner with the Town of Stoneham, MA with rent assistance and shut off notices for those in recovery and for grandparents who are raising grandchildren.

Two grants were applied for from the Community Addiction Coordinator. Focus areas are: free tutoring upon discharge from a substance abuse treatment center, funding for substance abuse and prevention curriculum materials and free recreational services for at risk youth. The award letters will not be announced until the spring 2018. All grants were based on the outcomes of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2017 data.

The Community Addiction Coordinator strives to create substance abuse awareness within the community and will continue to work on the mission statement and goals. The Community Addiction Coordinator will continue to work on collaboration with various groups and departments in the community. Lastly the Community Addiction Coordinator will continue to work on comprehensive matrix to identify needs and how needs are met for the Stoneham Community.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging

The mission of the Stoneham Council on Aging is to provide outstanding services with kindness, respect and dignity and to offer outreach services for social, nutritional, medical issues and other unmet needs of Stoneham Seniors.

The Council on Aging is a municipal department of the Town of Stoneham, permitted under Ch. 40, s8B, of the Massachusetts General Laws. The Council on Aging is Stoneham's only public social service agency. Please visit us online at: www.stonehamseniorcenter.org/; or to pick up a copy of *The Stoneham Sentinel* at the Center or at retail locations around town. At your convenience, you will be able to explore the changing services and opportunities now being offered by the Center.

The Council on Aging's Board of Directors role is primarily advisory. We provide assistance, consultation, information and support to Maureen Canova, our Director, in the execution of her duties. We hold neither a managerial nor supervisory position regarding our Director, Senior Center Staff and Volunteers. The Board does have an advocacy role that recognizes, promotes and supports vital and expanding services for our town's senior citizens.

Please come and visit us on the third Tuesday of each month (except July and December). Our meetings are open to all and are held in the first floor conference room at 3PM at the Stoneham Senior Center. Come in and put the "you" into your Senior Center. We are a lively group. Get involved!

From Our Director

In 2015, there were **1,837** (as compared to 438 in 2004) seniors registered in the Key card system here at the Senior Center. Currently there are 2,148 registered seniors in this system. This key card system tracks utilization rates at the Senior Center and assists in identifying unmet needs or changes that may need to be made. This translates into roughly a thousand (1,000)

seniors a week are participating in program at the Senior Center.

Our programs are also changing to entice and support new interests in the activities we offer and those we envision for the future. We strive to address the nature of change which is already afoot in the movement of the Boomer population into the senior age group.

Strengthening our connections:

MASS DOT GRANT:

Stoneham Council on Aging applied for a Community Transit Grant and was awarded a SVC Grant to purchase a van \$44,960 (to be matched with \$11,420 in local funds). With this funding, the Stoneham COA will be able to better serve and fill the identified gaps in transportation needs for our senior residents to medical appointments in Stoneham and surrounding towns. We expect delivery of the van and usage to begin at the end of the summer 2018.

TRIAD:

TRIAD is a partnership of three types of organizations; law enforcement, older adults and community groups that was established in 2014. The purpose of this alliance is to pool resources to promote older adult safety thereby reducing the fear of crime experienced by many seniors. Director Maureen Canova and Linda Leis, from the Stoneham Police Domestic Violence Unit, and Middlesex County Sheriff Koutoujian, have continued to strengthen their relationship as the TRIAD Council in Stoneham. Collaborating with Mystic Valley Elder Services, Stoneham Police and Fire Departments, Stoneham Alliance Against Violence, the Stoneham Board of Health and Stoneham citizen volunteers, a group was formed.

In 2017 there were several programs and presentations offered to residents. This year the programs included 2 “Take Back Days”—collection of expired and/or unused medication—in collaboration with Stoneham Police, Board of Health and the Stoneham Substance Abuse Collation. These collection events were held at the Senior Center as well at the Stoneham Housing Authority. In June of 2017, Marnie Matthews of North Shore Elder Services presented an informational session and training for first responders, housing personnel and the COA personnel on Hoarding and Clutter. Additionally, the Stoneham Fire Department, in partnership with the COA, adopted the *Remembering When*, Fire and Fall Prevention Program for Stoneham residents. This wonderful program includes presentations on staying safe in the home as well as arranging friendly home visits to assess possible needs (i.e. smoke detectors, night lights, hand rail adjustments etc.). Currently, over 25 visits have been made to area homes and apartments with great success. This will remain an ongoing program in our community. A presentation on Bullying was also presented by Robin Krawczyk from Jewish Family and Children’s Services at the Housing Authority. All residents of Stoneham were invited to attend this important program.

We continue to have available the “File of Life“ which is sponsored by the Stoneham Fire Department and distributed at events like Town Day, the Chamber of Commerce’s Wellness Fair and is widely available at the Senior Center. This packet gives first responders the resident’s essential information identifying, doctor, medical issues and hospital. The magnetic packet is designed to be placed on the refrigerator for universal access (typically first responders) in case of an emergency.

Internships:

The Mass College of Pharmacy clinical interns and Salem State College Master’s Degree level Social Work student interns provide programs at the Center while advancing their training. The students’ with Mass College of Pharmacy collaborated with the Substance Abuse Collation to assist in the Take Back Day. These students also participated in Blood Pressure clinics, Blood Glucose clinics and health presentations occurring throughout the year. The Social Work interns assist in the development of programs for the center (i.e. Memory Café), research best practices, facilitate programs, assist in securing grants and work one on one with seniors to assess needs and inform residents of resources available to them.

Stoneham Housing Authority:

We have continued to strengthen our partnership with Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES), our local Aging Service Access Point (ASAP), and have secured funding (from the Town of Stoneham) to financially support the hiring of a Resident Service Coordinator, a case worker from MVES who is now located at the senior housing development full time. This addition has significantly impacted the lives of seniors in our housing development by offering ongoing support and services from a dedicated staff member.

Senior to Senior Program:

The Senior to Senior program continues to be very popular. High school students in the Creative Writing classes interview seniors in the community who are eager to share their experiences and wisdom. Not only is this a great opportunity for

seniors to tell their life's narrative but it is an opportunity for students to connect with seniors as well assisting in curriculum based training (editing skills). A photograph and story are printed in the Stoneham Independent. Resident Ed Rosa has been kind enough to keep this program going and works closely with school personnel to ensure success.

Memory Café:

The memory café began in November of 2017 as it became more and more evident that this specific kind of programming was a need in the community. Started by the COA Outreach Worker, Mary Zatta and our MSW intern, the Café is now offered one evening a month to caregivers and their loved ones. A memory café is a social gathering for individuals living with dementia and their care partners. This program's goal is to help guests who attend form new friendships and reduce isolation that can occur with residents living with dementia. Creative arts programs and activities along with dinner and socializing are all intricate elements of this program. The COA partners with area health care, home care and other organizations to make this program a success.

Ongoing Programs:

Programs such as Fall Prevention, A Matter of Balance and Diabetes self-management are just a few of the evidence based programs that we continue with the support from MVES. Our Tai Chi for Arthritis program addresses gentle movements to relieve pain while gaining strength, balance and flexibility. Chair yoga offers strengthening and centered stretching exercise for people of all abilities and has tripled in attendance over the year. Zumba and Aerobics classes are refreshing breakaways from the everyday routine. Mindfulness techniques offer re-centering practices to draw us back from the hectic events of life.

The Senior Center's Walking group continues to grow and is sponsored by the Credit Union of Stoneham. This program also received a grant from the MCOA and pedometers were purchased for all participants to use to track how far they are walking. With the support of many local organizations including Stop & Shop, Stoneham Bank and Lahey Health, the center is now able to offer all exercise classes at a discounted rate of \$2.00 per class for all residents sixty years of age and older (with the exception of Tai Chi classes). Our goal has been to make exercise classes affordable and accessible to all senior residents.

The Men's Breakfast and Men's Exercise classes had double in attendance this year and our hope is that these programs continue to grow.

We continue to provide a number of art programs, many free of charge, thanks to the wonderful support of the MELD Foundation of Stoneham. This grant allows the center to offer 2 choral groups, Art classes, monthly ArtMatters presentations and entertainment during lunch in the summer months.

We continue our collaboration with the Life Care Center of Stoneham and the Boys and Girls club to offer Pickleball weekly at the Boys and Girls Club for seniors. This has truly taken off and is very well attended.

The Center also offers computer classes to senior residents with a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Stoneham. Seniors are invited to visit the club weekdays in the spring and fall for instructional lessons free of charge thanks to the ongoing support from The Friends of the Stoneham Senior Center.

New Back Deck:

The Stoneham Senior Center's back wooden deck has been in need of repair. With the assistance from Larry Means, Town Moderator and representative to Northeast Vocational Technical School, and approval of the Town Finance committee, we were able to use funds that were appropriated for capital improvements for the replacing of the back deck using Trek like material. The deck was completed by the Northeast Vocational School in May of 2017. They did an outstanding job on this deck.

The Rotary Club of Stoneham:

Stoneham Rotary continues to bring a grand feast and celebration in honor of our volunteers each year and we enjoy and appreciate this wonderful acknowledgement of all their efforts.

Stoneham Bank:

We are always grateful to the Stoneham Bank for their generosity and time. Among other things, we collaborated and offered a Money Smart program.

Volunteers:

We continue to see a remarkable growth in the number of people who come to the Senior Center to give of their time. We currently have five people volunteering to drive people to medical appointments at surrounding medical offices and hospitals. This generosity has made it possible for our scheduling window to become much more responsive to time needs. It has also enabled us to use the van more effectively for other purposes. The volunteer reading program established by MVES is now

in every elementary school in Stoneham and promoted by the Senior Center. This program has been met with a wonderful response by our over fifty-five citizens. Bridging the gap of knowledge, experience and comfort with language contributes to increased intergenerational exposure and ease for children and adults alike to carry into their everyday life.

Socks for Seniors:

For the fourth year in a row, the Stoneham Senior Center spearheaded this collaborative effort. Partnering with Stoneham High School and Central Middle School, Town Clerk's office and Stoneham Police and Fire department, this drive's goal is to provide all seniors in need, shut-ins, nursing home residents & elderly housing residents with a warm pair of socks for the holidays.

The COA, along with members of Stoneham Volunteers group delivered socks to elderly residents in need here in Stoneham including the Stoneham Housing Authority, Meals on Wheels, Bear Hill Nursing Home, Arnold house, Fuller House, The Arbors and Stoneham Food Pantry. In 2014 over 150 pairs of socks were collected and distributed. In **2017**, over 425 pairs of socks were distributed.

Public Service Offerings:

The Senior Center continues to offer a multitude of public service programs for the residents of Stoneham. A Fall Flu Clinic – through the Stoneham Board of Health, File of Life through TRIAD and the Stoneham Fire Department, SHINE Counseling (Serving Health Information Needs of Everyone) year-round confidential, unbiased professionally trained and certified volunteer counselors providing assistance with information, questions, problems and issues concerning Medicare, health and prescription services. Also, a Veterans Service Officer is conveniently located at the Center for all veterans and family members. Members of the Town of Stoneham Board of Selectman have office hours as well at the State legislators at the center monthly.

The Senior Center Friends of Stoneham, Inc.:

The Friends is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) federal and state non-profit organization begun in 2010 for the purpose of providing services and activities that enhance the dignity of seniors, support their independence, and encourage their involvement. The Friends help meet the unfunded needs of the Stoneham Senior Center in offering a wide and broadening spectrum of programs to assist, educate, engage and entertain our community's senior citizens.

Friends' funds go to help devise and balance the full scope of our monthly entertainment activities and educational programs. They also assist in fortifying our annual Town allocation for unexpected building maintenance and repairs.

A subcommittee of volunteers oversees the Barn Sale, our giant indoor yard sale, which operates the beginning of May through the beginning of October. This Friends project continues to be an outstanding attraction for the Center and draws many interested treasure hunters. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and the many volunteers, the Senior Center Friends have helped underwrite many programs and events that would otherwise be unavailable, such as technology workshops, health and wellness presentations, entertainment and other educational programs.

Please feel welcome to bolster the Senior Center by participating in Friends programs. Any and all contributions to the Friends group are tax-deductible.

We thank all our kind contributors for their outstanding support of the Stoneham Senior Center and all our senior citizens.

We have enjoyed another fulfilling year of growth and transition at the Senior Center. We stand committed to meeting the changing needs of all our senior citizens. The tenor of our report is to see needs matched by proposed responses. As our account of the projected assistance and interventions we foresee engaging in suggests, we must establish a secure foundation on which to build. Sustainability is the underpinning of any public effort. Without the assurance of a continuing presence in the community, incidental forays into aid become self-defeating if not cynical. It is the intention of the Council on Aging to pursue multiple sources of funding through foundations and grants. We will always rely upon everyone's clear and outspoken vision of our efforts. We will continue to call upon you for your public advice and support. We thank each and every one of you who have organized or attended an event, helped out at the Center, spoken up for us at Town Meeting, donated to the Giving Tree, had lunch with us or just provided support in your own private way. We would be overwhelmed by our tasks without your personal involvement. With your consistent and generous backing we will continue to grow to meet the future needs and challenges of our community.

FARMERS MARKET COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION

In 2015, the Town of Stoneham re-introduced the Stoneham Farmers Market to the community. In order to do so, the Board of Selectmen established the *Stoneham Farmers Market Committee*. This committee was tasked with assisting the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator to establish, commence and operate by and through the Town or an entity designated by the Board of Selectmen, a farmers market in Stoneham. Seven members are appointed to the Committee by the Board of Selectmen.

The 2017 Farmers Market Committee Members included:

Julie Boussy, Chair
Lauren Murphy, Co-Chair & Secretary
Karen Kelly, Treasurer
Kathryn FitzGerald
Tammy Golson
Lelia Pascale
Kristy Sinagra

MISSION STATEMENT

The Stoneham Farmers Market's mission is to make accessible top quality local produce and farm products, and other local vendor products to the residents of Stoneham and surrounding towns. We strive to showcase the community programs and local organizations within Stoneham, and encourage the values of healthy eating and active lifestyles through children's activities and music. By gathering on the town common each week of the market, the Stoneham Farmers Market consistently works towards fostering a sense of community.

YEAR THREE

We were so happy to be back for a third year of the Farmers Market in Stoneham, held on the Common each Thursday from June through October. We had many returning vendors and some wonderful new ones. Our focus was providing a variety of vendors and attracting community participation. Each week we had a children's activity, local musician and a community table along with fresh produce, meat, pasta, teas, coffee, bread and bakery items. Locating the market on Town Common provided accessibility to all and great use of our common, community space. We are grateful for the Town's support and happy our selected day and time once again complemented the popular Stoneham Summer Concert Series.

Our goal to support local and neighboring farmers and businesses while making local products accessible to our community was again far exceeded. We were able to showcase a variety of produce and other well curated creations each week. We also provided a variety of activities and music during the market promoting local musicians, which ultimately drew added attention to all that Stoneham-area businesses and organizations have to offer.

VENDORS

The Stoneham Farmers Market Committee reached out to local farms and vendors to ensure a wide variety of offerings at the market. A top requirement included that the products being sold were local. 100% local is defined as "Massachusetts and any contiguous state. Products shall be 100% vendor grown and produced meaning that all products offered for sale by the vendor must be grown and produced by that vendor or other local/affiliated farm, and not by a supply farmer or from any other source." We are proud of the quality and variety of the vendors we brought to market in 2017. We would also like to acknowledge the generosity of Gaouette Farm, Purple Carrot Bread Company, Roma's Bakery, Carolyn's Farm Kitchen, Top Shelf Cookies and Sugar River Farm for donating unsold items to the Stoneham Food Pantry.

The 2017 list of vendors:

Amir Mediterranean
Arrowhead
Buckingham and Summer
Carolyn's Farm Kitchen
Copperdome
Deano's Pasta
Gaouette Farm
Honey Pot Maple Farm
Jennifer's Soaps
Mann's Garden Center
Patty's Guacamole
Purple Carrot Bread Co
Red's Best
Red Heat Tavern
Roma's Bakery
Sugar River Farm
Tea is the Way
Top Shelf Cookies

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Stoneham Farmers Market is a great way to demonstrate the wonderful sense of community in Stoneham. Organizations in Stoneham were approached with the offer of having a dedicated table at the market to promote their cause. Participants offered activities that are informative and interactive for market customers and children.

The 2017 list of participating community organizations:

Arts & Crafts Society
Boys & Girls Club
DCF-Dept. of Children & Families
Elementary Schools
Environmental Advocacy
Friends of the Fells
Fuller House
Garden Club
Girl Scouts
Light it Up Blue
Relay for Life
SAAV
Stoneham CDC
Stoneham Disability Committee
Stoneham Senior Center
Substance Abuse Coalition
Tri Community Greenway
Veteran's Memorial Road Race

MUSICIANS

In an effort to bring joy and excitement to the market, the Stoneham Farmers Market Committee commissioned musicians to play during the market. Musicians were paid a minimal fee to perform, however, Stoneham's own Ed Grammer offered his services for free*, for which we were grateful.

The 2017 list of participating musicians:

Houselights
Charlotte Stone
Don Borchelt
Ed Grammer*
Eight Thumbs
Henry McIntyre
John & Anne
Julie Doherty
Kenny Selcer
Michael Maloney
Molly Pinto
Scott Damgaard
Whale Watch
Willie T & Dr. X
Jack and Friends

ACTIVITIES

The Stoneham Farmers Market understands the importance to giving back to the community and fostering the creativity in children. Each week, there was an interactive activity for children to enjoy at the market. Thank you to those* who donated the activity for the children. A great big thank you to Steve Angelo from Stoneham Recreation for supplying many weeks of free activities for the children (and adults) of Stoneham.

The 2017 list of children's activities:

Big Joe Storyteller
Boston Azzurri*
Caricatures by Bob Thomas
Curious Creatures
Little Elephant Yoga
Kidzfun
Playful Palette Face Painting
Stoneham Public Library*
Stoneham Recreation*
Wiggles and Giggles
Zoo New England*

ARTISTS

The Town of Stoneham is fortunate to have local artists willing to share their work and crafts at the market. Adding this type of vendor further supports a sense of community and pride. A special thanks to Howard Porter* for designing the Stoneham Farmers Market logo, which graces the cover of this report and all of our promotional items and literature.

The 2017 list of participating artists:

Beads by Barbara
Carolyn Smith
Fringe on Main
Hidden Heart
Howie Porter
Jean Gargano
Eccentric Abyss
Sandra Kirby
Tamara Lord

SPONSORS

The Stoneham Farmers Market could not survive without support from the businesses in the community. The generosity of these businesses confirms the commitment they have to the Town and its residents. Supporting the market enables both children and adults in our town to enjoy music, crafts and access to farm-fresh products while enjoying the gem of our town, the Town Common. The Stoneham Farmers Market Committee offered three levels of sponsorship in 2017. Harvest (lead sponsor) for \$1,000, Sprout for \$500 and Seed for \$100. These donations enabled crafts, music, and funded other administrative expenses for operating a farmers market. Doucet Design sponsored a fundraiser for the market in April of this year providing a solid foundation for the market to begin its third season. A huge shout out and THANK YOU to Doucet Design and to all of our sponsors!

The 2017 list of sponsors:

Harvest:

Stoneham Bank

MAVE

Sprouts:

Commonwealth Pediatrics

The Arbors of Stoneham

Seeds:

The Arbors

Body Mind System

Shelly MacNeill, Selectwoman

RE/Max Andrew Realty Services

Salem Five

Stoneham Ford

Stoneham Pediatric Dental Associates

Other Donations:

Stoneham Bank – 130th Anniversary

Clear Channel – Billboard Advertising

VOLUNTEERS

In a true sense of community, many Stoneham residents and others step up and help make these incredible community opportunities happen. It takes many hands to set up and take down the market each week. Our vendors were greatly appreciative of the help we provided each week. We would like to recognize and thank our volunteers who help make the farmers market successful this past year.

The 2017 list of volunteers:

Laura Bassi
Tom Boussy
Isabella Cordeiro
Thomas Dalton
Stephen Kelly
Kathryn Murphy
Shuang Shen
Anthony Sinagra
Avery Thomas

WINTER MARKET

The Stoneham Farmers Market hosted our second annual indoor market on Saturday, November 18, 2017 to provide the residents of the Town of Stoneham and surrounding communities with an opportunity to purchase produce, dairy, pasta, meats, fish, bread and pastries for the upcoming holiday season. It also provided local artisans with an opportunity to sell their wares as the gift-giving season approaches. Music was provided by Don Borchelt and Don and Julie Dougherty. Stoneham Farmers Market provided a balloon artist for children; we also collected donations for the Stoneham Food Pantry. The Junior Rotary Club manned our craft table and popcorn machine and collected donations for Cradles to Crayons. The Board of Health was on hand offering flu shots. The day exceeded expectations and a wonderful time was had by all.

The following vendors participated in the winter market:

Amir Mediterranean Foods
Arrowhead Farm
Auka Life
Carolyn's Farm Kitchen
Deano's Pasta
E&C Creations
Foxboro Cheese Company
Fringe On Main
Gaouette Farm
Honey Pot Maple Farm
Nutty Life
Plant Based Food
Purple Carrot
Red Heat Tavern
Roberto's Seafood
Roma's Bakery
Sugar River Farm
Top Shelf Cookies
Two Birds, One Home

FARM BUCKS RAFFLE

As a part of a marketing campaign, the Market continued the "Farm Bucks" weekly raffle for 16 weeks of the market. This free raffle of \$25 worth of Farm Buck brought fun and excitement to the market. Winners could spend their bucks like cash at any of the vendors during the market season. All but \$20 in Farm Bucks were redeemed by the end of season. The Stoneham Farmers Market purchased cookies and apples with the unclaimed bucks and donated them to the Stoneham Police and Fire Departments as a thank you for their service to our market and the community.

Congratulations to the 2017 Farm Bucks winners:

Yasmin Alonzo
Steve Lewis
Teresa Doyle
Jack Vernaglia
William Quigley
Jaclyn Merlino
Tyler Beintam
Armando Ferrante
Laurel Conley
Jennifer McAllister
Mark Carlson
Lisa Levenson
Lynn Lyerly
Courtney Bartlett

2017 FINANCIALS

2017 Fundraiser

<i>Income:</i>	\$1,290.00
<i>Expenses:</i>	\$ 310.67
<i><u>Profit/Loss:</u></i>	\$ 979.33

2017 Farmers Market

<i>Income:</i>	
Sponsors	\$3,330.00
Vendors	\$4,405.00
<i><u>Total:</u></i>	\$7,735.00

<i>Expenses:</i>	
Musicians	\$1,500.00
Children's activities	\$2,015.50
Advertising	\$2,720.73
Marketing	\$ 826.81
Supplies	\$ 650.23
<i><u>Total:</u></i>	\$7,715.27

2017 Balance: **\$ 999.06**

2017 Winter Market

<i>Income:</i>	\$ 380.00
<i>Expenses:</i>	\$ 1,030.40
<i><u>Profit/Loss:</u></i>	(\$ 650.40)

TOTAL 2017 BALANCE: \$ 348.66

Prepared by: Karen Kelly, Stoneham Farmers Market Treasurer 12.29.17

FINANCE AND ADVISORY BOARD

The Finance & Advisory Board is an independent committee composed of 11 volunteers who are appointed by the Town Moderator. Its primary role is to analyze the town's operating and capital expenditures and revenue sources and make recommendations to town meeting. To do this the board works with the Town Accountant, the Town Administrator, the Superintendent of Schools and all town departments and committees to review their budget in detail.

Fiscal year 2018 has been a year of change for the board, with significant turnover and 6 new members starting between July 2017 and January 2018. A 7th new member will be added soon to replace Secretary Thomas Dalton following his election to School Committee on April 3rd.

Some accomplishments from FY '18:

- A tri-board meeting was held in March to enable better communication between the elected boards and the FAB
- Successfully integrated the Board following major turnover in FY 2018
- Three members attended training given by the Association of Town Finance Committees through the Massachusetts Municipal Association
- The Fab used its emergency reserves to support the library in an emergency elevator repair, which was crucial for public safety and accessibility
- Extensive research was conducted to start to develop a formula-based approach to the handling of year-end Free Cash
- Worked with other boards & town to improve longer-term financial planning
- A Long-Range Fiscal Planning Committee has been formed and begun its work, in part through FAB advocacy
- The Board has taken an increased interest in capital oversight and planning thanks to the appointment and advocacy of Tim Waitkevitch to the FAB

Goals for FY '19:

- Finalizing a formula for the use of Free Cash to recommend to the Board of Selectmen
- Appointing sub-committees to meet with department heads on-site to understand their needs and wants in depth
- Reviewing enterprise fund accounting to ensure that shortfalls such as those found in the current Water & Sewer fund do not reoccur
- Increase participation in the Association of Town Finance Committees training opportunities to continue the development of skills and competencies on the board.
- Designate liaisons to other committees and boards
- Advocate for stronger internal controls and accountability including adoption of best practices and continued professional development for town employees

Finance & Advisory Board meetings are generally held once a month, with more frequent meetings scheduled during the budgetary review cycle and ahead of Town Meetings. Meetings are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend or watch on Stoneham TV. Feel free to contact me or any other Board member with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Submitted by: Susan Lippman, Vice-Chairman

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Who We Are

- Our Stoneham Historical Commission was established forty years ago under Massachusetts General Law (Chapter 40, Section 8D). Our mission is to preserve, protect and develop historical and archaeological assets that are significant to the Town.
- Seven members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen to three year terms. At the end of this year we had five members: Hillary Fotino, Susan Larson, Joan Quigley, Treasurer, Marcia M. Wengen, Co-Chair & Secretary; Dolly Wilson, co-chair and no Alternates. We had two vacant seats. Meetings are held monthly except in July and August.

Old Burying Ground (OBG)

- Phase One of a multi-year project was begun based on the 2012 Master Preservation Plan for the 1726 Old Burying Ground. Funding was possible through a \$10,000 matching grant from the Methuen (MA) Festival of Trees (FOT) Historic Preservation Grant Program and \$10,000 from the October 2013 Town Meeting allocation.
- Price quotes were received from three vendors, with Barbara Mangum, owner of Sculpture & Decorative Arts Conservation Services LLC of Somerville, winning the project. Of the 32 gravestones identified, conservation on 26 was completed (82%). There was not enough funding for the remaining six, although two of them, listed as ‘most hazardous’ were temporarily stabilized until future work can begin.
- The Historical Commission is extremely grateful to October 16 Town Meeting participants who approved \$24,000 “to fund the continuing process of repairing hazardous and unstable gravestones” in the Old Burying Ground (Warrant Article 17). \$9,227.50 was spent on the removal of nine trees that were diseased/in danger of crushing 250+ year old gravestones. The \$14,772.50 balance will be used to continue gravestone conservation in 2018.
- Research indicates that FOT has awarded grants in consecutive years, so our plan is to apply for another \$10,000 Historic Preservation Grant in 2018, thus increasing available funds to \$24,772.50.
- The Historical Commission was honored to be responsible for the first Old Burying Ground project funded by the FOT Historic Preservation Grant Program. We trust that Barbara Mangum’s superb documentation set the standard for any of their future projects involving gravestone conservation.
- Given the conservation activity (gaping pits, gravestones pieces clamped together, etc.), the OBG was not open for tours during the annual Halloween Stroll on October 28.

Historic Properties ~ a number of assets required our attention or were worthy of mention:

- The Town Hall Organ, a so-called ‘Unit Orchestra’, was built in 1930 by the Rudolph Wurlitzer Company from two repossessed theatre organs. It served Boston radio station WNAC until 1941 when local businessman Ralph Patch (E.L. Patch Pharmaceutical Company on Montvale Ave) purchased it under the condition that “it be installed in a public place where people could enjoy it”. The dedication was held seventy-five years ago on March 19, 1942. Concerts were played on this organ from WWII until the 1970’s when the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society (EMCATOS) relocated to Knight Hall at Babson College. From then, until his death in 1995, local resident Royal Schweiger maintained the organ and played it before every Town Meeting. Current Town Organist Bruce Netten continues that Town Meeting tradition. This 78 year old treasure is in need of repair and funding which has been provided by the Town, EMCATOS, its national organization ACTOS, a 2016 state allocation and various fundraising events sponsored by Bruce. The Historical Commission has been following the progress with interest and looks forward to future concerts.
- Dairy Dome (STN.26 Colonial Beacon Gas Station) at 474 Main St is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a well-preserved example of Neo-classical early 20th century automobile related commercial architecture. In the spring this building was being actively promoted as restaurant space. A meeting was arranged with the realtors Covelle and Cohen (Wakefield, MA) and Doug Kelleher from Epsilon Associates (Maynard MA) to discuss the use of State

and Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credits to rehabilitate the building. As the year closed the building remained for sale.

- 612 Main St - childhood home of Lt. Col. William Buckley. After the owner (Frank Saia of Tony's Imported Tile 607 Main St) decided to demolish the house, our architectural salvager, Nor'east Architectural Antiques in South Hampton NH, was interested in reclaiming the yellow pine wood floors on both levels. However, Mr. Saia elected not to raze it; the property was sold and subsequently renovated.
- Dow Block (STN.37) at 3-6 Central Square. ~ The Commission worked with an attorney representing Verizon Wireless under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Verizon's request was for the replacement of three of the existing antennas and the addition of three RRH boxes on each faux chimney. We were able to leverage that request to resolve three outstanding problems: relocation of two global positioning systems and bright yellow FCC chimney labels so as not to be visible from the street. Additionally Verizon agreed to repair the split seam on the faux chimney on the northeast corner of the building. The work was to be completed by September 30, but various miscommunications between the consultant and Massachusetts Historical Commission delayed the project. It bears watching in 2018.
- Fourth District Wyoming School ~ this school house was located on Pond Street and served children living in the area and those coming from the Haywardville complex of factories, homes, and small shops. Susan Dean Richardson (1841-1911) attended the school as a youngster and taught there from 1852 until it closed in 1899. Her great-grandchildren, Donald Delay and Priscilla Scoggins, donated Mrs. Richardson's school bell and watch, a gift of the School Committee for 30 years of service. The Historical Commission is thrilled with their thoughtful donations.

Sharing Our Message

- First Church Records ~ Congratulations to our Treasurer Joan Quigley who spent countless volunteer hours transcribing Stoneham's Congregational Church records from 1728 – 1889, for the Congregational Library and Archives 14 Beacon St, Boston. Included in this collection are church records, parish and financial records, and records created by ministers of the church, including sermons and personal account books. The records are on-line at congregationallibrary.org.
- Col. J. Parker Gould's Marker ~ As part of an ongoing effort to recognize Stonehamite and Civil War Col. J. Parker Gould, Dolly Wilson is redesigning a historical marker for Lindenwood Cemetery. The Colonel died in 1864 of wounds acquired during the Battle of Petersburg.
- Social Media ~ The Historical Commission is undertaking more forays into the social media world. We urge you to "like" us on Facebook for updates on activities and town history. (<https://www.facebook.com/StonehamHistComm>) Additionally Dolly applied for a Cultural Council grant that would replace the 8 year old paper brochure of Stoneham's Walking Tour. This smart phone tour could include video files, additional imagery, user feedback, interactivity and a GPS interface to bring history alive.
- Historic Preservation Month ~ Activities for May included:
 - Heritage Award ~ this years' award was presented to local resident Arthur Bennett for his collection of 200+ historic Stoneham post cards that took over 40 years to amass. We are especially grateful for Mr. Bennett's willingness to share them for our Post card Project that will document Stoneham history long absent from our collective memories. Once digitized, these images will be available on the NOBLE (North of Boston Library Exchange) Digital Heritage site.
 - Joint Meeting Lecture ~ Thanks to master builder and New Hampshire resident Kevin Gardner as he demystified the art and history of constructing stone walls in New England. The audience watched attentively as he built a miniature stone wall from a five gallon pail of rocks. This was our May 11 joint meeting of the Stoneham Historical Society and the Commission.
 - Cemetery Tour ~ Thanks to social historical Dee Morris' Lindenwold adventure covering many of Stoneham's notables including a cadre of spiritualists (whose stones note "passed away", rather than "died"). Some tour participants were aware of existing houses; a fun project might be to link pictures of the gravestone and houses together on Facebook.

- Walking Tour ~ Dolly Wilson led a walking tour of downtown Stoneham on May 21, visiting sites from Stoneham’s colonial and industrial past. Do you know where the car factory was? If not, we also have just launched an online tour of Stoneham history in the downtown area. Visit <http://www.explorestoneham.com/historical-walk.html>
- Armchair Tour ~ Dolly offered a reprise of her walking tour at the Senior Center on Monday May 22.
- Scavenger Hunt ~ Hillary prepared a 20 questions scavenger hunt that encouraged folks to really look for the history of Stoneham. (ex: The soldier monument in front of the police station represent which war?) . The winning family was treated to a \$20 gift certificate at The Daily Scoop ice cream parlor.
- Historic House Marker Program ~ The Commission’s Historic House Marker program increased to thirty-seven. The newest marker is for 11 Cedar Ave (STN.229) in memory of Jacob Oscar Kidder, Cabinet Maker. More information is available on the Historical Commission section of the Town website.
- Stoneham 101 ~ The 2 hour event was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce to introduce new residents to organizations and activities available in Stoneham. The Historical Commission was pleased to participate in the well attended event.

“What I am looking for is the trick of having the same ax twice, for a restoration that renews the spirit, for work that transforms the worker. We may talk of saving antique linens, species, or languages: but whatever we are intent on saving when a restoration succeeds, we rescue ourselves.”

~Howard Mansfield, *The Same Ax Twice: Restoration and Renewal in a Throwaway Age*, 2000

Submitted by Marcia M. Wengen, Co-Chair on behalf of the Historical Commission Members. Thank you for your energy and enthusiasm.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our motto: “Pride in Our Past, Faith in Our Future”

Our mission: To study the history of the Town of Stoneham; collect and preserve articles of historic interest Pertaining to the Town; and to maintain an Historical Library and Museum and to share this Information with current and future citizens.

As we reflect on all the events at the Stoneham Historical Society & Museum during the 2017 calendar, two words come to mind- Preservation and Progress. We anticipate the celebration of our 100th anniversary as an organization in the year 2022; however it became very clear to our Executive Board that in order to preserve the historic buildings at 36 William Street major restorative work needed to be accomplished. The main building, which was constructed in 1910, needed a facelift including new roof, interior and exterior painting and repairs and also updates on electrical and fire prevention systems. The other building on our property, The Ten Footer, the iconic symbol of the historic past of the Town, served as a location for the shoemaking industry before the large scale industrialization of the shoe making business. Our Ten Footer also needed restorative work as well.

In order to facilitate these and other challenges, that our 501(c) 3 non-profit organization faced, the Society voted to amend our by-laws and add three new directors with voting privileges to our Executive Board. We welcomed the following new members to serve as Directors at Large for the term of 2017-2019.

Ruth Haradon , Joan Quigley, and Philip Donovan

These individuals bring to our Society a new energy and a commitment to meet our goals of preservation and progress. In addition to the new Directors at Large, our Board members include the following:

President	Donna Weiss
Vice President	Stephen Rotondi
Secretary	Paulene “Bee” Russo
Treasurer	Robert VanTichelt
Executive Director	Melissa Davidson-Kyle

We are currently implementing these challenges through fundraising efforts and continued programs and events announced through Facebook, “Go Fund Me” and other social media. We encourage anyone who loves history to attend any one of our meetings that are free and open to the public. Meetings are held on the second Thursday evening during the months of March, April, May, June, September, October, and November. In addition during the year the Society has special events which can be found on our [website stonehamhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.stonehamhistoricalsociety.org)

Events of 2017: The following events and meetings took place at the Society last year.

March 9, 2017 Town Administrator, Tom Younger, was our guest speaker. It afforded an opportunity for us to get to know each other and was followed by a question and answer period. The evening was also prefaced by an introduction to High School History teacher Paula Sampson. This dedicated and inspirational teacher told us about the Massachusetts History Day program required by all tenth grade students.

April 13, 2017 Historian and author Elizabeth Levy Merrick spoke about her book “Be There Then”- A Guide to Exploring Boston’s Historic House Museums. She provided a Power-Point presentation of the numerous house museums scattered in the Boston area that have preserved the rich history of our region.

April 29, 2017 Annual Research Day- The ever popular event where guests can research the history of their homes with the assistance of Society volunteers and various reference materials made available.

May 11, 2017 Guest speaker and author of “The Granite Kiss”, Kevin Gardner, discussed the history behind the stone walls seen throughout the New England area. Guests to the event were educated on the techniques used in constructing these stone walls and were treated to an actual demonstration of a miniature stone wall. May celebrates “Preservation Month” and both the Stoneham Historical Commission and the Historical Society joined forces to make this presentation. Prior to Mr. Gardner, guests were introduced to the Mass History Day High School winners, and a performance of their projects. Teacher, Paula Sampson, was extremely proud of the students since 3 of the 4 winners were Stoneham students.

May 21, 2017 Antique Appraisal Day is a favorite fundraiser, hosted by the Society. Visitors are invited to bring a treasured or favorite antique for an appraisal by internationally known Kaminski Auctioneers of Beverly.

June 8, 2017 The Society was pleased to have WRKO radio personality Doug “VB” Goudie speak on his new book “ACK In Ashes” which recounted the great fire of 1846 on Nantucket Island. A question and answer period followed the discussion and was very lively.

September 14, 2017 Noted author, historian and educator, Anthony Sammarco, honored us with his presentation on “East Boston”. Mr. Sammarco, who has authored over 60 books on historical events of the Boston area spoke to a standing room audience. He always captures our attention with his colorful talks.

October 12, 2017 Our speaker Doug Stewart presented an interesting view on “The History of the New England Mill Girls”. A look back into the era of the many mills that operated and the girls who worked there.

October 28, 2017 Annual Open House at the Society Hall and Museum. The theme “Stoneham Remembers- A Nostalgic Journey”, offered a glimpse at the wonderful and varied artifacts that gave Stoneham its claim to fame. Among items displayed were treasures from former Stoneham Athletes, some who competed in the Olympics games. Other exhibits included clothing and uniforms worn by various Stoneham organizations.

November 9, 2017 Annual Dessert Social and highlighted by local speaker and historian Dee Morris. We learned more about the interesting life of E T Whittier, the first editor of the Stoneham Independent. Members and their guests enjoyed a “sweet filled” evening.

The Society invites anyone who has a love of history and a yearning for nostalgic times to consider our organization. Our website is stonehamhistoricalsociety.org or find us on Facebook. Our Museum and meeting house can be found at 36 William Street, the uniquely designed building with maroon trim.

STONEHAM SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION

In 2013, the Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition (SSAC) formed in an effort to address the epidemic of drug and alcohol abuse in our community. SSAC aims to promote drug and alcohol awareness and drug and alcohol abuse prevention. The Coalition may be reached at Stonehamsac@gmail.com, on Facebook or on the website at <https://stonehamsac.com/>

Its goals are three: 1) to ensure ease of access to resources available to individuals and families struggling with drug and alcohol abuse, 2) to identify resources and implement programs within the town to help reduce and prevent the growing issue of drug and alcohol abuse, and 3) to identify policies at both the state and national level that we can support to help communities deal with the epidemic of substance abuse.

SSAC held many successful events in 2017 on prevention, education and awareness. The coalition presented the “Hidden in Plain Sight” display at District Attorney Ryan’s back to school event, Members of the coalition participated in Take Back prescription medication events, Town Day, Farmers Market and the Chamber of Commerce Health and Wellness Fair. The coalition partnered with the Stoneham Library on a grant they received targeted at Substance Use Disorder. We held our first successful 5k Run for Recovery in September. The coalition also created PSA’s in both Spanish and ASL. Additionally, the coalition was finally successful in securing a Drug Free Communities grant which will bring over \$600,000 in funding over the next five years to support prevention work in the community. The town recently hired, with grant funding, two prevention positions to help the coalition with its mission.

Submitted by Shelly MacNeill, Chair

SWITCHBOX ART PROJECT

The Stoneham Switchbox Art project continued to make progress on visually enhancing the town by painting utility boxes. The goal of the project is to showcase original work by local artists, enhance public spaces, build our community connections and demonstrate pride in Stoneham for the benefit of both locals and visitors.

In 2017, one additional switchbox was completed: John Riggio dedicated the switchbox at Elm and Central to our smiling first responders and traffic directors in honor of their selfless service to Stoneham citizens.

This year two painted switchboxes were replaced as part of traffic signal updates. Jane Buffo’s colorful birds at Park and Marble and Phil Donovan/Bee Russo’s memorial to old North School, the Dairy Queen and the previous High School at William St are now safely stored in the DPW barn. We look forward to the day they become public art on the Greenway or on the Historical Society grounds.

Our group did not need to raise additional funds in 2017 due to the previous generous donations as noted in the 2013 report. The project continues to operate at no public expense. We welcome new art proposals from anyone who lives, works or volunteers in Stoneham. Additional information and application details are available on the Town Web Page under “Things to Do”.

Members: Lorraine Bennett, Margaret Drummey, Bee Russo, Margaret Warren (Chairwoman Emeritus) and Marcia M. Wengen.

Submitted by Marcia M. Wengen

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The mission statement of the Stoneham Fire Department is to protect and preserve life, property, and the environment in the community in the most professional, courteous, and efficient manner possible.

To the Residents of Stoneham, Board of Selectmen, and Town Administrator Younger:

I would like to give thanks for the opportunity provided to me to head the Stoneham Fire Department. It is an honor bestowed upon myself and my family to be presented with such a great responsibility to lead an organization with such an honorable mission.

Personnel:

Chief
Matthew Grafton*

Secretary
Ann Burnham

Fire Prevention
Captain Al Minotti
Lieutenant Charlie Webber*

<u>Group 1</u>	<u>Group 2</u>	<u>Group 3</u>	<u>Group 4</u>
Captain Matt Rexrode	Captain James Marshall*	Captain Frank Gould*	Captain Ed Regan*
Lieutenant Mark Chabak	Lieutenant John Galla	Lieutenant Rob Dalis*	Lieutenant Mike O’Sullivan*
Firefighters Matt Mayo Chris Humber* Jim McLaughlin* Mike Labriola Dean Blauvelt Mike Rourke* Chris Maloney	Firefighters Bill McNulty Anthony Riggillo Dan Kelleher* Dan Dawson Jack Sullivan Will King Eric Verhault*	Firefighters Scott Greenleaf* Paul Dockery Sean Fitzgerald R. Darragh Paul Driscoll Tom Decroteau* Vacant	Firefighters Steve Verhault Paul McIntyre* D. Eastman* Brent Last Mike Coughlin* Sean Devlin Steve Buitkus*

*Indicates Certified EMT

Staffing:

On March 22nd F.F. Sean Fitzgerald deployed to Egypt with the Army National Guard. Sean is on his 5th deployment since becoming a Stoneham Firefighter. F.F. Dave Eastman deployed on April 23 until December 2nd to the United Arab Emirates with the Air Force National Guard for his 3rd deployment. Thanks to both of them for their bravery and service to our country.

FF Dan Dowling resigned in October from the Stoneham Fire Department to become a Massachusetts State Trooper. Dan is missed at Stoneham Fire, and we wish him luck with his future endeavor.

The Stoneham Fire Department operates 24/7 with four groups of nine firefighters. The department is budgeted to allow two firefighter positions to go unfilled each day due to vacation, sick, injury, military, and other obligations leaving the shifts at 7 firefighters. In 2017, on 123 occasions there were 7 firefighters on duty, and the average for the year was 7.87 firefighters on shift daily. On these days when 7 firefighters are on duty the end result is an Engine has to be taken out of service, thus limiting the ability to accomplish simultaneous critical tasks. Stoneham is the only Town in District 13, our mutual aid district that allows its fire department to be staffed this low. Our staffing level is at times half of the national standard and much lower than our similar sized comparable communities.

I look forward to working in collaboration with Town Administrator Younger and the Board of Selectmen to find funding opportunities to adequately staff and restructure the Fire Department. With the increases in responses, existing old construction, numerous multi-family buildings, mutual aid obligation, and current growth to the Town, it is my recommendation that the minimum number of firefighters on duty should never be less than nine.

Training:

In 2017 the Stoneham Fire Department completed Rapid Intervention Training program from the Massachusetts Fire Academy. The training was completed with the Wakefield and Winchester Fire Departments, and teaches firefighters the techniques and practices during a mayday event which is a firefighter in distress. In addition crews from Stoneham trained alongside firefighters from the Melrose Fire Department, using the mobile live fire training unit which provides live fire training opportunities in a controlled environment. Firefighters are able to go through different scenarios such as a basement or kitchen fires. These fires are in a mobile trailer which uses propane to simulate fire. Crews practice advancing hose lines against fire and through stairwells while using thermal imagers.

The shifts completed several training objectives throughout 2017 to include ice rescue, EMT and First Responder medical training, roof operations, search and rescue, hose line advancement, deck gun and street gun operations, active shooter awareness, extrication and stabilizer techniques, building familiarization, and lessons learned from wind driven fires. We were able to train on properties being razed and would like to thank the property owners for the opportunity.

FF Tom Decroteau successfully completed the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy on 4/28/17. Tom is a Coast Guard Veteran, an EMT and is currently assigned to Group 3.

Fire Suppression:

The Stoneham Fire Department responded to 3437 emergencies in 2017. There were an additional 416 responses handled by the ambulance only. The responses are coded in series of 100-900 in accordance with the National Fire Incident Reporting system otherwise known as NFIRS. The totals are as follows:

Series	Heading	Total
100	Fires:	111
200	Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	4
300	Rescue and Emergency Medical Services	2359
400	Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	152
500	Service Calls	182
600	Good Intent Calls	279
700	False Alarm and False Call	307
800	Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	2
900	Special Incident	41

Notable fire responses in 2017 were working fires on Michael Cir., Park St, Duncklee Ave, Garden Rd, and a large brush fire behind the DPW along Sweetwater Brook. The Stoneham Fire Department struck a 2nd Alarm in 2017 for an apartment building fire at Colonial Ct. Stoneham Firefighters provided mutual aid 33 times in surrounding communities including multiple alarm fires in Melrose, Wakefield, Woburn, and a 6 Alarm fire in Reading. Stoneham Fire also provided mutual aid in the form of cover assignments in Malden, Revere, Wakefield and Reading.

Hazmat:

As a member of the District 2 State Hazardous Material Response Team, Firefighter Jim McLaughlin has completed over 150 Hours of Training both with the district and with other districts in the state, as well as additional Training at the State Fire academy. FF McLaughlin responded to 6 incidents throughout the Metro Fire district in 2017.

Post Overdose Follow Up:

In July 2017, a collaborative effort to help people that have recently overdosed was initiated. The Fire Department, Police Department, Action Ambulance with Elle Simone Stoneham’s Community Addiction Coordinator have worked together to reach out to the victims and family members of those that have recently overdosed. This community outreach approach is to assist by finding facilities and resources to help people that are fighting addiction. The team made great strides this year and was able help several people and their families. I’d like to thank FF Brent Last for representing the Fire Department on the follow ups and for his professionalism and compassion to help people struggling with this epidemic.

Fire Prevention:

Conduct inspections and or drills as required by law in schools, nursing homes, and day cares. Provides safety education to elementary aged students as well as seniors. Following up on citizen complaints. Assist in the oversight and approval of commercial and residential construction projects. Duties include site plan reviews; permit processing, on-site inspections during construction and final inspections for the issuance of occupancy certifications.

New development in commercial and residential properties continued in 2017. Through inspections, enforcement of fire codes, construction plan reviews, fire investigations, issuing of permits and fire education programs much has been achieved in the past year. Commercial and large residential construction projects require many steps including site plan reviews, which consider requirements such as apparatus access, water supply, exposure to other structures, type of occupancy, etc. The next step is a meeting with Fire Protection Engineers to discuss Fire Alarm, Fire Suppression, Municipal Fire Alarm connections and the issuing of the proper permits. Once the project is started, on-site inspections are required to keep track of the progress being made. The Certificate of Occupancy is issued after a final inspection and all new systems are tested.

Through the Department of Fire Service Stoneham was awarded \$7336 for Student Awareness of Fire Education and Senior Safe grants. During the fall, Stoneham Firefighters made visits to Kindergarten thru Third grade in all elementary schools and discussed fire safety topics as well as fire prevention. In the spring time firefighters returned meeting grades Kindergarten thru Fourth Grade with the Fire Safety House. The safety house is an interactive house with a kitchen and bedroom designed to show students the dangers related to the kitchen, and the best ways to exit in case of a fire. The Fire Department in collaboration with the Senior Center and Board of Health continued conducting senior safety visits. These visits are made to identify fire and fall hazards in seniors homes. The grant allows for the purchase of smoke detectors, File of Life, flashlights, house numbers, night lights and other safety items that could be identified at the safety visit. Safety visits can be set up by contacting the S.A.F.E. coordinator Lt. Charlie Webber or by calling the Senior Center.

2017 Permits

Oil Tank Removal/Replacement	64
Oil Burner.....	62
Master Box.....	95
Demolition.....	6
Blasting	3
Welding/Hot Work	6
Fire Alarm System.....	15
Sprinkler & Suppression System.....	17
Smoke Detector	366
Propane.....	36
Acetylene.....	0
Tank Truck.....	3
Flammable Fluid.....	0
Cannon.....	0
Underground Tank Removal.....	1

Waste Oil.....	0
Total	674

Inspections

Final/Occupancy	43
Fire Drills.....	28
Knox Box.....	6
Oil Burner.....	19
Oil Tank Removal/Installation.....	23
Victualer.....	22
Quarterly.....	19
Annual	12
Propane Tank Inspection	38
Smoke Detectors.....	411
Senior Safety.....	17
Transfer Tank/Truck.....	2
Flammable Gas.....	0
Citizen Complaints.....	37
Other.....	16
Total	693

Stoneham Fire Department Motorized Equipment

ENGINE TWO:	2016 Seagrave 1,250 gpm pump with 750 gallons of water. Delivered in May 2016
ENGINE THREE:	2011 Seagrave 1,250 gpm pump with 750 gallons of water.
ENGINE FOUR:	1989 Emergency One 1,000 gpm pump with 500 gallons of water.
LADDER ONE:	2015 Emergency One Quint, equipped with a 100 ft. medium duty ladder and a 1,250 gpm pump and 450 gallons of water.
CAR ONE:	2017 Chevy Tahoe.
CAR TWO:	2012 Ford Escape
CAR THREE:	2011 Ford Escape
CAR FOUR:	2005 Ford F350 Crew Cab
CAR FIVE:	2001 Ford F450 with a Versa-lift bucket
RESCUE BOAT:	2000 15 foot Boston Whaler with a 40hp Mercury outboard

Grants and Donations:

The Stoneham Fire Department received the following donations and grants in 2017 and would like to thank the following for their generosity and support:

- Department of Fire Services Student Awareness of Fire Education and Senior Safe grants \$7336.
- Retired Firefighter Dave Bettencourt from Cummings Properties \$1000.
- Anne Olenio from Cummings Properties \$1000.
- Katie Tuscano \$5000.

- Langwood Commons c/o Simpson Housing \$62,653 for a Radio Fire Alarm Receiver.
- MEMA Emergency Management Preparedness Grant \$4960

Projects Accomplished in 2017

With a donation from Langwood Commons c/o Simpson Housing the Fire Department was able to enhance the Municipal Fire Alarm System to be capable of receiving alarms through radio signals. The system is redundant which includes a receiver at the Fire Station and one located at the Dispatch Center in the Police Station. This enhancement allows our current wired system to be modernized to meet today’s wireless technology.

During the electrical upgrade on Central St., Eversource installed conduit between the Police and Fire Station, allowing for new communication wires to be installed.

The Fire Station lead decontamination project was completed. The basement walls of the Fire Station had never been painted since its construction in 1916. May Town Meeting appropriated \$40,000 for this capital project. The project was completed in December of 2017, making the space suitable for current and future needs.

Through the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant the Fire Department was able to purchase Station Smarts software system. This system allows the Fire Department to conduct inspections as well as pre-fire planning through the use of a mobile tablet. The system is a records management system that helps to eliminate the use of paper. The system was designed by a Massachusetts based company with the input of Massachusetts Fire Chiefs.

A Fire Station Location Study was completed by The Carlson Group. The study looks at the Town as a blank slate and determines where and how many fire stations should be located in Stoneham. The locations are dependent upon the number of runs and the time it takes to respond to those locations. Using a GIS mapping system the study looked at a variety of locations throughout the town. The outcome of the study was that we should abandoned the one station model and have a two station model. The study indicated that the best case location for two stations would be one at Main and South St, and one at Main and Williams St. The current station although being over 100 years old is in very good condition. I feel the current station can still serve the town, but only if a substation is built to better suit the current and future needs of the department. The major issues with our current station is that it can barely house our apparatus, and the time period to respond to the southern portion of town. The next step is to have a feasibility study done on the fire station, and make a decision from there. The study can be viewed on the Stoneham Fire Department’s web site.

**2017
METRO FIRE
RUNNING CARD
STONEHAM**

Alarm	Engine	Engine	Engine	Ladder	Engine Cover Station	Engine Cover Station	Ladder Cover Station
1st	Stoneham E2	Stoneham E3**	Winchester RIT Team	Stoneham L1	Wakefield	Reading	
2ND	Wakefield	Reading	Melrose	Woburn	Saugus	Medford	Malden
3RD	Saugus	Medford	Burlington	Malden		Malden	Medford
4TH	N.Reading	Lynnfield	Somerville	Somerville			
5TH	Wilmington	Lexington	Revere	Revere			
6TH	Arlington	Winthrop	Chelsea	Chelsea			
7TH	Belmont	Tewksbury	Cambridge	Cambridge			
8TH	Newton	Waltham	Everett	Everett			
9TH	Weston	Massport	Lynn	Lynn			
10TH	Watertown	Boston	Boston	Boston			

**Indicates may not be in service due to staffing

The Stoneham Fire Department always strives to serve the Town to the best of our ability. On behalf of the members and staff of the Department I want to thank the residents, elected officials, boards and committees, as well as local businesses for the continued support throughout 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief of the Department
Matthew Grafton

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The IT Department has concentrated its efforts on upgrading the infrastructure. Redundant fiber connections were added between Police, Fire DPW and Town Hall and all the network switches were upgraded for upgraded capacity and security. The wireless network was expanded, and the Internet was upgraded.

We developed a hardware and software roadmap and are planning to upgrade all of our servers in 2018. We are constantly monitoring and upgrading the infrastructure to maintain security of our data and in preparation of any necessary disaster recovery.

We anticipate migrating the aging website to a new provider in 2018.

Thank you to my assistant, Teddy You for his hard work this past year.

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES/BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department is operating with one full-time Building Inspector, one full-time office assistant, a part-time Plumbing & Gas Inspector and a part-time Electrical Inspector.

The Report of the Inspectional Services Department for the Year 2017 is as follows:

New Single Family Dwellings	12
Building Permits Issued	746
Electrical Permits Issued	496
Plumbing Permits Issued	396
Gas Permits Issued	268
Sign Permits Issued	30
Sheet Metal Permits Issued	54
Certificate of Occupancy	43
Certificates of Inspection	24
Total Fees Collected	\$1,233,424.53

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE/VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE AND VETERANS MEMORIAL WALK/RUN COMMITTEE

Parade Committee: Jim Devlin – Veterans Agent, Maureen Buckley Chairman, Kevin Cantwell, Vice Chairman, Jim Lamb, Jay Humphrey, Mike Doucette, Frank Geary, Cameron Bain, Frank Zhu, George Parsons.

Veterans Day Road Race committee :Jim Devlin, Maureen Buckley – co chairs, Megan Day -Race Director, Bill McCabe, State Representative Michael Day.

The Memorial Day Parade Committee is a volunteer organization, that's purpose is to coordinate the activities involved in remembering our veterans on both Memorial Day and Veterans Day, to thank them for their sacrifice of service to our country.

Once again with help from Legion Post #115, VFW Post #620 , local Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Historical Commission, and wonderful community members, we placed approximately 3000 flags on veterans graves in our 3 Stoneham Cemeteries(Lindenwood, St Patrick, and the Old Burial Ground, along with Puritan Lawn Cemetery in Peabody).

In the weeks before Memorial Day, 15 Street Corner Veteran Monuments , were decorated with flags and wreaths. Veterans attend the wonderful Memorial Day Programs at our local elementary schools, where they are remembered and recognized. 8 Large wreaths were placed at all the veterans monuments throughout town.

The Veterans walking stick program, sponsored by the Stoneham Rotary, continues to bring more veterans who participate in the parade either by walking or riding on a Trolley.. This was the second year for our float contest, and for the second year in a row, rain impacted participation, with only 4 entries. We are hoping future years will show more floats from local organizations.

Contributors to the success of the day include: Stoneham Ford for the use of two convertibles, and sponsoring our float contest, Stonehambank for sponsoring our veterans trolley and volunteer tshirts, Stoneham Rotary and Boyds Direct Printing for sponsoring our walking stick program, Gamet Signs for the Grand Marshal's signs, Spinner Music's DJ Buono for his support with our sound system, Clearchannel for their billboard signage, American Legion Post #115 Honor Guard, VFW Post #620, Massachusetts National Guard 192 Military Police Unit, with their vehicles, Blue Knights Chapter V motorcycle group, Kevin Barry Pipe Band, Stoneham High School Band who played at the Town Hall ceremony, Natick American Legion Band, 4 H Fife and Drum band, Stoneham Police, Stoneham Fire Department who participated in the parade, and hung the flag on Town Hall, Stoneham Explorers, Iwo Jima float, POW vehicle, Body Mind Systems Martial Arts, Relay for Life, VFW commander Jay Humphreys, Legion Commander Jim Wiley, Melrose VFW veterans, who marched and also gave the 5 gun salute, Ms Massachusetts Jr High Skylar DiCecca, Stoneham Girl Scouts and their Patriotic float driven by Kevin Cantwell, Stoneham Boy Scout Troop 513 carrying our banners, Cub Scout Pack 540, Stoneham Little League, Stoneham Softball, Jim Restani on his 1978 Honda Hawk, Jim Sullivan, John Phipph, and Anthony Wilsons antique cars, the Council on Aging van and the Red Hat Society, the 5th District Legion Vice Commander Mike Deegan, our elected Town officials, Anthony Wilson, and Caroline Colorusso, (accompanied by an exchange student from China), and Jeanne Craigie, state officials Senator Jason Lewis, and Representative Michael Day, School Committee members, David Maurer, Rachel Meredith Warren, and Nicole Nial. Lt Kristy Hodgen , Navy, marching and performing the invocation, our many waking and trolley riding veterans, Barbara Morash and the Music is Art Agency singers for their musical contributions, wreath placers Keira Haughey and Jessica Newburn, Eagle Scout Matthew Hanson, who read Logan's Orders at Lindenwood Cemetery, recently returned from deployment, Sgt Richard Fortuna, who rode on the Helping our Troops float, Stoneham Boys and Girls Club float, Kevin McShane from project 351, who read a proclamation from the governor, Emma Rotondo, winner of the Patriots Pen Essay contest and Katie Brennan , winner of the Voices of Democracy Essay contest . Dave Gardner continues to provide an invaluable service as our Master of Ceremonies at Town Hall. Veterans Agent Jim Devlin led the ceremony at Lindenwood. DJ Buono of Spinner Music Productions provided sound.

Veterans Day Ceremony and Veterans Memorial Run/Walk - November 11, 2017

The Town of Stoneham held its annual Veterans Day program in the Town Hall Auditorium, starting at 10:30a.m., on Friday, November 11, 2016.

The Stoneham High School and Middle School Band, led by Len Simboski, provided patriotic and inspirational numbers during the event. Participants include Master of Ceremonies Dave Gardner, dignitaries Senator Jason Lewis, State Rep Michael Day. Selectman Shelley MacNeill gave the greetings from the Town. Navy Chaplain Kristy Hodson gave the invocation, VFW Post #620, American Legion Post #115 color guard, , Stoneham Girl Scouts, Boy Scout Troop 513, Cub Scout Pack 540 color guards, Veterans Agent Jim Devlin. Veteran pins were given out to every veteran in attendance before we recited the Pledge of Allegiance..

Our honored guests this year were the Vietnam Veterans who are now listed on a new monument in front of town hall. After recognizing them a group photo was taking outside in front of the monument. Veteran Dick Trenholm sang God Bless America at the dedication in front of the monument. State Rep Mike Day and Veterans Agent Jim Devlin spoke to the crowd. The Veterans Day Memorial 5K Run/Walk (a USATF certified course) was offered again this year, as was a new 11K race that ran along Spot Pond and through the Fells, ending back at Town Hall. Though it was very cold that day, many people participated with great results. Combining the Ceremony as a way for the community to come together to honor and support the men and women of our military and their families. All race proceeds went to local veterans causes. Thanks to generous sponsors, active duty military members and veterans could participate at no cost..



State Rep Mike Day, Parade Grand Marshal Howie Porter, Selectman Anthony Wilson, Senator Jason Lewis



Vietnam Veterans Monument Dedication – serving not in country Nov 11, 2017

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

The Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee’s function is to provide advice and recommendations to the appropriate Town officials, both elected and appointed, regarding the open space and recreation needs of the Town. This includes the Unicorn and Stoneham Oaks Golf Courses, the Stoneham Arena, all existing playgrounds and recreation areas, assisting with updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan, and developing recreational programs and activities for residents of the Town. The committee consists of eleven members who are: John Bracciotti, Maura Campbell, Therese DiBlasi, David Goodberg, Cynthia Hemenway, Stephen McDonough (Chairman), Cathy Richardson (Secretary), James Sarno, Stephen Sylvester, Aldo Ursino and Dennis Visconti (Vice Chairman).

The Unicorn and Stoneham Oaks Golf Courses had another great season with 38,000 combined rounds played. There has been significant number of improvements over the past two years under the direction of Sterling Golf Management making the courses much nicer to play. Thanks to Town Meeting, the 40+ year old irrigation system is being replaced with the Bond being paid for from the proceeds of the courses. Among one of the multiple events held at the courses was a Learn to Golf Program sponsored by the Stoneham Recreation Department.

The Stoneham Arena continues to operate smoothly, despite many obstacles, under the direction of Manager Lou Chiulli. The future looks very bright for the Arena as Town Meeting voters approved a major replacement of the infrastructure. Work is now underway and the Arena plans to reopen in August and continue being an asset to the Town for many years.

The resurrected Recreation Department under the direction of Steve Angelo had another successful year. Many new programs for all ages have been introduced and were great hits. Also, Stoneham Rec was a welcome addition to Stoneham Farmers Market offering free games for the children while their parents shopped.

Under the direction of Erin Wortman, Director of Planning & Community Development for the Town, the Stoneham Open Space and Recreation Plan was updated. This plan is vital in the Town's efforts to obtain state and federal grants. Thanks to Erin and the members of the various boards and committees who work very hard to make the Plan the success it is. This will become our guidelines for the future.

A special thank you to Dave Goodberg who created a directory of all the parks and playgrounds in Stoneham. Visit it @ <https://www.stonehamrec.com/parksandrecdirectory>.

The future for the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee looks very promising. We have had a great deal of discussion over the past several years about bringing a Dog Park to Stoneham. Things are looking very hopeful regarding a location as well as grant money to build the park. Contact us if you would like to help. Additionally, the Capital Committee has included in their Warrant Article at this Town Meeting funding to evaluate all town recreation areas. If this passes, we will have the necessary plan to begin working on the desperately needed field upgrades.

Our meetings are the second Wednesday of the month held at the Town Hall, 6:30 pm. Feel free to join us with your thoughts or you would like to help out on one of our projects.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE Submitted by Chief James McIntyre

The Stoneham Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of professional police services while respecting the constitutional rights of every person living in or visiting the Town of Stoneham. We achieve this mission by working in partnership with the community and by practicing Community Oriented Policing. Serving with compassion and respect to all members of the public, we remain committed to providing these services with professionalism and integrity.

The Office of the Chief manages the overall operation of the Stoneham Police Department and plans for the future in close collaboration with the Town Administrator.

In 2017, the Stoneham Police Department was comprised of 38 full-time police officers. The civilian administrative staff for the department consisted of office manager Erin Sinclair, part-time office assistants Patricia Quinn and Raymie Parker, and Linda Leis, our Domestic Violence Advocate.

Last year, one new officer was added to the ranks of the police department. On August 15, Officer Richard Pacini graduated from the Reading Police Academy.

The following is a roster of the Department's police officers as of December 31, 2017: Chief James McIntyre; Lieutenants David Stefanelli and Tony Kranefuss; Sergeants Steven Nims, Robert Kennedy, David Thistle, Kenneth Wilkins, Thomas Heller, Christopher Apalakis and Christopher Dalis; Officers Sheryl Rotondi, Stephen Carroll, Joseph Ponzio, Paul Norton, Thomas Day, Christopher Copan, Edward Fucarile, William Reinold, David Ryan, Patrick Carroll, Kenneth Bowdidge, Laura Engel, Luc Bourgeois, David Szydowski, Jonathan Mahoney, Derek McShane, Stephen Aprile, Michael DeCroteau, John Curtis, Brendan Carr, Michael Colotti, Brian Raffaello, John Burton, Arthur Yeomelakis, Kevin Russell, Christopher Murphy, Michael Prudente and Richard Pacini.

The police department had several notable cases in 2017. In January, officers responded to a business in Stoneham Square for a past breaking and entering. Upon reviewing the recorded CCTV from the business, a male suspect can be seen entering the

business after prying open the front door. Over the next several days, additional business breaks were reported on Main Street and Montvale Avenue.

Upon viewing the video from the first break, an officer recognized the male as someone he charged with breaking and entering in 2015 and served a nine month jail sentence. The suspect's probation officer as well as corrections officers' familiar with the subject positively identified the male from the 2015 case in the video from the recent break. After an extensive investigation by detectives, the suspect was located, pled guilty, and received a one year jail sentence.

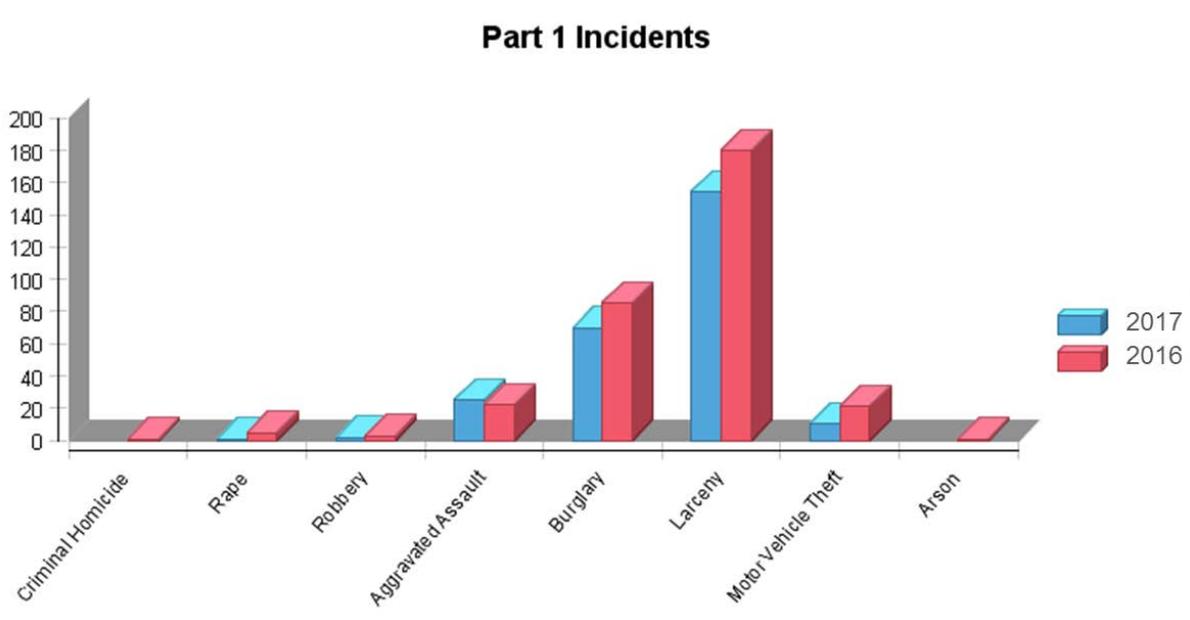
In February, an officer took a report from a resident concerning the theft of items, including a firearm, from their home while they were away on vacation. Detectives learned that a potential suspect in this case had been arrested by the state police on an unrelated matter and responded to interview the suspect. During the interview it was learned that the suspect hid the stolen handgun at a relative's apartment in Burlington. The detectives obtained a consent to search the apartment from the suspect and relative, locating the handgun. The suspect was convicted of charges relating to the theft of the firearm and received an 18 month jail sentence.

Also in February, officers responded to Saint Patrick Church, for a male who had broken into a depository stealing cash. The church custodian observed a male use a screwdriver forcibly open a container used by parishioners to make cash donations when lighting religious candles. The custodian was able to take several photographs of the suspect as he was fleeing the church. These photos were circulated to area police department and the media, which resulted in the male being located and arrested in Lynn. The suspect was convicted of charges relating to the break and received a 2 ½ year jail sentence.

In May, Stoneham Police detectives, assisted by area detectives assigned to the Southern Middlesex Regional Task Force, executed a search warrant at a Stoneham residence. The search warrant was the result of an investigation into the sale of heroin by the resident. The day the search warrant was to be executed, detectives conducted surveillance of the residence and observed the suspect conduct a hand-to-hand transaction in front of his home. A search of the residence revealed a large quantity of drugs, which resulted in the suspect being arrested for multiple drug related charges including trafficking over 100 grams of heroin, distribution of heroin, as well as possession of class A, B, and E drugs. The criminal case is on-going.

In September, Stoneham detectives participated in a task force conducting surveillance of a serial bank robber. During the investigation, information was gathered leading detectives to believe that the suspect was going to conduct a robbery of a Stoneham bank. On the day the robbery was to take place, detectives monitored the suspect as he traveled through Stoneham, changed clothes to those worn in other robberies and began to walk towards the entrance to the bank. Detectives took the suspect into custody before he entered the bank and charged him with the attempted robbery. The criminal case is on-going.

In comparing the crime statistics from 2016 and 2017, the instances of violent crime were down 9% and property crimes were down 18%. The following graph compares the instances of 8 types of crimes during this two year period.



In closing, I would like to thank the officers and civilian staff of the Stoneham Police Department for all their hard work over the past year.

**Criminal Investigation Division
Submitted by Detective Lieutenant David Stefanelli**

The Criminal Investigations Division (Bureau) of the Stoneham Police Department is responsible for investigating criminal offenses to include crime scene processing, evidence collection, storage and security. We also assist the Middlesex District Attorney's Office with the criminal prosecutions of these offenses. In addition to investigating crimes, we also provide many services to the community.

The Bureau is responsible for maintaining the Sex Offender Registry Information on individuals that live, work or go to school in town. We are also responsible for fingerprinting applicants for door to door solicitor permits, ice cream truck vendors and dealer's in second hand merchandise. Fingerprinting services are also provided to town residents for employment and adoption purposes. We provide the background investigations for prospective police officers; process all new and renewal applications for firearms licensing; and we provide town inspections of various business establishments.

2017 was a successful year for the Bureau, many changes occurred in 2016 and this was our first full year with several new detectives, assignments and initiatives. The Bureau is comprised of 8 full time detectives. Detective Lieutenant David Stefanelli is the Commander of the Bureau and Sergeant Robert Kennedy is the Supervisor. Detective Stephen Carroll is a day detective and also maintains the Sex Offender Registry. Detective Steve Carroll was the lead investigator on a case where in March, a man accused of stealing cash from a Saint Patrick's Parish prayer box was arrested. Detective Steve Carroll was also instrumental in the investigation, search warrant and subsequent arrest of an individual who was arrested for breaking into a residence and is believed to be a suspect in additional house breaks in Stoneham and neighboring communities. Detective Paul Norton is the Juvenile Detective and is a day detective. Detective Christopher Copan is the Court Prosecutor, Evidence Officer, and processes applicants seeking firearms licenses. Detective David Ryan is our Information Technology Computer Specialist and Detective Patrick Carroll is a night detective. Detective Pat Carroll wrote three search warrants in addition to conducting many successful investigations including the arrest of a local dog walker accused of stealing thousands of dollars of valuables from her clients. We also have a full time Narcotics Detective whose name is not mentioned because of the nature of his work. He wrote six search warrants and was instrumental in investigating many drug cases including the arrest of a resident in May who was charged with trafficking heroin and another resident arrested in September with over 100 oxycodone pills in his possession. That same month, he also arrested a serial bank robber as the suspect approached the entrance of Stop & Shop wearing the same clothes as in previous robberies. This detective was also awarded the Middlesex District Attorney's September 11th Award in recognition of his work on a joint investigation that led to a human trafficking conviction of 7-10 years in State Prison.

Throughout the year, detectives attended numerous training and certification programs. Overall, detectives received over 1200 hours of training which is the most the Bureau has ever attended in a calendar year. We all attend 32 hours of annual in-service training, 16 hours of 911 training and were certified in Narcan and TASER. Additionally, to highlight some of trainings and certifications programs, Lieutenant Stefanelli attended a Police Chief and Command Leadership Academy at Endicott College and also became a certified Sexual Assault Investigator. Sergeant Kennedy attended the 80 hour NEMLEC Detective School and Beyond Sandy Hook Training. Detective Norton attended active shooter training. Detective Copan attended court prosecutor training and firearms law update. Detective Ryan attended Technology Threats & Trends in Narcotics, social networking crimes and credit card crimes. Detective Pat Carroll and our Narcotics Detective attended the NEMLEC 80 hour Detective School, a 3 day fingerprint school, an 8 day Street Level Narcotics School and a 2 day homicide investigations training. Several detectives also received certification in DNA Buccal swab collection.

The Bureau also instituted an anonymous drug tip (781-832-0156) and general tip (781-832-0292) text line which also has the capability of voice to text.

In 2017, the Bureau began to work with the town's new full-time Community Addiction Coordinator Elle Simoni. Detectives have been part of a follow-up team which includes the fire department, local hospitals and Action Ambulance where we share information and then reach out to families and individuals experiencing substance use disorders in order to provide them with treatment and resources. The program is being expanded for 2018 and has been successful in providing people with short and long term treatment options as well as counseling services and education.

Sergeant Kennedy has additional duties as an Assistant Commander of NEMLEC STARS team (Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council School Threat Assessment and Response System). In March of 2017, after nearly

three years of hard work, the STARS team released a STARS Toolkit and a companion website that provides comprehensive resources to aid schools in their crisis management planning and response. Sergeant Kennedy and School Resource Officer Fucarile also conducted ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training for the public schools and SEEM collaborative.

The following is the number of registered sexual offenders living or working in Stoneham as of December 31, 2017. Additional sex offender information is available online at www.mass.gov/sorb.

Total: 24

Unclassified: 1 offender resides in town.

Level 1: 11 5 reside in town, 5 work in town and 1 has a secondary address in Stoneham.

RISK OF RECIDIVISM IS LOW, NO OFFENDER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

Level 2: 12 4 reside in town, 5 work in town, 2 list Stoneham as a secondary address, and 1 is homeless.

RISK OF RECIDIVISM IS MODERATE, OFFENDER INFORMATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

Level 3: 0 There are no Level 3 offenders registered that live, work or attend school in Stoneham.

RISK OF RECIDIVISM IS HIGH, INFORMATION ACTIVELY DISSEMINATED TO PUBLIC.

2017 Crime/Data Statistics

Activity Category	2017 Total
FIREARMS LICENSES PROCESSED	151
ARRESTS	136
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY FROM ALCOHOL INTOXICATION	17
CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS FILED	183
ARREST WARRANT APPLICATIONS	17
OUI-DRUGS	3
OUI-LIQUOR	12
BURGLAR ALARMS	652
BUILDING/PERSON CHECKS	3201
CALLS FOR SERVICE	16892
DIRECTED PATROLS	2246
DISTURBANCE CALLS	568
FIREARMS RELATED CALLS	8
MEDICAL AID CALLS	2336
MISSING PERSONS	30
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	662
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	1761
COURT SUMMONS SERVICE	175
THREATS/HARASSMENT CALLS	110
DRUG CHARGES	156
OVERDOSES	42
PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATIONS	43
INVESTIGATIONS	97
BUYING, RECEIVING, SELLING STOLEN GOODS, ETC	8
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	15

DESTRUCTION/VANDALISM OF PROPERTY	56
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	17
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	1
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2
SHOPLIFTING	25
SIMPLE ASSAULT	72
INCIDENT REPORTS	1795

PATROL OPERATIONS SECTION
Submitted by Lieutenant Tony Kranefuss

The Stoneham Police Department Patrol Operations Section currently consists of 29 uniformed officers; 1 lieutenant, 6 sergeants and 22 officers.

The men and women of the patrol operations section perform the most visible and recognized function within the Stoneham Police Department. They are the ones in uniform and in marked cruisers who are the first to respond to calls. In 2017, there were 16,892 incidents logged which is a 1.5% increase from last year. There were 136 arrests and 17 people placed into protective custody. When officers are not on calls, they promote public safety through visibility and the education and enforcement of motor vehicle laws. Officers made over 1,700 motor vehicle stops and issued 555 citations. Over 2,000 parking tickets were issued throughout the year.

Each year, the Municipal Police Training Committee requires Massachusetts police officers to receive a minimum of 40 hours of annual training while the State 9-1-1 Department requires 16 hours of training relating to dispatching 9-1-1 calls. Officers have gone to various trainings including CPR, First Responder, criminal law, criminal procedure, combating extremism and radicalization.

It is well known that the country is in the midst of an opioid epidemic prompting President Trump to declare a “National Health Emergency”. Opioid overdose is the leading cause of injury death in Massachusetts. This past year, the Stoneham Police Department implemented a nasal naloxone program for officers in an attempt to respond to the devastating effects of this opioid crisis.

Naloxone, commonly known as Narcan, is an opioid antagonist which means it displaces the opioid from receptors in the brain. An overdose occurs when the opioid is on the same receptor site in the brain that is responsible for breathing. Naloxone usually acts dramatically, allowing slowed or absent breathing to resume. Naloxone is both safe and effective and has no potential for abuse and has been used by medical professionals for decades.

In 2017, the police department responded to forty-two drug overdoses with four resulting in death. Since the implementation of the naloxone program in July, the police department administered Narcan fifteen times during active overdoses with a 100% recovery rate.

The Stoneham Police Department would like to welcome its newest officer, Richard Pacini. Officer Pacini attended the Reading Police Academy graduating in August. Officer Pacini was appointed as an official member of the Stoneham Police Department on August 16, 2017. We wish Officer Pacini great luck and success in his career.



In December 2017, the Stoneham Police Department implemented the use of electronic control weapons, often referred to by the common brand name “TASER”, which are electro-muscular disruptors that override the central nervous system. Such weapons provide officers with an additional less-lethal control option. The Department made electronic control weapons available to authorized officers who obtain the training specified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and consistent with the policies and recommendations of the Municipal Police Training Committee, as well as TASER.

The Police Executive Research Forum performed a study regarding the use of ECW’s. Overall, the study showed that use of ECWs is associated with a 70% reduction in the chances of an officer being injured compared to agencies that do not use ECWs; also the odds of a suspect being injured are reduced by more than 40% in ECW agencies compared to non-ECW agencies.

The Stoneham Police Department’s grant administrator, Sergeant Christopher Apalakis, has obtained over \$100,000 in Grants to be used for training, traffic enforcement, and pedestrian and bicycle safety. These grants are seen as opportunities to support law enforcement and public safety activities in our community; to assist victims of crime and to implement programs that improve the criminal, civil, and juvenile justice systems. The grants acquired, especially through the Executive Office of Public Safety, are intended to reduce the number of fatalities, injuries, and economic losses related to motor-vehicle crashes on our roadways. The following are just a few of the grants acquired by Sergeant Apalakis over the past year: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over December 9, 2016 – January 1, 2017, Distracted Driving Mobilization April 7, 2017- April 28, 2017, Click It or Ticket May 8, 2017 – May 29, 2017, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over August 14, 2017 – September 4, 2017.

The Stoneham Police Department continues its membership in the North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC), which is a consortium of 65 law enforcement agencies within Middlesex and Essex Counties. As a member of NEMLEC, our department is able to call upon the resources of the organization for support and assistance when a need arises. These resources include a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team to assist in high-risk operations, a Regional Response Team (RRT) to assist in maintaining public order during a demonstration or disaster, a Motorcycle Unit to assist with traffic control, a School Threat Assessment and Response System (STARS) to assist during a school related emergency, as well as other specialized units, investigative tools and personnel. Sergeant Kennedy is assigned to the STARS team and is the Assistant Commander of the team. Sergeant Heller is assigned to the SWAT team. Over the past year Sergeant Kennedy responded to 4 STARS team activations while Sergeant Heller responded to 9 SWAT activations in NEMLEC communities.

Sergeant David Thistle is our Department’s Domestic Violence Officer and heads up the Stoneham Police Department Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) which consists of a sergeant and a civilian advocate, Linda Leis. Patrol officers responded to 149 reports of domestic violence in 2017. We investigated 17 reports of restraining order violations and conducted 188 protection order services. In 2017, the Domestic Violence Unit directly assisted 80 victims, ranging in age from 18-85.

The Domestic Violence Unit of the Stoneham Police Department is committed to assisting victims of domestic violence and holding offenders accountable for their actions. This is accomplished with our close working relationship with the Middlesex County District Attorney’s office and our partnership with RESPOND Inc. The Domestic Violence Unit also works collaboratively with the Department of Transitional Assistance, Department of Children and Families, Mystic Valley Elder Services, Middlesex County Sheriff’s Department, and other victim centered organizations. The Stoneham Police Department

participates in a high risk team that serves the Woburn District Court community, designed to oversee instances of domestic violence that have a high potential for lethality to the victim. Out of the 44 cases brought before the team, Stoneham had 11.

Sergeant Thistle also continues to work with the Middlesex County District Attorney's office to provide training to other police officers and prosecutors. This training is focused on High Risk domestic violence investigations, investigating and documenting reports of strangulation, and how trauma will affect a victim's presentation on scene as well as their memory of the incident. The Stoneham Police Domestic Violence Unit also works closely with the Stoneham Alliance Against Violence (SAAV), with Linda Leis serving as its vice-chairman. SAAV works to raise awareness to the problem of domestic violence within our community. We also provide training, education and support to survivors of domestic violence as well as providing knowledge to the younger residents of Stoneham about appropriate dating relationships and bullying. A program facilitated by Mrs. Leis was geared towards elders living in public housing addressing the topic of bullying among older adults.

Mrs. Leis was invited to by Regis School of Nursing in Medford to present a training for nursing school professors on the issue of recognizing victims of domestic violence. A similar training was conducted for Hallmark Health's Healthy Families staff who provide outreach to single mothers. Further, Mrs. Leis and Sergeant Thistle were asked to sit on a domestic violence services panel to raise awareness among Hallmark Health hospital medical personnel.

The Stoneham Fire and Explosive Investigation Unit, consisting of a member of the Stoneham Police Department and members of the Stoneham Fire Department responded to three fires in 2017. The members of the unit have graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Academy's Advanced Fire Investigation program as well as receiving training in Preventing and Responding to Suicide Bombings and Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings in Socorro, New Mexico. According to the Massachusetts General Law (MGL 148/266) the local fire chief is charged with determining the origin and cause of each fire or explosion within their community. The Fire Investigation Unit also works closely with the Massachusetts State Police Fire and Explosive Investigation Unit. Members of the Stoneham Fire and Explosive Investigation Unit are also active in the Metro Fire Arson Investigators Association.

On Thursday, November 23, at approximately 10:58 p.m., Stoneham Police Department received a report of woman in labor at her home. Upon arrival, Officers Christopher Murphy and Michael Colotti observed a woman who had gone into labor. After realizing the woman would not make it to the hospital before having her baby, officers immediately began providing aid, helping her onto her back and propping her up with pillows before delivering a healthy baby boy.

The Stoneham Fire Department and Action Ambulance arrived on scene soon afterward and transported the mother and her healthy newborn son -- her third child -- to Winchester Hospital. Stoneham Police visited with the family and congratulated them on the birth of their new baby



Officer Michael Colotti holding the baby he helped deliver on Thanksgiving

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH
Submitted by Head Dispatcher David Luciano

The Public Safety Dispatch Department provides 24-hour civilian dispatching for the Police Department, Fire Department and contract ambulance. The department is comprised of six full-time dispatchers and two part-time dispatchers that operate from a combined dispatch center located in the police station.

During 2017, over 16,900 calls for service were processed through the dispatch center. The center processed over 4,900 calls through the 9-1-1 system. Residents are highly encouraged to use 9-1-1 to report police, fire and medical emergencies. These calls for service received through the 9-1-1 system do not include the numerous business or public information calls that are received by the center or walk-in reports to the police station that must also be processed by dispatch personnel.

Of the calls for service: 13,882 involved the police department, 4,095 involved the fire department and 2,943 involved an ambulance. Added together, these numbers total 20,920 incidents as many calls for service involve a multi-department response.

The day shift dispatched 6,587 calls for service, the evening shift dispatched 6,415 calls for service and the overnight shift dispatched 3,890 calls for service.

In January, the department **transitioned** to the State's Next Generation 911 Emergency Call System. This system will better allow us to process calls, especially cellular based calls, by incorporating a Google maps like aerial view into the system. This mapping system enhances our ability to plot a caller's location. All department personnel, along with police department personnel attended a one day training course on the use of the new system.

During the year, dispatch personnel also attended training classes covering topics such as: domestic violence intervention, dangerous driving calls for 9-1-1 call-takers, non-emergency call handling, protecting law enforcement responders and positive interactions with difficult people.

In October, Dispatcher Kimberly Hunter was appointed to replace Dispatcher Justin Lindahl, who became a School Resource Officer for West Newbury Police Department. Dispatcher Hunter comes to us with twenty years dispatching experience.

SAFETY OFFICER
Submitted by Officer Joseph Ponzo

The Safety Officer's office supervises 16 full-time Traffic Directors, 2 part-time Traffic Directors and 5 part-time parking enforcement officers. The traffic directors are the uniformed personnel who work throughout the year, during varying weather conditions, to ensure that pedestrians are able to safely cross streets at the start and end of the school day. Several Traffic Directors serve as parking enforcement officers, working a combined 20 hours per week issuing parking violations for illegally parked motor vehicles as well as enforcing the town's parking placard program.

I continue to work with the planning board and the building department in reviewing site plans and often meet with the heads of town departments to coordinate their needs of the police department. As the Safety Officer, I serve as a member of the Town Administrator's Traffic Advisory Committee and offer recommendations on matters which may impact the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

This year, this office distributed 75 Christmas gifts to the students of the Middle School. This program is currently in its fifteenth year and with the help of the Central Middle School P.T.O, this program was once again a huge success.

I continue to educate the children of the elementary schools in programs such as Stranger Danger, Halloween Safety and McGruff "the crime dog", as well as conduct school bus safety with the one school bus associated with the South and Robin Hood Schools.

I continue to attend the monthly Massachusetts Safety Officer's League meetings once a month, where I continue to gain contacts from different police departments as well as organizations such as the Registry of Motor Vehicles and AAA. While attending these meetings I get different pieces of safety information to help write safety articles once a week that are published in both of Stoneham's newspapers.

With the start of the MWRA's Northern Intermediate Pipeline project in Stoneham, many hours per week are dedicated to working with the contractor to ensure a safe work zones, addressing residents' concerns relating to the project, and coordinating with the various other construction projects to ensure work zones do not conflict.

I continue to investigate complaints and suggestions regarding a gamut of safety problems such as traffic safety and school safety to help improve the quality of life for the students and residents of the Town of Stoneham.

STONEHAM AUXILIARY POLICE DEPARTMENT **Submitted by Sergeant Thomas Heller**

The Stoneham Auxiliary Police Department is volunteer organization designed to augment the Stoneham Police Department. Some of the responsibilities of the Auxiliary Police are to provide additional patrols of Town owned property, assist with traffic at community events such as Town Day, and the Holiday tree lighting on the common. They will also offer assistance during a Town emergency. When working Auxiliary Police Officers possess the same police powers as a full time police officer. Prior to working as an Auxiliary Officer the candidate is required to attend the Basic Reserve Police Officer Academy sponsored by the Municipal Police Training Committee. In addition to this basic training all Auxiliary Officers are required to re-certify annually in first aid/CRP as well as firearms qualification sponsored by the Stoneham Police Department.

Currently, there are eleven active members on the Auxiliary Police. The following is a list of the active members:

August Niewenhous - Chief	Eugenio Ianniciello - Patrolman
David Luciano – Lieutenant	John Lazzaro - Patrolman
George Lessard – Sergeant	Christopher Ponzo - Patrolman
Daniel Marsden – Sergeant	Juan Yopez – Patrolman
Geoffrey Buchanan – Patrolman	Maurice DiCicco – Patrolman
David Delling – Patrolman	

In the year 2017, these individuals donated approximately 200 hours to the Town of Stoneham.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

This is the 158th report of the Stoneham Public Library covering the calendar year 2017

BUDGET ISSUES

Some of the budget issues in recent years have continued to be addressed; specifically, for the second year in a row, the Library was fully funded in the departmental budget approved in May. The Library's budget continues to be a concern, however, especially where emergency and long-term facility repairs are concerned. Additionally, in looking to the future and expanding hours of operation and services, the Library will need more funding to accomplish goals set in the Long Range Plan.

Despite the budget issues, the Stoneham Public Library managed to present a well-rounded series of programs throughout the year, most notably in the Junior Room. The Library has no programming budget, so all our programs are 100% funded by donations, grants, gifts, and other support from individuals and organizations like the Friends of the Library.

We remain grateful to our supporters for their local and statewide efforts and ask that they continue and expand their efforts.

HOURS OF OPERATION

For another year, the Library's hours of operation remained stable at 51 per week, the minimum requirement for a Town the size of Stoneham to be eligible to receive State Aid. Our Long Range Plan includes an objective to restore those Wednesday evening, Saturday, and Sunday hours lost more than 10 years ago, but significantly more personnel and operating funds are

needed. Residents, visitors, business owners, and more have expressed the desire for expanded hours on many occasions, and the Library welcomes input and all support in these efforts.

FACILITY

Major work has begun in and near the Library in 2017. Virtually invisible to visitors, work has been done on the heating and cooling systems in the building, primarily with Capital funds, to ensure a more even and less labor intensive way to maintain temperatures in the building. Plans to keep up the grounds, including periodic weeding and cleaning up of trash, are currently being redeveloped. Multiple leaks in the Library's foundation have begun to be addressed with Capital funds, so next year work can begin on the interior, including replacement of the 34+ year old carpet that is still in many areas of the Library. Despite these gains, general maintenance both inside and outside are still a challenge.

ACCESS AND MATERIALS COLLECTIONS

As stated above, the Trustees and Director were thankfully not forced to dip into reserves to adequately fund the materials budget and retain state certification. The use of trust funds and donations in this way is an unhealthy trend that has hopefully been redirected permanently.

One benefit in remaining certified is that the library is able to supplement its collection by borrowing from our neighbors. Continuing into 2017, our citizens made active use of the Interlibrary Loan service. More conspicuously, however, residents from neighboring towns have begun coming to the Stoneham Public Library in significant numbers! **Circulation to Non-Residents went up 43%!**

Ebook readers have increased popularity for another year, and the use of ebooks and audiobooks circulated by the library via OverDrive reflects that popularity. **Circulation of these items increased 1088 checkouts during 2017, an increase of 16% over 2016.** This may partially be due to the advent of the app Libby, a more user-friendly, fast way for new users to experience Overdrive. Access to the Overdrive collection and information about Libby can be found at overdrive.noblenet.org. The use of Overdrive is free of charge.

The Library's website is in dire need of updating. Library staff members have begun making minor changes and are working on a complete redesign of the current site. In 2017, options were explored as to the most efficient way these changes can happen, and Library staff will continue to work on the project. Expect major changes in the coming months!

The internet is still an extremely important part of everyday life. The Library encourages our citizens to access our rich collection of online resources. Databases are periodically highlighted throughout the year, and last year Reference staff acquired more promotional materials from various database providers to further help in letting citizens know about the services. Whether a person is working on a paper, searching for a job, studying for the SATs, researching a future purchase or embarking on a new genealogy project, there is a database available that will provide accurate and useful information. Visit www.stonehamlibrary.org and click on the **Online Databases** link under the **Resources** tab.

The Library has begun offering two free digital services. **Hoopla** allows users to borrow music, movies, audiobooks, ebooks, and tv shows, and to enjoy these on a computer, tablet, or phone. The second is **RBDigital**, formerly known as Zinio. With RB Digital, the Library offers access to a variety of popular newspapers and magazines, and patrons can access these using a desktop, mobile device, or app.

JUNIOR LIBRARY

For yet another year, the Junior Library remains one of the busiest places in Stoneham!

StoryTimes were held several times a week to capacity crowds. Attendance ranged from 75 to 150 a week depending on the time of year. These FREE programs are a vital step in early literacy. StoryTimes help prepare many young children the transition to school.

Junior Library Book Clubs continue to be very popular. Programs are held for 2 grade levels: Grades 4 & 5 and Tweens in Grades 6, 7 & 8. They continue to be well received.

The popularity of LEGOs never seems to wane, with LEGOLAND in Boston being close by. The LEGO Club at the Library has continued to thrive.

Loki, a beautiful Leonberger and trained therapy dog, visited the Library several times in the spring, on Saturday mornings, for **Read to a Dog** sessions! This type of program helps children who are reluctant readers overcome some difficulties by sitting near Loki and quietly reading a book. Each visit, the 15 minute time slots were full weeks ahead of time!

For the beginning of February school vacation week, **Princess Belle** visited the Library for a special storytime and sing-along! Many children dressed up in costume for this event and even had their pictures taken with Belle! A magical, fairy-tale of a time was had by all!

As in past years, the **Summer Reading Program** helped to ensure that our children continued to read and grow during the summer months. A series of programs in the Junior Library again made the library a very popular destination. **557 children participated** this year, up more than 100 over last year!

The summer kickoff in June 2017 featured **face painting and Legos**. This program was sponsored by **Stoneham Bank** and was as popular as ever.

As can be seen below, July was a busy month in the Junior Library.

The **Stoneham Garden Club** provided weekly projects covering a wide variety of topics, including planting seeds and potting plants and much more. Library staff are grateful for their contributions and regular participation, during the summer and beyond.

There was a **Wooden Toy Workshop** where participants built and painted robots. This presentation was sponsored by **Salem Five Bank**, a long-time supporter of children's summer programs.

The **Museum of Science** presented two traveling programs. The first, sponsored by the Junior Friends of the Library, was about **Magic and Science**. Attendees explored the science behind classic magic tricks and witnessed several amazing experiments. The second program, on **Rocketry**, had children making and testing their own rockets and thereby explored the science behind space exploration and flight. This Rocketry program was sponsored by a **grant from the Museum of Science**.

World-traveling Bella Pinto was back this year, to a full room, showing kids what wonders can be done with hula hoops. The children were able to test their hula hooping abilities, with amazing results!

One evening, there were Fireflies in the Library! This program and craft helped children to learn about fireflies, including how their light has been used around the world. The program was provided by a Local Cultural Council grant.

There were several musical Storytimes with Dara, which were sponsored by MA / Local Cultural Council grant as well. Dara VanRemoortel took children on magical, musical adventures that are enjoyed and appropriate for all ages!

Not to be forgotten was a popular family-friendly Puppet Show by Diane Kordas! Sponsored by grant funding from the MA / Local Cultural Council, this puppet show allowed children to laugh and to learn together on one Tuesday morning.

Towards the end of the summer program schedule, a creative Pop-Up Art event, sponsored by the SBCEF and MELD, showed children how to design and build pop-up art with cardboard and paint, in Beverly Buchanan's style.

As always, there is no programming budget for the Library. The Junior Library depends entirely on donations and on grants for all programs. The Trustees and staff are very grateful for the generosity of our local businesses, organizations and individuals that sponsored these valuable special programs

ADULT LIBRARY

Both the materials and the computers have been heavily used this past year. The Library continues to be a particularly important source of help for job seekers, instruction for new computer users, and new ebook users.

The visiting author series continues to be popular, and many of them were sponsored by the Friends of the Stoneham Public Library.

In January 2017, the Library hosted Louise Miller, author of **City Baker's Guide to Country Living**, a captivating novel set in New England. Louise Miller also came back in **late June** for an **Adult Summer Reading kickoff**, when one of the Library's adult book groups read her book. Both visits drew sizable crowds who thoroughly enjoyed listening to the author, hearing excerpts read by the author, and discussing the story.

The **Friends** held their **Annual Breakfast** in April and Board members and Library staff were surprised and happy at the attendance. Their visiting author/presenter this year was **Jane Healey** whose debut novel, **Saturday Evening Girls Club**, was popular with all who attended the program as well as with many of those patrons who are of Italian or Jewish heritage. This novel has been selected by Library staff to be a Community Reads book in spring 2018. Look forward to fun events and discussions and even a field trip!

Another novel event happened in April, when the Brad Ellenberg quintet, now known as **Portrait in Jazz**, played a toe-tapping concert in the Library that was enjoyed by children and adults! This program was sponsored by a grant from the **MA Cultural Council**.

The Library had received an **LSTA grant** related to Health Literacy in 2016, to deal specifically with substance abuse and addiction. This grant involved partnerships with the Substance Abuse Coalition and other organizations. In early 2017, there were several more author visits sponsored through the grant, including **Dr. Steven Kassels**, **Kelle Groom** and **Domenica Ruta**, and a movie night featuring the award winning documentary **Anonymous People**. The efforts of guest speakers, Library staff, and partners made a significant difference in disseminating knowledge about the realities of addiction in the community.

At the end of May, a program was held by the Library and supported by the MA Dept of Children and Families for attendees to learn about **foster care and adoption**. The Library was happy to spread the knowledge of how to help children in the community who may be in the system to have a happy and healthy childhood.

For the summer season, adults were encouraged to participate in the **#WhatsYourFour** campaign, where adults submitted the titles of the four books read during the summer. Many patrons read more than four, which was fantastic!

To raise awareness of at least one database, Reference USA, the Library had **TJ Pridell from Reference USA** give an on-site tutorial in August called **Start, Manage, and Grow Your Business**. Those that attended the program were surprised at what the database can do and how it can help each of us in our careers and daily lives.

In September, authors **Kim Nagy** and **Garp Harrison** visited the Library and discussed their book **Dead in Good Company**, a compelling collection of essays, poems, and wildlife photographs of Mount Auburn Cemetery, written and taken by some of today's most important and celebrated literary characters and public figures.

In October, the **Friends of the Library** sponsored a performance by **Sheryl Faye**, who portrayed **Laura Ignalls Wilder**. Sheryl brought pioneer times and experiences to life through the words of the author in a fantastic interpretation enjoyed by people of all ages.

Late in the year, two Financial Planning programs were held at the Library. These programs, geared towards seniors and retirement planning, were organized by **John Duddy**, with Strategic Tax & Insurance Services. John has done programs in the Library in the past, and we thank him for his continued support.

Both of the library's **adult book groups** continue to thrive. Reference Librarian, Maureen Saltzman, is a seasoned discussion facilitator and the reason for the success of these groups. For the past year, the **mystery book group** was unofficially called **Mysteries Around the World**. Members read books set in countries like England, Norway, Italy, and Sweden. The **fiction book group** meets on Monday evenings and reads primarily fiction and an occasional nonfiction book.

All Junior Room and Adult programs were free of charge to the public.

This is my second of what will hopefully be many more Annual Reports.

As a parting reminder, please review the figures below. In 2014, the most recent year for which figures are available, here is how Stoneham's Library compared with some of her neighbors:

Total Town Appropriation to the Library:

Melrose	\$ 925,000
Reading	\$1,343,000
Wakefield	\$1,333,000
Stoneham	\$ 721,000

Full Time Equivalent Employees & Total Positions:

Melrose	16.17	34
Reading	21.20	38
Wakefield	22.14	42
Stoneham	12.43	18

Total Staff Hours Worked per Week:

Melrose	566
Reading	742
Wakefield	775
Stoneham	435

Hours Open:

Melrose	61
Reading	63
Wakefield	61
Stoneham	51

Clearly, Stoneham is lagging behind her neighbors, and while we have been able to accomplish many things as can be seen in this report, there is still much more to be done. We still have not gained back any of the 10 hours of operation lost over 10 years ago, and that will require more staff and operating funds. While other communities expand their services and add staff, Stoneham barely stays even. When our patrons ask why we do not offer some of the services that neighboring libraries do, we need only point to the statistics listed above. I have every hope and expectation that the next 10 years will bring better things for our library.

THANK YOU

As always, the Library Board of Trustees and I wish to thank the entire staff. They are second to none in their dedication to the public and to the Library. Thank you also to the Friends of the Library for their tireless support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Langley

Director

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is now operating with a total complement of 28.6 full time positions. One employee works three (3) days per week for the DPW and two (2) days per week at Whip Hill Park. The total complement of employees includes Engineering and Administrative personnel as well as Water, Sewer, Highway, Cemetery, and Equipment Maintenance staffing. As noted in recent years, our current complement of employees necessitates the “privatization” of more aspects of our operation.

As a result of the personnel shortage, most of our tree work including regular maintenance and emergency removal, sidewalk resurfacing and/or replacement, water main installations/replacements, drainage system upgrades/repairs and sewer rehabilitation/repair is accomplished by private contractors following public bidding procedures. This movement towards “privatization” leaves the Town shorthanded when confronted with emergencies such as hurricanes or major snowstorms. In order to provide adequate plowing services, additional contractors must be hired. In fact, two thirds of the plow routes are cleared by private contractor vehicles.

ENGINEERING

Working under the direction and guidance of the Public Works Director/Town Engineer, Engineering is directly involved in the diverse activities performed by the Department of Public Works as listed below:

1. Oversees the planning, design, construction, and renovation of the many miles of water, sewer, and storm drainage piping within the Town’s distribution and collection systems.
2. Development of the annual work construction program along with plans, specifications, and all appropriate bidding materials.
3. Construction control and supervision.
4. Cemetery roadway layout and plot planning.
5. Preparation of plans, specifications, and bidding documents for various construction projects involving the Town’s infrastructure and buildings.
6. Ensuring compliance with federal, state, and local regulations relative to bidding contracts and the procurement of services.
7. Contract award and execution.
8. Overseeing and administering contracts and construction inspections relative to those contracts.
9. Responding to citizen inquiries and complaints relative to Public Works projects and infrastructure.
10. Reviewing plot plans of individual homes with respect to water/sewer locations and driveway grading.
11. Site plan and subdivision review with associated surety-need estimates in regard to construction costs within Town approved subdivisions. These estimates are needed for surety/ bonding to ensure the completion of projects in accordance with Town standards.
As construction proceeds, engineering updates and recommends the surety required.
12. Prioritizing roadway maintenance on a 70-mile plus roadway network.
13. Maintenance of virtually every Town building (excluding schools) and various properties under the control of the DPW.
14. Prioritizing and scheduling maintenance, replacement and upgrading services of 11 signalized intersections (traffic signals).
15. Scheduling annual traffic marking (centerline, stop bar, crosswalk) services.
16. Engineering serves as a consultant to every Town department and committee in regard to technical support for engineering related services.
17. Engineering maintains detailed records and plans of various structures and utilities throughout Town. Additional plans drafted by the department are indexed and filed. Scaled drawings and field sketches indicating the age, type, and location of virtually every sewer main, water main, and storm drain as well as each individual water and sewer service connection to every home in Town, are kept at DPW.
18. Reviewing street opening requests by contractors and utilities and supervising the restoration of the Town’s infrastructure
19. Prioritizing pumping station maintenance and operations.
20. Coordinating pavement repair and sidewalk replacement as funds allow.
21. Development of the annual paving program including the submission of various project request forms and subsequent reimbursement request forms related to work that is state-funding based (Chapter 90).
22. Sign installation and replacement programs.
23. Coordinate tree maintenance and planting.
24. Managing snow plow operations of roadways and sidewalks.

25. Ordering various materials required for maintenance and construction.
26. Emergency response during inclement weather conditions, including downed trees and dangerous conditions.
27. Managing all contractors that work within the public way throughout the year.
28. Managing all operations at the Stevens Street Recycling Center.
29. Calculating and comparing various cost alternatives at the Stevens Street Recycling Center to ensure financial effectiveness.
30. Prioritizing streetlight repair, maintenance, and assessment of streetlight requests to ensure town criteria are met.
31. Assisting DPW personnel with Dig-Safe mark outs.
32. Assessment of field maintenance needs and organic fertilization programs as funds allow.
33. Irrigation system yearly assessment, coordination of repairs, and programming.
34. Assess and recommend changes to the vehicle inventory, including evaluating recommendations from mechanics.
35. Manage the backflow prevention program as required by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and file yearly reports.
36. Applying for various grants including but not limited to energy efficiency programs. Said grants apply to DPW buildings, public infrastructure and other town buildings under the direction of the DPW.
37. Supervising the work under approved grants.
38. Providing documentation for FEMA to apply for reimbursement funding after storms that qualify for Federal assistance.

During the year, the Engineering Division prepared bidding documents, solicited bids and evaluated proposals for different contracts, including but not limited to streetlight maintenance and granite curb and concrete sidewalk installation, in addition to bidding documents prepared by engineering consultants. Proposals for various equipment, materials, services and construction contracts were received, considered and recommendations for award or rejection rendered. In addition, engineering assisted consultant engineers in development of plans and bidding documents for various projects.

The engineers review and make comments on all site plans submitted to the Town through the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Building Inspector, individual citizen, etc. We also worked closely with engineers for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (M.W.R.A) in reference to the proposed expansion of the water system and upgrades to the sewer system. Eversource is proposing a major electrical transmission line from Wakefield through Stoneham to Woburn. The Mass. D.O.T. is proposing traffic upgrades to the North/Main Street intersection. Engineering coordinates the integration of these projects along with the Town's ongoing programs.

Every subdivision plan submitted to the Planning Board is thoroughly reviewed in terms of roadway design, utility design, street light locations, conformity to other various regulations, as well as the overall impact of the development on local neighborhoods. Once a subdivision plan is approved and the developer is ready to initiate construction, Engineering calculates the amount of surety required to ensure the ultimate completion of the subdivision. For each subdivision, several surety adjustment recommendations must be made during the course of construction and prior to final release. Considerable time was expended reviewing plans and performing inspections for Executive Drive, Fallon Road, Manison Street and Adam Road.

Engineering is responsible for detailed inspections of all ongoing roadway and utility work performed in the various subdivisions and construction sites. Engineering conducts a final inspection of each subdivision and develops a punch list for the developer to complete prior to the final surety release. The current projects under construction are as follows:

1. Coventry Lane (Off High Street)
2. Smitty's Way
3. Executive Drive (Former NEMH Site)
4. Fallon Road

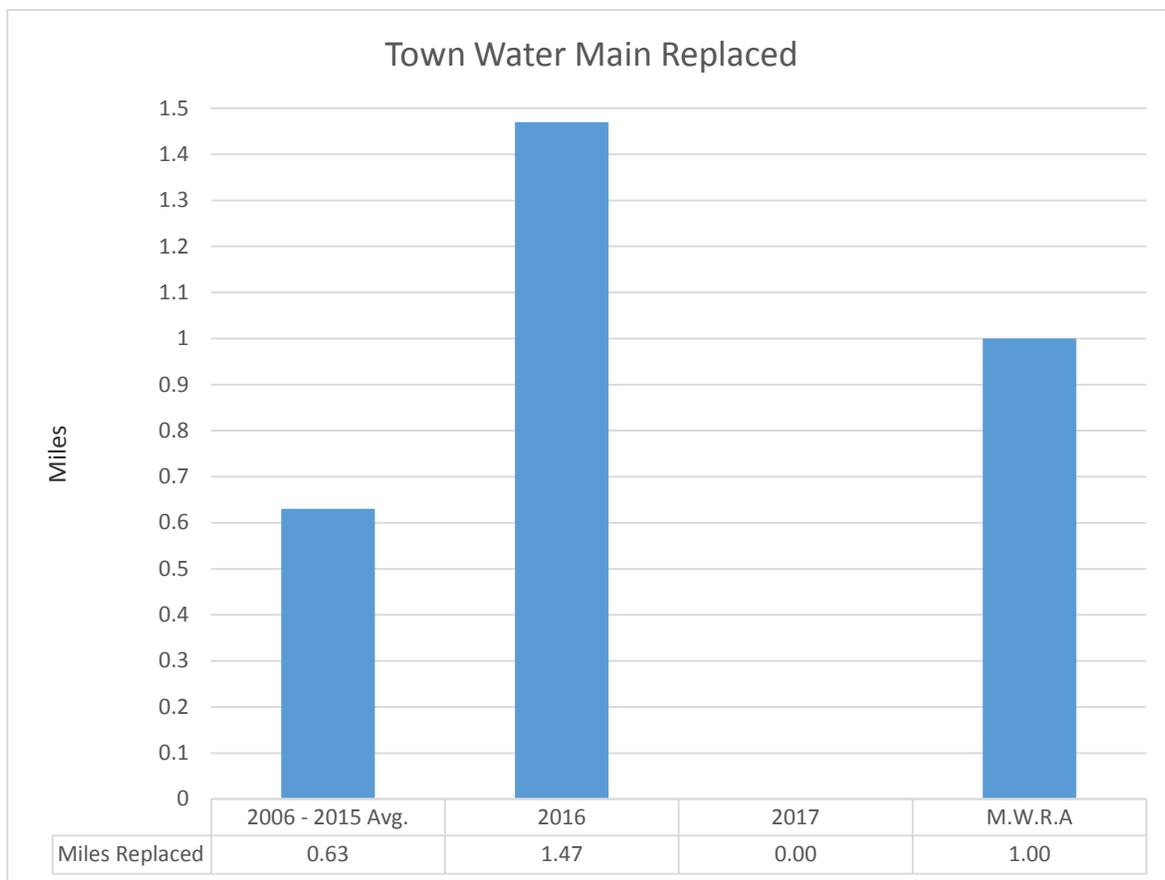
The Town's engineers are continuously called upon to assist in the development and review of plans for several specialized projects undertaken by the Town. Engineering assists in administering the contracts developed from various consulting engineering firms. Among the consulting firms are:

1. Sigma Water Safety, Inc. (Cross Connection Control)
2. Arcadis Inc. - Sewer System Evaluation and Improvements, Capacity Management Operation and Maintenance Program Assessment (CMOM) as ordered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Illicit Discharge, Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Plan as ordered by the EPA.
3. Water & Waste Pipe Testing (water leak detection survey)
4. Stantec. (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit), Greenway (bike path) and water system hydraulic model, overall water system evaluation and main sewer to Fallon Road.

WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION

The Town received bids for water main construction and all bids exceeded the amount of funds available and as a result all bids were rejected and the Town did not replace any water mains.

The M.W.R.A awarded 2 contracts to Albanese D&S Inc. to install a major transmission line (48”) through Stoneham from the M.W.R.A pumping station on Woodland Road to Wakefield and Reading. This line will ensure that Stoneham and the communities to the north will have a back-up water supply. The work includes a new metered connection at North Street and Forest Street which will better serve residents in the northwest quadrant of town. The construction of this transmission line in North Street, Oak Street and Cottage Street to date has resulted in the replacement of more than 1 mile of Town owned water main, gate valves, hydrants and services.



The Cross Connection Control program was initiated in 1992 in order to comply with the applicable provisions of Public Law 93-523, the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974; and Massachusetts Regulation 310 CMR, Section 22.22, Protection of Sources of Water. This program essentially protects chemical, biological and other contaminants from entering the Town’s water

supply. Backflow devices are installed on potentially harmful water lines to prevent contaminants from backing into the Town's water supply during pressure drops. The regulations call for normal buildings to be checked (surveyed) on a 10 year basis for additional plumbing changes that could pose a health hazard and also to manually test the backflow devices that are already in place on a bi-annual basis. Sigma Water Safety, Inc. is providing ongoing building surveying, resurveying, device testing and computer services for the Town. In order to provide this service to a drinking water supply the companies personnel must be properly trained and pass an examination approved by the Department of Environmental Protection(Mass-DEP). Throughout the year various paperwork is required to be completed as part of this program and two (2) large annual reports are completed by Town engineers and promptly submitted to Mass-DEP.

Total backflow tests – 700

Building surveys and resurveys – 19

SERVICE INSTALLATIONS BY PRIVATE CONTRACTORS

1.	Water services	28
2.	Sewer services	28

SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

The Department of Public Works proactively implements an annual infiltration and inflow (I/I) removal program in conjunction with the MWRA Local Financial Assistance I/I Removal Program. For the past 15 years, the Town has systematically inspected and assessed its sanitary sewer system and, to date, seven (7) sewer system rehabilitation construction contracts have been completed, including two “location-specific” projects completed between 1999 and 2003, and five (5) Town-wide projects completed in the years since. The most recent construction contract, Phase 5 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, was completed in 2016. As a result of this on-going program, Stoneham consistently shows a downward trend in I/I flows, as measured and estimated by the MWRA. This has helped the Town keep in check the annually rising costs of sewage collection, transport and treatment.

In 2017, the Department of Public Works continued its annual efforts to rehabilitate the sanitary sewer system to remove extraneous flows from the system, also known as infiltration and inflow, which can lead to back-ups and overflows and other problems in the system. Sewer system rehabilitation work was also completed to repair and replace aging pipes and manholes which had deteriorated and were no longer functioning properly. Work completed in 2016 was focused on Sewer Study areas 4, mainly near the center of Town. In addition, sewer system investigations were conducted in the easements between Ravine Road and Fellsway East.

STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM

The Town has continued to make progress on stormwater management and MS4 permit compliance, including the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) program. The IDDE program is aimed at identifying and eliminating cross connections between the sanitary sewer system (which conveys wastewater) and the storm drain systems (which conveys storm runoff). In accordance with the Town’s Final IDDE Plan, the following work was completed in 2017:

- Closed circuit television inspection (CCTV) investigation of sanitary sewer and storm drains.
- Review of M.W.R.A interceptor CCTV files to identify sanitary sewer defects in areas where the interceptors cross the Town of Stoneham drainage system.
- Follow up drainage system investigations along Montvale Avenue.
- Holistic investigations and sampling in the storm system in the vicinity of Route 28 Stoneham Ford.
- Follow up drainage system investigations along Pomeworth Street and Washington Street..
- Updates to the Town’s existing GIS using data collected during field investigations.

CATCH BASIN CLEANING/ STREET SWEEPING

Approximately 2,030 catch basins and drain manholes were cleaned by New England Stormwater Management from Westford, Massachusetts in 2017. The key to a trouble-free drainage system is the timely sweeping of all streets in early spring, followed immediately by the cleaning of all catch basins to remove winter sand and other debris. Due to fiscal constraints, sweeping services were provided by Town forces only, thus extending the overall time to complete the project. Experience has shown that it is much easier to remove foreign materials from street surfaces and catch basins than it is from the storm drainage piping. A well-timed program minimizes flooding in streets and on private property by keeping the storm drainage system free of sand and debris.

PARKS CONSTRUCTION

Unfortunately no new park construction took place in 2017. Park operations consisted of maintenance and repair of existing facilities and fields including but not limited to graffiti removal, replacement of damaged equipment, fence repairs, baseball diamond repairs and turf management.

HIGHWAY

Roadway paving and cold planing was provided by D&R Paving of Melrose, Massachusetts, following a public bid. The following streets or portions thereof were excavated by cold planer and resurfaced during 2017:

2017 Chapter 90 Paving Program		
Arnold Road:	(Gas Trench Area – Paid 100% by National Grid)	485'
Broadway:	(MacArthur Road to Town Line)	1,130'
Hancock Street:	(Wright Street to Park Street)	950'

High Street:	(Broadway to Town Line)	2,900'
Middle Street:	(Entire Street)	620'
Summer Street:	(Main Street to Pond Street)	960'
Walnut Street:	(Entire Street)	420'
William Street:	(Town Line to Alden Avenue)	1,950'

Subtotal: 9,415'

2017 Chapter 90 Sidewalk Program		
Broadway:	(MacArthur Road to Town Line)	

The Town paved 1.78 miles of roadway this year (3 miles per year would constitute a 25 year replacement cycle whereas industry designs are for a 20 year life cycle.)

SIDEWALK UPGRADING

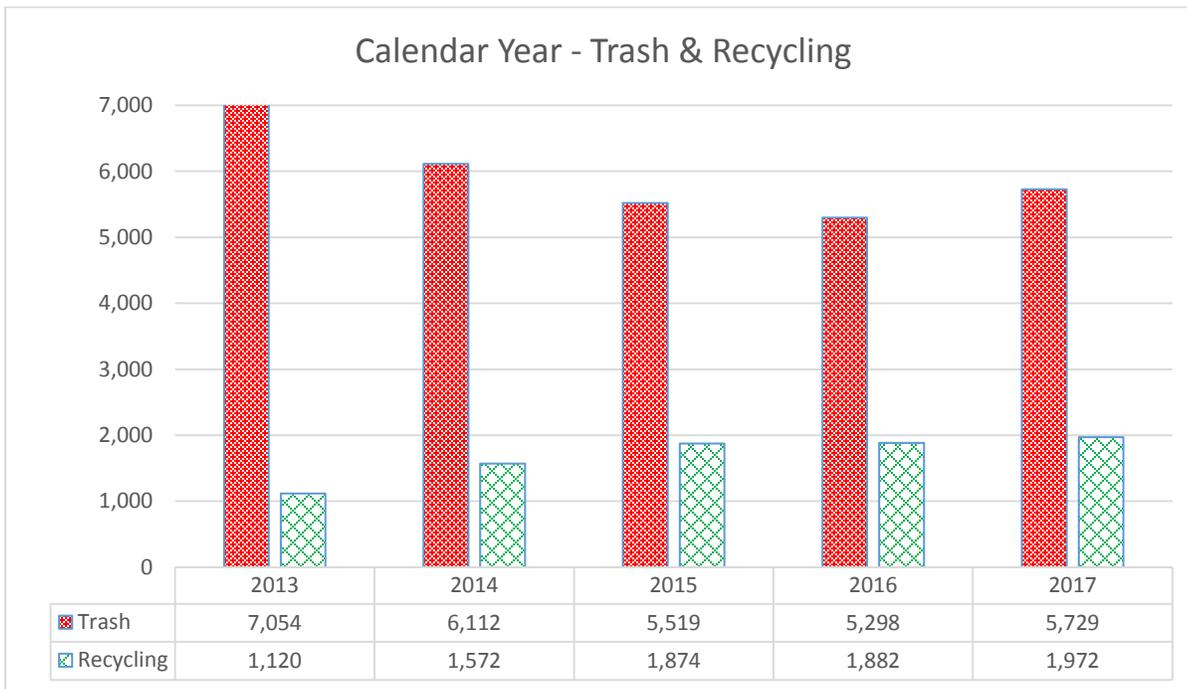
Funding was inadequate for addressing the extensive list of sidewalk issues that have been accumulating for over twenty (20) years. As a result, sidewalk replacement/resurfacing was limited. Sidewalk improvements were conducted by Town forces as well as contractors. Cement concrete sidewalks and granite curbing were installed by LaRovere of Everett, Massachusetts, in 2017.

Cement concrete sidewalks, asphalt sidewalks and/or granite curbing were installed on the following streets:

1. Williams Street (Town Line to Alden Avenue) – Granite curb
2. Williams Street (Main Street to Cottage Street) – Granite curb and concrete sidewalk repairs
3. Central Street (Elm Street to William Street) – Granite curb and concrete sidewalk repairs
4. Broadway (High Street to MacArthur Road) – Asphalt sidewalk and concrete sidewalk repairs
5. Broadway (MacArthur Road to Town Line) – Asphalt sidewalk and granite curbing
6. Various Streets – ADA improvements, block replacement & trip hazard removal
7. William Street (Central Street – Pleasant Street) – Granite curb and concrete sidewalk by developer.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Major changes took place in the Town's trash/recycling policy in 2014. Recycling became weekly and mandatory and trash was limited to 90 gallons per unit, per week. One bulk item under 50 pounds is allowed per week and other items must be paid for. Containers for cardboard and rigid plastics are located at the Stevens' Street Yard. These changes have amounted to a substantial monetary saving through a reduction in trash collection and increase in recycling.



The Department is directly involved in the Town’s recycling program. The drop-off leaf program at the Stevens Street Recycling Center was very active and successful in addressing compliance with current trash regulations which ban yard waste from the general refuse flow. In order to better serve the residents, seven curbside leaf pickups were scheduled during the spring and fall, and a Christmas tree pick-up in early January. After the improvements to the recycling center in 2010 and 2011, all yard waste, brush and tree debris are temporarily stockpiled in concrete-block storage areas as required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Under formal contract with the Town, ProBark removed yard waste from the site.

This department works with Mayer Tree for the removal of tree and brush waste. North Coastal Environmental removes the street sweepings and catch basin cleanings. This work is performed in accordance with a consent order from D.E.P.

Other services provided by the Town include a textile drop off and a book drop off at the Stevens Street Recycling Center, and mercury drop-off at the DPW office building and Board of Health.

SNOW FIGHTING/ MAJOR STORMS

The total snowfall for the 2016-2017 winter season was 50.90”. Measureable snow fell during the months of December through March. Approximately seven (7) storms were either plowed, sanded, salted or a combination thereof. The largest single snowfall event was 11 inches on February 9th and 10.5 inches on March 14th. In addition due to daytime melting and nighttime freezing the Department responded to multiple sanding and salting calls throughout the winter.

TRAFFIC LINE PAINTING AND SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

1. Hi-Way Safety Systems, Inc, of Rockland, Massachusetts, provided traffic line, word, and symbol painting.
2. Dagle Electrical of Woburn, Massachusetts, provided traffic signal and streetlight maintenance.

CEMETERY

The Department is responsible for the Lindenwood Cemetery, which includes the operation and maintenance of roughly 34 acres of land. The cemetery foreman is responsible for prioritizing maintenance and managing laborers in the daily operations. Major maintenance and long-term projects are coordinated by the engineers.

Number of lots sold – January through December 31, 2017 – 35

Number of interments – January through December 31, 2017 – 78

Once again, the Department took advantage of the State-offered inmate work/release program. Several weeks of work were performed by this group, including grass mowing, leaf raking and general cleanup of the cemetery. This program has proven to be a valuable supplement to the depleted DPW forces. However, due to increasing demand by other communities, obtaining this help is becoming more difficult each year.

TREE DIVISION

The Town has been removing more trees than it is planting per year. The Town must take the steps to start an annual planting program to maintain its tree lined streets.

Trees Planted	3
Trees Removed	45
Stumps Ground	60
Trees Pruned	197

TRUCK MAINTENANCE

The DPW truck maintenance department, under direction of the Director of Public Works, conducts and oversees all maintenance of Town-owned vehicles including the Police Department vehicles and Senior Center van. This also includes equipment associated with field maintenance, snow plowing, paving, sign installation as well as other miscellaneous equipment.

The Public Works Department at the request of the Capital Planning Committee, detailed the capital equipment replacement program in a summary format. The program is designed to replace smaller vehicles on a 10 year cycle and larger or specialized vehicles on a 20 year cycle.

In 2017 the DPW purchased the following equipment as a result of funding authorizations from Town Meetings:

- 1 Ford F350 Pick Up Truck
- 1 Used Ford Escape
- 1 Used Ford Escape
- 1 Multipurpose “Holder” Sidewalk Machine



In 2017 the Town accepted delivery of a new “Holder” machine and retired the 1978 sidewalk model

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES:

Department action may have required 15 minutes work by one man, or several days work by a crew of three or four men with trucks and an excavator. The issues shown below may have been called in by a resident or noticed by Town officials.

SEWER RELATED ISSUES

(Approximate Values)

1.	Main sewer plugs	15
2.	Sewer service plugs	50
3.	Sewer service excavation/repair	6

WATER RELATED ISSUES

(Approximate Values)

1.	Water main break	4
2.	Water service break/repair (Town portion)	6
3.	Meter repairs/replacements	400

4.	Radio Meter Readers installed	50
5.	Water meter readings	26,000
6.	Water meter final readings	350
7.	Water turn on/off	50
8.	Rusty water calls	1
9.	Hydrant repairs/replacement	14

DRAIN RELATED ISSUES

(Approximate Values)

1.	Drain repairs/replacements (linear feet)	140
2.	Catch Basin and Drain Manhole Repairs	25

HIGHWAY RELATED ISSUES

(Approximate Values)

1.	Sign installations/replacements/repairs	100
2.	Streetlights repaired	221
3.	Potholes filled	Numerous

DPW MISCELLANEOUS WORK

- 1) Winterize hydrants
- 2) Sewer segment maintenance program, continuous critical area preventive maintenance program (biweekly).
- 3) Christmas light installation on the Main Street town shade trees.
- 4) Repair and fill sand barrels
- 5) Landscaping of certain Town properties
- 6) Water main flushing program
- 7) Clean sump chambers at pumping stations
- 8) Clearing critical catch basin grates before large storm events.
- 9) Water service, curb stop repairs and/or replacement.
- 10) Oversee the maintenance and repair of all public buildings other than the schools.
- 11) Dead animal pick-ups as reported
- 12) Frozen water service calls as reported
- 13) Dig-Safe mark-outs
- 14) See-click-fix repairs/complaint response

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Stoneham Recreation department is to provide educational and enjoyable recreational programming for the youth, adults and seniors of the Stoneham community. The department strives to work with the citizens of Stoneham to develop programming which will help enhance and encourage the sense of community within the town.

Department Overview:

The Stoneham Recreation Department is staffed with one full-time employee, the Director, who is responsible for the design, creation and implementation of diverse recreational programs for all members of the community. The Director regularly collaborates with different department heads, boards and residents throughout town to make sure all programming aligns with the needs of its residents while enhancing community throughout the municipality. He serves as the municipal liaison to the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee by attending their monthly meetings and addressing comments and concerns of those committee members. Additionally, the Recreation Director manages the permitting of municipal athletic fields and playgrounds. These facilities include Recreation Park, Pomeworth Fields and Basketball Courts, Cerrone Park, and AP Rounds Field. The Director is responsible for long term planning of municipal athletic fields, municipal parks and town common areas.

Recreational Program Breakdowns:**Spring/Summer 2017**

During the spring and summer of 2017, the Stoneham Recreation Department hosted 29 successful programs for youth and adult members of the community. In total, 294 (198 Male/96 Female) individual registrations were received for coordinated events with the recreation department. These numbers do not include community enhancement events which do not require pre-registration. The registration-required events included programs such as Kids Vet School, Introduction to Golf, Sports Zone 101 Tournament of Champions and Video Explorers with Stoneham TV.

Program	Male Participants	Female Participants	Total Participants
Spring/Summer Archery	5	4	9
Kids Boxing Bootcamp	4	1	5
Kids Crafts on the Common	12	13	25est
Kids Dig Big Archeology Class	5	0	5
Kids Electronics Week	7	3	10
Kids Fit and Fun Bootcamp	1	1	2
Kids Intro to Golf	10	2	12
Kids Test Kitchen Intensive	3	3	6
Kids Vet School	1	5	6
Learn to Fish Clinic	4	5	9
Lego We.Do 2.0	7	0	7
Pickleball Showcase	0	16	16
PiYo in the Park	0	2	2
Rocket Science	5	0	5
Sports Zone 101 April Vacation	8	0	8
Sports Zone 101 Summer Week 1	20	2	22
Sports Zone 101 Summer Week 2	27	8	35
Sports Zone 101 Summer Week 3	23	1	24
Spring Super Soccer Stars 2.5-3yrs	3	0	3
Spring Super Soccer Stars 2-2.5yrs	4	2	6
Spring Super Soccer Stars 3-4yrs	7	5	12
Spring Super Soccer Stars 4-5yrs	11	2	13
Summer SSS Session One 4-5yrs	2	4	6
Summer SSS Session One 2-3yrs	4	3	7
Summer SSS Session Two 2-3yrs	3	3	6

Summer SSS Session Two 3-4yrs	4	0	4
Summer SSS Session Two 4-5yrs	2	2	4
Top Secret Science	9	4	13
Video Explorers with Stoneham TV	7	5	12

Fall 2017/Winter 2018 Programs:

During the fall of 2017 and the beginning of 2018, Stoneham Recreation has run 35 successful programs for the youth and the adult of the community. In total, 363 (220 Male/143 Female) individual registrations were received for coordinate events with the recreation department. These numbers do not include community enhancement events which do not require pre-registration. The registration-requiring events for the fall and winter included an American Girl Doll Workshop, Kids Yoga Lessons at Whip Hill, Knockerball and PiYo for adults.

Program	Male Participants	Female Participants	Total Participants
Adult Wednesday Night B-Ball	18	0	18
Adult Intro to Tap	0	3	3
American Girl Doll Class	0	9	9
Arena Community Skate	15	15	30
Crazy Chemistry	12	4	16
Creative Computing for Kids	4	0	4
Fall Kids Test Kitchen Session 1	2	6	8
Fall Kids Test Kitchen Session 2	2	9	11
Fall Super Soccer Stars 2-3yrs	7	5	12
Fall Super Soccer Stars 3-4yrs	6	2	8
Fall Super Soccer Stars 4-5yrs	5	1	6
Kids Boxing	2	1	3
Kids Intro to Golf	10	0	10
Kids Yoga at Whip Hill	1	5	6
Knockerball	19	7	26
Moms on the Move Fitness	0	2	2
Pickleball Session 1	0	7	7
Pickleball Session 2	1	14	15
PiYo For Adults	1	3	4
Premier Hoops 3-4yrs	4	3	7
Premier Hoops 5-6yrs	5	2	7
Premier Hoops 6-7yrs	2	3	5
Premier Hoops Free Clinic	24	4	28
Winter Science Showcase	6	7	13
Sports Zone 101 Saturdays	9	1	10
Sports Zone 101 Vacation	12	1	13
Star Wars Jedi Training	12	0	12
Teen Video Game Expo	17	0	17
Vet. Day Baking Class	5	11	16
Video Explorers/Podcast	4	0	4
W. Super Soccer Stars 12mon-24mon	2	1	3

Winter Kids Test Kitchen	2	13	15
Winter Super Soccer Stars 2-3yrs	3	1	4
Winter Super Soccer Stars 3-4yrs	3	1	4
Winter Super Soccer Stars 4-5yrs	5	2	7

Department Highlights within the Community:

- **Town Day** – The Stoneham Recreation department hosted a table at the annual Stoneham Town Day. During this event, kids were given an opportunity to win free prizes during a basketball competition. Kids were also provided with a “ball pit” to enjoy during the day. Program materials and additional lawn games were available for people to enjoy.
- **Halloween Stroll** – The Stoneham Recreation department collaborated with the Board of Selectmen to offer free pumpkin carving and designing in the Town Common during the Halloween Stroll. The Department donated several pumpkins and design materials and aided kids as they created their own jack-o-lanterns to display.
- **Halloween Costume Contest for pets** – During the annual downtown Trick or Treat Stroll, the Recreation Department invited all dog owners to dress their dogs up in their best Halloween costume for a chance at winning “puppy prizes” for best costume combination. The event was a way to incorporate community members without children with the popular community event for Halloween.
- **Farmer Markets-** The Stoneham Recreation Department worked with the Stoneham Farmers Market to offer free recreation activities and competitions for markets throughout the spring, summer and fall. Programs included demos of our Sports Zone 101, Kids’ Test Kitchen, Kids’ Electronics and a sampling of our fun lawn games during the markets.
- **Town Common Egg Hunt** – Stoneham Recreation invited the Recreation Bunny to the Town Common for a fun day of egg hunts, crafts and free giveaways. The Recreation Bunny spent to afternoon dancing and taking pictures with all of the community members in attendance.
- **Movie on the Common-** In coordination with the other town groups, Stoneham Recreation offered free glow sticks and giveaways during the annual Movie on the common event in October.
- **Community Skate on Town Common** – Stoneham Recreation coordinated a fun community skate on the Town Common Ice Skating Rink with the help of the Stoneham Arena, Stoneham TV, local vendors and several sponsors. Free skate rentals, fun music, hot chocolate and giveaways were available for community members who attended.
- **Pop-Up Stoneham-** Stoneham Recreation assists Pop-Up Stoneham with coordinating free events on the town common for community members. These events included free oversized lawn-game night and free morning bootcamp.
- **Health Fair Demonstrations** – In collaboration with the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce, Stoneham Recreation provided fun games and marketing information for healthy programming offered in Stoneham.
- **Relay For Life** – Stoneham Recreation supplied free jewelry and door hanger designing throughout the afternoon of the Relay for Life events at Stoneham High School.
- **Recreation Nights in coordination with town-wide meetings:** During specific town meetings and forums, Stoneham Recreation will provide recreational events for children in coordination with the time of the meetings to provide a resource for residents who wish to attend with their child.
- **Crafts in the Common** – From July through September, the Stoneham Recreation Department offered free craft activities on Friday mornings on the Common and in Steele Playground. The craft program included activities such as making dreamcatchers, custom jewelry and personalized mugs.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

**STONEHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

School Committee members for the year were David Maurer, Chair, Shawn McCarthy, Vice Chair, Marie Christie, Shelly MacNeill, and Rachel Meredith-Warren. After 10 years of service as a School Committee member, Shelly MacNeill did not stand for re-election in April and was replaced by Nicole Nial. At the annual reorganization meeting in May, Marie Christie was elected chair and Rachel Meredith-Warren elected Vice Chair. The Student Representative to the School Committee was Dylan Oesch-Emmel; and Jacqueline Flynn was recognized as the recipient of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents outstanding senior award.

The operating budget for the fiscal year was \$26,734,742. The May Annual Town Meeting approved \$150,000 for a facility assessment and alternative study of Stoneham High School following the rejection of the Town's fourth Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The School Committee accepted the recommendation of the Designer Selection Committee to contract with HMFH Architects of Cambridge for this study.

At the conclusion of the September 7, 2016 meeting, Dr. Les Olson announced that he would be stepping down as superintendent upon the conclusion of his contract at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. The School Committee contracted with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees to assist in the work of the Screening Committee, which was co-chaired by Rachel Meredith-Warren and Marie Christie. At a special meeting on March 6, 2017, the School Committee voted to offer a contract to John Macero of Winthrop as superintendent, pending contract negotiations which were concluded on April 6, 2017.

Other significant activities during the year included the following:

- Welcomed David Ljungberg as Director of Curriculum, Lauren Celi as Director of Finance and Rob Fortado as Director of Facilities;
- Reached an agreement with the Stoneham Police Department on the hiring of a School Resource Officer. Ed Fucarile filled the position for the 2016-2017 year;
- Held discussions throughout the year with the Town Administrator on the possible use of school property as a lay-down site for the MWRA project, though a formal proposal was never brought forward for consideration;
- Approved an Advisory Program for the High School as part of the self-study for the 10-year accreditation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The formal site visit took place in May; the report had not been received as of the end of the year;
- Provided parent training during the year on the ALICE safety protocol with Chief McIntyre and Sgt. Robert Kennedy and on internet/social media safety with the Middlesex District Attorney's office;
- Adopted a new drug awareness and education policy as required by MGL Ch 71 Sect 96;
- Voted to support the MTA/MASC resolution against raising the charter school cap;
- Received the final MSBA audit of the Central Middle School project which reimbursed 57.5% of the 36.9 million of eligible costs;
- Updated policies on student suspension and expulsion to clarify the roles of the administration and School Committee per state law;
- Designed lower Montvale Avenue an area of safety concern in order to provide elementary school transportation due to pending MWRA, Eversource and GreenWay projects;
- Extended contract with Aramark for school lunch management services and with North Suburban Transportation for regular and athletic transportation;
- Approved the participation of grade 8-12 students in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey coordinated by the Middlesex League superintendents and funded by Lahey Health;
- Approved the submission of a fifth Statement of Interest to the MSBA for a High School project;
- Noted the self-evaluation work conducted by the Director of Student Services and Director of Curriculum in preparation for the January 2018 Coordinated Program Review;
- Voted not to participate in the state School Choice program;
- Received the 2016 Town audit of federal funds, End-of-Year Report and Management Letter which had no findings regarding school operations;
- Approved new Elementary Science and Central Middle School Mathematics curriculum materials;
- Voted in May to close kindergarten registration at the Colonial Park School and reviewed the need for a possible shift in district boundaries for 2018-2019;
- Endorsed the School Improvement Plans and noted the need to update the district strategic plan.

Three distinctive recognition services were held during the year. First, the Committee recognized the following staff upon the completion of 25 years of service:

Ruth Cronin, Central Office Secretary

Deb DiMarco, Colonial Park School Psychologist

Second, the Committee recognized the following staff members who retired during the 2016-2017 year:

Nancy Benjamin, Central Middle School Teacher
Celeste Corbett, Robin Hood School Teacher
Sarah Dodd, Elementary Physical Education Teacher
Kathleen Driscoll, Colonial Park School Teacher
Margie Gordon, Central Middle School Teacher
Rita Harris, Colonial Park School Teacher
Dr. Les Olson, Superintendent of Schools
Barbara Padula, Central Middle School Teacher
Kathleen Spilke, Central Middle School Psychologist
Paulette Uvino, Colonial Park School Teacher

Third, the School Committee awarded Crystal Apples to the following supporters of the schools:

Kathleen Driscoll, Colonial Park School Teacher
Charles Freeman, High School Custodian
Shelly MacNeill, School Committee and Substance Abuse Coalition Member
Amy Palmerino, Stoneham Community Access Executive Director
David Parry, Central Middle School Teacher
Kristen Smith, Stoneham High School Teacher

COLONIAL PARK SCHOOL

Colonial Park School opened the 2016/2017 school year with 267 students. Our preschool through grade 4 school welcomed 46 new kindergartners and their families to our school community. During the 2016/2017 school year, the staff, students and families of Colonial Park School focused on several important goals in the following areas: improvement of literacy and mathematics instruction; piloting science materials; increasing technology tools; and strengthening our understanding of diversity.

In the area of literacy and math instruction, the knowledge-base and instructional practices of teachers was supported through the work of district-level coaches. These coaches provided professional development based on the needs of our students and staff. Professional development was aimed not only at increasing individual teacher competency, but also at creating collaborative relationships among teachers in the three elementary schools. To this end, the teachers from each grade level met together for a half a day each month. Substitute coverage was utilized to allow this release time. The monthly meetings alternated between literacy and mathematics as the focus. Our instruction coaches created the agendas for these trainings with support from the three elementary principals.

The Colonial Park School reading teacher worked in conjunction with the director of curriculum and the literacy coach to monitor the reading program. During the 2016/2017 school year, this group reviewed the interim assessments being used in the schools and made recommendations for updating these assessments.

Staff from Colonial Park School took part in a district-wide data literacy team. Working with a consultant, we established a protocol for reviewing district-level data in order to draw conclusions about the effectiveness of our literacy program and intervention supports.

In the area of mathematics, teachers continued to refine instructional practices through the establishment of common assessments aligned with enVision 2.0. Teachers piloted a mid-year and end-of-year assessment at each grade level. Revisions were then made to the assessments for future use. A data management system was also piloted to gather and help analyze assessment results.

With the adoption of the Massachusetts Next Generation Science Standards, teachers from Colonial Park School had the opportunity to participate in professional development focused on the new science standards and their implications for instruction. Additionally, several representations from Colonial Park School were members of a district science committee

that piloted and identified new science resources and/or materials. This committee made a recommendation to the superintendent to purchase a new science curriculum for Grades K – 4 for the 2017/2018 school year.

At the start of the 2016/2017 school year, Colonial Park School received additional chromebooks resulting in each grade one to grade four class having ten chromebooks and each kindergarten class having five. This level of technology was vital in teachers being able to use technology as an effective instructional tool in classroom. Teachers were also offered a variety of professional development options to increase their knowledge and use of technology in the classroom. Teachers began using a number of new applications such as google classroom with their students. Teachers also used a number of new applications such as remind apps, sign up genius and blogs to communicate with families.

A continual focus at Colonial Park School is improving our partnerships with parents/ guardians and our community. Working collaboratively, our PTO offered many enrichment programs and field trips with the goal of promoting and enhancing student growth and learning both academically as well as socially and emotionally. As a school we also contributed to the following organizations: a local food pantry, Helping our Troops; Coats for Kids; and Pennies for Patients.

An important goal in 2016/2017 was to increase awareness, understanding and acceptance of our differences. The school site council, working in collaboration with CP staff and PTO, designed and implemented a diversity event, Discovery Night. Discovery Night featured four different discovery zones: Culture, Ethnicity and Race; Identity and Family Structure; Religion; and Neurodiversity and Physical Ability. Families were invited to participate by creating a poster or display, contributing an activity or craft, or donating food related to their culture. Discovery Night was attended by over 100 families.

As part of Discovery Night, each classroom (preschool-grade 4) created a project to demonstrate learning about diversity. To follow are the areas of focus for each grade:

Preschool - Self Portraits - Each of us is unique, but we all fit together

Kindergarten - Self Descriptions

Grade One - Family Posters

Grade Two - Posters about tools used for accommodations

Grade Three - Map of the world showing countries of origin for families of third graders

Grade Four - Presentations about differences and similarities between the US and four countries: France, Morocco, Brazil and China

In summary, the 2016/2017 was a busy and successful year for the Colonial Park School community.

ROBIN HOOD SCHOOL

Robin Hood School opened the 2016-17 school year with 368 students in Preschool through Grade 4. Robin Hood's Enrollment Data indicates slight changes when compared to the previous school year. The number of students with disabilities decreased to 22.3%, 16.8% of Robin Hood students' first language is not English (up slightly 2015-2016), 6.0 % of students receive ELL services (another slight increase) and 40.8% of Robin Hood students meet the Massachusetts' DESE's "High Needs" descriptor.

Throughout the school year, the Robin Hood School community worked tirelessly to offer all students optimum opportunities for both academic and social emotional growth. A crucial component of this effort involved ensuring that 100% of our classroom teaching staff was trained in best practices for teaching English Language Learners, a growing population of students in Stoneham. In addition, collaboration with both our Literacy Coach and new Mathematics' Coach enabled the entire elementary school community to reflect on our instructional practices. We were able to provide embedded professional development to teachers through coaching, modeling and direct professional development opportunities, thus directly increasing rigor and improving the educational experiences of our students.

Updated Wilson Foundations materials were purchased for teachers in Kindergarten through Grade 3. In addition, teachers participated in updated Wilson Foundations training. This training provided teachers with the most current research on explicit and systematic early literacy instruction. The knowledge teachers acquired was immediately put into practice, building consistency and improving early literacy instruction across the school.

Another initiative undertaken during the 2016-2017 school year was the continued emphasis on using data on monitoring individual student Reading and Mathematics' progress through benchmark assessments and monthly progress monitoring. Through collaboration and critical data analysis, we continued to working together to tailor classroom instruction and literacy interventions to meet the individual needs of our students. These efforts translated into increased student growth across all grade levels in the areas of reading, writing, listening, speaking, number sense, computation and problem solving.

In addition to dedicating ourselves to the academic growth of each child, we took new steps to emphasize the healthy social-emotional development of our students, as well. By the end of the 2016-2017 school year all classroom teachers were trained in the Open Circle program. At Robin Hood, we committed ourselves to adopting Open Circle practices across the school in an effort to develop a culture where adults address situations using a proactive approach and students felt safe and cared for so learning can flourish. Every classroom teacher, preK-4, incorporated the Open Circle curriculum into their weekly instructional plans. Paraprofessional staff received additional training on how best to support students in crisis and manage challenging behaviors. Finally, we launched the Robin Hood Recognition Tree initiative to build a sense of community, honor students and emphasize positive character traits such as Leadership, Responsibility and Empathy.

Parental involvement continued to be an essential component of Robin Hood's school culture in 2016 and 2017. In collaboration with parent volunteers, we were pleased to bring the BOKS program to Robin Hood. The BOKS Program is an activity-based program sponsored by Reebok in which physical activity "gives kids a body and brain boost that will set them up for a day of learning." Over the course of the 2016-2017 school year, over 60 students and trained BOKS volunteers started their day at sunrise multiple mornings a week in the Robin Hood Gymnasium. In addition, parents were regularly invited to participate in their child's education in several ways. All classes welcomed parents for a variety of special projects and at learning opportunities. Parental involvement was essential in the success of a variety of Robin Hood programs including (but not limited to) musical performances, Art installations, author's breakfasts, Mathematics' Station Assistants, and Science projects and Social Studies presentations. In addition, parent volunteers were utilized and appreciated in our library and computer lab.

Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) was also very active and extremely generous this year. The Robin Hood PTO sponsored several community-building events such as our Kindergarten Play Date, Stump Trivia Night, our Back To School Picnic, Robin Hood Bingo Night, our annual Ice Cream Social and our 1st annual Robin Hood at the Red Sox event. They also committed over \$30,000 to fund field trips at every grade level and provide several enrichment experiences to our students. Enrichment activities this year included Eyes on Owls, The Discovery Museum's Bubbles Program, Curious Creatures, New England Aquarium's Traveling Tidepools, Electrical Gadgets, Top Secret Science, The Magic of Maps and author Jason Chin.

The collaboration between our school and the community continued to strengthen the experiences of both the staff and students at Robin Hood this year. In collaboration with the community at large, volunteers from the Mystic Valley Elder Services program worked closely with our Kindergarten and First grade students to further support literacy development in the classroom. Our third and fourth grade students also benefitted greatly from our collaboration with Stoneham Bank, which sponsored our Homework Club. Participation rates for Homework Club were at an all-time high, with over 120 students receiving support up to three days per week. Finally, several community service projects were incorporated into our students' academic experiences throughout the course of the 2016-2017 school year. Working with the Stoneham Food Bank, Salvation Army and the Girl Scouts; projects such as a school wide food drive, the Butterfly Garden clean up, the Giving Tree, and writing letters to recipients of the Meals on Wheels Program allowed the staff and students to demonstrate our appreciation for all of the support we've received and give back to those in need in real and meaningful ways.

SOUTH SCHOOL

South School began the 2016 – 2017 school year with 333 students in Kindergarten – Grade 4. There were 16 classrooms and over 40 staff members. We welcomed new staff members to our building including Megan Wernig - ELL Teacher, Laurie Skaza – Special Education Teacher, Maribeth Inconiglios – Kindergarten Teacher, Mena Lombardo – Paraprofessional and David Bolster – custodian. In addition Brian Schmitt was hired as the Elementary Math Coach a new position this fiscal year. David Ljungberg became the new Curriculum Director, replacing Patricia Messina who retired.

The South School staff continued to focus on student growth in academics as well as the social/emotional needs of students. These needs were identified as goals in the School Improvement Plan (SIP). The key academic areas included English Language Arts (ELA), Math and Science. Teachers were also provided with additional mobile devices and training that incorporated the use of this technology into their daily instruction.

ELA continues to be a major focus at South School. Teachers worked collaboratively in grade level teams as well as across the district grade level with the Literacy Coach to improve instruction and student learning. The focus this year was on articulating assessment practices and determining how to use them effectively to monitor student progress and inform instruction. A district data team was formulated and included principals, lead teachers, head teachers, reading teachers across the district as well as the curriculum director, literacy coach and math coach. South School staff participated in this data team and together with other team members identified literacy data to be collected as well as a system for collecting, managing and analyzing this data. Information from this team was shared with South School personnel and improvements and refinements to assessments were made throughout the school year. Monthly meetings were held with the reading teacher, literacy coach and curriculum director to build on professional knowledge, improve intervention strategies and monitor student growth.

Bimonthly professional development led by the literacy coach was provided for the classroom teachers and special education staff to continue to improve instruction and monitor student growth.

An elementary Math Coach was hired to support K – 4 staff in math instruction and the continued implementation of enVisions 2.0. An equitable schedule was set up for the math coach to support all 3 elementary schools. The math coach provided bimonthly professional development to support teachers in their focus instruction and small group interventions. Benchmark assessments including both beginning and end of year assessments were reviewed and revised. Additional support in the use of technology as an instructional tool as well as assessment tool was provided throughout the school year. As with literacy the assessment data provided teachers with the information they needed to support ongoing student learning and growth.

Teachers and support staff at South continued to attend training on the Massachusetts Next Generation Science Standards. This training allowed teachers to participate in demonstration lessons with science content area teachers and their fellow colleagues. In addition many staff members also sought out additional college level courses on teaching science. Six teachers from South School continued to serve on the District Science Committee. This committee continued to meet over the course of the year under the guidance of the curriculum director. They met with vendors, piloted various programs and recommended McGraw Hill Inspire Science be purchased for elementary science instruction in Stoneham. This purchase was made and training in the use of the program began in June 2017.

The goal of providing additional mobile devices into classrooms was achieved. Grades 1 – 4 classrooms now have 10 chrome books each and kindergarten classrooms have 5. Additional training has provided to all teachers during professional development that supports utilizing this technology in all academic areas including ELA, math, and science. Students use this technology to research, write and report. Chrome books have proven to be a valuable tool for assessment and help teachers to individualize instruction and practice based on the results. Chrome books were also utilized as the tool for students in grades 3 and 4 to take the Massachusetts MCAS assessments.

The South School Community Committee and staff built upon the work of the previous year in building a stronger community through Community Gatherings and other initiatives. This year teachers recognized students for kindness, respectfulness, responsibility, safety and for being the best they can be. Each morning a student's name is pulled from the basket and named during morning announcements. The students come to the office to be recognized for this trait by the principal. Each week their picture is taken and put on the bulletin board on the second floor for all to see. The community gatherings and individual student recognition of the character traits continue to build a stronger South School Community for students, staff and parents.

School personnel continued to work collaboratively with the South School PTO to support students and their families. The PTO continued to work together to offer students enrichment programs to supplement the curriculum. Each grade level is provided with multiple enrichment activities at South School as well as field trips to other locations. Whole school enrichment programs this year include a visit by the Whale Mobile and Artithmeticles Math. Some of the community outreach programs included Coats for Kids, Toys for Local Children, Crayons to Cradles, Food Drives at the holidays, Letters to Troops as well as fund raising events such as the collaboration of the art teacher, students and the PTO with Square One Art.

In summary, the South School staff worked hard to implement the goals of the 2016 - 2017 School Improvement Plan. Strong progress was made towards all goal areas to the benefit of staff and students.

STONEHAM CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Stoneham Middle School is made up of grades 5, 6, 7 and 8. As of October 2016, the student population of 706 breaks down as follows: 165 students in grade five, 166 students in grade six, 171 students in grade seven and 204 students in grade eight. The schedule at the middle school engages students in more than 900 hours of time-on-learning. Core academic offerings include: English Language Arts, math, science, and social studies. Students participate in physical education, art, music, health, world languages (French, Spanish or Italian), reading/ study skills, math enrichment and instructional technology. Additionally, Stoneham Middle School offers chorus and band to its students during its Activity Block which meets every Day Two of its six day cycle. Students who do not choose to participate in these offerings take part in a directed study or peer tutoring.

In keeping with our mission to provide a safe and drug-free environment, we continue to keep an open line of communication with the police department.

The PTO funded several enrichment programs. The New England Aquarium spent a day with our seventh graders visiting tidal pools on Winter Island in Salem, Massachusetts. Grade five classes enjoyed a field trip to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center. "The sixth grade went on a field trip to the Museum of Science in Boston. The eighth grade went to the Moakley Courthouse.

Through the generosity of local businesses and the hard work of our PTO, many initiatives were offered to our students. The Middle school continues to offer a three season, intramural sports program providing students an opportunity to participate in a variety of after school activities, including the Chess club, Current Events Club, Junior Great Books, Math Team, Walking Club, Science Club, Track, Project Adventure, and Cross Country. The Drama Program continues to flourish through a grant by Stoneham Business and Community Education Foundation. The students put on an outstanding performance of “Pure Imagination” an adaption of Roald Dahl short stories. The art club and jazz band are two popular after school clubs thanks to the generosity of the SBCEF. In addition, we continue to build strong bonds between faculty and students through our teacher student basketball game and teacher student hockey game. The Hockey game raised over \$2000 dollars to help middle school families who are experiencing hardships.

The school-wide and grade-specific enrichment programs would not be possible without the fundraising and grant writing efforts of the Stoneham Middle School PTO and the support of our Stoneham Middle School families.

The Middle School continues to work toward “going green.” Student Advisory Council picks up all classroom recycle bins once a week. In addition, the students ran a food drive collecting and delivering over 90 cases of food to a local food pantry located at the First Congregational Church in Stoneham. A pajama day which students paid five dollars to wear pajamas raised fourteen hundred dollars with the proceeds going to the Community Outreach Committee of the PTO to buy presents for middle school students whose families are enduring financial hardships at the holidays. The students also raised two hundred dollars for the Jimmy Fund.

Grades 5 and 8 took the MCAS Science test. Grades 5 through 8 took the MCAS online testing in ELA and Math. All Massachusetts schools with sufficient data are classified into one of five accountability and assistance levels, with the highest performing in Level 1 and the lowest performing in Level 5. We are happy to announce that the Central Middle School was once again rated a Level 1 school.

The Middle School strives to provide quality instruction and to create multiple learning opportunities where students of diverse learning styles and abilities can be successful.

STONEHAM HIGH SCHOOL

The enrollment at Stoneham High School on October 1, 2016 was 683 in grades 9 -12. This is an increase of 36 students from October 1, 2015. The size of the Class of 2017 decreased by one student, the number of students in the Class of 2018 increased by 2, there were 7 additional students in the Class of 2018 and 175 students enrolled as members of the Class of 2020. For the 2016-2017 school year, Stoneham High School welcomed six new staff members: Molly Arsenaault, Mathematics; Alison Connelly, Librarian; Carly Donelson, Transition Specialist; Carolyn Ireland, Spanish; Alexandra Shuman, Therapeutic Coordinator; and Stephen Tassinari, Special Education.

During August and September, all freshman and junior students took the Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Test (ImPACT) test. Having a baseline score recorded has been helpful when student sustains a head injury in or out of school.

In August, peer leaders and SPARC leaders led tours for incoming freshmen. These same student leaders participated in the annual SHS November Open House for current eighth graders at the Central Middle School and private schools in Stoneham.

In April, juniors had the opportunity to meet adults who hold a variety of positions in the Boston area during Career Day. Those who met with students have jobs in broadcasting, journalism, legal work, safety response, architecture, engineering, health care, personal care, business and many other professions.

All members of the Class of 2017 met the MCAS requirements for graduation.

The number of students taking advanced placement courses remains high: 128 students took 265 exams.

On April 30 and May 1, 2 and 3, a variety of professionals representing the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges spent four days visiting Stoneham High School. Their experiences from the visit, in conjunction with a detailed report prepared by SHS Faculty are reviewed and incorporated into a report that highlights the strengths and suggested areas of growth for school staff to consider.

Unified Arts Department

Teachers in the Unified Arts Department continue to update and vary experiences for students who study food science, textiles and child development.

The Family Consumer Science Department continued to offer courses as semester electives and more students were able to study nutrition, fashion and child development. These courses are popular and students share that they learn practical skills for adult living. Produce used in the culinary program during the fall is grown in the garden at the high school.

Fine Arts Department

Nancy Dapkiewicz and Christopher Titus, middle school art teachers, curated an exhibition of student work, displayed during the month of March at the Stoneham Public Library, to celebrate *Art in Our Schools* Month.

In April of 2017, four of Danielle Catalano's Studio Art students participated in the Memory Project. The Memory Project is a charitable nonprofit organization that invites art teachers and their students to create portraits for youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, violence, and extreme poverty. This year, students created portraits for children in Bolivia. More information is available at memoryproject.org. Participating students were Jane Buffo, Jami Pelosi, Ethan Lombardi, and David Agacoili.

Under the direction of elementary/ high school music teacher Stephanie Sousa, high school student Isabella Childs was accepted into the Northeastern Massachusetts Senior District Choir.

The K-12 Fine Arts Department hosted another successful district-wide May Arts Festival. It included artwork from students grades K-12, and music performances from the middle and high school chorales.

The Stoneham High School Drama Club had a tremendously successful run of their Massachusetts State Drama Festival play *Kindertransport*. They advanced past the preliminary and semifinal rounds to the State Finals in Boston. Multiple students were selected for All-Company awards at each of the three stages of competition, for both acting and technical/production work.

English

Middle school teachers prepared students for the MCAS 2.0 exam that was being administered for the first time in the spring of 2017. Very little information was available about this new version of the test, so teachers continued to use previously adopted PARCC strategies.

All grades 5-8 had higher percent of students who met/exceeded expectations compared to state results. Analysis of the data reveals that students need more practice typing their three essays into text boxes of the exam and that the limitations of the text boxes was most likely a significant factor in grades that were lower than we are used to. Teachers are addressing that problem as part of the 17-18 strategy.

Grade	% met/exceeded standards Stoneham/State
5	55/49
6	62/50
7	54/50
8	63/49

A new Literacy Enrichment class was added to Grade 5. Two eighth grade teachers, Pat Gahan and Erica Mayer led a PD class: Writing the Literary Essay. Graphic novels were added to Grade 8 curriculum for *Romeo and Juliet*. A new young adult novel was added to Grade 6, *Fish in a Tree*, about a girl who struggles with dyslexia. ATLAS curriculum was updated for Grade 5 ELA. After school advisors included Barbara Padula leading Junior Great Books and Erica Mayer working with the middle school literary magazine.

At the high school:

MCAS

- ✓ 97% of sophomores earned Advanced or Proficient compared to the state average of 91%
- ✓ 80% of sophomores identified with disabilities earned Advanced or Proficient compared to the state average of 69%

Advanced Placement:

- ✓ AP Language and Composition (Grade 11): 64% of 64 students earned a passing grade of 3 or higher
- ✓ AP Literature and Composition (Grade 12): 83% of 42 students earned a passing grade of 3 or higher; Note the number of students who took this exam nearly doubled from the previous year.

SAT

The Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing combined scores were above both the state and total group average. The total possible score of the new SAT is 800. Eighty-five percent of our seniors took this assessment.

School Mean: 575

State Mean: 553

Total Group: 538

Juniors saw a performance of *The Scarlet Letter* at Boston University Theater. Freshmen and sophomores participated in the Shakespeare Festival and freshmen enjoyed in-school performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Shakespeare Now! The Phil Riley Poetry Contest as well as outside contests offered many writing opportunities for all students. Seniors in the Creative Writing class interviewed senior citizens from the Stoneham Senior Center; the interviews were published in the local paper. Some ATLAS units/calendars were updated or revised. Rebekah Brooks continued to run the Spartan Spirit as an after-school, extracurricular activity. Graphic novel versions of *The Odyssey* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* were added for Grade 9 students.

Mathematics

In the 2016-2017 school year, the mathematics department at Stoneham Central Middle School hired some permanent substitute teachers to replace teachers on maternity leave. In December, we discovered that seventh grade mathematics teacher Mrs. Cathy Monahan would be leaving in order to take a position closer to her home. Mrs. Ganick, the Mathematics Enrichment teacher became the new seventh grade teacher and Ms. Kaleigh Laventure became the Mathematics Enrichment teacher.

Stoneham High School welcomed Ms. Molly Arsenault to the mathematics department. She had been teaching mathematics in Brockton for the last five years. She will become Mrs. Molly Connors during the summer of 2017. This means that Mr. Michael Luyet and Mr. Stephen Puzikov are no longer the newest teachers in the department. We learned at the end of the year that Mr. Puzikov would not be returning, since he was moving out of state.

The curriculum focus for this school year was to analyze the various mathematics programs available for grades five to eight, in order to update the programs we have been using and make it consistent across the grades. Although the grade six to eight classes had been using Prentice Hall's Mathematics program, the fifth grade had chosen to begin their entrance to the middle school by using McGraw-Hill's MyMath, since the Prentice Hall program was not available for grade five. By the end of the 2016-2017 school year, after many workshops and a lot of work on the part of the teachers, Pearson's Envision Mathematics program was chosen. After the school year ended, mathematics teachers spent time in a workshop in which they learned many of the technological aspects of the new program. They spent the rest of the summer immersing themselves in the new materials they would be using.

PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) was replaced with an updated version of MCAS at the middle school, which would be given online this year. This meant that we needed to familiarize our students with the aspects of the updated testing. This also meant a change in some of the testing requirements, such as in calculator use. Most of the types of questions remained the same, although the means for answering the questions was very different, due to the online aspect of the testing. The high school continues to have MCAS testing for sophomores. Passing this test is a requirement for graduation. The middle school and the high school were both level one schools during this school year, which is the best, based on the state testing.

Technology use continues to increase in the mathematics department. It is used to supplement good instruction and not to supplant it. Kahoot has become a popular means for reviewing, based on student feedback. The online gradebook is PowerSchool this year, making it possible for parents and their students to keep track of how they are doing in each class. All mathematics classrooms have SMARTBoards or Interactive Whiteboards, document cameras, and access to a cart of ipads or Chromebooks. We continue to have workshops for training in more technology use.

The high school and middle school math teams worked hard and did well this year. The high school math team continued to be coached by Mr. Michael Luyet. Team participants were Helena Campbell, Matthew Chan, Smith Edwards, Tara Harte, Fiona Ibrahim, Will Morong, Jess Su, and Steven Tran. Ms. Michelle Zavez remained the coach of both math teams in grades 5 through 8. Our congratulations go out to the SCMS Math Teams, which continue to do well in the Intermediate Mathematics League of Eastern Massachusetts, playing against Lynnfield Middle School, both of the middle schools in Reading, Austin Prep, Wakefield Middle School, and Melrose Middle School. Team members from SCMS included Wilmarika Annacacis, Wilmarni Annacacis, Beliz Baloglu, Vera Bowerman, Sinjni Dass, Neena DiIorio, Nate Fotino, Thomas Fung, Tyler Godding, Giovanni Gomez, Sam Hanna, Maya Ibrahim, Anderson Illanes, Dante Illanes, Emma Kilbride, Bree Lakeman, Hunter Morgan, Anika Nath, Judah Nossoughi, Ryan Olson, Matthew Palumbo, Rachel Qian, Jack Reilly, and Vivian Wong. We wish to thank the school, parents, and Stoneham Bank for all the support they continue to provide.

Fourteen students passed the Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus AB exam. With passing scores, these students have already completed a semester of a college Calculus course. Congratulations to Sophie Antoniou, Allison Beauclair, Rebecca Davis, Jack Deguglielmo, Kenneth Desrosiers, Smith Edwards, Jacqueline Flynn, Michael Leung, Nicholas Polinsky, Matthew Porter, Dominik Sobieszek, Julie Thompson, Steven Tran, and John Russo. Senior John Russo earned the Stoneham Mathematics Medal for his efforts in Calculus.

MCAS test results from spring 2017 have come in. In the high school, 87% of our students earned the desired score of proficient or higher on the MCAS, whereas only 79% of students in the state did so. In the middle school, in which the new online testing was tried for the first time in Stoneham, 34% of our fifth grade students scored in the top two levels. In the sixth grade, 39% of our students scored in the top two levels. In the seventh grade, 49% of our students scored in the top two levels. In the eighth grade, 64% of our students scored in the top two levels, which was fantastic, considering only 48% of eighth grade students in the state scored in the top two levels.

Science

The Central Middle School Science teachers grades 6-8 continue to take their students on dynamic and interactive field trips thanks to the help of PTO funding. The sixth grade teams returned to the Museum of Science to explore the exhibits, get a special presentation and experience the Planetarium. The seventh grade teams worked with the New England Aquarium and to explore and learn about the sandy and rocky coast of Winter Island in Salem MA. Our eighth grade teachers continued the tradition of taking twelve female students to the W.I.S.E. (Women In Science and Engineering) conference at Salem State University. The girls spend the day participating in workshops run by female scientists and engineers.

The high school honors biology teacher, Geeta Barde, continued her association with the scientists from the Harvard University Outreach program who provided an “in house” field trip for our honors biology students in the field of biotechnology. Three of our senior (who had been trained by the program the previous summer), worked with the scientists to assist during the laboratory experience.

Our high school Astronomy class taught by Jon Roberts, continued their association with the Mars Student Imaging Project which involves creating research presentations for scientists associated with NASA and Arizona State University.

Licensing was continued for our middle and high school teachers to use JogNog with their students in order to prepare for the 8th and 10th grade science MCAS tests. Stoneham continues to rank among the top schools for JogNog use in the state.

Teachers in the science department continue to implement the changes in the MA science standards. The NGSS has been incorporated into our middle school science curriculum. Teachers took time during department meetings and early release days to make changes in their course outlines to reflect the new standards. They also chose a new text book, McGraw Hill’s iScience, which is written to include the ideas of the new standards and includes much needed online components and interactive white board lessons. Grades 6-8 have been trained on the use of the use of the new text and have incorporated it into their curriculum planning.

Our fifth grade MCAS scores were low again this year with only 42% of students achieving advanced or proficient. These scores will improve in the future, now that the test will reflect the NGSS and elementary science classes have been implemented.

Our 8th grade MCAS scores increased and remained well above state average, with 54% of our students achieving advanced or proficient compared to only 40% of the state.

Our 10th grade MCAS scores were excellent this year with 49% reaching Advanced and 38% at Proficient. That is 87% of our sophomores at advanced or proficient compared to the state average of 74%!

AP Physics scores rebounded nicely with an average score of 3.07, with one 5 and five 4's. The AP Biology scores were excellent and averaged out at 3.5, with two students scoring 5 and six students scoring 4.

Our Peer Leadership program developed a relationship with the NAN project, a group that focuses on teen depression and suicide prevention. They organized a "stressless" week for students and accompanied them with classroom visits.

Our Health teacher joined forces with our substance abuse counselor to create a student substance abuse coalition.

Social Studies

During the past year, social studies teachers in grades five through twelve continued their participation in many, varied professional development programs. Specifically, teachers focused on continuing the work of implementing document-based questions (DBQs) at each grade level in both the Middle and the High School using the dbqonline program. Also, teachers in the Social Studies Department participated for the fifth year in a consortium hosted by Primary Source, a Watertown-based global education professional development provider. Teachers attended several workshops, a monthly book group, and a summer institute facilitated by prominent local scholars. Teachers at the middle school created and implemented a new Civics course for students in grade 8 using the iCivics online program.

Students in social studies classes continued to perform well in the National History Day program at the school, state, and national levels. Three hundred and fifteen students participated in the NHD program at the eleventh annual Stoneham High School History Fair. Twenty one High School projects moved on to compete at the regional History Day competition in Winchester in March. Six High School projects earned spots at the Massachusetts History Day state contest and four projects were chosen as National Finalists. Five students competed at the National Contest in College Park, MD in June. Stoneham High School hosted the Massachusetts History Day District Contest in March as well as the State Contest in April, bringing together the state's finest history students and their teachers.

Thirty nine students took the Advanced Placement United States History course and seventy five percent scored higher than a three on the corresponding AP United States History Exam. Twenty students took AP and more than half earning a score of three or higher.

The Social Studies Department's Civic Awareness Campaign helped to place several students in internships with state and local political campaigns, helped students register to vote, participated in Student Government Day and nominated a recipient for Law Day.

Foreign Language

Stoneham High School had thirty-six students take the Advanced Placement Exams for Foreign Language; sixteen Italian, ten French and ten Spanish. Students were successful across the board; most receiving college credit.

The middle school Spanish students took the National Spanish Exam. Our students did well; including a gold medalist. The Middle School French students received top honors in the Le Grand Concours (National French Contest). Additionally, a graduating senior received the Spanish Medal at graduation.

The Foreign Language students participated in many field trips and events this year, including: outings to the Museum of Fine Arts (an annual trip by Spanish students focused on the Hall of the Americas), a visit to La Fete de la Francophonie (which is a celebration of French Language and Culture, sponsored by the French Consulate), attending many authentic restaurants and stage productions. Additionally, our Italian students enjoyed a presentation at the high school given by the Italian Consulate.

The Foreign Language Club currently has more than 40 members. The French Club currently has more than 60 members. Both clubs organize and participate in numerous monthly and bi-monthly activities, including: attendance at cultural events, gathering for movies and community service projects.

The Foreign Language Department celebrated Foreign Language Week in March with various cultural activities. Students at the middle school decorated bulletin boards and hallways, slide-show presentations and were given the opportunity to see/hear a live Mariachi Band Performance. The students at the high school undertook decorating, a scavenger hunt, movie night and daily announcement/trivia. Many students attended the Foreign Language Culture Evening. The event included performances with singing and dancing, food and games. The Week was very successful in terms of the students and community participation and increasing our student awareness of cultural diversity. Additionally, the French students at the middle school also participated in National French Week which included many activities such as projects and presentations.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Stoneham High Guidance Department Mission Statement

The mission of the Stoneham High Guidance Department is to work with students, faculty and families to promote learning, goal setting and the development of personal, social and civic responsibility in accord with the school and district goals. We believe that all students can be successful learners and should be aided in the development of a realistic future plan through career and college exploration and self-evaluation.

The goal of the Guidance Department is to assist each student in developing the academic, civic and social skills necessary to be healthy, responsible contributors to society. The major functions of the guidance department are educational, personal, college and career counseling, and group testing.

System-Wide Testing Results

Testing results are detailed on the following pages. SAT, ACT and AP scores for high school students are included.

Testing and Future Planning

Tenth graders were offered career interest inventories and began the career and college exploration process using the Mass CIS website. Eleventh graders were introduced to the Naviance program to aid them in their college exploration process. All 11th graders planning to attend college were encouraged to take the PSAT in October, the test was also open to 10th graders. The SAT is offered to interested high school students at Stoneham High four times each year. 86% of the Class of 2017 took an SAT.

SAT Results

The results of the Scholastic Aptitude Tests of the College Entrance Examination Board taken by Stoneham High School students in the class of 2017 were:

Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores Class of 2017			
SAT	SHS	MASS	USA
Evidenced based Reading and Writing	575	553	538
Math	559	550	533

ACT

Compared to the SAT, a relatively small number of SHS students take the ACT. While 147 members of the class of 2017 took an SAT only 49 students took the ACT.

Below are the average scores of SHS students compared to students in Mass and Nationwide. The ACT is scored from 1-36 with 36 being the highest score.

SUBJECT	STONEHAM	STATE	NATIONAL
English	24.2	25.4	20.3
Math	24	25.3	20.7
Reading	24.7	25.9	21.4
Science	24.1	24.7	21.0
Composite	24.3	25.4	21.0

AP Testing Program

Below are the results of the 2017 AP Testing Program for SHS students.

In 2017, 128 students, including 1 unreported grade, 2 sophomores, 66 juniors, and 59 seniors took one or more AP tests. In all, 265 tests were administered. The 59 seniors who took AP tests represent 35% of the class of 2017. 77% of SHS students scored a 3, 4, or 5 on their AP tests as opposed to 70% statewide and 60% globally on the same tests.

SUBJECT	# of students in each score category					TOTAL TESTS	% SCORING 3 – 4 – 5 SHS/Globally
	5	4	3	2	1		
Biology	2	6	9	1	0	18	94/64
Calculus AB	0	4	10	12	1	26	54/57
English Lang/Comp	7	7	27	21	2	64	64/55
English Lit/Comp	4	9	22	6	1	42	83/53
French	1	0	4	5	1	11	46/75
Human Geog.	0	0	1	0	0	1	100/49
Italian	2	4	9	1	0	16	94/71
Psychology	0	5	8	2	5	20	65/64
Physics 1	1	5	4	4	1	15	67/41
Spanish Lang.	1	4	5	0	0	10	100/89
U.S. Gov. Pol	1	0	0	0	0	1	100/49
U.S. History	9	11	10	6	3	39	77/-
World History	2	0	0	0	0	2	100/55
Total in each Category	30	55	109	58	14	265	73/60

Developmental Guidance

The Guidance Department’s mission encompasses much more than testing. School counselors meet with students individually to assist with academic advising, social emotional support, and career and college advising. In addition, counselors present classroom lessons to students in grades 9 – 12 on transition, time management, study skills, goal setting, graduation requirements, understanding their transcripts, understanding GPA and how to calculate their own, scheduling and future planning. Evening programs are held for students and their parents in 8th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades. These evening meetings cover transition to the high school, future planning, understanding the PSAT, the college application process and financial aid. The guidance staff, teachers and administrators function as an effective team assisting students in post-secondary planning. The follow-up report of the future plans of the members of the Class of 2017 is shown below:

Future Plans Class of 2017

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES	75%
TWO-YEAR COLLEGES	11%
OTHER SCHOOLS	4%
MILITARY SERVICE	1%
EMPLOYED	7%
OTHER PLANS/UNDECIDED	2%
TOTAL	100.0%

TECHNOLOGY/INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

As a learning community we know that the new and essential literacy skills of the twenty first century are the abilities to effectively use and create technology to solve complex problems. Our staff and students both need to:

- Understand the impact of computing on society as we learn the safe, secure, ethical, and legal use of technology.
- Understand the interpersonal and societal costs and benefits of technology use.
- Know how to utilize digital tools to research, collaborate, and communicate
- Develop an awareness of computing systems, networks, services, and devices
- Be aware of computational thinking including: abstraction, algorithms, data, programming and development, modeling and simulation.

In order to prepare our students for success, we provide technology instruction to all students through a variety of technology classes as well as through embedded integration across content areas.

The following are some examples of the many ways that technology is introduced at the elementary level.

- Kindergarten students learned the keyboard and practiced upper and lowercase letters. They enjoyed "theme days" which combined topics studied in their regular classroom with the tech skills they were learning. In order to prepare for using a standard keyboard, students practiced hand/eye coordination skills with several small art projects.
- Grade 1 explored the concept of digital citizenship for the first time and made posters illustrating how we follow several key rules. They were introduced to coding (how computers follow steps to perform tasks) and began working on their code.org course. Students explored an introduction to word processing with Word and learned several new skills including cut/paste, drag/drop, and inserting images
- Grade 2 expanded their knowledge of coding with Scratch and learned how to "animate" their name. Students combined art and word processing for a 'design your own island' project. This is the year for a deeper delve into keyboarding by exploring keyboarding games and introductory lessons
- Grade 3 completed an introduction to browsers and Internet safe searching. Formal keyboarding instruction begins in grade three and students received their own keyboarding accounts and learned about ergonomics and proper posture for typing. As an introduction to Google docs, students created a story and began learning about presentation tools such as Powerpoint/Slides. Spreadsheet concepts were introduced during two major projects using Excel/Sheets. Students continued to learn more about coding through code.org.
- Grade 4 enjoyed a major unit on spreadsheets by completing a project where they "shopped" online and entered formulas to figure out their total spent. We continued instruction in coding and keyboarding skills. Students completed two major writing projects including a paragraph about the holidays they celebrate and a friendly letter to a favorite teacher.

Our STEM program at the middle school continues to provide introduction to STEM careers and experience in STEM work. This year we added a computer science component for all students in grades 6-8 through the Introduction to Computer Science curriculum. This course is in addition to our Grade 6 Science of Technology, Grade 7 Design and Modeling and Medical Detectives, Grade 8 Automation and Robotics and Flight and Space curriculums.

Students learn how to conduct research and present knowledge in a variety of ways through our Media Research and Computer Applications courses.

During this school year technology was integrated into every discipline with the support of Patricia Bruno, our new Instructional Technology Coach. Patricia worked with teachers in content areas to embed technology effectively into every area of learning. From supporting assistive technology use by students to providing a variety of professional development courses, Patricia is expanding that use of technology. By the end of the year we had 13 Google Certified Educators who had attended Patricia's online Google classes.

Along with the Middlesex Partnerships for Youth organization, we provided an Internet Safety Night for parents. Information was discussed and distributed regarding the safe and responsible use of social media along with how to keep data private. This night was followed up by a round table discussion night where parents attended to share how they are dealing with technology related issues in their homes. Both evenings were well attended.

Our high school Computer Applications curriculum was updated to include digital resources and an introduction to programming. Our Introduction to Computer Science course was streamlined with a variety of languages being explored. A grant from the SBCEF will allow our computer science teachers to explore programming and the Raspberry Pi device.

Several high school girls attended the 2017 Girls STEM Summit at Regis College. This was a full day packed with presentations and workshops on STEM careers.

Our library media center continues to be the hub of the building with two additional Chromebook carts, a large flat panel presentation station, access to new resources: LibGuides, Gale Virtual Reference Library, and a new eBook platform, Axis 360.

For the first time, we offered STEM Summer Camps to all students in Grades 1-8. Students enjoyed the week of hands on activities with our STEM teachers.

In October of 2016 we surveyed parents, staff and students on a variety of topics surrounding technology use. We are using this information to fill instructional gaps for both students and staff and to plan for future use of technology.

We converted to a new student information system, PowerSchool, over the summer of 2016. All parents and students in grades 5-12 have online access to grades. For the first time, our elementary teachers are using this online tool to complete standards based report cards.

Also during the summer of 2016, we rewired the high school and updated all of our wireless access points so that access to the Internet using an additional 240 Chromebooks would be seamless. Replacement laptops and desktops were deployed to those with our oldest devices. When possible, we repurpose equipment based upon computing needs.

All classes in grades 3-8 successfully used Chromebooks for the MCAS 2.0 testing in the spring.

With the installation of nine additional interactive projectors, we have completed the installation for all classrooms at the three elementary schools.

As always, the 2016-2017 year was a very active year from a technology standpoint. We added devices, implemented a new ticketing system, upgraded our bandwidth and continued to provide students and staff with the instruction, hardware and online resources needed in today's global environment.

We plan to continue to respond to changing technologies by updating and upgrading where necessary, by training teachers and students in the effective use of new tools and resources and by keeping our eye on the needs of our students as they move on in their academic and professional careers.

As always, I appreciate the support of our school community, our School Committee and the Stoneham Community. I thank you all.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

The Physical Education and Athletic Department conducts a variety of programs including, but not limited to, required Physical Education, Adaptive Physical Education, and an Interscholastic Athletic program. These programs were planned with attention to equal access to program offerings and facilities.

Our seven physical education teachers and one adaptive physical education teacher, grades K-12, follow the physical education curriculum and present the proper physical conditioning for appropriate activities as well as teach skills in a safe and sequential manner.

The current fitness-testing program consists of the following:

- Screening test - grades K, 1, & 2
- Youth physical fitness test-grades 4, 5, 7, & 8
- Health-related test - grades 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, &12

Our objective is to combine assessment of our fitness program with practical follow-up on why and how to stay fit for a lifetime. The School Department web page has its foundation set to communicate to students and their parents more information about the testing.

Our athletic program is made up of 25 varsity interscholastic sports, 14 sports for the girls' program and 11 sports for the boys' program. In total, there are 46 high school squads including freshman, junior varsity and varsity. The overall goal of the athletic program at Stoneham High School is to provide equal opportunity for all student-athletes to reach their full potential

as members of competitive teams. Each sport and each level of participation has specific goals and objectives, which fit into the framework of the athletic program.

During the past 2016-2017 school year, 846 slots were filled by participants in our sports program (fall - winter - spring). In our senior class of 143 students, 87 students played a sport in their senior year (60% of the senior class involved in at least one sport their senior year). 129 students from the class of 2016 participated in at least one sport in their 4-year career at Stoneham High School; at 80%, this number is impressive, this percentage remained the same from the previous year.

2016 – 2017 Major Accomplishments

Fall Season: The new year started with some outstanding team and individual success. Both Cross Country teams worked diligently to improve, but struggled with the team wins. The individual success continued to shine as Eoin Dooley was Bay State Invite Sophomore Champion, Jake Luongo, Eoin Dooley and Khadidja Ramdani were named to the M.L. all-star team. Field Hockey was also a hard working team that made it to the first round in the tournament. They also had two M.L. all-stars, Sophie Antonoui and Nina McCarthy. The golf team qualified for the state tournament with a 50% win percentage and coming in 2nd place in the Freedom Division. They also had some outstanding individual golfers as Luke Nusslein and Phil Conway lead the way and were selected to M.L. all-stars. Our Boys soccer team continues to struggle and fight hard with Caio Barbosa selected for M.L. all-star. The volleyball team struggled but the team worked hard with Alexia Gianoulis selected to M.L. all-star. Varsity Football had a great season, record 7-4, North Finalist Champions and beat Reading in the Thanksgiving game. They had 7 M.L. all-stars, Devon Chase, Shane Collins, Paul Jackson, Tim Russell (Boston Herald All Scholastic), Will Carino, Joe Dantona and Tre Pignone.

Winter Season: Gymnastics is always a very competitive team and this year they finished 4-3, but also had some outstanding individual accomplishments. At the State Individual meet, this is the first time three freshman have made States since Coach McNeil has been coaching since 1999, Keara Cronin, Max Davis and Bella Sylvester. They also had two M.L. all-stars, Meg Ribaldo and Keara Cronin. Boys and Girls Indoor Track continues to bring in great participation and they enjoyed some incredible achievements. Boys had 11 qualify for states, Jake Luongo, Anthony Magazzu and Mike Reilly selected to M.L. all-stars. Girls had 12 that qualified for states and M.L. all-stars were Alanna Olton, Marielle Avola, Khadidja Ramdani, Amanda Jordan and Angela McKenzie. Girl's Hockey qualified for the 1st time in 5 years to the tournament. Boy's Ice Hockey came up short for the M.L. title, but got hot during the tournament play as they defeat Tewksbury and Danvers in rounds 1 and 2. The next round was at the Tsongas arena, where the Spartans defeated North Reading in double overtime advancing them to the North finals. Unfortunately, they came up short losing to Lowell Catholic 1-0. Boys Basketball qualified for tournament and Devon Chase was selected for M.L. all-star. Girls Basketball went through a rebuilding year, but continued to get better and never gave up.

Spring Season: The spring season took a little dip for us in terms of wins and losses, but certainly not in kid's efforts and courage. The character and sportsmanship displayed throughout the entire sports program is something I was very proud of. The individual leadership and accomplishments were as good as any. Our Boys and Girls Lacrosse team struggled and had a few wins. Girls Lacrosse Jenna Bragalone was selected for M.L. all-star. Our Girls Tennis team had a tough season. Girls Softball M.L. all stars were Vanessa Bryan and Isabella DiLorio. Boy's outdoor track had 4 M.L. all-stars, Jake Luongo, Anthony Magazzu, Michael Reilly and Trevor Woodman. Girl's outdoor track had several M.L. all-stars, Alexandra Aresco, Olabimpe Asupoto, Marielle Avola, Kaitlin Driscoll, Lindsey Duhamel, Amanda Jordan, Angela McKenzie, Tiana Pignone, Khadidja Ramdani and Emily Simpson. Baseball qualified for tournament and Brendan Dudman was selected M.L. all-star.

End of the year senior awards were the following:

Top male and female athlete of the year – Tim Russell and Lindsey Duhamel
Outstanding achievement in a team sport – Jake Paonessa and Jacqueline Flynn
Outstanding achievement in individual sport – Anthony Magazzu and Amanda Jordan
Sportsmanship – Thomas Finn, Nina McCarthy and Jennifer Shannon
Athletic Directors Award – Devon Chase, and Matt Philogene
Paradiso Award – James Kotowski
Timpone Award – Vanessa Bryan

Stoneham Athletics was once again recognized as one of six schools in the entire state with the 2017 Sportsmanship honor roll, representing District B. This is the second year in a row Stoneham has won this award.

Safety - Acknowledgements

Safety is an important part of our athletic program. The major items listed below are some of the highlights insuring the health and welfare of our student-athletes:

- students were equipped well for personal safety
- our equipment received proper maintenance
- our trainers from Advantage Sports Medicine provided excellent medical support to our students
- school maintenance workers gave careful attention to the condition of our fields for practices and games
- A cell phone communication system and emergency plan system is in place for the care of athletic injuries and emergencies. Our Athletic trainers are always equipped with a difibulator as well as there being one in the gym lobby and one in the main entrance lobby.

2016-2017 Athletic team overview

Sport	Season	Athletes	16-17 Record	Coach
Cheerleading	Fall	27	-	Jackie Keith/Nick Vasques
Cross Country (B)	Fall	16	1-6	Jerry Bailey
Cross Country (G)	Fall	21	2-5	Kevin Norton
Field Hockey	Fall	27	3-14-1	Alycia Whooley
Football	Fall	51	6-5	Bob Almeida
Golf	Fall	14	6-7-1	Tom O'Grady
Soccer (B)	Fall	51	2-18	Jeff Kirkland
Soccer (G)	Fall	53	6-10-2	Sharon Chapman
Swimming	Fall	17	1-8	Alex Penacchio
Volleyball	Fall	45	3-13	Paul Hardy
Basketball (B)	Winter	37	7-13	Jim Bakeman
Basketball (G)	Winter	31	2-16	Randy Bennett
Cheerleading	Winter	N/A	-	N/A
Gymnastics	Winter	13	3-4	Annemarie McNeil
Ice Hockey (B)	Winter	38	11-7-2	Paul Sacco
Ice Hockey (G)	Winter	18	9-10-1	Colleen Martin
Track – Winter (B)	Winter	42	0-5	Dan LeClerc
Track – Winter (G)	Winter	41	2-3	Jerry Bailey
Baseball	Spring	46	1-17	Kevin Yianacopolus
Softball	Spring	31	4-14	Tom Johnson
Tennis (B)	Spring	24	1-15	Jim Carino
Tennis (G)	Spring	21	0-16	Sara Swett-Zizzo
Track – Spring (B)	Spring	64	1-4	Dan LeClerc
Track – Spring (G)	Spring	69	4-2	Jerry Bailey
Lacrosse (B)	Spring	29	5-11	Brian Nagle
Lacrosse (G)	Spring	25	3-13-1	Katie Morin
TOTAL PARTICIPATION		846		

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Special Education Department is responsible for supporting the education of students with special education needs who live in the town of Stoneham. As part of this effort we: (1) evaluate and assess students suspected of having a disability to determine if they meet eligibility criteria for special education services; (2) develop individualized educational programs (IEPs) for eligible students to provide access to a free and appropriate public education; (3) provide special education services as indicated in students' IEP's; and (4) periodically reevaluate student progress and determine if students continue to be eligible for services. Special education is provided to students who are determined to have one or more of the following disabilities, and whose disability is significantly impacting their ability to make effective progress in school: Autism, Developmental Delay, Intellectual Impairment, Sensory Impairment (Hearing, Vision and/or Deaf-Blind), Neurological Impairment, Emotional Impairment, Communication Impairment, Physical Impairment, Health Impairment, or Specific Learning Disability.

The Special Education Department adheres to the laws and regulations developed by state (MGL Ch. 71B) and federal (IDEA) laws governing the education of students with disabilities. Under these laws and regulations, schools are mandated to provide required services to eligible children between the ages of three and twenty-two in the least restrictive educational environment. In addition, early screening and evaluation procedures to determine eligibility for services can occur as early as two and one-half years of age.

General education and special education personnel continue to collaborate to meet the needs of all learners through building-based Teacher Assistance Teams. This process, under the direction of building Principals, can lead to accommodations to students' educational programs without the need for a referral to special education. These teams examine concerns regarding student performance and strategies which have been implemented to date, and make suggestions for additional strategies which could be implemented by general education personnel. Special educators can be actively involved in the process consulting with general education staff.

Stoneham Public Schools offers a continuum of special education services and is committed to serving students in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). According to this guiding principle, the District is required to maintain students as much as possible in general education settings with required supports. Special education personnel often provide specialized instruction to students within the general education classrooms as well as outside of the classroom.

In addition to special education teaching staff, related support service personnel also provide assistance to students. Such services include the areas of speech and language, hearing, vision, behavioral supports, counseling, physical and occupational therapies and adaptive physical education. All Team members work within an interdisciplinary approach to maximize effectiveness in accomplishing identified goals and objectives. Such an approach requires consultation among staff and participation in common planning activities.

Stoneham Public Schools also operates specialized classroom programs. These programs typically serve children with more intensive needs who often require instruction for a significant portion of their day outside of the general education classroom. Currently we have classrooms to meet the needs of students with cognitive delays, students on the autism spectrum, and students with social/emotional needs, and students with significant language based learning disabilities. Special Education program staff work with general educators to ensure that students have access to the general education curriculum and opportunities for inclusion when appropriate.

The full continuum of special education services is also available to children beginning at 3 years of age. The Stoneham school district engages in proactive child find screening and evaluation activities to identify children who may exhibit an educational disability at an early age. Personnel work closely with early intervention service providers and families to ensure a smooth transition of services at 3 years of age.

Special education law also provides access to public school services to eligible students with disabilities who attend private school at their parents' expense. The Special Education Department contacts doctor's offices and schools in our area. Advertisements are placed in local newspapers and on cable television to ensure that the community is aware of the process for referring a child for a special education evaluation.

Stoneham Public Schools continues to maintain its membership with the SEEM Collaborative. This organization is a partnership among a group of communities to provide cost-effective programs for low incidence student populations who typically present with the most intensive needs. The Collaborative also provides specialized contractual services to support Stoneham with in-district programs, helps coordinate specialized transportation services, and provides ongoing professional development activities.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

As management of the Town of Stoneham, we offer readers of these financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2017. We encourage readers to consider the information presented in this report.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Stoneham's basic financial statements. These basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows, with the difference between them reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the Town's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities include general government, public safety, education, public works, human services, culture and recreation, and interest. The business-type activities include the activities of the sewer department, and the water department.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund statements focus on *near-term inflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Town of Stoneham adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget. The budgetary comparison schedule is reported following the notes to the basic financial statements as required supplementary information.

Proprietary funds. The Town maintains one type of proprietary fund. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The Town uses enterprise funds to account for its sewer department and water department activities.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the Town's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The Town maintains three different fiduciary funds. The pension trust fund is used to account for resources held in trust for members of the Stoneham Contributory Retirement System. The private purpose trust fund is used to account for resources held in trust which principle and investment income exclusively benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments. The agency fund is used to account for assets held in a purely custodial capacity.

Notes to the basic financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. For the Town, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$23.6 million at the close of 2017.

The largest portion of the Town's net position, \$75.1 million reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), net of any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in its capital assets is reported net of its related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of net position, \$1.8 million represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position is a deficit of \$53.4 million. The deficit is the result of the implementation of governmental accounting standards which required the Town to record its net pension liability of \$30.9 million along with the other postemployment benefits liability of \$43.0 million. These are long term unfunded liabilities that will not require significant short term resources.

Governmental Activities. The governmental activities net position decreased by \$7.7 million during the current year as compared to an increase in net position of \$387,000 during the prior year. The primary activity impacting the decrease in net position is the \$6.5 million increase in the Town's other postemployment benefits liability. The decrease was also impacted by the timing of capital grants received by the Town from the state's highway grant program.

	2017	2016
Assets:		
Current assets	\$ 19,090,594	\$ 17,896,185
Noncurrent assets (excluding capital)	3,166,766	5,276,024
Capital assets	88,935,981	91,682,835
Total assets	111,193,341	114,855,044
Deferred Outflows of Resources.....	3,385,683	3,902,870
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	1,729,803	1,400,460
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	71,350,761	67,793,116
Current debt	3,501,678	3,472,355
Noncurrent debt	26,870,864	28,859,541
Total liabilities.....	103,453,106	101,525,472
Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,739,671	171,654
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	63,534,576	66,588,807
Restricted	1,834,652	1,761,181
Unrestricted	(55,982,981)	(51,289,200)
Total net position	\$ 9,386,247	\$ 17,060,788

The \$2.1 million decrease in noncurrent assets (excluding capital) is due to the reduction in the intergovernmental receivable from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, as school construction funds are received annually which are used to retire debt outstanding for school construction projects.

The deferred outflows of resources and \$1.7 million of the deferred inflows of resources are related to pension. These amounts are incorporated along with the net pension liability as part of the Town's recognition of GASB #68.

Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt) increased by \$3.6 million. This was due to the recognition of an additional \$6.5 million for the other postemployment liability and a decrease of \$2.9 million for the net pension liability.

	2017	2016
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 5,560,338	\$ 6,272,369
Operating grants and contributions.....	12,183,501	12,651,410
Capital grants and contributions	-	1,876,831
General revenues:		
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	46,926,024	45,823,973
Tax liens	274,558	529,684
Motor vehicle excise taxes	3,509,769	3,507,141
Meals tax	329,634	313,014
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	376,144	222,751
Payments in lieu of taxes.....	61,574	80,894
Nonrestricted grants and contributions.....	3,939,110	3,852,276
Unrestricted investment income	193,007	125,347
Total revenues	73,353,659	75,255,690
Expenses:		
General government	6,040,037	5,487,554
Public safety	14,716,431	13,422,730
Education.....	51,229,695	48,025,888
Public works	5,565,029	4,445,793
Human services	1,156,668	882,648
Culture and recreation	2,196,359	2,498,388
Interest.....	1,035,359	1,072,358
Total expenses.....	81,939,578	75,835,359
Transfers.....	911,378	966,434
Change in net position	(7,674,541)	386,765
Net position, beginning of year	17,060,788	16,674,023
Net position, end of year	\$ 9,386,247	\$ 17,060,788

Total revenues had a \$1.9 million decrease when compared to prior year. Charges for services decreased mainly due to a prior year uptick in the issuance of permits. The decrease in capital grants is mainly due to timing difference in revenue reported from the state's road improvement grants.

Overall, governmental activities expenses increased \$6.1 million from the prior year. The highest increase was in education. The \$3.2 million increase in education was due to the increase in the MTRS along with increases in school operations and the school's share of long term liabilities.

Business-type activities. Business-type activities net position decreased by \$299,000 compared to an increase of \$808,000 in the previous year.

As shown on the following page, business-type activities assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$14.2 million at the close of 2017. The net investment in capital assets was \$11.6 million (82%) and unrestricted net position was \$2.6 million (18%). The overall results of operations reflect management's goal of maintaining the systems while only charging users for the cost of operations.

	2017	2016
Assets:		
Current assets	\$ 7,099,289	\$ 9,443,367
Capital assets	12,955,910	11,960,821
Total assets	20,055,199	21,404,188
Deferred Outflows of Resources.....	259,778	381,344
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	102,847	40,141
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	3,400,577	4,105,234
Current debt	436,043	647,781
Noncurrent debt	2,073,084	2,509,127
Total liabilities.....	6,012,551	7,302,283
Deferred Inflows of Resources	131,215	12,553
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	11,579,947	11,210,028
Unrestricted.....	2,591,264	3,260,668
Total net position	\$ 14,171,211	\$ 14,470,696
	2017	2016
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 9,620,494	\$ 10,831,645
Capital grants and contributions.....	-	610,500
General revenues:		
Unrestricted investment income.....	18,516	7,566
Total revenues	9,639,010	11,449,711
Expenses:		
Sewer	5,162,989	5,408,268
Water.....	3,864,128	4,267,136
Total expenses	9,027,117	9,675,404
Transfers	(911,378)	(966,434)
Change in net position.....	(299,485)	807,873
Net position, beginning of year.....	14,470,696	13,662,823
Net position, end of year	\$ 14,171,211	\$ 14,470,696

The sewer enterprise fund decreased \$260,000 compared to an increase of \$440,000 in the prior year. Sewer operating revenue and expenses decreased by \$385,000 and \$245,000 respectively. The operating revenue decrease was due to a decrease in user fees. The Town also received a \$611,000 capital grant from the MWRA in the previous year which was a major contributing factor to the overall increase in net position in the prior year.

The water enterprise fund decreased \$39,000 compared to an increase of \$368,000 in the prior year. This change from the prior year was due to a decrease in operating revenues of \$826,000 offset by a decrease in operating expenses of \$403,000.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

As of the end of the current year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$14.6 million, an increase of \$2 million from the prior year.

The general fund reported a \$1.8 million increase in fund balance in the fund based financial statements. This includes the activity of the Town's stabilization funds which are reported within the general fund. The Town's general stabilization fund totaled \$2.9 million at year end and reported an increase of \$100,000 from investment earnings and an \$84,000 transfer in from the general fund. The Town's capital stabilization fund totaled \$333,000 at year end and reported an increase of \$12,000 from investment earnings and a decrease of \$16,000 from a net transfer out to the general fund. The operating general fund accounted for the remaining \$1.6 million increase which was due to positive budgetary results.

The highway projects fund reported expenditures of \$543,000 against \$538,000 of reimbursements on projects in 2017 which are fully supported by State grants on a reimbursable basis.

The non-major governmental funds include all special revenue, capital project and permanent trust funds and reported a year-end balance of \$5.7 million, an increase of \$199,000 from the prior year. The non-major governmental funds reported \$6.4 million in revenues, \$7.5 million in expenditures, \$1.5 million in bond proceeds, and net transfers in of (\$267,000).

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The change between the original and final budget of \$1.1 million was comprised of \$48,000 appropriated from overlay reserve for the recertification of property; \$788,000 appropriated from free cash to fund stabilization funds, legal fees, capital articles, and various other appropriations; and \$242,000 in transfers in from non-major governmental funds to fund minor capital costs.

Actual revenues came in over budget by \$2 million. The largest revenue variance was in departmental and other which reported \$970,000 in revenues over the budget. This was mainly due to conservative budgeting. Tax lien revenue also contributed to this surplus coming in at \$517,000, which was not budgeted. Expenditures came in under budget by \$414,000. The most significant turn-backs came from general government and public safety, which came in under budget by approximately \$123,000 and \$107,000, respectively.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

During fiscal year 2017, major additions to the Town's governmental capital assets included work at the Fallon Road Pump Station, the High School Boiler, technology upgrades, vehicles, equipment, and building and road

improvements. Major additions to business-type activities included water main improvements and sewer system repairs and maintenance.

At the end of the year the Town's total bonded debt outstanding totaled \$32.2 million of which \$29.7 million is related to governmental activities, \$417,000 is for sewer projects, and \$2.1 million is related to water projects. The entire amount is classified as general obligation debt and is backed by the full faith and credit of the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Castellarin
Town Accountant

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

It has been a privilege and a pleasure serving as your Town Administrator in 2017. We have been looking forward to planning and implementing improvements for our community as we go forward.

Our public works department is in the process of having an engineering firm review all our public ways to determine the conditions of their roads so we will be able to make an objective determination of how we expend out pavement management funds for roadway projects. We also began this year to fund repairs to our roadways in excess of State Chapter 90 funds we receive and also separate funds for our sidewalks. The public works department also received funds to reconstruct our town hall municipal parking lot to improve accessibility and increase parking spaces.

We are also moving forward in the planning of our future with our Complete Streets project, being a Green Community and the funds that come with it; our open space and recreation plan and our housing production plan. These studies and projects will be moving our community forward as we address the needs of our residents. The Greenway Project had its groundbreaking in Winchester earlier in the year and the construction of the Greenway should be completed in 2018.

Our town website will be updated and become more interactive with our community besides supplying additional information for those who desire such. Our various projects including the annual and capital budgets are available on the site.

The town is also going forth with a formalized five year capital plan that will address the needs of our departments and our community. Specific funding sources will be described in our capital budget, so the public will understand how these items are being paid for and why the need. One major aspect of the capital budget in 2017 was the Town Meeting's approval of \$1.6 million for the repair and upgrade of the chiller and ice slab for the Stoneham Arena. That project is scheduled for completion by the end of Summer 2018.

We are working very cooperatively with our new school superintendent John Macero. The high school project was submitted to Massachusetts School Building Authority for possible acceptance in their program for funding. We will know further updates on this process in 2018. I am also working with the Superintendent reviewing possible consolidation of our facilities management with general government and the school department to provide improved services to the town and eventual financial savings. I have enjoyed my time with Supt. Macero and look forward to our continuous teamwork in the time ahead.

I also wish to thank the team of general government employees whose dedication to the Town is unmatched. They perform all the functions that make Stoneham a wonderful town to live, work and play. Individually, I would also like to thank my internal office team of Debbie, Donna and Christine as well as Dava in the Selectmen's office as we work together to provide the daily resources to our residents. Their work and efforts are so important to our success. Thanks also go out to the elected and appointed Boards and Committees that I have worked with during my first year for their many hours of commitment to the Town.

TOWN CLERK

We began the year by sending out the Annual Street List to over nine thousand households in Stoneham and processing them as they were returned. We ended 2017 with 16,085 registered voters. That voter total is made up of 4,798 registered Democrats, 1,692 registered Republicans, 32 registered in the Libertarian party, 112 registered in the United Independent Party and 9,411 Unenrolled voters (those voters not registered in a specific political party or political designation-formerly known as Independent). There were 40 voters registered under party designations. Designations are often formed around a particular cause or ideology, are not considered officially as parties and do not have primaries.

As far as elections go 2017 was a quiet year with just one election. Our Annual Town Election was held on April 4, 2017 and 2,409 came out to vote for the municipal offices on the ballot.

The Annual Town Meeting was held on May 1, 2017. There were 27 articles acted upon by 212 voters. The Special Town Meeting held on October 16, 2017 brought out 287 voters to act on 20 articles.

In 2017 the Town Clerk's Office recorded and reported 225births to residents, 271 deaths and 92 marriages to the State Registry of Vital Records & Statistics.

The Town Clerk's Office had hundreds of over the counter, online and mail in transactions. For the calendar year we took in almost \$125,000 in revenue.

Our Elections & Registration staff members/passport acceptance agents executed 959 passport applications in 2017. The passport execution fees and 588 passport photos taken brought in just under \$33,000 in passport revenue for the calendar year.

Once again, I would like to thank my Assistant Carolyn Auriemma and the rest of the office staff for their hard work throughout the year. Once again it was a pleasure serving the residents of Stoneham.

We look forward to helping you in 2018!

Respectfully,



Maria Sagarino
Town Clerk

April 4, 2017 Annual Town Election Tally

Office/Candidate								
Board of Selectmen	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	9	10	13	10	17	7	12	78
Cristine Warren Linn	110	113	149	121	179	134	122	928
Shelly A. MacNeill	176	190	236	141	238	195	223	1399
Write-in	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	4
Total	295	313	401	272	434	336	358	2409
								2409

School Committee	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	125	146	182	122	205	141	153	1074
David C. Mauer	176	170	271	154	233	186	201	1391
Elaine Trant Brown	117	125	156	142	213	148	153	1054
Nicole Fenocchi Nial	170	185	192	126	217	194	208	1292
Write-in	2	0	1	0	0	3	1	7
Total	590	626	802	544	868	672	716	4818
								2409

Board of Assessors	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	100	106	105	70	123	90	105	699
William J. Jordan	193	207	294	201	307	243	250	1695
Write-in	2	0	2	1	4	3	3	15
Total	295	313	401	272	434	336	358	2409
								2409

Board of Health	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	112	111	114	74	134	94	112	751
Wendy E. Cayton	182	202	284	197	299	238	243	1645
Write-in	1	0	3	1	1	4	3	13
Total	295	313	401	272	434	336	358	2409
								2409

Planning Board	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	32	26	27	18	26	15	19	163
August S. Niewenhous, III	166	163	232	149	216	160	171	1257
Devon B. Manchester	96	124	142	105	192	160	168	987
Write-in	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Total	295	313	401	272	434	336	358	2409
								2409

Moderator	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	10	14	9	8	9	11	8	69
Lawrence M. Means	118	117	164	131	207	145	148	1030
Jeanne E. Craigie	167	182	228	133	218	180	202	1310
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	295	313	401	272	434	336	358	2409

Library Trustees (2-3 yr.)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	390	399	477	338	526	410	427	2967
Rocco Ciccarello	193	211	301	200	305	235	256	1701
Michael Rora	5	15	9	4	22	11	25	91
Write-in	2	1	15	2	15	16	8	59
Total	590	626	802	544	868	672	716	4818
								4818
Library Trustees (1-2 yr.)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	93	99	105	69	128	90	97	681
Patricia M. DiPietro	201	213	293	199	301	245	257	1709
Write-in	1	1	3	4	5	1	4	19
Total	295	313	401	272	434	336	358	2409
								2409

**MINUTES FOR TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in 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 Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at seven O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles of the warrant:

Article 1. To choose the following officers:

One (1) Selectman for three (3) years. **Shelly A MacNeill**

Two (2) School Committee Members for three (3) years. **David C. Maurer**
Nicole Fenocchi Nial

One (1) Board of Health member for three (3) years. **Wendy E. Cayton** One

(1) Planning Board Member for (5) years. **August S. Niewenhous** One (1)

Board of Assessors Member for three (3) years. **William J. Jordan** One (1)

Moderator for two (2) years. **Jeanne E. Craigie**

Two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years. **Rocco Ciccarello**
Michael Rora

One (1) Library Trustee for two (2) year unexpired term. **Patricia M. DiPietro**

***Passed Per Moderator**

***Initially Articles 1 & 2 were passed over, but on advice of Town Counsel Robert Galvin, the Town Meeting body took action before Article 27 was voted so that all articles would be acted upon as they should be before Town Meeting dissolved.**

For consideration of the following Articles, the meeting shall be adjourned to meet in the Town Hall at seven O'clock in the evening on Monday May 1, 2017, in accordance with provisions of Article II, section 2-3 of the By-Laws of the Town of Stoneham.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 212 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jeanne Craigie at 7:01PM in the Auditorium of Town Hall. . Moderator Craigie asked Boy Scout Troop 513 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. She then called upon Reverend John French from First Baptist Church to deliver the invocation. Reverend French was then presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Board of Selectmen for 36 years in Stoneham. Moderator Craigie acknowledged that it would be the last Town Meeting for Superintendent of Schools, Dr Les Olson, as he would be retiring. Moderator Craigie also recognized former Moderator Larry Means and presented him with a plaque thanking him for 6 years as Moderator. Moderator Craigie gave a few instructions as to a hand count and the warrant was read.

Cindy Hemenway 14 Fells Rd made a motion to take Article 25 before Article 1. A 2/ vote was thought to be required. The Moderator took a hand count. There were 80 yes and 61 no votes counted. It was realized that it should have been a majority vote. So the motion to take Article 25 out of order passed per moderator.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Stoneham Town Code by adding to Chapter 3 "Animals and Fowl" a bylaw regarding the sale of dogs and cats in the Town of Stoneham. The specific section numbers to be address in the motion for this warrant article or thereafter. More specifically:

WHEREAS, a significant number of puppies and kittens (also collectively referred to hereinafter as “animals”) sold at pet shops come from large-scale, commercial breeding facilities that mass produce dogs and cats for sale to the public and where the health and welfare of the animals are not adequately provided for (hereinafter also referred to as “puppy mills” and “kitten mills,” respectively);

WHEREAS, abuses present at too many puppy and kitten mills include overbreeding; inbreeding; minimal to non-existent veterinary care; lack of adequate and nutritious food, water and shelter; isolation; lack of adequate space; and lack of adequate exercise; and

WHEREAS, the inadequate conditions in puppy and kitten mills lead to health and behavioral issues in dogs and cats bred in those facilities, which many consumers are unaware of when purchasing dogs and cats from pet shops. These health and behavioral issues, which may not present themselves until sometime after the purchase of the animals, can impose significant financial and emotional costs on consumers;

WHEREAS, current Federal and State regulations do not adequately address the sale of puppy and kitten mill dogs and cats in pet shops and it’s impacts;

WHEREAS, across the country, thousands of independent pet shops as well as large chains operate profitably with a business model focused on the sale of pet services and supplies and not on the sale of dogs and cats. Many of these shops collaborate with local animal shelters and rescue organizations to offer space and support for showcasing adoptable homeless dogs and cats on their premises;

WHEREAS, this bylaw will not affect a consumer’s ability to obtain a dog or cat of his or her choice directly from a shelter, breed-specific rescue organization or a breeder where the consumer can see directly the conditions in which the dogs or cats are bred, or can confer directly with the breeder concerning those conditions;

REAS, restricting the sale of dogs and cats at pet shops as set out herein will reduce the overpopulation and euthanizing of dogs and cats, and the financial costs and other burdens on animal shelters and animal rescue operations, local government and the public.

WHEREAS, more than 120 other municipalities, including the City of Boston, have passed ordinances restricting and/or prohibiting, the sale of dogs and cats at pet shops to promote animal and consumer protection; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town of Stoneham to amend the Bylaws of the Town to protect the residents of the Town and others who may purchase dogs and cats from a pet shop in Stoneham, help prevent inhumane or inadequate breeding conditions, promote community awareness of animal welfare, and foster a more humane environment by restricting the sale of dogs and cats from puppy and kitten mills at pet shops in the Town of Stoneham.

NOW THEREFORE, the amendment of the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 3

“Animals and Fowl”, by adding new article entitled “Sale of Dogs and Cats” as Article III, Sections 3-___ through 3-___ is proposed as follows:

Sec. 3. ___ Definitions.

For purposes of this Section:

Animal shelter means a public animal control facility or other facility which is operated by an organization or individual for the purposes of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect or abuse and, if required, is registered with the Department of Agricultural Resources of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and which does not obtain dogs or cats from a breeder or broker for payment or compensation.

Animal Rescue Organization means a not-for-profit organization and, if required, registered with the Department of Agricultural Resources of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that either on its own behalf or as facilitator for others arranges for others to engage in the activities of transferring ownership of domestic animals, and which does not obtain dogs or cats from a breeder or broker for payment or compensation.

Breeder means a person or organization who/which maintains dogs and/or cats for the purposes of breeding and selling their offspring.

Broker means a person or organization who/which transfers dogs and/or cats at wholesale for resale by another.

Pet Shop means a retail establishment where dogs and/or cats are, whether most or a part of the business, sold, exchanged, bartered or offered for sale as pet animals to the general public at retail or wholesale. Pet shops shall not include animal shelters or animal rescue organizations.

Section 3. ___ Prohibition and Restrictions.

No pet shop may display, sell, exchange, barter, auction, give away, broker or otherwise transfer a dog or cat, except for a dog or cat: (i) obtained from an animal shelter or animal rescue organization (which may be a bona fide animal shelter or animal rescue organization that operates out of the pet shop); or (ii) that was breed and raised by the pet shop or its owner primarily at said premises.

Section 3. ___ Enforcement and Penalties.

In addition to any other enforcement or penalty allowed under state law or Town bylaw, including, but not limited to, that provided pursuant to Section 1-4 of these Bylaws, violation of this bylaw may be enforced by non-criminal disposition, by the animal control officer or by any police officer in the manner provided by General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D and Section 1-4A of these Bylaws. The specific non-criminal disposition penalties which shall apply to a violation of this bylaw shall be as follows:

First offense within a twenty-four month period - Warning

Second offense within a twenty-four month period - \$200

Third and subsequent offense within a twenty-four month period - \$300.00

Each day a violation continues shall be a separate violation/offense subject to another fine. The enforcement of this bylaw by non-criminal disposition as described herein shall be added to the list of bylaws so designated and enforced in Section 1-4A of these Bylaws.

Severability

If any provision of this bylaw is for any reason held to be legally invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of any other part of this bylaw.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

**Tara Buonomo Williams
40 Main Street**

Article 25. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code by adding to Chapter 3 “Animals and Fowl” a bylaw regarding the sale of dogs and cats in the Town of Stoneham. The specific section numbers to be addressed in the motion for this warrant article or thereafter. More specifically:

WHEREAS, a significant number of puppies and kittens (also collectively referred to hereinafter as “animals”) sold at pet shops come from large-scale, commercial breeding facilities that mass produce dogs and cats for sale to the public and where the health and welfare of the animals are not adequately provided for (hereinafter also referred to as “puppy mills” and “kitten mills,” respectively);

WHEREAS, abuses present at too many puppy and kitten mills include overbreeding; inbreeding; minimal to non-existent veterinary care; lack of adequate and nutritious food, water and shelter; isolation; lack of adequate space; and lack of adequate exercise; and

WHEREAS, the inadequate conditions in puppy and kitten mills lead to health and behavioral issues in dogs and cats bred in those facilities, which many consumers are unaware of when purchasing dogs and cats from pet shops. These health and behavioral issues, which may not present themselves until sometime after the purchase of the animals, can impose significant financial and emotional costs on consumers;

WHEREAS, current Federal and State regulations do not adequately address the sale of puppy and kitten mill dogs and cats in pet shops and its impacts;

WHEREAS, across the country, thousands of independent pet shops as well as large chains operate profitably with a business model focused on the sale of pet services and supplies and not on the sale of dogs and cats. Many of these shops collaborate with local animal shelters and rescue organizations to offer space and support for showcasing adoptable homeless dogs and cats on their premise;

WHEREAS, this bylaw will not affect a consumer’s ability to obtain a dog or cat of his or her choice directly from a shelter, breed-specific rescue organization or a breeder where the consumer can see directly the conditions in which the dogs or cats are bred, or can confer directly with the breeder concerning those conditions;

WHEREAS, restricting the sale of dogs and cats at pet shops as set out herein will reduce the overpopulation and euthanizing of dogs and cats, and the financial costs and other burdens on animal shelters and animal rescue operations, local government and the public.

WHEREAS, more than 220 other municipalities, including the City of Boston, have passed ordinances restricting and/or prohibiting, the sale of dogs and cats at pet shops to promote animal and consumer protection; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town of Stoneham to amend the Bylaws of the Town to protect the residents of the Town and others who may purchase dogs and cats from a pet shop in Stoneham, help prevent inhumane or inadequate breeding conditions, promote community awareness of animal welfare, and foster a more humane environment by restricting the sale of dogs and cats from puppy and kitten mills at pet shops in the Town of Stoneham.

NOW THEREFORE, the amendment of the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 3 “Animals and Fowl”, by adding new article entitled “Sale of Dogs and Cats” as Article III, Sections 3.12 through 3.14 is proposed as follows:

Sec. 3.12 Definitions.

For purposes of this Section:

Animal care facility means an animal control facility or animal shelter maintained by or under contract with any state, county, or municipality, whose mission and practice is, in whole, or significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes or rescue organizations and, if required, is registered with the Department of Agricultural Resources of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and which does not obtain dogs or cats from a breeder or broker for payment or compensation.

Animal Rescue Organization means a not-for-profit organization whose mission and practice is, in whole or in significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes, which has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and, if required, is registered with the Department of Agricultural Resources of the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts, and which does not obtain dogs or cats from a breeder or broker for payment or compensation

Breeder means a person or organization who/which maintains dogs and/or cats for the purposes

of breeding and selling their offspring.

Broker means a person or organization who/which transfers dogs and/or cats at wholesale for resale by another.

Pet Shop means a retail establishment where dogs and/or cats are, whether most or a part of the business, sold, exchanged, bartered or offered for sale as pet animals to the general public at retail or wholesale. Pet shops shall not include animal shelters or animal rescue organizations.

Section 3.13 Prohibition and Restrictions. No pet shop may display, sell, exchange, barter, auction, give away, broker or otherwise transfer a dog or cat, except for a dog or cat: obtained from displayed in cooperation with an animal care facility or animal rescue organization.

Section 3.14 Enforcement and Penalties. In addition to any other enforcement or penalty allowed under state law or Town bylaw, including, but not limited to, that provided pursuant to Section 1-4 of these Bylaws, violation of this bylaw may be enforced by non-criminal disposition, by the animal control officer or by any police officer in the manner provided by General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D and Section 1-4A of these Bylaws. The specific non-criminal disposition penalties which shall apply to a violation of this bylaw shall be as follows:

First offense within a twenty-four month period - Warning

Second offense within a twenty-four month period - \$200

Third and subsequent offense within a twenty-four month period - \$300.00

Each day a violation continues shall be a separate violation/offense subject to another fine. The enforcement of this bylaw by non-criminal disposition as described herein shall be added to the list of bylaws so designated and enforced in Section 1-4A of these Bylaws.

Severability

If any provision of this bylaw is for any reason held to be legally invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of any other part of this bylaw. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Passed Unanimously

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. Voted that the Town choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Passed Unanimously*

***Initially Articles 1 & 2 were passed over, but on advice of Town Counsel Robert Galvin, the Town Meeting body took action before Article 27 was voted so that all articles would be acted upon as they should be before Town Meeting dissolved.**

Article 3. To hear reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. Voted that the Town hear reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

Reports were given by the Tri-Community Bike & Greenway Committee, the Disability Committee, the Memorial Day Parade Committee, the Open Space & Recreation Committee, the Cultural Council and the Historical Commission.

Passed Per Moderator

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the several elected officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2017/2018 fiscal year as follows, or do anything in relation thereto:

Town Moderator	\$0
Board of Assessors	\$1,200
Board of Selectmen	\$3,000
Town Clerk	\$71,493

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. Voted that the Town establish the salaries of the several elected officers and the Boards of the Town for the fiscal year 2018 as follows:

Town Moderator	\$200
Board of Assessors	\$1,200
Board of Selectmen	\$3,000
Town Clerk	\$71,493

Passed Unanimously

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of receiving revenues and making disbursements in connection with a Recreation Department and activities pursuant thereto, not to exceed \$200,000 during Fiscal Year 2018 which may be made from such fund. In addition, to transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2017 from the existing account into the reauthorized Revolving account, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. Voted that the Town reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of receiving revenues and making disbursements in connection with a Recreation Department and activities pursuant thereto, with the expenditures by the Recreation Department not to exceed \$200,000 during Fiscal Year 2018 which may be made from such fund; and, further, to transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2017 from the existing account into the reauthorized revolving account.

Passed Unanimously

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of using receipts generated from fees charged for the Farmers' Market to cover costs associated with this programming, and authorize expenditures by Town Planner, not to exceed \$40,000 during Fiscal Year 2018 which may be made from such fund. In addition, to transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2017 from the existing account into the reauthorized Revolving account, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. Voted that Town reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of receiving revenues and making disbursements in connection with the operation of a Farmers' Market and activities pursuant thereto, with the expenditures by the Town Planner not to exceed \$40,000 during Fiscal Year 2018 which may be made from such fund; and, further, to transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2017 from the existing account into the reauthorized revolving account.

Passed Unanimously

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of using receipts generated from photocopying services offered to the public at the Stoneham Public Library to pay for the lease of the photocopier and copy paper and authorize expenditure by the Stoneham Public Library Director, not to exceed \$3,000 during Fiscal Year 2018 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2017 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 7. Voted that Town reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of receiving revenues and making disbursements in connection with photocopying services offered by the Stoneham Public Library and the payment of lease expenses and copy paper, with the expenditures by the Stoneham Public Library Director not to exceed \$3,000 during Fiscal Year 2018 which may be made from such fund; and, further, to transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2017 from the existing account into the reauthorized revolving account.

Passed Unanimously

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from fees charged for public health services to cover the costs of these services, and authorize expenditures by the Board of Health, not to exceed \$50,000 during Fiscal Year 2018 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2017 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8. Voted that the Town reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of receiving revenues and making disbursements in connection with the provision of public health services offered by the Board of Health, with the expenditures by the Board of Health not to exceed \$50,000 during Fiscal Year 2018 which may be made from such fund; and, further, to transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2017 from the existing account into the reauthorized revolving account.

Passed Unanimously

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting space at the Senior Center building to help pay the cleaning, utilities and maintenance costs of the senior center, and authorize expenditures by the Council on Aging Director, not to exceed \$30,000 during Fiscal Year 2018 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2017 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 9. Voted that the Town reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of receiving revenues and making disbursements in connection with the rental of space at the Senior Center building and used to offset the cost of cleaning, maintenance and utility expenses of the Senior Center building, with the expenditures by the Council on Aging Director not to exceed \$30,000 during Fiscal Year 2018 which may be made from such fund; and, further, to transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2017 from the existing account into the reauthorized revolving account.

Passed Unanimously

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of using receipts generated from fees charged for outings and transportation services at the Senior Center to cover costs associated with these outings and providing these transportation services, and authorize expenditures by the Council on Aging Director, not to exceed \$40,000 during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2016 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. Voted that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of receiving revenues and making disbursements in connection with the fees charged for outings and transportation services at the Senior Center and used to offset the cost associated with outings and transportation services, with the expenditures by the Council on Aging Director not to exceed \$40,000 during Fiscal Year 2018 which may be made from such fund; and, further, to transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2017 from the existing account into the reauthorized revolving account.

Passed Unanimously

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting space at the Fire Station to pay the utility, cleaning and maintenance costs, and capital improvements of the Fire Station, and authorize expenditures by the Fire Chief, not to exceed \$40,000 during Fiscal Year 2017 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2016 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. Voted that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of receiving revenues and making disbursements in connection with the rental of space at the Fire Station and used to offset the cost of cleaning, maintenance and utility expenses and to pay for capital improvements at the Fire Station, with the expenditures by the Fire Chief not to exceed \$40,000 during Fiscal Year 2018 which may be made from such fund; and, further, to transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2017 from the existing account into the reauthorized revolving account.

Passed Unanimously

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or by transfer from available funds, such sums as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including debt and interest and a reserve fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 12.

- a. **Voted** that the Town raise and appropriate \$66,289,202 for a total General Fund Operating Budget, to provide for a reserve fund and to defray the expenses of the Town, and for the purposes as itemized in Exhibit A, and to meet said appropriation transfer the sums as shown in Exhibit A.

**Passed
Unanimous
Motion for
Reconsider
ation Fails
Cannot Be
Reconsidered**

- b. **Voted** that the Town appropriate \$5,881,413 for costs of operations of the Sewer Enterprise Fund as itemized in Exhibit A, and to meet said operations transfer \$411,413 from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings and \$5,470,000 from Sewer Enterprise Receipts.

**Passed
Unanimously**

- c. **Voted** that the Town appropriate \$4,586,938 for costs of operations of the Water Enterprise Fund as itemized in Exhibit A, and to meet said appropriation transfer \$60,938 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings and \$4,526,000 from Water Enterprise Receipts.

**Passed
Unanimously**

Article 12 Exhibit A

DEPARTMENT	FY18 GENERAL FUND BUDGET		
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL
114 Town Moderator	\$200	\$0	\$200
122 Board of Selectmen	\$82,232	\$11,750	\$93,982
123 Town Administrator	\$378,385	\$25,040	\$403,425
132 Reserve Fund	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000

135 Town Accountant	\$242,765	\$5,470	\$248,235
141 Board of Assessors	\$132,215	\$4,500	\$136,715
145 Treasurer	\$272,394	\$21,315	\$293,709
151 Town Counsel	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
155 GIS/MIS	\$151,904	\$140,058	\$291,962
161 Town Clerk	\$129,174	\$4,200	\$133,374
162 Elections & Registrations	\$72,912	\$14,400	\$87,312
182 Planning Bd/BOA/Conserv.	\$57,814	\$5,650	\$63,464
185 Economic and Comm Dev	\$71,332	\$35,700	\$107,032
192 Public Property Maint.	\$0	\$77,610	\$77,610
210 Police Department	\$3,770,169	\$341,225	\$4,111,394
211 Traffic Directors	\$132,448	\$4,500	\$136,948

212 Dispatchers	\$386,654	\$22,350	\$409,004
220 Fire Department	\$2,869,310	\$169,540	\$3,038,850
241 Building & Wire	\$194,211	\$11,000	\$205,211
291 Civil Defense	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
300 Public Schools	\$0	\$27,734,642	\$27,734,642
397 North Shore Vocational	\$0	\$235,000	\$235,000
398 Minuteman Voc. School	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000
399 Northeast Voc. School	\$0	\$1,046,697	\$1,046,697
400 Public Works Admin.	\$978,354	\$971,650	\$1,950,004
510 Board of Health	\$148,277	\$17,890	\$166,167
590 Substance Abuse	\$65,000	\$3,000	\$68,000
541 Council on Aging	\$112,036	\$37,357	\$149,393
542 Recreation Department	\$69,527	\$16,280	\$85,807
543 Veterans	\$43,576	\$173,000	\$216,576
630 Golf (Annual Debt/Project Exp)	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000
610 Public Library	\$567,388	\$230,040	\$797,428
631 Arena	\$184,928	\$264,550	\$449,478
710 Maturing Debt & Interest	\$0	\$4,442,849	\$4,442,849
911 Contributory Pension	\$0	\$5,980,343	\$5,980,343
912 Health Insurance	\$0	\$8,090,353	\$8,090,353
919 Unclassified	\$288,711	\$1,545,314	\$1,834,025
919S Trash Fund Subsidy	\$0	\$525,000	\$525,000
920 Non-Departmental	\$0	\$78,135	\$78,135
950 OPEB Trust Contribution	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
General Fund Departmental Budgets:	\$11,403,916	\$52,621,408	\$64,025,324

Other Budget Items:

State Assessments	\$1,760,270
Offsets	\$23,608
Overlay Reserve	\$400,000
Special Article - WEISS FARM	\$80,000
Total General Fund Budget	\$66,289,202

Said Sum to be raised or transferred as follows:

- State Aid
- SBAB School Debt Reimbursement
- Local Receipts
- By transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund
- By transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Fund
- By transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund
- By transfer from the RCN Fund
- By transfer from the Cemetery Perpetual Income Fund
- By transfer from the Sale of Lots & Graves Res. For Approp.
- By transfer from the BOS Stockwell Trust
- Property Tax Levy

Total Estimated Revenues

Article 12 Exhibit A (continued)

EXPENDITURES	FY18 SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET		
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL
440 Sewer	\$537,281	\$4,753,816	\$5,291,097
710 Maturing P&I - Sewer	\$0	\$75,756	\$75,756
Sewer Indirects	\$0	\$514,560	\$514,560
Total Budgets:	\$537,281	\$5,344,132	\$5,881,413

\$8,499,029
\$1,148,092
\$6,544,705
\$150,000
\$514,560
\$460,815
\$32,500
\$7,500
\$50,000
\$3,500
\$48,878,501
\$66,289,202

Surplus/(Deficit)

\$ 0

RECEIPTS & RESERVES

Estimated Sewer Receipts	\$5,470,000
Sewer Fund Retained Earnings	\$411,413
Total Sewer Receipts & Reserves	\$5,881,413
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0

Article 12 Exhibit A (continued)

EXPENDITURES	FY18 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET		
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL
450 Water	\$507,728	\$3,258,109	\$3,765,837
710 Maturing P&I - Water	\$0	\$360,286	\$360,286
Water Indirects	\$0	\$460,815	\$460,815
Total Budgets:	\$507,728	\$4,079,210	\$4,586,938

RECEIPTS & RESERVES	
Estimated Water Receipts	\$4,526,000
Water Fund Retained Earnings	\$60,938
Total Water Receipts & Reserves	\$4,586,938
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to amend the Fiscal Year 2017 departmental budgets approved under Article No. 12 of the May 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, as amended, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 13. Voted that the Town amend various Fiscal Year 2017 departmental budgets approved under Article No. 12 of the May 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, as amended as shown in Exhibit B.

Passed Unanimously

4/26/2017

**MAY 1, 2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
ARTICLE #13-(EXHIBIT B)**

DEPARTMENT	FY17 BUDGET			5/1/2017 ATM ADJUSTMENTS			REVISED FY17 BUDGET		
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL
114 Town Moderator	\$0	\$220	\$220	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$220	\$220
122 Board of Selectmen	\$82,232	\$10,000	\$92,232	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$82,232	\$10,000	\$92,232
123 Town Administrator	\$347,711	\$42,500	\$390,211	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$347,711	\$42,500	\$390,211
132 Reserve Fund	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
135 Town Accountant	\$178,740	\$5,550	\$184,290	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$178,740	\$5,550	\$184,290
141 Board of Assessors	\$131,204	\$4,600	\$135,804	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$131,204	\$4,600	\$135,804
145 Treasurer	\$252,916	\$18,350	\$271,266	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$252,916	\$28,350	\$281,266
151 Town Counsel	\$111,283	\$6,725	\$118,008	(\$54,591)	\$54,591	\$0	\$56,692	\$61,316	\$118,008
155 GIS/MIS	\$149,668	\$130,802	\$280,470	\$0	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$149,668	\$146,802	\$296,470
161 Town Clerk	\$121,988	\$4,200	\$126,188	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$121,988	\$4,200	\$126,188
162 Elections & Registrations	\$79,811	\$17,900	\$97,711	\$1,950	(\$1,950)	\$0	\$81,761	\$15,950	\$97,711
172 Whiphill Park	\$0	\$10,950	\$10,950	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,950	\$10,950
182 Planning Bd/BOA/Conserv.	\$54,370	\$1,160	\$55,530	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,370	\$1,160	\$55,530
185 Economic and Comm Dev	\$70,278	\$30,000	\$100,278	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,278	\$30,000	\$100,278
192 Public Property Maint.	\$500	\$80,612	\$81,112	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$80,612	\$81,112
210 Police Department	\$3,747,135	\$300,495	\$4,047,630	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,747,135	\$300,495	\$4,047,630
211 Traffic Directors	\$151,480	\$4,500	\$155,980	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$151,480	\$4,500	\$155,980
212 Dispatchers	\$382,026	\$18,200	\$400,226	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$382,026	\$18,200	\$400,226
220 Fire Department	\$2,843,932	\$126,450	\$2,970,382	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,843,932	\$126,450	\$2,970,382
241 Building & Wire	\$174,200	\$6,900	\$181,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$174,200	\$6,900	\$181,100
291 Civil Defense	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
300 Public Schools	\$0	\$26,734,742	\$26,734,742	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,734,742	\$26,734,742
397 Essex North Shore Agricultural & T	\$0	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$0	(\$108,757)	(\$108,757)	\$0	\$231,243	\$231,243
398 Minuteman Voc. School	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0	(\$6,108)	(\$6,108)	\$0	\$53,892	\$53,892
399 Northeast Voc. School	\$0	\$970,818	\$970,818	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$970,818	\$970,818
400 Public Works Admin.	\$974,494	\$951,023	\$1,925,517	\$39,371	\$180,919	\$220,290	\$1,013,865	\$1,131,942	\$2,145,807
510 Board of Health	\$146,074	\$10,740	\$156,814	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$156,074	\$10,740	\$166,814
541 Council on Aging	\$103,931	\$38,500	\$142,431	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$103,931	\$38,500	\$142,431
542 Recreation Department	\$68,500	\$14,500	\$83,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$68,500	\$14,500	\$83,000
543 Veterans	\$42,513	\$179,900	\$222,413	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42,513	\$179,900	\$222,413
610 Public Library	\$550,670	\$225,150	\$775,820	\$1,200	(\$1,200)	\$0	\$551,870	\$223,950	\$775,820
631 Arena	\$182,446	\$259,280	\$441,726	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$182,446	\$259,280	\$441,726
710 Maturing Debt & Interest	\$0	\$4,554,046	\$4,554,046	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,554,046	\$4,554,046
911 Contributory Pension	\$0	\$5,538,241	\$5,538,241	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,538,241	\$5,538,241
912 Health Insurance	\$0	\$7,938,620	\$7,938,620	\$0	(\$125,000)	(\$125,000)	\$0	\$7,813,620	\$7,813,620
918 Capital	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
919 Unclassified	\$161,986	\$1,474,797	\$1,636,783	(\$16,425)	\$0	(\$16,425)	\$145,561	\$1,474,797	\$1,620,358
920 Non-Departmental	\$0	\$37,385	\$37,385	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,385	\$37,385
950 OPEB Trust Contribution	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total Budgets:	\$11,112,088	\$50,247,856	\$61,359,944	(\$18,495)	\$18,495	\$0	\$11,093,593	\$50,266,351	\$61,359,944

After Article 13 Liz Erk 13B Lincoln Street made a motion to reconsider Article 5. Motion failed. The article could not be reconsidered. She then motioned to reconsider Article 6. The motion failed. The article could not be reconsidered.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to grant the Board of Selectmen authority to research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the Town and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities or governmental bodies, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Catherine Moore 15 Ledge Street made a motion to amend Article 14 to add language to include “the intended purpose of the aggregation [would be] to reduce climate change by increasing the amount of electricity sourced from renewables and reduce costs.”

Mr. John Rourke from Good Energy was an out of town person given permission to address the town meeting body to provide information.

**Vote on Motion as Amended
Amendment Failed Per Moderator**

Article 14. Voted that the Town grant the Board of Selectmen authority to research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the Town of Stoneham and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities or governmental bodies, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation.

Passed Unanimously

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. Gen. L. c. 40, Sec.8J to create a Commission on Disability, or do anything in relation thereto.

Town Administrator

Article 15. Voted that the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 8J establishing a Commission on Disability with the powers and duties set forth in said statute.

Passed Unanimously

After Article 15 Anthony Wilson 181 Central Street asked for reconsideration of Article 12c to correct the amount voted on because it was off by \$2,000 when the motion was read. The motion passed. The article was reconsidered and the amount was corrected to read \$426,000.

Before making the motion for Article 16 Caroline Colarusso 4 Patrick Circle made a motion to reconsider Article 12 b & c. We had already reconsidered c. So motion was amended to reconsider just Article 12b. The motion failed. The article was not reconsidered. Mrs. Colarusso then made a motion to reconsider Article 25. The motion failed. The article was not reconsidered.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a parcel of land located at the intersection of Hill Street and Marble Street in Stoneham, containing approximately 6,800 square feet +/- and shown on the Stoneham Assessor’s Map as Parcel 23-0 155E pursuant to the provisions of Mass. Gen. L. c. 30B, as applicable, and take such other and further actions in furtherance of this authorization, including the execution of any documents necessary to effectuate the sale of said property, or do anything in relation thereto.

Town Administrator

Article 16. Voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a parcel of land located at the intersection of Hill Street and Marble Street in Stoneham, containing approximately 6,800 square feet and shown on the Stoneham Assessor's Map as Parcel 23-0155E pursuant to the provisions of Mass. Gen. L. c. 30B, as applicable, and take such other and further actions in furtherance of this authorization, including the execution of any documents necessary to effectuate the sale of said property.

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

Raymie Parker 42 Bonad Rd made a motion to take Article 18 ahead of Article 17. Motion passed. Motion for reconsideration of Article 16. Motion failed. Article could not be reconsidered.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to lease or provide easement for a portion of Perkins Street approximately 80 feet in length along the south westerly line of Perkins Street to the southerly line of Franklin Street containing approximately 720 square feet. The area is between the street line and the back of the sidewalk as constructed during the Franklin Street reconstruction project. And further to authorize the Town Administrator to take any action necessary to carry out this vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Anamika Vermer 1
Perkins Street**

George Seibold 1 Tom's Way made a motion to amend Article 18 to include "no longer than 20 years" after "easement for". A motion was made to move the question. The motion passed. A vote was taken on the amendment. The amendment passed.

Article 18. Voted that the Town lease or provide easement for a portion of Perkins Street approximately 80 feet in length along the south westerly line of Perkins Street to the southerly line of Franklin Street containing approximately 720 square feet. The area is between the street line and the back of the sidewalk as constructed during the Franklin Street reconstruction project; and further, to authorize the Town Administrator to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

**Vote on Main Motion as Amended
 $\frac{2}{3}$ /Vote Required
Passed Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Fails Per Moderator
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a certain parcel of land located on Perkins Street, approximately 80 feet in length along the south westerly line of Perkins Street to the southerly line of Franklin Street containing approximately 720 square feet +/-, more specifically the area between the street line and the back of the sidewalk as constructed during the Franklin Street reconstruction project, pursuant to the provisions of Mass. Gen. L. Ch. 30B, as applicable, and take such other and further actions in furtherance of this

authorization, including the execution of any documents necessary to effectuate the sale of said property, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 17. Voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a parcel of land located on Perkins Street, approximately 80 feet in length along the south westerly line of Perkins Street to the southerly line of Franklin Street containing approximately 720 square feet +/-, more specifically the area between the street line and the back of the sidewalk as constructed during the Franklin Street reconstruction project, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30B, as applicable, and take such other and further actions in furtherance of this authorization, including the execution of any documents necessary to effectuate the sale of said property.

**Motion to Move Question
Question was Moved
2/3 Vote Required
Passed Unanimously
Motion for Reconsideration
Fails Per Moderator
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the necessary funds for capital projects, including all incidental and related costs, all as set forth below, or take any action relative thereto and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow \$2,190,500 under Mass. Gen. L. c. 44 or any other enabling authority, or do anything in relation thereto.

Capital Committee

Article 19.

a. Voted that the Town appropriate Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000) for the following capital purchases:

1. Fire Station Basement Gym Lead Paint Remediation -\$40,000
2. High School Feasibility Study - \$125,000
3. Library Foundation Study to address major water issues - \$30,000
4. School Sidewalk & Patio Repair - \$25,000

Said sum to be transferred from the Sale of Foreclosed Property Fund (\$85,554) and from the unexpended balance of a prior year warrant article (High School Boilers) voted in Article No. 1 of the March 13, 2016 Special Town Meeting (\$134,446).

Passed Unanimously

b. Voted that the Town appropriate a sum of One Million, One Hundred Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,170,500) for the following capital expenditures, including all costs incidental or related thereto:

1. Police Dept. HVAC Upgrade - \$300,000
2. Multi-Use Utility Vehicle (replace 1985 sidewalk plow & blower) - \$153,000
3. Town Wide Sidewalk Program - \$132,000
4. Golf Course Irrigation Replacement - \$585,500

Said sum totaling One Million, One Hundred Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,170,500) to be met by borrowing by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws and any other applicable laws; and further, that provided that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

**²/Vote Required
Passed Unanimously**

c. Voted that the Town appropriate Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, street repairs, hydrant replacement, water meter installations, purchasing equipment, or maintain the water system within the limits of the Town. Said sum to be transferred from water enterprise fund retained earnings.

**Passed Unanimously
Motion for Reconsideration
Articles 19a, 19b & 19c Fails
Per Moderator Cannot be
Reconsidered**

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant an easement containing approximately 115 square feet +/- to the Stoneham Theatre for the purpose of providing a handicapped accessibility ramp to their entrance over the public sidewalk located at 395 Main Street with the exact location and area of the easement on such property to be determined by the Department of Public Works, and take such other and further actions in furtherance of this authorization, including the execution of any documents necessary to effectuate the granting of said easement, or do anything in relation thereto.

Town Administrator

Article 20. Voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant an easement containing approximately 115 square feet +/- to the Stoneham Theatre for the purpose of

providing a handicapped accessibility ramp to their entrance over the public sidewalk located at 395 Main Street with the exact location and area of the easement on such property to be determined by the Department of Public Works, and further that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to take such other and further actions in furtherance of this authorization, including the execution of any documents necessary to effectuate the granting of this easement.

**2/ Vote Required
Passed Unanimously**

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. Gen. L, c.60, Sec. 3F to establish a Veterans’ Assistance Trust Fund to provide support for veterans and their dependents in need of immediate assistance with food, transportation, heat, and oil expenses, as applicable, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 21. Voted that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 60, Section 3F establishing a municipal veterans assistance [trust] fund under the care and charge of the Treasurer and administered by the Department of Veterans’ Services to provide for the support of Stoneham veterans and their dependents in need of immediate assistance with food, transportation, heat and oil expenses.

Passed Unanimously

Article 22. Stretch Energy Code: To see if the Town will vote to enact Chapter 15 of the Town of Stoneham General Bylaws, entitled “Stretch Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 2, 2018, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Chapter 15

STRETCH ENERGY CODE

§7.5.1.7 Stretch Energy Code

§7.5.1.7.1 Definitions

§7.5.1.7.2 Purpose

§7.5.1.7.3 Applicability

§7.5.1.7.4 Stretch Code

§7.5.1.7.1 Definitions

Stretch Energy Code – Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA of the 9th edition Massachusetts building code, the Stretch Energy Code

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) – The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the MA State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards and is an appendix to the Massachusetts building code, based on further amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code.

§7.5.1.7.2 Purpose

The purpose of 780 CMR 115.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the Base Energy Code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for new buildings.

§7.5.1.7.3 Applicability

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 13, 34, 51, as applicable.

§7.5.1.7.4 Stretch Code

The Stretch Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, including any future editions, amendments or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Stoneham General Bylaws, Chapter 15.

The Stretch Code is enforceable by the Inspector of Buildings or Building Commissioner.

Planning Board

Please Note- Article 22 was originally submitted by the Planning Board as a zoning bylaw change. At the recommendation of Town Counsel the Planning Board chose to add it to Chapter 4 of the Stoneham Town Code which would make it a general bylaw. The Planning Board held a meeting at 6PM on May 1, 2017 and voted to change Article 22 to insert the “Stretch Energy Code into Chapter 4 instead of Chapter 15.

Article 22. Voted that the Town adopt the so-called Stretch Energy Code portion of the State Building Code, for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the “Stretch Energy Code”, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, by amending the Town of Stoneham Code so as to add thereto the bylaw effective January 2, 2018 as set forth in Article 22 of the Town Meeting Warrant with one change that it would be inserted in Chapter 4, Buildings as a new Section 4-4, Stretch Energy Code.

Chapter 4 Buildings

STRETCH ENERGY CODE

§7.5.1.7 Stretch Energy Code

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Stretch Energy Code – Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA of the 9th edition Massachusetts building code, the Stretch Energy Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts building code, based on further amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code.

§7.5.1.7.2 Purpose

The purpose of 780 CMR 115.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the Base Energy Code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for new buildings.

§7.5.1.7.3 Applicability

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 13, 34, 51, as applicable.

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The Stretch Code is enforceable by the Inspector of Buildings or Building Commissioner.

Passed Unanimously

Article 23. A-Frame Sign Defined as a “PORTABLE SIGN”: To see if the town will vote to amend portions of the zoning bylaw **Chapter 15, Section 6.7 SIGNS** by amending or adding the following sections of said zoning bylaw related to the CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT with deletions shown as strikeouts and additions shown as underlines and the accompanying sign chart

Chapter 15 – Central Business District, as shown herein:

Chapter 15, Section 6.7.4 Sign Definitions:

Chapter 15, Section 6.7.4.28A Portable Central Business District A-Frame: In accordance with the construction regulation and application process as adopted by the Planning Board and permitted pursuant to Chapter 15 Section 6.7.7, placed on private property or on the public sidewalk directly abutting the property, allowing a minimum of five (5) feet clear path along the public way and a minimum of fifteen (15) feet between A-Frame signs.

Chapter 15, Section 6.7.5 Prohibited signs: The following are prohibited: (a) Animated, moving, flashing, and revolving signs; beacon searchlights; pennants, portable signs, and balloons, other than as defined in Section 6.7.6, Permitted signs. (See Section 6.7.6 Central Business District Table 2 – below)

Chapter 15, Sign Chart – Central Business District

Central Business District

Sign Type	Permit Required	Max. Sign Area	Max Height Ft.	Front Setback	Side Setback	Max. Number	Comment
Allowed							
A-Fram	Y (renewed annually)	20 inches X 36 inches	36 inches	See Chapter 15, Section 6.7.4.28A	NA	1 per business With a minimum of 15 feet between A-Frame signs.	Allowed during business hours but in no case before 6:00 AM or after 11:00 PM and shall not be displayed during snow emergencies, inclement weather or overnight.

Planning Board

Article 23. Voted that the Town amend the Town of Stoneham Code-Chapter 15-Zoning as set forth in Article 23 of the Town Meeting Warrant to amend the Sign Bylaw

A-Frame Sign Defined as a “PORTABLE SIGN” by amending or adding the following sections of said zoning bylaw related to the CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT with deletions shown as strikeouts and additions shown as underlines and the accompanying sign chart Chapter 15 – Central Business District, as shown herein:

Chapter 15, Section 6.7.4 Sign Definitions:

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than as defined in Section 6.7.6, *Permitted signs*. (See Section 6.7.6 Central Business District Table 2 – below)

Chapter 15, Sign Chart – Central Business District

Central Business District

Sign Type	Permit Required	Max. Sign Area	Max Height Ft.	Front Setback	Side Setback	Max. Number	Comment
A-Fram	Y (renewed annually)	20 inches X 36	36 inches	See Chapter 15, 6.7.4.28A	NA	1 per business	Allowed during business hours but in no case before 6:00 AM or after 11:00 PM and shall not be displayed during snow emergencies, inclement weather or overnight.
						With a minimum of 15 feet between A-Frame signs.	

**Motion to Move the Question
 Question is Moved
 2/3 Vote Required
 2/3 Vote Passed Per Moderator
 Motion for Reconsideration
 Fails Per Moderator
 Cannot Be Reconsidered**

Article 24. Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw, by adding Section 4.1.7 Moratorium on Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed as follows:

Chapter 15, 4.1.7 Moratorium on Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed

4.1.7.1. Purpose: By vote at the State election on November 8, 2016 (Ballot Question 4), the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law to control the production and distribution of marijuana

under a system that licenses, regulates and taxes the businesses involved in a manner similar to alcohol and to make marijuana legal for adults 21 years of age or older. Its intent is to remove the production and distribution of marijuana from the illicit market and to prevent the sale of marijuana to persons under 21 years of age by providing for a regulated and taxed distribution system. This moratorium will allow the Town sufficient time to engage in a planning process to consider and address the effects of such uses and structures in the Town, and to enact zoning bylaw provisions regarding the distribution of marijuana not medically prescribed in a manner consistent with sound planning and land use objectives, as well as applicable law and regulations.

4.1.7.2. Definition of Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed: Distribution of marijuana not medically prescribed shall mean “an entity licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers”, as defined by Massachusetts law only (as referenced in Ballot Question 4) and regulated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to “compound, blend, extract, infuse or otherwise make or prepare a marijuana product.”

4.1.7.3 Moratorium: For the reasons set forth in the purpose Section above, and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a moratorium on the use of any land or structures for the distribution of marijuana not medically prescribed in all zoning districts in the Town. The moratorium shall be in effect until such time that the Town Meeting enacts a Zoning Bylaw specifically addressing a Distribution Use(s) of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed in Stoneham or through *July 1, 2019*, whichever date is sooner. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of the distribution of marijuana not medically prescribed and related uses in the Town, consider the State regulations regarding its distribution and related uses, and enact new Zoning Bylaws to address these issues, including the use of any land or structures therefore.

Or do anything in relation hereto.

Planning Board

Please Note- Article 24 was originally submitted by the Planning Board with a date of July 1, 2019. At the recommendation of Town Counsel the Planning Board chose to change the date to December 31, 2018. The Planning Board held a meeting at 6PM on May 1, 2017 and voted to substitute the date of December 31, 2018 for the date of July 1, 2019 in Article 24.

Article 24. Voted that the Town amend the Town of Stoneham Code – Chapter 15 – Zoning, as set forth in Article 24 of the Town Meeting Warrant, substituting the date of December 31, 2018, for the date of July 1, 2019, as originally published (Temporary Moratorium on Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed).

By adding Section 4.1.7 Moratorium on Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed as follows:

Chapter 15, 4.1.7 Moratorium on Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed

4.1.7.1. Purpose: By vote at the State election on November 8, 2016 (Ballot Question 4), the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law to control the production and distribution of marijuana under a system that licenses, regulates and taxes the businesses involved in a manner similar to alcohol and to make marijuana legal for adults 21 years of age or older. Its intent is to remove the production and distribution of marijuana from the illicit market and to prevent the sale of marijuana to persons under 21 years of age by providing for a regulated and taxed distribution system. This moratorium will allow the Town sufficient time to engage in a planning process to consider and address the effects of such uses and structures in the Town, and to enact zoning bylaw provisions regarding the distribution of marijuana not medically prescribed in a manner consistent with sound planning and land use objectives, as well as applicable law and regulations.

4.1.7.2. Definition of Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed: Distribution of marijuana not medically prescribed shall mean “an entity licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers”, as defined by Massachusetts law only (as referenced in Ballot Question 4) and regulated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to “compound, blend, extract, infuse or otherwise make or prepare a marijuana product.”

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**Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
2/3 Vote Required
Passed Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Fails Per Moderator
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning By-law by amending the Zoning Map to add to the Central Business District the following described property at 12 Pleasant Street and 60 Central Street:

PARCEL A

REAR 12 PLEASANT STREET, STONEHAM, MASS.

A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwesterly rear lot corner of 12 Pleasant Street, said point being $S77^{\circ}-50'-39''$ W along the southerly lot line of 60 Central Street a distance of 127.99 feet from the sideline of Central Street at the southeasterly lot corner of 60 Central Street;

Thence running $N 77^{\circ}-50'-39''$ E a distance of 32.66 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running $S 00^{\circ}-38'-52''$ W a distance of 41.83 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running $N 89^{\circ}-21'-08''$ W a distance of 31.28 feet to a point;

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PARCEL B

REAR 60 CENTRAL STREET, STONEHAM, MASS.

A certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a 1/2" rebar at the northwesterly rear corner of 60 Central Street, said point being $S 79^{\circ}-12'-59''$ W along the northerly lot line a distance of 88.97 feet from the sideline of Central Street at the northeasterly lot corner of the herein described lot;

Thence running $S 00^{\circ}-24'-48''$ E along the westerly rear line of the herein described lot a distance of 84.88 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running $N 77^{\circ}-50'-39''$ E along the southerly lot line of the herein described lot a distance of 13.00 feet to a point;

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Charles F. Houghton
15 Kimball Drive

Article 26. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning By-law by amending the Zoning Map to add to the Central Business District the following described property at 12 Pleasant Street and 60 Central Street:

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**2/Vote Required
Passed Unanimously
Motion for Reconsideration
Fails Per Moderator
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

Article 27. Stoneham
Anti-Corruption
Resolution:

WHEREAS, in an effort to restore voter confidence in our democracy, a non-partisan, grassroots movement known as "Represent.Us" is working for legislative reforms to reduce the opportunity for corruption within the political system in our country by supporting a legislative reform bills modeled after the "American Anti-Corruption Act" (the Act); and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the legal voters of the Town of Stoneham, Massachusetts that tough new anti-corruption laws must be passed by the Massachusetts General Court as well as the US Congress to remove the corrupting influence of money on our political system. Laws such as these would prohibit politicians from taking campaign money from industries they regulate; increase transparency for campaign funding; empower all voters through a tax rebate voucher to contribute to the candidates they support; prohibit representatives and senior staff from all lobbying activity for five years after leaving office; and place limits on Super PACs.

Public Petition

Before Article 27 the Moderator states that action should be taken on all articles. She then asked the Town Meeting body for a vote in the affirmative on Article 1 the Annual Town Election and Article 2 The selection of Town Officers. The articles were then passed unanimously.

Moderator Craigie then stated that we don’t usually offer resolutions but that she would allow this one to be read, then we would take a vote prior to the meeting being dissolved.

Article 27. Voted to accept the following resolution as read by Angela Simonelli 29 Lincoln Street:

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Passed Per Moderator

Town Meeting Dissolved at 10:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

**Maria Sagarino
Town Clerk**

TOWN COUNSEL

To the Citizens of Stoneham and the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The office of Town Counsel provides general legal services and representation to the town of Stoneham in its corporate capacity, to town officials and department heads, and boards, commissions and committees in their performance of their official duties. The office of Town Counsel is a collaborative effort of consisting of Robert W. Galvin, Esq., of Galvin & Galvin, PC, and Jonathan Witten, Esq. and Barbara Carboni, Esq. of Huggins & Witten, PC. Also serving in the capacity of Labor Counsel for Stoneham are John Clifford, Esq. and Jaime Kenny, Esq. of Clifford & Kenny, LLP.

The specific duties of Town Counsel are described in the Town Charter involve the provision of the following types of legal services: (a) prosecution of claims and defenses on behalf of the Town, (b) advisory services designed to guide officials and boards through the intricacies of legal system and legal requirements in order to prevent litigation, (c) review of policies, procedures and bylaws, (d) review of all contracts for form and substance, and (e) issuance of advisory opinions and ethical opinions to public officials and employees.

During the past year, the town's significant legal matters, after the transitioning from long-time Town Counsel, William Solomon, have involved trial and appeal of sign bylaw cases, zoning appeal and enforcement matters, trial of aspects of the Weiss Farm 40B Matter, several gun appeal trials, personnel issues, and review and advice on pending issues dealing with the MWRA and Eversource, as well as attending Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting dealing with issues arising from the legalization of marijuana. I wish the best to former colleague, William Solomon, a fixture at nearly every town meeting who provided steady, capable guidance to the town and has been a tremendous advocate for the town.

In addition to the town officials, each year I complement the town's elected and appointed officials, boards and commissions who, once again this year, have volunteered their time and effort to make this community a wonderful place to work and live. Their efforts are what make the town flourish and succeed in challenging times. This year is no different.

During the reporting period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, there have been a number of cases that have concluded or remain active. A complete listing of all these cases is available through the Town Administrator or Board of Selectmen.

In addition to litigation, I render legal services in the following manner: (a) provide written and oral opinions, (b) examined titles and/or completed land acquisition or disposition projects, including review of licenses and easements, (c) appeared before state administrative agencies, (d) rendered ethics opinions and advice, (e) prepared and recorded deeds and easements, (f) assisted in the preparation of warrants and attendance at town meetings, (g) conducted training sessions on the Open Meeting Law and Ethics Laws.

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude in particular to each of the members of the Board of Selectmen for their support and confidence in our team, Town Administrator, Thomas Younger, for his hard work and efforts also in a transition from a prior administrator, Police Chief, James McIntyre, and Fire Chief, Matthew Grafton, DPW Director, Robert Grover, the entire Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, the Director of Planning & Community Development, Erin Wortman, Building Inspector, Cheryl Noble, the Treasurer Collector, Town Accountant, Assessors, as well as our new Moderator, Jeanne Craigie, and our dedicated Town Clerk, Maria Sagarino, as well as their staffs for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Galvin, Town Counsel

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Director of Planning & Community Development Department is to collaborate with residents, town officials and business owners by following best practices of urban planning and development to progress short- and long-range plans that identify and prioritize the needs of the municipality while promoting a well-designed, livable and thriving community.

Department Overview:

The Director of Planning and Community Development Department consists of one employee who provides technical support and leadership regarding land use and development to all Town Departments, Committees and Boards as requested. She contributes guidance and expertise with civic-minded volunteers on the Stoneham Square Strategic Action Plan, advocacy through the Transportation Advisory Subcommittee, and leads regionally with conversations about first and last mile mobility solutions for Stoneham residents and employers. Professional involvement, noteworthy department emphasis, and financial awards over the last year are detailed below.

Professional Recognition:

- Vice President, Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)
- Stoneham Representative, MAPC
- Delegate, North Suburban Planning Council

- Member, MAPC Executive Committee
- Member, MetroFuture Inc. Board of Directors
- Member, Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors
- Member, American Planning Association Massachusetts Chapter

Awarded with the Stoneham Transportation Advisory Committee:

- Social Advocacy Award, American Planning Association: Massachusetts Chapter
- Citizen Planning Award, American Planning Association: Massachusetts Chapter

Department Highlights:

- Professional Planning Review – Oversight and assessment of all proposed special permit requests, zoning language, and site plan applications to the Town of Stoneham.
- Zoning Updates – Submitted zoning warrant articles on a-frame signage, laydown area, stretch code, electricity aggregation, and non-medically prescribed marijuana moratorium to town boards for consideration at Town Meeting.
- Stoneham Commercial Improvement Program – Created and facilitated the financial program for businesses in the Central Business District to improve its signage, windows and storefront esthetic resulting in over \$65,000 investment by local merchants and property owners.
- Green Communities Designation – Awarded designation and \$169,615 from the Massachusetts Green Communities Division of the Department of Energy Resources which demonstrates that Stoneham is an energy leader in Massachusetts, poised to reduce its energy costs, and improvement the local environment.
- Pop-Up Stoneham – Resumed summer place-making summer event series held on Town Common designed to engage residents, businesses and visitors of all ages while energizing the community. Twelve events were held in summer 2017 including, but not limited to: picnic & putt, science showcase, various fitness activities, millennial corn hole tournament, game night, and collaborated with the Stoneham Recreation Department, Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition, and Stoneham Community Development Corporation to host “Hocus Pocus” movie night on the Common.
- Complete Streets – Successfully aided the Town in signing a Complete Streets policy and creating a Prioritization Plan after numerous planning workshops and community engagement tactics; submitted a Complete Streets funding request and awaiting response from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.
- North Suburban Mobility Study – Participated in mobility challenge conversations to create a connectivity study with the communities of Burlington, Lynnfield, North Reading, Reading, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn
- Stoneham Open Space & Recreation Plan Update – Finished work with consultants and Steering Committee to update the 20 year old plan in order to meet the latest Division of Conservation Service requirements, and be written in accordance with the Open Space and Recreation Plan Requirements, and the Open Space and Recreation Planner’s Workbook. Plan has been submitted to DCS and the Town is awaiting its approval.
- How to Do Business Guide – Worked with municipal departments, Chamber of Commerce and local merchants to curate a How to Do Business Guide in Stoneham. Guide was published electronically, distributed among business community, and hard copies are available in town hall.
- Stoneham Housing Production Plan – Began work with consultants and Steering Committee to create the first ever Plan to identify housing need and demand as well as establish goals for future housing development.
- Economic Development Self-Assessment Tool (EDSAT) – Worked with Northeastern University to host an economic development conversation about current and future trends in Stoneham; published the EDSAT onto the Town website and shared with the business community.
- Tri-Community Greenway – Worked and finalized with the Town of Winchester, the City of Woburn, and consultant Stantec on wayfinding signage designs for the Greenway.
- Stoneham Traffic Commission – Participates in monthly meetings with the Town Administrator, Chief of Police, Police Safety Officer, Fire Chief, Department of Public Works Superintendent, and Town Clerk to address traffic and safety issues throughout the municipality

Project & Grant Awards:

- Green Communities Designation through Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
- Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED) Grant to create an Economic Development Self-Assessment Tool (EDSAT)
- Executive Office for Administration and Finance (EOAF) grant and District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) funding to update its Open Space & Recreation Plan

- North Suburban Planning Council (NSPC) Suburban Mobility Study with the communities of Burlington, Lynnfield, North Reading, Reading, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn
- District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) and FY2018 Planning for MetroFuture Technical Assistance to create the Town's first Housing Production Plan
- Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) grant to assist in Green Communities designation

TOWN TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

The primary function of this office is the management of the Town's funds. We are responsible for depositing all revenue, as well as dispersing all payroll and vendors checks. Investment management and bond indebtedness are also functions of the Treasurer. The objective being that all funds are safe, liquid, and invested daily at the highest possible yield.

We have been working with Invoice Cloud, our online payment service for real estate, personal property, excise and utility bills, for over two years. Residents do seem to like this other option for paying their bills as usage has increased. They can view their bills online, see their payment history, make payments on a monthly basis for better budgeting, and can select automatic payments.

In May we hired Sandra Snyder. Sandy has worked in the town for many years. She is detailed orient, pleasant and helpful with the residents, and sincere in her work ethic. She has added much to our office. We hired Sandy as a Principal Office Assistant. In doing so, all of our staff are now Principal Office Assistants and can be cross trained in each other's work duties.

I would like to thank my exceptional team at this time, Paulette Gerry, Assistant Treasurer/Tax Collector, and my office staff, Kathleen Sullivan, Michele Collins, and Sandra Snyder all Principal Office Assistants. Without their expertise and dedication this office would not run as smoothly as it does. They have all gone above and beyond their job descriptions in this incredibly busy office.

Respectfully submitted –

Diane M. Murphy, CMMC, CMMT
Treasurer/Tax Collector

VETERANS SERVICES

The mission of Stoneham Veterans Services is to help veterans and their dependents with the process of acquiring all of the benefits they may be qualified to for. These benefits may come from The V A which is funded totally by the federal government. MGL Chapter 115 benefits, which is a combination of State and local benefits. Seventy five per cent is paid by the State and twenty five per cent is paid by the Town of Stoneham. All applications are taken in this office. If a client cannot make it to the office I will go to their home, in some cases to nursing homes. For Chapter 115 benefits I put the information into a DVS database which I have complete access to and I can get information on the claim at any time. These benefits are paid on a monthly basis. VA applications are also taken in this office or in the field. I then send the claim to a National Veterans Service Officer who becomes the power of attorney for that claim (I am a State VSO). We may also refer clients to outside agencies like Veterans legal services, educational benefits, Mystic Valley Elderly services, and heating assistance agencies for those who have to pay for oil or gas heat for issues that do not fall within our powers to assist.

Chapter 115 in 2017

We have approximately thirty clients currently receiving chapter 115 benefits. In 2017 we paid out a total of \$139,984.00 in benefits. We were reimbursed seventy five per cent of all of those funds. There were zero disallowances for all funds paid out for the calendar year. This now makes sixty six consecutive months where we were reimbursed the full seventy five per cent. These funds cover things such as living expenses, food, fuel, doctor's

visits, prescription co pays, doctor co pays, dentists, eyeglasses, hearing aids, medical insurance, prescription insurance, and Medicare parts B and D to name a few.

VA Benefits

The caseload for VA benefits covered in this office is well over one hundred. I also average about two to three new claims each week. According to a recent report sent to me on a spreadsheet, Stoneham veterans or dependents are currently receiving \$419,959 monthly from the VA for various claims. (Last year I mistakenly reported this as an annual figure). The person I got the figures from assured me that this is a monthly figure. (She is the Secretary of the Mass. Vets. Service Officers Assoc.) This translates to \$5,029,508 annually to Stoneham from the VA. The more we can get the Federal Government to pay for benefits the less it burdens local taxpayers. Much of this money is also being spent locally. These claims are for compensation, pension, death pension, DIC (Death Indemnity Compensation), widow's pension (Aid and Attendance). Any of these claims that have been approved since June of 2012 were most likely filed through this office. Unfortunately sometimes claims are approved and I am never informed because the claimant gets the award and never lets me know. This is because they are happy with the decision. When the claim is denied I almost always know because they tell me and then the standard procedure is to appeal the claim. We never take a denial without appealing as long as the claimant keeps us informed of what is happening. We end up prevailing on a high percentage of our appeals, but again sometimes the claimant wins on appeal and never informs us when the award comes in. I always stress how important it is for clients to keep us informed with every step of the process.

Financial Breakdown Chapter 115

Chapter 115 benefits paid \$139,984 from Town budget X 75% = \$104,988 reimbursed to general fund the actual cost to Stoneham taxpayers for Chapter 115 was \$ 34,996 for calendar 2017

VA Benefits The fact that we have documented proof of \$5,029,908 annually coming into Stoneham from the VA speaks for itself.

2017 Educational Conferences I attended a four day conference presented by the Mass. Department of Veterans Services in October, a conference presented by the Massachusetts Veterans Services Officers Association in June and also in February. I also attend monthly meetings presented by the Northeast Veterans Services Officers Association.

Monthly Food Delivery

On the third Wednesday I go over to Memorial hall in Melrose with my own vehicle and pick up food for twenty clients. I return to my office with the food and call the clients who can pick up their food and distribute it to them as they arrive. When that is done, usually around one o clock I deliver the rest of the food to those who cannot pick up their orders and deliver it to their kitchen table by driving to their homes. Once again this has been going on for over three years now with the use of my own vehicle. I could actually help more people with this benefit, but twenty is the maximum number of orders I can put into my Toyota Rav 4. And I usually have be very strategic with how I pack the orders.

Memorial Day Parade and Town Hall Ceremony

Once again we had a successful parade on Memorial Day and a ceremony at Town hall. It starts at St Patrick's cemetery, we then march to Lindenwood cemetery for a ceremony at the Veterans section, and we finish at Town hall with a ceremony there. Full credit has to go to Maureen Buckley and the Memorial Day committee for putting this event together. It takes literally months to plan. We also decorate all Veterans in the cemeteries with American Flags. I believe the number of Flags is around three thousand now. It takes the entire week before Memorial Day to do this. Again this would be impossible without the wonderful group of volunteers we have.

Annual Veterans Day ceremony and Road Race

On November 11, we had our annual Veterans Day ceremony at town hall. The ceremony was held indoors this year and we have decided to continue with that practice with the unpredictability of November weather... There were several speakers and had our moment of silence at 11:11 am. The ceremony was followed by our annual 5k road race along with an additional 11k race. We dedicated a Memorial at town hall to honor 52 Veterans who served during the Vietnam era. There are many more Veterans that deserve that honor and I believe we should go forward with an additional memorial to include all the other names of those who qualify.

Stoneham Veterans assistance Fund

At the May town meeting the town unanimously voted to adopt a Veterans Assistance fund that allows us to give assistance to Veterans or dependents who may not be eligible for assistance from the State or the VA. The current balance in the fund is \$2,943 but people will be able to make donations on their property tax bill going forward so we hope the fund increases with that option. Up until now people have been sending checks to the treasurer's office or the veteran's office. I made a plea during the Veterans Day ceremony and people were kind enough to donate over\$600 that day out of pocket.