

In Memoriam

Barbara Lawrence, January 7, 2022, School Department
Annabelle Cashell, January 21, 2022, School Department
Rose Fiore, February 3, 2022, School Department
Nathalie Lusas, February 25, 2022, Clerk's Office
William Daly, March 6, 2022, School Department
Ralph Surette, April 9, 2022, Department of Public Works
Robert Gaona, April 12, 2022, School Department
Lucia Yapp, May 26, 2022, School Department
Rosemary Geary, May 26, 2022, Building Department
Carole Roach, June 8, 2022, School Department
Paul Kirkland, July 28, 2022, School Department
Matthew Hamilton, August 7, 2022, Stoneham Arena
Nancy Sidlowski, August 14, 2022, School Department
Kathleen Driscoll, August 21, 2022, School Department
Raymond Sorensen, August 29, 2022, Fire Department
James Walker, September 25, 2022, School Department
Marianne Minghella, September 27, 2022, Library Department
Alfred Doucette, September 29, 2022, School Department
Kathleen Mawn, October 21, 2022, Police Department
Mary Lynch, October 23, 2022, School Department
Verna Boudreau, November 4, 2022, School Department
Charles Murdoch, November 5, 2022, School Department
Harriet Cort, November 29, 2022, School Department

Stoneham Select Board 2022



From left to right:
Chair George Seibold,
Shelly MacNeill, Heidi Bilbo,
Clerk Raymie Parker, Vice-Chair David Pignone

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Community Profile

Incorporated: December 17, 1725

Situated: 10.3 miles from Boston

County: Middlesex

Land Area: 6.6 square miles

Population: 23,244 **Registered Voters:** 17,940

Tax Rate FY23: *Residential-* \$11.10 *Commercial-* \$21.16

FY23 Town Operating Budget: \$96,115,166

Form of Government: Elected Select Board; Appointed 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: Maura Healey

Senators in US Congress: Edward Markey; Elizabeth Warren

Representatives in US Congress- Fifth District: Katherine Clark

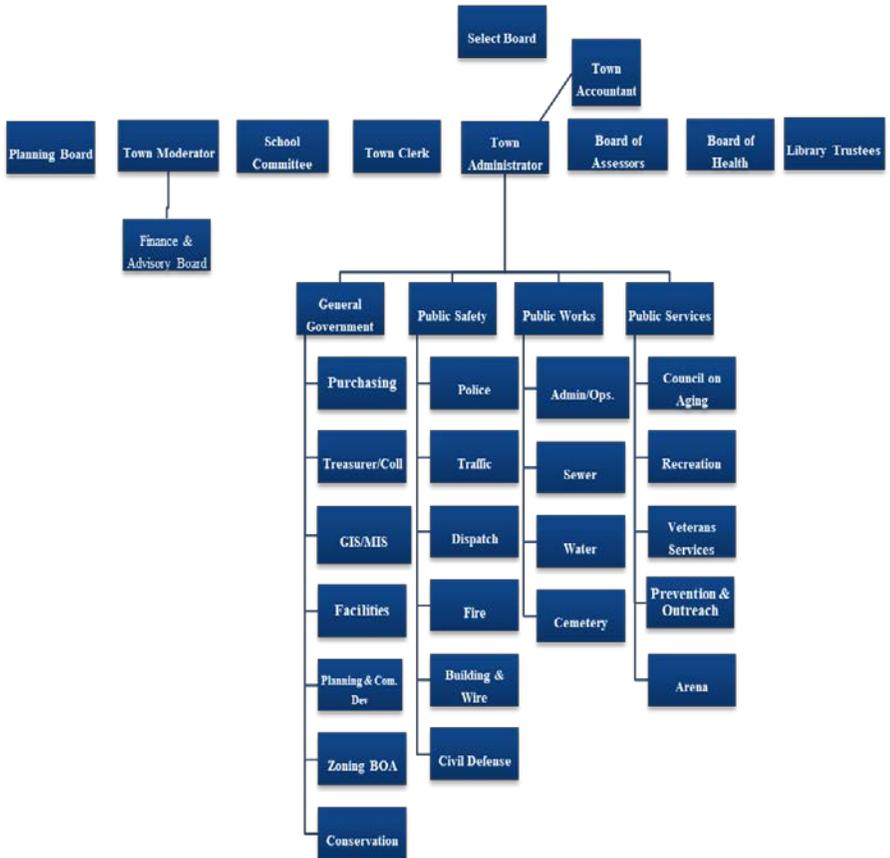
Sixth District Governor's Council: Terrance Kennedy

Fifth Middlesex Senatorial District: Jason Lewis

31st Middlesex Representative District: Michael Day

Official Website: www.stoneham-ma.gov

Organizational Chart Stoneham Municipal Government



Elected Officials 2022

Office	Term
Board of Assessors	
Craig Celli	2024
William Jordan	2026
Eric Josephson	2025
Board of Health	
Teresa Dean	2025
Carol O'Loughlin	2026
John Scullin	2024
Constables	
David Luciano	2024
Robert Nardone	2024
Robert Sweeney	2024
Housing Authority	
Thomas Anderson	2026
Kevin McLaughlin	2025
Robert Daniels	2025
Michelle Meagher	2024
Carol Mustone	2024
John Shaughnessy	2025
Library Trustees	
Patricia DePietro	2025
Kathryn Fitzgerald	2024
Susan Fixman	2025
Jane Francis	2024
Jessica Killilea	2026
Lisa Mashburn	2026
Moderator	
Jeanne Craigie	2025

Office**Term****Northeast Metropolitan Vocational School District Representative**

Lawrence Means	2024
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Planning Board

Kevin Dolan	2024
Terrance Dolan	2025
Daniel Moynihan, Jr.	2028
Frank Vallarelli	2026
Marcia M. Wengen	2027

School Committee

Melanie Fiore	2024
Nicole Fenocchi Nial	2026
Betty Chu Pryor	2025
Megan Samborski	2026
Jaime Wallace	2024

Select Board

Heidi Bilbo	2025
Raymie Parker	2024
David Pignone	2024
George Seibold	2025
Tim Waitkevitch	2026

Town Clerk

Maria Sagarino	2025
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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

– Margaret Mead

Boards and Committees 2022

Board	Term
Board of Appeals	
Raymond Dufour	2025
Kevin McLaughlin	2025
Eric Rubin	2023
Tobin Shulman	2023
Robert Saltzman	2024
William Sullivan, Associate	2023
Mark Russell, Associate	2023
Capital Improvement Advisory Committee	
Tom Barry, Chair	2025
Heidi Bilbo, Select Board	
Ryan Brown	2023
Lauri Plourde, Town Accountant	
Kara Johnston	2025
David Ljungberg, Superintendent of Schools	
Daniel Moynihan, Planning Board	
Dennis Sheehan, Town Administrator	
Jaimie Wallace, School Committee	
Tim Waitkevitch, Finance and Advisory Board	
Conservation Commission	
Domenick Cimina	2024
Jessica Gerke,	2023
Norman L'Esperance	2025
Alexander Rozycki	2024
Megan Day	2023
Contributory Retirement Board	
Janice Houghton	2024
Francis Gould, Jr.	2023
Lauri Plourde, Town Accountant, Ex-Officio	
John Scullin	2023
Kathleen Sullivan, Select Board Designee	

Board	Term
Council on Aging – Board of Directors	
Maureen Buckley	2025
Jane DiGangi	2023
Kathleen Welch Hudson	2024
William Kelly	2023
Traci Mello	2024
Connie Rosa	2024
Walter Wolonsavich	2023
Cultural Council	
Megan Day	2023
Maria DiGioia	2025
Angela Leo	2025
Dwight Porter	2025
Carlyene Prince-Erickson	2023
Farmers Market Committee	
Lauren Murphy	2023
Leila Pascale	2024
Finance and Advisory Board	
Julianne Bovat	2025
Jennifer Gray	2025
Andrew Harmon	2025
Ed Hurley	2024
Sachin Joshi	2024
Cory Mashburn	2025
Michael Memmolo	2023
Wendy Smith	2024
Tim Waitkevitch	2023
Historical Commission	
Anthony Chiappini	2022
Hilary Fotino	2022
Susan Larson	2023
Mindy Pontone	2024
Joan Quigley, Treasurer	2023
Dolly Wilson, Co-Chair	2023
Marcia Wengen, Co-Chair/Secretary	2024

Board**Term****Historical Society**

Philip Donovan
 Melissa Davidson-Kyle
 Stephen Rotundi
 Paulene Bee Russo
 Joan Quigley
 Robert VanTichelt
 Donna Weiss

Human Rights Commission

Lindsay Beal	2025
Erin Tracy Bradley	2023
Donna Gaffey, Town Administrator Designee	2025
Kevin Merritt	2025
Elizabeth Valett	2025

Memorial Day Parade Committee/Veterans Day Committee & Veterans Memorial Walk/Run

Cameron Bain
 Maureen Buckley
 Kevin Cantwell
 Francis Geary
 Jay Humphreys
 Melanie Mendel, Veterans Agent
 James Lamb
 Frank Zhu

Municipal Affordable Housing Trust

Ayman Doughman	2024
Greta Garness	2024
Paulette Gerry	2024
Elizabeth Kennedy	2023
Jonathan Lane	2024
Raymie Parker	2023
Mary Shannon Thomas	2023

Board	Term
Open Space and Recreation Committee	
David Goodberg	2025
Thomas Igoe	2025
Stephen Sylvester	2025
Registrars of Voters	
Maria Sagarino, Town Clerk, Ex Officio	
George Georgountzos	2025
James Sinclair	2023
Scholarship Fund Committee	
Paulette Gerry	2024
Dava Kilbride	2024
David Ljungberg, Superintendent of Schools	
Maria Sagarino	2024
Robin Yeomelakis	2024
Stoneham Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Community	
Carol O’Loughlin	Kristen Spence
Anthony Chui	Brandi Artez
David Ljungberg	Chris Apalakis
Leighanne Taylor	Adam Rodgers
Rachel Overbeck	Becky Jacques
Dennis O’Hara	David Gardner
Elizabeth Valett	Michael Colotti
Colleen Martin	Ed Rosa
Cory Mashburn	Frank Gould
John Brinkman	Terry Dean
MaryLou Hardy	Jim McIntyre
Maureen Saltzman	Judy Sadacca
Tracy Ascolillo	Herlinda Saitz
Chris Dalis	Lois Gold
Rob White	Katie Marek
Jason Lewis	Mike Day
Matt Grafton	Steve Kingston
Lauren Constantine	Dennis Sheehan
Janice Houghton	Ben Jacques
Maureen Buzby	Danielle Visone
Pat Healey	Nicole Strout
Peg Drummy	Nicole Robinson
Sophie Greenebaum	

Board

Term

Tree Committee

Nhai Cao	2025
Megan Day	2025
Jeanne Grieve	2025
David Goodberg, Open Space & Recreation Committee	2025
John Savino	2025

300th Centennial Committee

Maureen Buckley	2025
Adam Craigie	2025
Megan Day	2025
Jennifer Gray	2025
Susan Larson	2025
James McLaughlin	2025
Lauren Murphy	2025
Stephen Rotondi	2025
George Seibold	2025
Lauren Taylor	2025
Jaime Wallace	2025
Dolly Wilson	2025

Stoneham Select Board

The Select Board (Board) is pleased to present the 2022 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 Select Board, 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 5, 2022, Heidi Bilbo and George Seibold were re-elected to three-year terms as Select Board members. On April 12, 2022, the Board reorganized. George Seibold was elected as Chair, David Pignone was elected as Vice Chair; Raymie Parker was elected as Clerk; and Shelly MacNeill and Heidi Bilbo served as members.

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2-45, of the Town Code, Robert Galvin was appointed as Town Counsel on March 15, 2022. He continues to provide excellent service to the Town.

The Board met 39 times in 2022, and met 3 times in executive session. There was one Annual Town Meeting that included 23 articles, and one Special Town Meeting that included 17 articles, held this year. The Board met as part of a Tri-Board (Select Board, School Committee, and Finance and Advisory Board) 2 times in 2022, and 3 times as a Bi-Board with the Finance and Advisory Board. In addition, the Board members attended many 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 other Town projects. The Board generated over \$55,000 in alcohol and other license revenue in 2022. The Board made numerous appointments to boards and committees, including appointments to the newly formed Affordable Housing Trust and continues to be encouraged by the spirit of volunteerism in our Town.

This year brought many challenges to the Board including the continuation of the Eversource 345kV, Woburn to Wakefield line project and ongoing litigation and negotiations regarding the Weiss Farm development project. The use of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds as well as the funding and progress of the high school building project required much of the Board’s attention. Legislative changes in outdoor dining permitting and liquor licensing in response to the impacts of COVID required the Board to alter its policies and procedures regarding the same.

On December 7, 2022, the Board and the Stoneham Public Schools held a senior holiday party – the first in-person holiday party since COVID. Approximately 125 seniors enjoyed the event which included a light luncheon provided by the Stoneham Public Schools, a bag of small items provided by Stoneham Bank and the Stoneham Fire Department, caroling by the Girl Scouts and High School Chorus, and many raffle items. The Board wishes to thank Superintendent David Ljungberg, Stoneham Public Schools, and the Cafeteria staff for donating the luncheon; Town Moderator Jeanne Craigie for her generous donation and

for photographing the event; the Stoneham Council on Aging, Stoneham Fire Department, Stoneham Police, Cataldo Ambulance, and the Stoneham Bank, for their assistance with this event and generous donations; the Girls Scouts and Stoneham High School Chorus for providing entertainment; and the many individuals, departments, associations, and local businesses for their very generous raffle donations.

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. The Board wishes to thank the Town Administrator, 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,

Dava Kilbride, Office Manager

Town Administrator

2022 was a year in which many global issues impacted the town of Stoneham, inflation and the labor market were two in particular.

The labor shortage and staffing turnover were not unique to the municipal industry or the Town of Stoneham. The Town recently saw the departure of the Town Accountant, Library Director, Director of Assessing, Health Agent and retirement of the Assistant to the Town Administrator. The return of the Veteran's Agent, the promotion of the Assistant Assessor, and the hiring of the new Budget Director, Library Director and Town Administrator Office Manager have been welcome additions in 2022. These separate and distinct vacancies often required either interim coverage or unique agreements to ensure the continuity of those functions. Each time the Town was able to continue performing a variety of essential functions, most often with the Town Administrator's office having significant involvement during the transition period.

The cost escalation of the high school project was a challenge and a number of actions were necessary to keep the progress of that project moving forward. Continued progress on the project was critical due to the rate of price escalation and to ensure the project timeline stays as close to on schedule as possible. The Town's presentation at the special Town Meeting covered and outlined the essential issues at hand.

In addition to securing funding for the high school building project, in the past year, the Capital Committee was organized to make a series of recommendations on the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, the Town was awarded the MVP (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness) implementation grant for improvements to the wetlands

behind the high school and a contract has just been signed with Horsley Witten to initiate the work, the Shared Streets grant was awarded for pedestrian improvements in front of the post office, stakeholder meetings were convened for the spot pond loop with our selected consultant VHB , the town held its first purple heart ceremony, the Assessor's office now has a publically viewable GIS map online with property recorded information and the FY 22 fiscal year ended with a surplus.

Through a variety of transitions in the finance functions of town, the Town continues a positive trend toward increased financial stability and has established itself as a more stable and professional community. The transition to the Melrose/Wakefield/Stoneham Health Region is an indication of how our neighboring communities are interested in working collaboratively with Stoneham forming common sense solutions.

On June 8, 2022, the Town of Stoneham held its community engagement session for the downtown redesign. The preferred design was submitted to MassDOT as planned. Additionally, the town completed a water main improvement project in the main street area, also the town had national grid complete work in the area.

I want to take a moment to thank all the Department Heads and staff in Town who have been so supportive of our office. I continue to be amazed by the how frequently the group of employees in Town are called on and how often they continue to deliver. I would like to thank the various Boards and committees for their support this past year which saw a number of challenges.

I would like to thank the Select Board for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Town Administrator. I would like to especially thank my office staff: Shannon Ciarlone, Donna Gaffey and Christine DelRossi for their continued support and dedicated work.

Respectfully,

Dennis J. Sheehan, Town Administrator

Arena

We had another great year here at the Stoneham Arena. We brought in few new program additions: Bean Town Broom Ball, Max Pro Skating Camp, Power Play, Patty's Summer Skating Camp, and Somerville Fire Fighters.

Throughout the year we hosted numerous tournaments for some of the following groups:

Stoneham Youth Hockey	Middlesex Yankee Girls
Mass Hockey	Stoneham High School Holiday
Bean Town Broom Ball	Fire Fighters Tournament

We host a multitude of programs at the arena including:

Edgeworks	Driscoll Skating Camp	Hockey Academy	Public Skating
Poweredge	Northshore Shamrocks	Hockey Sense	Summer Freestyle
Men's League	CN Hockey	Tim Marks Skills	Adult Stick Practice
Boston Jr. Rangers	Twice as Strong	Martian Hockey	Learn to Skate
Light it up Blue	Max Pro		

Projects completed in 2022:

- Lower roof replacement;
- Water damage repair in locker rooms;
- Concession stand has been leased;
- Multiple lighting fixtures have been replaced or repaired throughout the building.

With the loss of our beloved Assistant Manager, Matt Hamilton, the arena had to hire a new Assistant Manager and also a new full-time day employee. With those adjustments, and the addition of a few new per-diem part-time employees, the arena is fully staffed.

The Stoneham Arena continues to be self-sustaining and constantly looking to reduce energy costs and increase ice sales to help build up our revenue.

Louis Chiulli
Arena Manager

Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is a permit granting authority appointed by the Board of Selectmen and has all of the powers and duties prescribed under Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and as allocated under the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15 Zoning By-Laws.

The ZBA has the authority to hear and decide petitions for:

- Appeals of zoning orders and decisions made by the Building Commissioner,
- Variances with respect to land or structures,
- Special Permits for certain projects as allowed for in the Zoning By-laws, and
- Comprehensive Permits under Chapter 40B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Board of Appeals must act within the time constraints and specifications of the General Laws and the Zoning By-laws. The Board of Appeals may impose conditions, safeguards, and/or limitations as part of its approval of any application.

The mission of the Stoneham Zoning 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 2022 included Chairman Tobin Shulman, Vice Chairman Robert Saltzman, R. Michael Dufour, Kevin McLaughlin, Eric Rubin and Associate members William Sullivan and Mark Russell.

The Stoneham Board of Appeals met twelve times in 2022 for regularly scheduled meetings. The Board reviewed thirty eight applications for 2022. All thirty eight were approved. In addition to the regular meetings, the Board met eight times in Executive Session, two of which were held jointly with the Conservation Commission.

A petition for a comprehensive permit at Weiss Farm, 170 Franklin Street had been stayed pending the appeal of the Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) decision issued on March 15, 2021. The Housing Appeals Committee decision was upheld by the Middlesex Superior Court in a decision entered on August 4, 2022. There were no further appeals made by the Town. The Board expects to see this project move forward in 2023.

Tobin Shulman, Chairman
Stoneham Zoning Board of Appeals

Board of Assessors

Board of Assessors:

William Jordan	Chairman
Craig Celli	Secretary
Eric Josephson	Member

Stoneham Assessors office staff:

Cheryl Kozlowski	Director of Assessing
Carly Manion	Administrative Assistant

The calendar year 2022, Cheryl Kozlowski was promoted to Director of Assessing. The latter half of Fiscal Year 2022, began with the release of the actual tax bills for Fiscal Year 2022. There were 27 applications for abatement received by the office for Fiscal Year 2022 and 12 were granted. There were also 229 statutory exemptions granted

by the Board of Assessors including 58 Elderly (41C - \$1,000) Exemptions and 159 Veterans Exemptions (22, 22E, 22D and 22F). Eric Josephson was elected to the Board of Assessors in May of 2022.

Fiscal Year 2023, which began on July 1st, 2022, was an Interim Valuation Year. Valuations were adjusted to meet state guidelines and received valuation approval by the Department of Revenue – Division of Local Services on November 19, 2022. The Tax Classification Hearing for Fiscal Year 2023 was held on November 29, 2022 at the Select Board Meeting. The Department of Revenue approved the tax rate on December 6, 2022. The Board of Assessors recommended a CIP tax shift of 175 or 175% from the CIP shift of 1 with a single tax rate of \$12.09 to the Select Board. The Select Board approved the recommendation establishing a dual tax rate for the Residential / Open Space and Commercial / Industrial / Personal Property classes of \$11.10 and \$21.16 respectively. The recommendation was approved by the Select Board by a 5 – 0 vote. The total valuation of the community increased by approximately \$323,994,747 or 7.0%, from the previous fiscal year. The average single family home valuation was \$655,919 and New Growth for Fiscal Year 2023 totaled \$596,416.

Conservation Commission

The primary responsibility of the Stoneham Conservation Commission is to protect and preserve the natural resources and open space of the town including all wetlands through acquisition, management, education, regulations and enforcement. The Commission acts as a liaison between residents and local, state and federal government agencies in protecting the town's natural resources.

The Conservation Commission's powers and responsibilities are derived from several different sources. Land acquisition and protection derive from the original Conservation Commission Act of 1957, Article 97 of the Massachusetts State Constitution, which gives special protection to municipal lands voted to conservation, and G.L. Ch. 184, which allows the creation of permanent restrictions on land. Regulation of work in and near wetlands derives from the state Wetlands Protection Act of 1972 and from local bylaws and regulations or ordinances authorized under Article 89 of the State Constitution. Other local bylaws, regulations and ordinances and state laws give Commission's authority over additional matters such as erosion, groundwater or earth removal.

- Massachusetts Constitution (Articles 89 and 97)
- Conservation Commission Act (G.L. Ch. 40 §8C)
- Wetlands Protection Act (G. L. Ch. 131 §40)
- Municipal General (Non-Zoning) Wetlands Bylaws/Ordinances

- Community Preservation Act (G.L. Ch. 44B)
- Consultant Fee Provisions (GL. Ch. 44 §53G)
- Conservation Restriction Act (GL. Ch. 184 §§31-33)
- Other Bylaws/Ordinances and Statute

The Stoneham Conservation Commission oversees, in partnership with the Whip Hill Trust and the Town of Stoneham, the management of Whip Hill Park. The park is open year round to the public nature walks. Whip Hill Manor accommodates Conservation Commission meetings and civic group functions which promote conservation related activities and projects throughout the year.

Members in 2022 included Co-chairs Robert Parsons and Ellen McBride, Norman L'Esperance, Jessica Gerke, Alexander Rozycki, Robert Fotino, Domenick Cimina, and Megan Day. Members are volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three year terms. Staff to the Conservation Commission includes Principal Office Assistant Jennifer DeCourcy, and Mr. James Previte, Manager of Whip Hill Park. The Commission may retain the services of Jonathan Witten, Attorney and Robert Griffin, Environmental Specialist Consultant of Griffin Engineering, to provide particular expertise to issues that arise throughout the year. Mary Rimmer from Rimmer Environmental is also a consultant that has been commissioned as needs arise.

During the 2022 calendar year the Conservation Commission had 14 meetings, reviewed 10 Notice of Intents, had 1 Certificate of Compliance, 24 Items were discussed under Other Business, had 84 Site Visits, 2 Bi-Board meetings and 4 Executive Sessions.

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 Kristen Spence, 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!

Outreach for our Senior citizen residents of Stoneham:

- Greeting cards
- Grab and go events for seniors.
- Access to virtual programming
- Licensed Social Worker on staff to do home visits
- Knitting program
- Socks for senior -over 1,350 pairs collected for our frailest elders in Stoneham.
- Flu shot Clinic
- COVID-19 test kits available
- Information and referral for homecare and transportation

MVES (Mystic Valley Elder Services):

MVES continues to provide support through onsite meals on Mondays and Wednesdays feeding an average of 40 seniors each month. The meals on wheels program delivers to the community from the center serving over 110 homebound seniors. Health and Wellness programs and Caregivers support group meetings at the center are an important part of our schedule along with three Tai Chi classes per week for different levels of expertise.

Stoneham Bank:

We are always grateful to the Stoneham Bank for their generosity to Stoneham Senior Center. The support during our big events and town day is always appreciated.

Northern Bank:

When Northern bank became part of the Stoneham community we received a \$5,000 donation from the bank to help pay for our programs and outreach.

Winchester Hospital and Melrose/Wakefield Healthcare:

We continue to be grateful for both hospitals continuous support this year to many of our events and services including hybrid trainings and resources. Food bags are delivered each month by Melrose/Wakefield Healthcare and are distributed to the food pantry and low income seniors.

Library:

The bookmobile program continued through most of 2022 serving an average of 10 homebound seniors. We have partnered with the library on a film screening about Alzheimer's and plan on more collaborations in 2023.

Volunteers:

Our list of volunteers continues to grow. As the Senior Center gets busier the volunteers really keep everything going. We have volunteers running BINGO, Movies, Trivia, and Games, maintaining the summer garden, arranging floral designs for local nursing homes, and running the barn sale to name a few activities. The best part is how every volunteer feels pride and ownership of the center and it shows!

Food Pantry:

The third Wednesday of the month the food pantry director sends a list of folks who have ordered food through MVES and a volunteer driver brings the food to their door. The average amount of deliveries is 16.

Boy Scouts:

The winter can be difficult for seniors who live in their own home so the boy scouts work with the center to help shovel a path from their front door to the street in case of emergency. There continues to be a need for help so that seniors can safely live in their homes during the winter months.

Socks for Seniors

For the 9th year in a row the Stoneham Senior Center spearheaded this collaborative effort with Stoneham High School and middle school, Town Clerk's office, Stoneham Police and Fire department, UPS, And the Book Oasis, with the goal of providing all seniors in need, shut-ins, nursing home residents & elderly housing residents with a gift 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 recipients, Bear Hill nursing home, Lifecare Nursing home/rehab, Arnold house, Fuller House, The Arbors, Stoneham Food Pantry and Mountain View Terrace apartments. When we first started in **2014**, over **150** pairs of socks were collected and distributed. In **2022** we collected over 1,127 pairs of socks for distribution.

Public Service Offerings:

The Senior Center continues to offer a multitude of public service programs for the residents of Stoneham.

Fall Flu Clinic – Stoneham Board of Health and Council on Aging.

SHINE Counseling (Serving Health Information Needs of Everyone) year-round confidential, unbiased professionally trained and certified volunteer counselors from Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) providing assistance with information, questions, problems and issues concerning Medicare, health and prescription services. In 2022 the volunteers helped over 200 seniors.

Tax preparation services offered by AARP volunteers- were able to get their tax returns completed free of charge. The volunteers assisted 125 taxpayers. 31 people qualified for the Circuit Breaker Tax Credit receiving a total of \$37,172 from this important state program.

Transportation Services - Providing rides for seniors in our community: to and from the senior center, food shopping, Main Street Quick Stops (i.e., shopping to local businesses, pharmacies, Post office and Town Hall), and medical appointment rides- 946 rides provided.

Memory Café – Stoneham COA partnering with Reading COA offers monthly gatherings for caregivers and people living with memory impairment.

Assistive Equipment-provide local residents with assistive equipment such as walkers, canes, wheelchairs, commodes, bath seats/benches at no cost. This service helps relieve the burden of purchasing items that may not be needed on temporary basis and not covered by insurance. We also distribute personal care supplies to seniors in need.

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 who offer a wide and broadening spectrum of programs to assist, educate, engage and entertain our community's senior citizens.

Friends' funds go to help support a portion of our monthly entertainment activities and educational programs.

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.

The Friends started a recurring donor program and is grateful to 4 generous donors who support us monthly. Consider joining this easy way to support the Friends. 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.

Closing Statement

There are 7,020 residents over 60 in Stoneham. They are an asset to the town. The Stoneham Council on Aging works to provide resources and support to this important demographic. In 2022 we had 10,131 people attend programs at the center. Some members visit 3 or 4 times a week and some visit once a month. New members continue to sign up and visit the center. The numbers have doubled since 2021 as the COVID crisis subsides. The Stoneham Senior Center is a wonderful place to visit but the true work of the Council on Aging is to advocate for the Seniors of Stoneham and be a social service agency for everyone. The COA Licensed Social Worker receives referrals from outside agencies regarding hoarding, isolation, homelessness and food insecurity. The LICSW intervenes

in cases of neglect and helps seniors remain independent as long as possible. Our mission is clear and we feel lucky to be serving the seniors of Stoneham.

Cultural Council

Annual Report of the Stoneham Cultural Council

Mission

The Stoneham Cultural Council (SCC) is one of approximately 329 Massachusetts Local Cultural Councils (LCC) established by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) to promote excellence, education, diversity, and inclusion in the arts, humanities, and sciences to foster a rich cultural life for all Massachusetts residents and contribute to the vitality of our Stoneham communities and economy.

The Mass Cultural Council receives funding from the Massachusetts Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, and it distributes these public funds to Local Cultural Councils, including the SCC, to award and grant funding to local cultural activities that benefit Stoneham residents.

Membership

The Stoneham Cultural Council currently consists of the following members:

Name	Title	Term Expiration
Megan Day	Treasurer	2023
Maria DiGioia	Member	2025
Angela Leo	Member	2025
Dwight Porter	Chair	2025
Carlyene Prince-Erickson	Member	2023

We began this session with three additional members and want to officially thank those recently departed members for their years of service:

Rica Blahnik
Michelle Joseph
Herlinda Saitz

MCC rules limit member terms to two consecutive three-year terms. The three members with terms expiring in 2025 are in their second term.

MCC rules require a minimum council membership of five members so the SCC is currently uncomfortably at the minimum with one existing members scheduled to depart in September of this year. When she steps down in September, our LCC will not be in compliance. The Stoneham Select Board solicits SCC members and approves them for council membership: The SCC requests that the Select Board solicit, review, and appoint at least two additional members to the SCC before September 2023 so that the SCC can remain compliant with MCC regulations.

Award Activities

The review and award cycle for the SCC begins in October with a milestone of awards being issued in January. The award cycle was met on time this cycle with the SCC receiving and reviewing applications for 27 cultural projects requesting \$25,745 in funding. The SCC operated on a reimbursement basis, as we have for some previous years, rather than a newly optional up-front grant basis permitted by the MCC.

Each year, interested prospective organizations and individuals submit a detailed application outlining their program, the benefit to the Stoneham community, and the financial viability and need of their project. The Stoneham Cultural Council solicits, supports, and reviews all applications and makes a determination as to the proposals which would best benefit our community. Then the SCC determines a financial assistance award for the best projects from the pool of funds collected by the state of Massachusetts and allocated to Stoneham. Award payments are issued based on the successful completion of the event.

This year, 2023, the SCC awarded 17 projects and their organizers with \$16,292 in funding, using all of the funding available as allocated by the MCC to Stoneham. Recipients of 2023 awards were:

Organizer	Event
David Polatin	"The Fifties - The Golden Age of Music"
Diane Edgecomb	Fantastical Folktales of Flowers
Kendall Inglese	Story & STEM Crane and Jaguar kamishibai
Young Men's Christian Association of Metro North, Inc.	Music Enrichment at Y Academy
Stoneham Middle School	Chris Poulos - Youth Motivational Speaker
South School Stoneham PTO, Inc.	The Whalemobile
Susan McFarlane	Watercolor Classes
Susan McFarlane	Visual Arts classes (with Stoneham Senior Center)

Anna R. Sobel	Whale Tales
Guerin, Sarah M.	Ten Footers - History & Living Traditions
North Suburban Child & Family Resource Network	Rockabye Beats Family Concert
Howard Newman	Musical Baseball Show
Greater Boston Stage Company	Discounted Tickets to Theatre for Stoneham Students and Seniors
Colonial Park Elementary School	Ball In The House Colonial Park Concert
Laura Del Genis	Stoneham's Heroes 4
MUSIC Dance.edu	Hip Hop Chair Dance for Seniors!
The Delvena Theatre Company	A Christmas Carol

We are pleased that many of the awardees continue to submit successful applications nearly every year, testifying to their commitment to the community and offerings of interesting programs and events. In addition, two of the above recipients are new awardees within the last five years and we appreciate them and look forward to expanding interest and diversity in programs and applicants.

Announcement of recipients was made via the Stoneham town website and bulk town email distribution system.

Operations

2022 was another complicated year as the Covid pandemic continued to subside. Council operations and participation was not stellar. Event organizers in some cases could not hold their awarded events. Despite these and other factors, we were still able to complete funding reimbursement for 28 events that could be held during the pandemic years amounting to ~\$23,304 accumulated. In addition, we redesigned our Stoneham Cultural Council logo and successfully raised a town lightpole banner for the SCC in conjunction with the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce.

We are hopeful that 2023 will be a better year!

Respectfully Submitted.



Dwight E. Porter

Stoneham Cultural Council Chairperson

Facilities Department

The Stoneham Facilities Department was created in January of 2020. The department oversees facility maintenance and operations within the 5 town owned schools and 6 municipal buildings. The department provides all maintenance and repairs. The Facilities Department plans for capital projects for major repairs and renovations.

Mission Statement

The Facilities Department mission is to provide all school and municipal buildings with a safe, clean and reliable environment. The Facilities Department will provide quality and timely response with great customer service.

Improvements

Improvements made during the year include:

- New stage floor at Robin Hood. A new maintenance-free LVT floor with 'wood grain' look was used
- All 3 elementary schools gym floors were refinished.
- Central Middle School's gym floor was re-sanded with new logos and staining added
- Contracted with Partner Solutions for night cleaning at the High School and Middle School
- A new water fountain including a bottle filler was installed the Library
- New high speed hand dryers were installed in the bathrooms of the Library
- The Assessors suite at Town Hall was repainted with new carpeting installed
- The Appeals office at Town Hall was repainted with new carpeting installed.

Department Highlights

The Facilities Department is part of the SSBC (Stoneham School Building Committee) for the new high school. Construction has started on the new 202,995 sq. ft. building. The new High School is scheduled to open in the fall of 2024.

A new Craftsperson position was approved and was filled last October. The Craftsperson is responsible for general maintenance in all school and municipal buildings. Tasks include minor plumbing, electrical and carpentry.

We assessed all roof conditions on all properties. Repair and patchwork has been provided to buildings as necessary. A plan was developed with timelines for replacement or restoration. Bids were solicited and accepted for the Town Hall roof replacement and

the Central Middle School roof restoration (section D). Work will start on the Town Hall in the spring and the Middle School in June.

The Facilities Department worked with the Director of Planning and Community Development on a number of Green Community Grants to improve and reduce energy and gas consumption at school and municipal buildings. Here are the highlights:

- Town Hall- Exterior LED lighting upgrade
- South Elementary School- Interior LED lighting upgrade
- Fire Station- Interior LED lighting upgrade
- Police Department-AHU-2 demand control ventilation (DCV)
- Town Hall- Auditorium air handler re-build with bms controls added

The Facilities Department worked with the Procurement Department to solicit bids and accept bids for the following services. This will allow the Facilities Department to have one vendor for all school and town buildings.

- Janitorial supplies (school only)- Next Gen Supply Group
- The landscape contract was extended for the School District-Groundmasters

Capital Projects

Approved Capital Projects that were completed include:

- Ice Arena lower roof replacement. The lower roof had a much needed replacement as well as a new curtain wall installed. All of the entrances had their roofs replaced as well. A lot of water was infiltrating the building and these much needed repairs make the locker rooms, snack shack and offices much more useable.
- ‘Old’ Central School roof replacement- The shingle roof on the ‘Old’ Central School was replaced. The lifespan of the shingles was exceeded and a lot of water was infiltrating the building. Classrooms and hallways are much more useable as result of the repairs.

Farmers Market



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 2023 Farmers Market Committee Members included:

Lauren Murphy
Lelia Pascale

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 EIGHT

We were so happy to be back for an eighth year of the Farmers Market in Stoneham, held on the Common each Thursday from June through September. We had many returning vendors and some wonderful new ones. Our focus continued to be 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, bread, pizza, coffee 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 2021. We would also like to acknowledge the generosity of Gaouette for donating unsold items to the Stoneham Food Pantry.

The 2022 list of vendors:

Aaronap Cellars
Lilybird Coffee
North of Boston Farm
Persian Treat
Roma's Bakery
LaHuerta Farm
Sven Fish
Ionian Bakery
Ugly Baby Soap
Food Revolution
Pieson's Melissa's Honeypot
Blanche's Ice Cream

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 2022 list of participating community organizations:

Stoneham Arts & Crafts Society
Boys and Girls Club
Stoneham Chamber of Commerce
Cultural Council
DCF
Building Committee
Fuller house
Human Rights Commission
Mass General Brigham's Group
Stoneham Garden Club
Substance Abuse Coalition
SAAV
Stoneham CDC/Stoneham Reads
Stoneham Recreation Dept.
Stoneham Girl Scouts
WIC
Stoneham Senior Center
Keep Stoneham Beautiful
Be SMART for kids

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.

The 2021 list of participating musicians:

Ed Grammer
Roberta Lamb
Henry MacIntyre
Molly Pinto
Julie Doherty
Kenny Selcer
Scott Damgaard
Willie T. & Dr. X

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. A great big thank you again this year goes to Brian Blumsack from Stoneham Recreation for supplying many weeks of free activities for the children (and adults) and for Rachel Overbeck from the Stoneham Library for keeping the children entertained by reading books and singing songs.

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 all of our promotional items and literature.

The 2022 list of participating artists:

Carolyn Smith
Labor & Supplies
Lucid Leathers
April Rose Jewery
Stitch Design
Cogitation Zone
Button Up
Earl's Earrings
Howie Porter
Knit N' Things
Jean Gargano
Sandy Kirby

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 2021. 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.

The 2021 list of sponsors:

Harvest:

StonehamBank

Sprouts:

Salem Five

Winchester Co-op

Seeds:

The Arbors

Homeworks Energy

Nutrition & Whole Health Solutions

Stoneham Motor Company

Premier Marshall Arts

Greater Boston Stage Co.

Other Donations

Clear Channel – Billboard Advertising

Brett Gonsalvas and the amazing DPW workers

WINTER MARKET

The Stoneham Farmers Market hosted our seventh annual indoor market on Saturday, November 19, 2022 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 Scott Damgaard. Stoneham Farmers Market provided a face painter for children; we also collected donations for the Stoneham Food Pantry. 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:

Bittersweet Herb Farm

Daniella's Dandies

Aaronap Cellars

Lilybird Coffee

Roma's Bakery

Gaouette Farms

Roots and Spoon

Beulah's Bakery

Pieson's

Svenfish

Jean Gargano

Susan Wilson
Fringe on Main
Sandy Kirby
April Rose
Stitch Design Works
Buds and Blooms

2022 Farmers Market Income
Sponsors: \$2500.00
Vendors: \$3,150.00
Total \$5,650.00

Expenses
Musicians: \$1,600.00
Children's Activities: \$365.00
Advertising & Marketing: \$545.00
Supplies: \$15.32
Refunds: \$0.00
Total: \$2525.32

2022 Balance: \$3124.68
2022 Winter Market
Income: \$320.00
Expenses: \$895.00
Profit/Losses: \$575.00
Balance after winter market: \$2549.68
Carryover from 2021 Market: \$5396.48
2022 Balance: \$7946.16

Finance and Advisory Board

The Finance & Advisory Board (FAB) is an independent committee of 11 residents who are appointed by the Town Moderator. Its primary role is to analyze the town's operating and capital expenditures as well as its revenue sources. The FAB uses this analysis to make recommendations to Town Meeting. In this role, the FAB works with the Town Accountant, the Town Administrator, the Superintendent of Schools, the Select Board, and all town departments to review the budget in detail.

The current Finance & Advisory Board members are:

- Julieanne Bovat
- Jennifer Gray
- Andrew Harmon – Secretary

- Ed Hurley
- Sachin Joshi
- Cory Mashburn – Vice Chair
- Michael Memmolo
- Jeffrey Moyer
- Wendy Smith
- Dave Tammaro
- Tim Waitkevitch – Chair

Accomplishments from 2022:

- The Board successfully absorbed the duties of the Water and Sewer Review Board including review of water and sewer enterprise fund budgets and holding public meetings to discuss the respective rates. Billing and disputes remain a responsibility of the Town Administrator.
- Successful analysis of proposed FY23 budget. The Board continues to utilize its Fiscal Guidelines subcommittee to ensure all budget requests fit the Town’s guidelines. The Board continues to emphasize its preference for departments to develop replacement cycles if the department has material capital needs (vehicles for example).
- The Board had meetings to understand the changes to the High School Building Project in 2022. The Board brought community concerns to debate and promoted a balanced approach to the major ballot question that addressed concerns of competing interests. The Board ultimately favored continuation of the project by unanimous vote.
- The Board held multiple meetings to help the public to understand zoning changes, explained the zoning changes in simple language and made recommendations to the town meeting.
- The Board updated its website to include a page for key resources. (<https://www.stoneham-ma.gov/320/Finance-Advisory-Board>)
- Continued joint meetings with both the Select Board and School Board to continue fostering dialogue among the Town bodies.

Goals for 2023:

- Analyze FY24 department needs and the Town Administrator’s proposed budget. Evaluate whether the budget follows Stoneham’s fiscal guidelines; provides sufficient support for ongoing repair and maintenance of capital assets as well as their renewal and replacement.
- Review and provide recommendations on all Town Meeting articles.
- Continue to monitor the fiscal impacts of the ongoing School Building Project on the overall Town financial situation.
- A system to track repeated requests for funding, including requests that were submitted but not approved in past fiscal years is being fine-tuned.

- Establish policies and protocols concerning the Board’s new duties through absorbing the Water and Sewer Review Board responsibilities.
- Participate in, and provide feedback on, the dispensation of federal COVID-19 relief funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act.
- Increase participation in the Association of Town Finance Committees (ATFC) training opportunities to continue the development of skills and competencies on the board. Utilize resources made available through the ATFC, as well as the Massachusetts Municipal Association and Massachusetts Division of Local Services.
- Create tools and resources to improve the onboarding of future board members.
- Research and compile non-budgetary funding sources (grants, revolving funds, etc.). Explore opportunities to maximize this type of funding.
- Develop a set of metrics and tests to determine Stoneham’s fiscal health compared to both its immediate neighbors, as well as its demographic peers in the Commonwealth.
- Create a deeper understanding of the Town’s current revenue streams. Also investigate current revenue growth plans being pursued by the Town.

Finance & Advisory Board meetings are generally held the first Monday of each 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 in person or online or watch on StonehamTV. Meeting dates, agendas, and minutes are posted on the town website.

Submitted by: Tim Waitkevitch, Chair

Historical Commission

Who We Are

Our Stoneham Historical Commission was established in 1977 under MGL Chapter 40, Section 8D. Our mission is to preserve, protect and develop historical and archaeological assets significant to the Town.

Current members (appointed by the Select Board to three year terms) are: Anthony Chiappini; Hillary Fotino, Treasurer; Mindy Pontone; Joan Quigley; Catie Murphy Saraceno; Marcia M. Wengen, Co-Chair & Secretary; Dolly Wilson, Co-chair. Alternate member, Bruce Baisch, Jr. The Select Board appointed Catie until 2023 to replace Susan Larson, who moved in August. In 2022, we held 12 meetings, six of them by remote participation.

Sharing Our Message

- Two more historical markers, measuring 30”x 36” each, were fabricated and installed: the *Stoneham Automobile Industry* at the Clara Steele Playground behind Town Hall and the *Carnegie Library* at the Library (STN.28, 1904) at Maple and Main Streets.
- The Col J. Parker Gould, Civil War hero, marker was erected on the Greenway diagonally across from Lindenwood Cemetery.
- An “ON THIS SITE” marker for the “Telephone Exchange Building ST-6” was placed at 471 Main St in August, supported by the developer of the site. The New England Tel & Tel Co/Elks Hall was demolished in 2019.
- Susan Larson was elected co-chair of Stoneham’s 300th Anniversary Committee for the celebration in 2025 of the town’s founding and Dolly Wilson (our HC rep) is vice-chair.
- Our booth at Town Day on September 17 on the Common facing the Post Office drew a high rate of incoming foot traffic.
- In October Hillary Fotino (and volunteer Brenda Flynn) conducted a tour of the Old Burying Ground for local Girl Scout troops.

Project Presence

- We prepared a request for funding from the Town’s \$7.2 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to support repairing the chimneys on Old Central School, finishing the mortar repair of the OBG wall and hiring a consultant to create a Preservation Plan.
- We followed up a request from the Select Board about making information on the town’s history, landmarks and notable citizens more widely available before 2025 with a presentation to the Board (April 26) on options to move forward given limited resources. Board members were receptive to the idea of developing a town-wide Preservation Plan, which would develop priorities and tools for historic preservation in Stoneham as well document more of our key historic places.
- We have applied to the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) for a 50% reimbursement grant for a Preservation Plan. This will amplify the \$27,500 in funds for the plan approved at the October Town Meeting.
- We commented on the Town’s Downtown Redesign Project as much of the area impacted is within the bounds of the Central Square Historic District (STN.G, National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The Commission supported improvements for pedestrian safety but expressed concern for effects on the 1864 Dow Block (STN.37, NRHP) and noted our opposition to removing the memorial to Lt. Col. William F. Buckley or the historic police box replica.
- On January 18th, conservators hired (funded by an anonymous donor) by the Commission and the Stoneham Historical Society & Museum removed the Richard Gibney *Stoneham, Yesterday and Today* mural from the former Bank of America branch at 323 Main Street. It is 45’ long with vignettes of town history

from 1700 to 1968 (year of installation). The wrapped pieces are in climate controlled storage awaiting a new home.

- A Feasibility Study for repairs to the Central Fire Station (STN.36, National Register) was finished in July. Due to the Preservation Restriction on the 1916 building, firm Dore+Whittier documented mortar erosion on the east elevation and rusting of some window lintels and rebar.

Section 106 Reviews

Telecommunication carriers licensed by the FCC are required to consider a project's effect on cultural resources for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act 1966.

- In 2022, we continued working with T-Mobile Northeast, LLC regarding faux chimneys to camouflage antenna equipment on the 1864 Dow Building (STN.37, NRHP). We issued an adverse effect letter November 15, 2021 due to the size and number of chimneys. After several meetings and revisions, on May 4 we approved a modified plan that reduced the impact and size of the chimneys, particularly from the south façade, contingent upon inconspicuous I.D. tags and seeing a color sample of the proposed fiberglass material for approval. Work has not started yet.
- In April 26 letter, we were notified by MassDOT of their refusal to lease state land between the Middlesex Fells Sheepfold entrance and I-93 to U.S. Wireless for two 150' telecommunications towers "due to the potential for the tower[s] to have an adverse effect on the National Register Listed Middlesex Fells Reservation Historic District." We had previously issued a negative adverse effect ruling regarding the project. Thanks to State Rep. Michael Day and his office for his help in this matter.

Historic Properties

- The circa 1850 Greek Revival (STN.153) house at 22 Wright St once belonging to the Tredick family was demolished on May 24, 2022. Three condominiums were built on the property. We had requested façade changes from the developer so that the building could better blend in the with neighborhood character.
- We recommended Alison Hardy/Window Woman of New England, to restore historic windows on the Stoneham Public Library (STN.28, NRHP).
- Members researched the history of Old Central School (1901 High School) for a historical narrative for the MHC. This is the first step in an "eligibility opinion" for listing in the National Register.
- We are exploring with owners the possibility of painting the Dow (STN.37 1864, NRHP) and Chase Building (STN.35 1874) with appropriate historic colors.
- We issued a historic house marker to 40 Gould St (1885). Eugene Divitt, husband of the former owner Laure S. Patten, was a Civil War veteran and later a volunteer firefighter for Stoneham.

Preservation Month Activities

- We again staged activities to celebrate Preservation Month:
 - A downtown walking tour on Saturday May 7
 - Annual joint meeting with the Historical Society & Museum (STN.96) on May 12 (Guests were Gianfranco Pocobene and Corrinne Long – the conservators on removal and restoration of the Gibney mural.)
 - Family Scavenger Hunt & Games - Saturday May 14 on the Town Common.
 - Old Burying Ground Open Day & Tours - Sunday May 22.
 - Annual Heritage Award - May 24th Select Board Meeting. Presented to the Stoneham Historical Society & Museum on its 100th anniversary of preserving history.
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Lindenwood Cemetery

- Led by member Hillary Fotino, we have begun compiling a condition summary for historic grave markers in Lindenwood Cemetery. In 2022, gravestone conservator Rob Surabian worked on the restoration of 14 stones in Lindenwood (STN.801)
- Replacement of the culvert for Sweetwater Brook that runs under Montvale Ave was postponed to April 2023. We met with representatives from Eversource and McCourt Construction to review MHC requirements for removal and restoration with appropriate mortar of approximately 30 feet of the 1930s historic stone wall (a WPA project) facing Montvale Ave.

Funding our Work

- We submitted two budgets in November for FY'24: a level funded Operating Budget of \$3,400 and a Capital Improvement 5 year request for \$133,610.

Submitted by Co-chairs Marcia M Wengen and Dolly Wilson. Thank you to all HC Members for your energy and enthusiasm.

“Preservation is simply having the good sense to hold on to things that are well designed, that link us with our past in a meaningful way, and that have plenty of good use left in them.”

Richard Moe, President, National Trust for Historic Preservation (1993-2010).

Historical Society and Museum

The year 2022 was very special for us as it was our Centennial Year. On a cold winter's night, February 24, 1922, a band of 13 civic minded men and women met in the High School and founded the Stoneham Historical Society. In celebration of that event, we dedicated our efforts to highlighting life and events in Stoneham and the world during the last 100 years. We started on the actual 100th anniversary of our founding, February 24, 2022, with a program on Stoneham TV explaining the history of the Society, a tour of the museum and highlighting some of our artifacts. During each of our monthly Open Houses, we had special exhibits on life in each of the last 10 decades. Starting in February, we featured the 1920s, March the 1930s, April the 1940s and so on through November with the 20 teens to the present.

The Society adopted a mascot this year as part of our celebration. We chose the goat due to its significance to our town. It was a source of sustenance for our early settlers as well as a source of leather for our emerging shoe industry. It is also featured prominently on our town seal. A contest was held to name the goat and the winning name was announced at our April meeting. The name selected was "Cobb" and was submitted by Madeline Panaccione in honor of the cobblers and shoe workers who made Stoneham famous for its shoes.

Our March meeting's featured speaker was Michael Maler from Historic New England. He spoke on the famous Hurricane of 1938 which pummeled New England and caused untold damage and the loss of over 700 lives. At our April meeting, we showed a recently restored rare 1942 colored home movie of Stoneham's 1942 Independence Day celebrations. Our May meeting was held jointly with the Stoneham Historical Commission in honor of National Historic Preservation Month. The featured speaker was Gianfranco Pocobene who is the Senior Painting Conservator at the Gianfranco Pocobene Studio. His team of professional art conservators successfully removed from the wall of the former Bank of America building and prepared for storage the 1968 Richard Gibney mural depicting the history of Stoneham. In June, we hosted Dr. Andrew Darien from Salem State University who discussed his oral history project with student veterans of Desert Storm and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In September, Zoo New England President John Linehan talked on the history of Stone Zoo. October brought back author and historian Anthony Sammarco to discuss his book on Old Scollay Square and the Combat Zone. We wrapped up our 2022 speaker program in November with Historic New England's, and former Stoneham resident, Ken Turino and a program on the history of New England Christmas traditions.

The fall had us in partnership with The Greater Boston Stage Company's performance of Popcorn Falls. We created a special exhibit at the theatre reflecting both the history of fine arts and performances in Stoneham, and also showcasing cases of art and community in Stoneham. We also offered assistance to Spartan Paint & Supply/Ace Hardware as they had vintage photos of Stoneham enlarged and placed in their store's front windows.

None of our programs could have been possible without the financial support of our members, corporate sponsors and donors. We are also very grateful for being the recipients of grants from Mass Humanities, the Mass Cultural Council and the Stoneham Cultural Council. We also received a substantial donation from MELD towards the restoration and preservation of the Gibney mural as well as from StonehamBank, Bank of America and 2 generous anonymous donations for that effort.

The Stoneham Historical Society and Museum was also honored to receive several official citations and awards in 2022. In April, Representative Michael Day presented us citations from both the Massachusetts House of Representatives and Massachusetts Senate congratulating us on our Centennial. In May, we received congratulatory citations from the Stoneham Select Board and the Stoneham Historical Commission in addition to the Commission's annual Heritage Award. In June, Stoneham TV presented us their Member of the Year Award for our efforts during the pandemic to utilize remote technology to continue our speaker series, meeting and educational opportunities.

Unfortunately, we were still unable to schedule the traditional 3rd grade field trip to our Museum. Instead, Saboteuse Sarah Madeline T. Guerin visited the 3rd grade classes at each school and demonstrated the art of boot making. In addition, our "History of Stoneham" coloring books were distributed at each location.

What's an anniversary celebration without a party? In June we hosted a Member Appreciation Night complete with refreshments and door prizes. November's Open House wrapped up the year-long celebration with refreshments and the drawing of the winner of the raffle for the hand-made Centennial Quilt, Cathy Ristaino.

The Stoneham Historical Society and Museum is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. We rely on the participation and dedication of volunteers and the financial support of its members, Corporate Sponsors and donors.

The current Board of Directors is made up of President Stephen Rotondi, Vice-President Dolly Wilson, Secretary Donna Weiss, Treasurer Paulene Russo and Directors Joan Quigley, Philip Donovan and Ben Jacques.

We are located at 36 William Street in Stoneham. For more information please visit our website at www.stonehamhistoricalsociety.org or visit our FaceBook page. You can contact us at historystoneham@gmail.com or call 781-572-3126 and leave a message.

Fire Department



Trooper Bucci's procession March 5, 2022

Mission Statement:

As an all hazards response 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, safest, and efficient manner possible.

Personnel:

Chief

Matthew Grafton*

Secretary

Ann Burnham

Fire Prevention

Captain Dave Eastman*

Mike Rourke *

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Captain Matt Rexrode	Captain James Marshall*	Captain Frank Gould*	Captain Rob Dalis*
Lieutenant Rick Darragh	Lieutenant John Galla	Lieutenant Mark Chabak	Lieutenant Charlie Webber*
Firefighters Chris Humber* Jim McLaughlin* Dan Kelleher* Sean Devlin * Miles Plant * Eric Verhault *	Firefighters Scott Greenleaf* Sean Fitzgerald Dean Blauvelt Jack Sullivan Tom Decroteau* Brian Cronin*	Firefighters Paul Dockery Matt Mayo Dan Dawson Chris Maloney Kyle Bowdidge* Nick Rolli*	Firefighters Paul McIntyre* Mike Labriola Brent Last Mike Coughlin* Will King* Steve Buitkus*
Stefanie Dilendick* Andy Chabak *	Dominic DeSimone** Nick Toussaint**	Arthur Yeomelakis* Vacant	Nick Rolli* Mike Paone*

*Indicates Certified EMT

** Indicates in process of becoming certified EMT

Staffing:

The Stoneham Fire Department currently operates 24/7 with four groups of ten 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 8 firefighters. This staffing level allows the department to always have the Ladder truck and two Engine companies in service, similar but still lower to all of Stoneham's comparable surrounding communities. This level of staffing is critical with the state acceptance of OSHA which began in February 2019. OSHA requires a "2 In 2 Out" rule, which basically means that until there are a minimum of 5 firefighters on scene interior firefighting in atmospheres which are Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH) cannot be commenced. When there are a total of two fire companies in service, with just under 4,000 calls per year there is a strong possibility that one company will be committed to another emergency. By having three companies in service, interior firefighting can still be initiated with one company not at the scene. The most serious safety issue regarding staffing is when 8 firefighters are on duty, unfortunately the Ladder Truck is only staffed with 2 firefighters at that time and without a company officer assigned. The minimum staffing on each company should never be less than 3 firefighters. This practice is completely unacceptable by all industry standards, severely limits the operational capabilities of the ladder company, the fire department wishes to address this issue to help provide a safer improved service to our residents.

Training:

The shifts completed several in service training objectives throughout 2022 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, extrication and stabilizer techniques, hazmat refresher, pumping operations, SCBA, and building familiarization. We were able to train on properties being razed and would like to thank the property owners for the opportunity.

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2022 Training Classes Summary Hours

Training Name	Hours	Training Name	Hours
Active Shooter Training (ID 1375)	58.5	Driver Training (ID 1327)	57.0
Airbag Usage (ID 1352)	14.8	Electric vehicle firefighting	3.5
ALS to BLS Hand Off	3.4	Emergency Management Director Orientation (ID 2046)	4.0
Ambulance Operations/ Familiarization (ID 2020)	4.5	Emergency Vehicle Driving Requirements	1.0
Apparatus Equipment Review (ID 201) (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA))	46.0	EMS (ID 255) (medication)	22.3
Building Familiarization (ID 252)	75.5	Engine Company Operations (ID 2041)	14.0
Cancer Class	2.0	FF: Implement a Response	2.0
Coffee Break Training (ID 189) (Air pack training)	65.5	FF: Vehicle Rescue and Extrication Techniques	2.0
Combat Casualty Care	3.4	Fire Ground Survival Awareness (ID 2037)	246.0
Common Emergencies (ID 2049)	4.0	Fire Instructor I (ID 64)	80.0
CPR Review (ID 1314)	60.0	Fire Officer I (ID 39)	40.0
Crisis Leadership & Management for Extreme Events (ID 2043)	5.0	Fire Prevention Officer Credential Level 1 (ID 136)	40.0
Decision Making for Initial Company Operations (ID 2042)	16.0	Fire Rescue 1/ Assigned monthly Training (ID 152)	8.0
Diabetic Emergencies (BLS)	41.0	Field Force Extrication Tactics (ID 2050)	24.0
Dive Training (ID 1359)	22.5	Fire Emergency Operation (FEO) 3502 (ID 2048)	4.0

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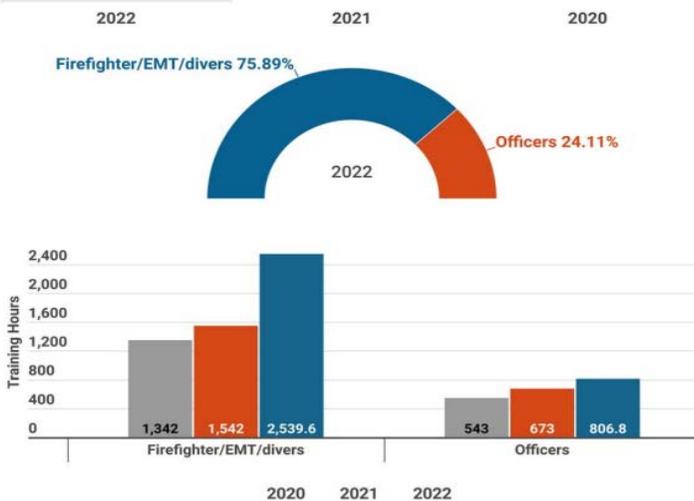
2022 Training Classes Summary Hours

Training Name	Hours	Training Name	Hours
Power Equipment Review (ID 1312)	8.0	Skin Cancer Screening- Taking Action Against Cancer In The Fire Service (ID 2040)	1.5
Pre-Fire Planning (ID 132)	458.5	Statewide Ethics Training (ID 1319)	1.0
Pump Operator: Approaching the Fireground	42.0	Station Smarts Update Info	6.8
Pump Operator: Driver/Operator Overview	42.0	StationSmarts Training (ID 144)	10.8
Pumping Operations (ID 127)	83.8	Street Drills (ID 186) (District Familiarization)	16.0
Refresh National Core Competency Requirements	30.0	Street test 1	0.0
Remember 2 Things: Glucometers Technology	6.8	Structural Collapse Awareness (online) (ID 2053)	1.5
RIT Training (ID 140)	158.3	Surface Ice Rescue Technician Level (ID 102)	8.0
RIT video	1.4	Surface Water Rescue Technician Level (ID 100)	48.0
Rope Rescue: Technician Level (ID 96)	48.0	Taking Action Against Cancer In The Fire Service (ID 2032)	101.0
SCBA Training (ID 2002)	9.0	Technical Rescue: Search and Rescue for Water Incidents	1.0
School Fire Drills, School Familiarization (ID 1364)	54.5	Vehicle Extrication (ID 37)	32.0
Search	4.0	Vehicle Fires (ID 121)	4.0
Skid Pump Overview (ID 1362)	10.3	Ventilation (ID 2033)	72.0

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Training Hour Summary



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Fire Suppression:

The Stoneham Fire Department responded to 3859 emergencies in 2022. 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:	137
200	Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	4
300	Rescue and Emergency Medical Services	2453
400	Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	102
500	Service Calls	563
600	Good Intent Calls	271
700	False Alarm and False Call	296
800	Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	13
900	Special Incident	20
Total Calls		3859

Responses:

Of the total 3859 calls, several of the calls require multiple apparatus responses. The response volume per company are as follows:

Engine-2	1759
Engine-3	1646
Engine-5 (Reserve)	313
Ladder-1	908
Engine-6 (Borrowed)	80
Car-2 OIC	373
Other (Support) Vehicles	103
Total Responses	5182

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 4 incidents throughout the Metro Fire district in 2022.

FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Deployment (USAR) Team:

Firefighter Mike Labriola is a member with MATF1 team based out of Beverly, attended a logistics specialist class for 5 days, and he did not deploy in 2022.

Dive Team:

The Stoneham Fire and Police Dive Team consists of ten members (9 firefighters and one police officer). Members of the team are Dive Team Leader Firefighter Labriola, and Divers Captain Eastman, Lieutenant Darragh, Lieutenant Rourke, Firefighter Kelleher, Firefighter Humber, Firefighter Coughlin, Firefighter Sullivan, Firefighter Cronin and Police Sergeant Thistle. The team trains regularly with area police and fire departments. The Dive Team has the capability to dive under ice in addition to more typical water conditions. The Dive Team has the ability to communicate via a wired communications system and also a wireless system. The team responded mutual aid to Winchester twice, and to Medford once, in 2022. The Dive Team responded to the Mystic Lakes on July 4, 2022 and began an underwater search to locate a missing swimmer. The team later returned on July 5, 2022 to assist the Massachusetts State Police with the recovery of the missing swimmer. The Dive Team once again responded to the Mystic Lakes on July 24, 2022 for a missing swimmer. Stoneham divers quickly located the victim who was subsequently transported to the hospital. The Dive Team also responded to Wrights Pond in Medford on August 7, 2022 for a swimmer in distress. The swimmer was removed from the water by initial arriving first responders. The members of the dive team assisted with patient care and extrication from the difficult terrain surrounding that portion of Wrights Pond. The team conducts regular training and is available 24/7/365.

Fire Investigation Unit:

The Stoneham Fire and Explosive Investigation Unit is comprised of a member of the Stoneham Police Department (Sgt. David Thistle) and three members from the Stoneham Fire Department (Captain James Marshall, Lieutenant Rick Darragh, and Firefighter Michael Labriola). The members of the team have all completed the Basic and Advanced Fire Investigation program at the Massachusetts Firefighter Academy. 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 results of our investigation into the large fire on Hersam Street (the fire was started by solar effect) has led to more research and publications being done in that realm. The unit conducted a total of six investigations in 2022. We work closely with the Massachusetts State Police Fire and Explosive Investigation Unit. Members of the Stoneham Fire and Explosive Investigation Unit are active in the Metro Fire Arson Investigators Association, attending monthly meetings and training classes.

Fire Prevention:

Stoneham Fire Prevention Division is required by law to enforce provisions of 527 CMR 1.00 (Massachusetts amendments to NFPA 1); the laws contained in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 148, the State Building Code; 780 CMR; and the bylaws of the Town of Stoneham. The key responsibilities and elements of a comprehensive fire prevention program include public education, enforcement of fire codes and ordinances, pre-construction plan reviews, issuance of permits, property inspection, follow up on citizen complaints and questions, and evaluating built in fire protection systems.

Fire Safety:

Stoneham fire prevention conduct's quarterly inspections and/or fire drills as required by law in schools, nursing homes, and day cares in the town. Also in conjunction with the Fire Main bylaw, fire prevention offers free annual fire safety inspections to businesses, condos, apartments and restaurants, and health care offices

Student Awareness of Fire Education:

Fire Prevention oversees the Student Awareness of Fire Education Program (S.A.F.E.). This successful program teaches fire safety education to grades K-3 in all public and private schools in the Town of Stoneham

Senior Safe:

Senior SAFE is a grant program that supports fire and life safety education for seniors. Education is key to improving the safety of seniors at home. Senior SAFE creates partnerships between agencies that serve seniors and fire departments. Together, these agencies collaborate on local fire and life safety education programs.

New Building:

New development in commercial and residential properties continued in 2022. 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.

Residential Sales:

Fire prevention is tasked with many different inspections in the residences in town including but not limited to smoke/co inspections for housing sales, oil tank and propane tank inspections, and final occupancy.

2022 Permits

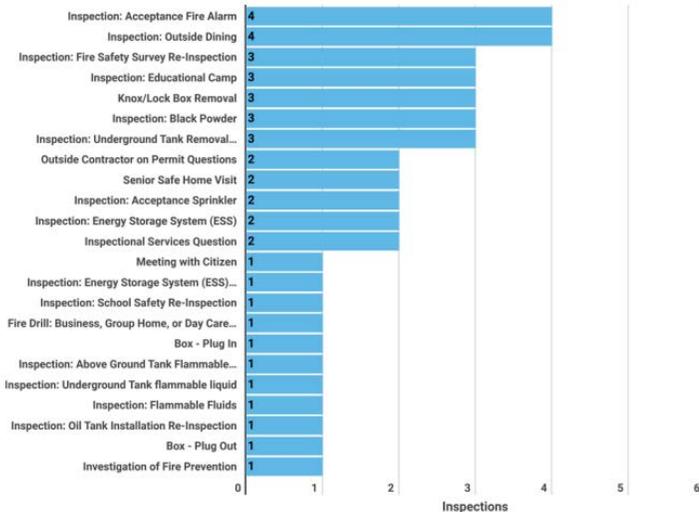
Oil Tank Removal/Replacement	111
Oil Burner	6
Master Box.....	98
Demolition.....	6
Blasting	4
Welding/Hot Work	5
Fire Alarm System.....	14
Sprinkler & Suppression System.....	13
Propane.....	60
Acetylene.....	0
Tank Truck.....	3
Flammable Fluid.....	1
Cannon.....	0
Underground Tank Removal.....	2
Waste Oil.....	0
Energy Storage System.....	11
Total	334

Inspections:

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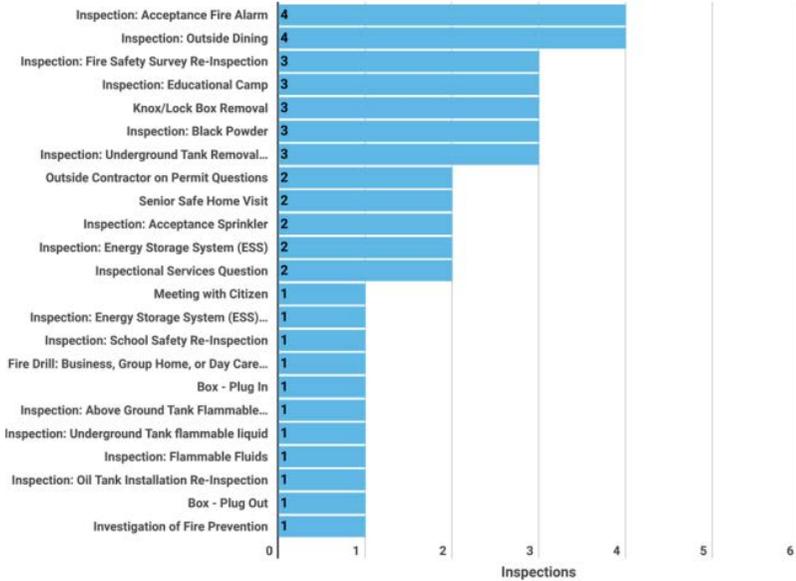
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Total Inspection: 908

Stoneham Fire Department Motorized Equipment

ENGINE TWO:	2016 Seagrave 1,250 gpm pump with 750 gallons of water.
ENGINE THREE:	2011 Seagrave 1,250 gpm pump with 750 gallons of water.
ENGINE FIVE:	2002 Pierce 1,250 gpm pump with 500 gallons of water. Formerly served and purchased from the Cambridge Fire Department.
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.
SQUAD ONE:	2020 Ford F-350 with utility body, plow, and skid pump for brush fires.
CAR ONE:	2022 Ford F-150
CAR TWO:	2017 Chevy Tahoe.
CAR THREE:	2011 Ford Escape
FIRE ALARM TRUCK:	2001 Ford F450 with a Versa-lift bucket
RESCUE BOAT:	2000 15 foot Boston Whaler with a 40hp Mercury outboard
UTILITY VEHICLE:	2019 John Deere XUV with plow.
LIGHTING-1:	2001 GMC Utility (Excess DCR property)

Grants and Donations:

The Stoneham Fire Department received the following donations and grants in 2022 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 \$8230
- James Curly donated in memory of Late Firefighter Leon Curley a Cummings property gift of \$1000
- MEMA Emergency Management Preparedness Grant \$5100

- FEMA Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant- Portable Radios \$308,484.45 (Town Match \$30,848.55)
- Department of Fire Services Equipment Grant \$15,432.69
- MEMA Citizens Corps Program (CCP) \$5000

Emergency Management:

The Massachusetts Civil Defense Act requires every city and town in Massachusetts to appoint an Emergency Management Director and establish an emergency management program. The Emergency Management Director (EMD) is responsible for maintaining and managing the activation of Stoneham's comprehensive emergency management plan and operating the emergency operations center. On a day-to-day basis, the EMD: coordinates emergency planning for Stoneham working with the leadership of the fire department, police department, local public health, transportation department (mbta), public works, and others as required to share situational awareness and mobilize needed resources. In emergency response situations, the EMD manages EOC operations, facilitates emergency response coordination, and makes recommendations to and advises the Town Administrator and Decision Team on available courses of action to inform decision-making.

In 2022, members of the Fire Auxiliary who are volunteers, attended several trainings hosted by MEMA for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT teams may be used during emergencies as well when needed for election security, Town Meetings, sheltering, enhanced protection for crowded events, etc. We were awarded a grant for a cargo trailer in which we hope to enhance the Towns sheltering capabilities during emergencies in which the trailer can hold supplies and be mobile.

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

The Stoneham Fire Department always strives to serve the Town to the best of our ability. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the men and women of the Stoneham Fire Department for their continued dedication and commitment to Stoneham. 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 their continued support throughout 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief of Department
Matthew Grafton

Informational Services

2022 was a very exciting year for the Information Services Department. Finally getting past Covid and able to concentrate on some much-needed upgrades. We were able to procure and install all new servers and upgrade our software. We have been concentrating on hardening security and facilitating a quick recovery in the event of a malware attack. Multi-factor authentication has been introduced and we have been systematically reviewing all our network connections and devices. We have applied for a municipal fiber grant and hope to build out our fiber optic network throughout the Town and School buildings in 2023. Special thanks to my assistant, Teddy You for his enthusiasm and dedication.

Inspectional Service/Building Department

For the year 2022, the Building Department operated with one full-time Building Commissioner, one full-time Office Assistant, a part-time Plumbing & Gas Inspector and a part-time Electrical Inspector. The full-time Assistant Building Inspector position has been vacant since July 2021.

The inspectors for the Building Department performed approximately 2,196 inspections in 2022. The department collected a total of \$596,171.84 in permit fees. The total value of construction in 2022 was \$35,953,530.00.

The permit issued report of the Inspectional Services Department for the Year 2022 is as follows:

New Single Family Dwellings	4
New Two Family Dwellings	2
Building Permits Issued	910
Electrical Permits Issued	606

Plumbing Permits Issued	331
Gas Permits Issued	184
Sign Permits Issued	37
Sheet Metal Permits Issued	74
Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance Certificates of Inspection	54

Memorial Day Parade Committee/Veterans Day Committee



Committee Members:

Maureen Buckley - Chair	
Kevin Cantwell - Vice Chair	
Melanie Mendel - Veterans Services	
Jim Lamb	Jay Humphreys
Frank Zhu	Shivani Gupta
Catherine Spinelli	Don Tocci
Catie Saraceno	

Contributors: Dolly Wilson, Meghan Day

The Committee's mission is to remember and honor local Veterans both deceased and living, on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, by coordinating activities and events on and around those days each year.

We were fortunate this year, resident Rob Surburian, with the assistance of supplies from Marcia Wengen, volunteered and cleaned off all the monuments in front of Town Hall. This was done in mid-March and was a much-needed facelift.

The week before Memorial Day, approximately 3000 cemetery grave size American flags were placed, on veterans' graves, in remembrance. Cemeteries included The Old Burial Ground, Lindenwood Cemetery, St Patrick Cemetery and Puritan Lawn Cemetery. Groups of volunteers accomplished this task including VFW Post #620, Legion Post #115, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Committee members and other dedicated volunteers from town. The Committee also began a second project, uncovering bronze plaques that are slowly becoming lost in the soil, especially at St Patrick cemetery.

The Memorial Day Parade took place on Monday, May 30th, at 10:00am, under sunny skies. The Grand Marshal was Leo Valente, a WWII Army Veteran. Due to the long construction project on Elm St, the Parade started at the Central Middle School this year, on Pomeworth St. Winners of the float contest were: Non-Profit: Stoneham High Drama Club, Business: Sports Zone 101. The list of participants:

- Stoneham Police Department
- Memorial Day Parade Banner
- Blue Knights Motorcycle Group
- POW Truck
- Legion Post #115 Color Guard
- VFW Post #1506 Gun Salute
- Grand Marshal– Leo Valente
- Stoneham Ford
- Natick Legion Band
- Walking Veterans
- Veterans Trolley Stonehambank
- Legion Ladies Auxiliary
- Officials (Senator Jason Lewis, State Rep Mike Day, Select Board, School Committee)
- Antique Car – Kevin Earle (Town Moderator – Jeanne Craigie)
- Legion District 5 Cmdr. – Mike Deegan
- Antique cars Roy Fowlie Family
- 1978 Honda Hawk motorcycle - Jim Restoni
- Gutierrez Company
- 1945 Army jeep
- Roberto Clemente Color Guard
- Stoneham Towing - Jeffrey Minghella

- Nobility Hill Tavern
- Stoneham Girl Scouts
- Stoneham Cub Scouts
- Stoneham Boy Scout trailer
- Black Water Run (Boston) Band
- Greater Boston Stage Company
- Sports Zone 101
- Wicked Cool for Kids
- Central Rock Gym
- Stoneham/Wakefield Boys and Girls Club
- Memorial Day Parade Committee Float
- VFW Voices of Democracy & Patriots Pen Winners
- High School America
- Antique Cars
- Stoneham Softball League
- Stoneham Little League
- Stoneham High School Groups
- 1957 MBTA Bus
- Stoneham Fire Auxiliary
- Ambulances
- Fire Apparatus

Wreath Placing Ceremonies at St Patrick Cemetery before the Parade, Lindenwood Cemetery during the parade, and Town Hall after the parade, were included in the Memorial Day events. General Logans Orders were read by Melanie Mendel VA. The list of Deceased Veterans in the last year was read at the Town Hall ceremony, which was held outside, and a bell rang in memory of each.

Stoneham Deceased Veterans List

May 2021 – May 2022

John Perry Gallagher	Vietnam
Robert Doane	Korea
Harold Nasson	Korea
Richard A Hersam	Army
James Arthur Shuttleworth	WWII
Anthony Paul Cirignano	Vietnam
Leonard W. Thomas	Korea
John Joseph Johnston, Jr.	Korea
Joseph N. Barbera	Korea
Michael C. Wojdakowski	Peacetime
Alfred G. Divenuti	WWII
William Leonard Twohig	Korea
Frank James Minghella	Korea
Eugene William Mitchell	Korea

James R. Parker	Vietnam
Richard D. Mangerian	Korea
Francis J. Connell	Korea
Dominic A. Previte	WWII
Graham Cross	Korea
John William Leuchter	Vietnam
Edward Vincent Fontana	WWII
Robert A. Steiner	Peacetime
Francis P. Pignone, Jr.	Vietnam
Paul B. Tague	Korea
Joseph J. Reynolds	Peacetime
Dominic C. Guarino	Korea
Kenneth Lee Buoski	Vietnam
Dennis M .Finn	Vietnam
Abraham Engber	WWII
Robert Rotundi	Peacetime
William Albert Webster, Jr	Vietnam
Robert Gaona	Lebanon
Ralph Surette	Korea
Roy W. Fowlie	Vietnam
Vincent J. Salamone	Vietnam

Purple Heart Ceremony

On August 11th, the community celebrated Purple Heart Day, with its 1st ceremony on the Town Common, recognizing 13 Stoneham Purple Heart recipients. Stoneham became a purple Heart Community in Oct 2021. The Select Board and Sen Jason Lewis were there to present certificates and special memorial coins. Those recognized were:

James Lee	WWII
Thomas Gerald Burke	Vietnam
Frank Cesarela	Vietnam
** William Joseph Cronin	Vietnam
* Robert Joseph Fazio	Vietnam
** Louis Everett Frederick	Vietnam
William Goss	Vietnam
James William Hodgdon	Vietnam
Timothy McCusker	Vietnam
Raymond Charles O'Brien	WWII
Donald Tocci	Vietnam
Joseph Cronin	Vietnam
➤ * two purple hearts	
➤ ** three purple hearts	

Special mention of Joseph Leonard (KIA) WWII

Veterans Week Events

For the 3rd year, the Committee hosted a Field of Honor week long event on the Middle School Field. 400 full size American flags were sponsored by both individuals and businesses and flew in the breeze, as beautiful sight of comfort and patriotism, in our community. During the week, Middle School students visited the field and were given information on some of our local heroes. Legion Post #115 performed a Flag retirement ceremony on Thursday. Worn flags were collected at the field. An opening and closing ceremony were held and names were read for each of the 400 dedicated flags. Black Water Run band entertained visitors after the Opening Ceremony.

On Veterans Day, we held an inside Ceremony at Town Hall, at 10:30am. Guest Speaker Captain Kevin E. Paicos, President of Chapter 54, Special Forces, spoke about Special Forces comrade William F Buckley, and their group held another ceremony following, at the Buckley Memorial in Stoneham Square. The 22 piece Stoneham High School band, entertained with musical selections. Veteran thank you pins, cards and letters, were given out to Veterans in attendance. A total of 130 pins and hundreds of cards and letters, made by elementary and middle school students, were given to our Firefighter and Police Dept veterans, veterans at five local nursing centers, and those attending the Ceremony.

Veterans Day 11K and 5K Road Race

Sub Committee

Maureen Buckley Chair
Megan Day Race Director
Michael Day
Bill McCabe

Every year, in conjunction with the Town of Stoneham's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony, we offer a USATF certified course, including both a 5K run/walk and 11K race, to honor our veterans. This is the 7th year we have held the races since we started them up again, after. Due to cost issues, we were unable to run the 11K portion of the race this year, but hope to bring it back again next year. It was a beautiful day for running, and 125 participants joined in. Overall winner was Tyler Fleming with a time of 17:42. Top female winner was Katherine Millett with a time of 21:11. Pizza, water and an ice cream truck were available to all veterans, runners and families after the ceremony. Due to kind sponsors, veterans were able to run for free again this year.

Respectfully submitted by
Maureen Buckley
Memorial Day Parade/Veterans Day Committee

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 Leadership & Affiliations:

- Immediate Past President, Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)
- Stoneham Representative, MAPC
- Delegate, North Suburban Planning Council
- Member, Stoneham Transportation Advocacy Committee
- Member, MAPC Executive Committee
- Member, Metro Common 2050 External Advisory Committee
- Immediate Past Chair & Member, MetroFuture Inc. Board of Directors
- Member, Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors
- Member, 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.
- Stoneham Commercial Improvement Program – Continued to facilitate the financial program for businesses in the Central Business District to improve its signage, windows and storefront esthetic.
- Green Communities Program – Received and spent \$200,000 from the Massachusetts Green Communities Division of the Department of Energy Resources, and \$55,800 in utility incentives. Projects include Town Hall Auditorium air handler, Police Department AHU-2 Demand Control Ventilation, and LED lighting upgrades at Town Hall exterior, South Elementary School exterior, and inside the Fire Department. Projected annual operating savings is over \$40,000.

- Community Compact IT Grant – The Town was awarded \$25,000 from the Division of Local Services to migrate its existing planimetric geospatial data to an ArcGIS Online driven environment. Work is now live on town website.
- Outdoor seating dining review – Worked with department heads to create an outdoor seating permitting process for restaurants during COVID-19.
- Stoneham Traffic Commission – Participates in monthly meetings to address traffic and safety issues throughout the municipality. Topics include requests from residents, infrastructure complaints, and larger municipal-wide policy changes and project proposals.
- Stoneham High School Project Sustainability Subcommittee – Participates in bi-weekly standing meeting to discuss green initiatives including but not limited to: rooftop solar, parking lot canopy solar, and on-site battery storage at the proposed, new high school site.
- Downtown Redesign Project – After public engagement sessions with residents and the business community, the Town finalized and forwarded a 25% design of a complete downtown redesign on Main Street from Maple Street to Minot and including the adjacent Central Street area to MassDOT. The project goals are to improve safety at the intersection and surrounding areas of Franklin Street, Main Street/Route 28, and Central Street in Stoneham Square as well as improve pedestrian accessibility.
- Mobility improvements – In conjunction with the Downtown Redesign Project, the Town has submitted a project need form to MassDOT for the intersection at Marble/Summer/Main Street including the stretch of Main Street to Maple Street. The project received a project number and the Town is able to move forward with the intersection redesign and multi-modal improvements in the scope area.
- Rooftop Solar at Central Middle School – Finalized with Solect and received approval at Town Meeting to execute agreements including PILOT, install solar panels, and submit all necessary paperwork to achieve a high performing PPA for the next twenty years. Solar has been installed and turned on at the property.
- MOTT Grant with the Chamber of Commerce – Worked with the Chamber of Commerce via the MOTT (Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism) Grant on a branding project. Met regularly with the committee to finalize color, taglines, and design suite for future use. Branding will be officially unveiled in spring 2023.
- Zoning Articles – Drafted and received approval at Town Meeting for eight zoning articles including but not limited to: lowering multi-family parking requirements, inclusionary zoning update, multi-family by-right zoning, and lowering the parking requirements in the Central Business District.
- Chapter 40 A 3A legislation – The Town has held numerous public meetings and approved language to work toward legislative compliance. Additionally, the Town was awarded funding through Mass Housing Partnership to receive technical assistance to calculate unit capacity within its districts. The Town has received interim compliance until December 31, 2024 and will work toward final compliance in the upcoming months.

- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant – The Town was awarded \$108,700 through the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for a wetland restoration and trails enhancement on the conservation land adjacent to Stoneham High School. Work is underway and will be completed in 2023.
- Shared Streets Program – The Town received \$44,463.10 through MassDOT Shared Streets Program to update the pedestrian crossing in front of the Post Office to the Town Common. The work will move the existing crosswalk to a safer location with bump outs and rapid flashing beacons be completed in spring 2023.
- Mystic Highland Greenway – Meets bimonthly with Senator Lewis’ office, Representative Donato, Representative Lipper-Garabedian, MassDOT, MAPC, and the communities of Melrose, Malden, and Wakefield on the development of a new regional greenway.
- Spot Pond Loop Feasibility Study – Sat on the RFP Selection Committee and successfully selected a vendor through a competitive process. Continues to work with vendor VHB on outreach, data gathering, and design. Study is expected to be completed by June 2023.
- EV Stations at Stoneham Arena – Collaborated with Eversource and Voltrek to install electric vehicle charging stations at Stoneham Arena. After building capacity, the Town began charging users in December 2022.
- Stoneham Shuttle Pilot – Submitted and was awarded \$796,817 over the next three federal fiscal years through Boston MPO’s Community Connections Program to pilot a local shuttle service that will connect Stoneham residents and employees of Stoneham businesses to transportation options. A RFP process will need to be done to select the vendor and that work will begin in 2023.
- Aggregation – Spearheaded both municipal and community electricity aggregation agreement work with partners Good Energy, Constellation, and Power Options. These two programs allowed residents and the municipality to have predicable, competitive supply rates during a volatile market. Contract will conclude in December 2023 so the Town will need to work toward new procurement for the upcoming cycle.

Planning Board

The Planning Board met eighteen times and conducted 12 public hearings during 2022. Eleven special permits were granted, four of which were for accessory dwellings (family apartments). . A public hearing for a thirteen home definitive subdivision at 62 High Street began in October and was continued through the end of the year. The Board hopes to see an approval sometime in 2023. Public hearings were also held for the zoning articles brought to both the Annual Town Meeting and the October Special Town

Meeting. In addition, members participated in joint meetings with the Select Board regarding the Town's compliance with MGL c.40A §3A as well as taking part in a summit meeting to discuss zoning bylaw review and plans for Stoneham moving forward. The Board will continue to take an active role in all of these conversations.

The Board worked with DPW Director Brett Gonsalves on updates to the Town's subdivision rules and regulations which were then adopted in July 2022.

Many challenges continue to be in the forefront of planning efforts in the community. Most business and residential development in Stoneham has 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.

Your Board remains dedicated to resolving as many issues in our jurisdiction within the Town without recourse to the court system; but we will always exercise every option to protect the integrity of the Board and the Town.

I would like to thank fellow members Kevin Dolan, Terrence Dolan and Daniel Moynihan Jr. for their commitment and long-term dedication. We also bid farewell to long time Board member August Niewenhous III and thank him for his contributions over many decades. We welcomed Marcia Wengen to the Board in April and look forward to her contributions to the Board. Our work has advanced rapidly and professionally due to the efforts of Town Clerk Maria our new Principal Office Assistant, Jen DeCourcy and Director of Planning & Community Development Erin Wortman. We are fortunate to have such capable staff members who allow the Board to function as efficiently as possible. We would also like to thank Town Counsel Robert Galvin for his assistance to the Board this past year.

In closing, we would like to thank all of our colleagues on the other boards, commissions and various departments for their assistance and support in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Vallarelli, Chairman

Police Department

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, 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.

Over the past year, personnel changes within the police department began in January with Officer Christopher Murphy being promoted to sergeant and Stephen Rochon entering the Reading Police Academy as a student officer. In February, Sergeant Kenneth Wilkins retired after 25 years of service. In May, Officer Joseph Ponzio and Dispatcher Joshua Paciga resigned from the Department. In July, Jeremy Cefalo joined the Department as a dispatcher. In August, Officer Stephen Aprile was promoted to sergeant. In October, Officer Luc Bourgeois resigned to pursue a new career in the private sector and Dispatcher Alex Joseph resigned to take a position as a dispatcher with the Quincy Police Department. In November, Stephen Chatelle, Matthew Dabenigno and George Doherty were hired as student officers and began their training at the Reading Police Academy. In December, Kelly McNamara joined the Department as a dispatcher.

The following is a roster of the Department's sworn personnel as of December 31, 2022: Chief James McIntyre; Lieutenants David Stefanelli, Tony Kranefuss and Christopher Apalakis; Sergeants Robert Kennedy, David Thistle, Thomas Heller, Christopher Dalis, Michael DeCroteau, Christopher Murphy and Stephen Aprile; Officers Sheryl Rotondi, Stephen Carroll, Paul Norton, Thomas Day, Christopher Copan, Edward Fucarile, William Reinold, David Ryan, Patrick Carroll, Kenneth Bowdidge, Laura Engel, Luc Bourgeois, David Szydlowski, Jonathan Mahoney, Derek McShane, Michael Colotti, Brian Raffaello, John Burton, Michael Prudente, Richard Pacini, Joseph Cataldo, Zachary Newell, Nicholas Palmieri, Emily Dello Russo, Sean O'Grady, Lucas Ferraz and Stephen Rochon.

The civilian administrative staff for the Department consists of office manager Erin Sinclair, part-time office assistants Patricia Quinn, Vanessa Kraft, and Linda Leis, our domestic violence advocate.

Located within the police station is the communications center for both the police and fire departments. The Public Safety Dispatch Department is comprised of seven civilian dispatchers who process the emergency and business calls for police, fire or emergency medical services. During the course of 2022, over 17,600 calls for service were processed through the dispatch center, with 5,700 calls received through the 9-1-1 system.

The following is a roster of the Public Safety Department's personnel as of December 31, 2021: David Luciano – Head Dispatcher, Brian Johnston, Nathaniel Powers, Michael Sweeney, Amanda Farrington, Jeremy Cefalo and Kelly McNamara.

The Stoneham Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit, consisting of Sergeant David Thistle and civilian advocate Linda Leis, provide substantial support to victims of domestic violence. Over the past year, Ms. Leis conducted follow-up with 110 victims from the 149 reports of domestic violence the Department investigated. Of particular concern were 22 cases deemed high risk with the potential for lethality to the victim. Aspects of the outreach provided to victims includes, but is not limited to assisting victims in obtaining Abuse Prevention Orders, safety planning, finding emergency shelter, locating legal services, and providing emotional support.

The police department's Crisis Intervention Team, led by Sergeant Christopher Dalis, continues to work with our recovery coach and mental health clinician provided by Eliot Community Health Services. Our CIT officers partner with the recovery coach and clinician to provide outreach and follow-up with individuals who had interaction with the police department as a result of some form of substance use disorder or mental health emergency. When working, the recovery coach or clinician can co-respond with officers to calls where someone may be actively in crisis.

In May, the Stoneham Police Department and Lieutenant David Stefanelli were recognized by the Metro Boston Crisis Intervention Team Training and Technical Assistance Center for our commitment to crisis intervention outreach and follow-up.

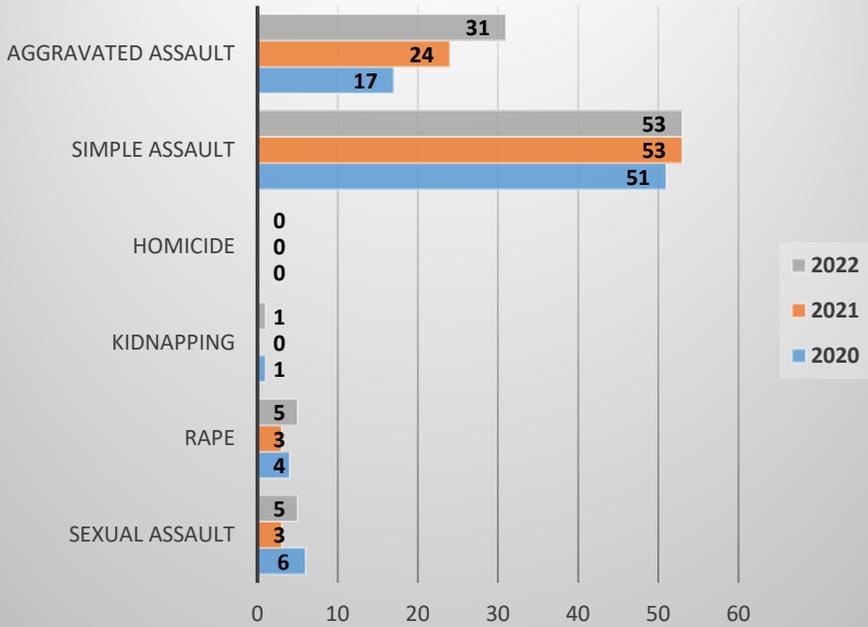
In 2022, the Stoneham Police Department responded to 25 suspected drug overdose calls, of which three involved a fatality as compared to 41 overdose calls with seven fatalities in 2021. We hope that this declining trend continues in 2023.

Last year, the police department's grant administrator, Lieutenant Christopher Apalakis, was able to secure \$364,000 in grant funding. These funds were used to meet state mandated 9-1-1 training requirements and overtime costs associated with police officers and dispatchers working as telecommunicators; fund the salary of the mental health clinician as well as mental health related training for officers and overtime; fund child passenger safety seat installation and bicycle safety events; and fund traffic enforcement, bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement during statewide mobilization events.

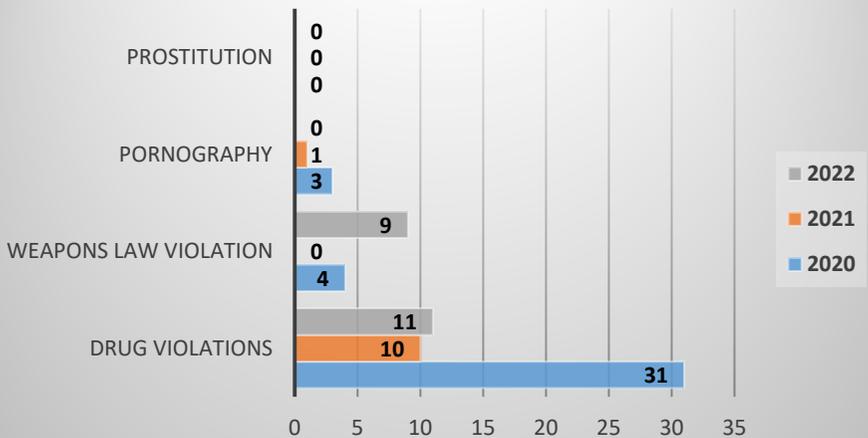
In closing, this will be the last annual report that I write as will retire from the Stoneham Police Department on May 31, 2023. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Chief of Police for the past 11 years. On behalf of all the members of the Stoneham Police Department, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our residents, local businesses, community organizations and elected officials for the support shown to us over the past year.

The following graphs that appear below show three-year statistical trends for criminal activity, calls for service, and police related activity.

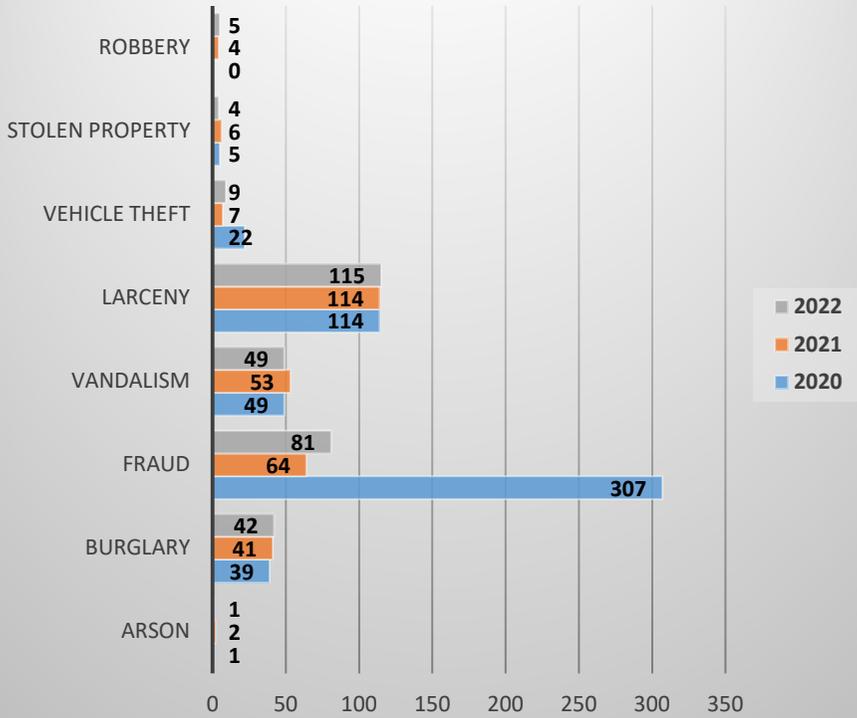
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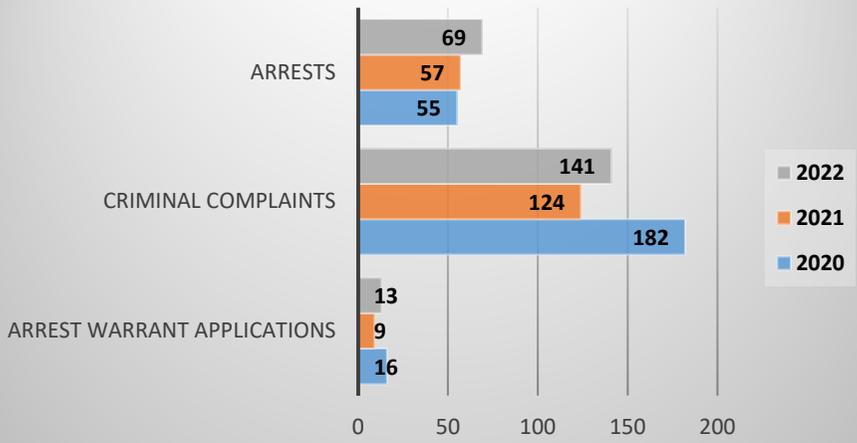
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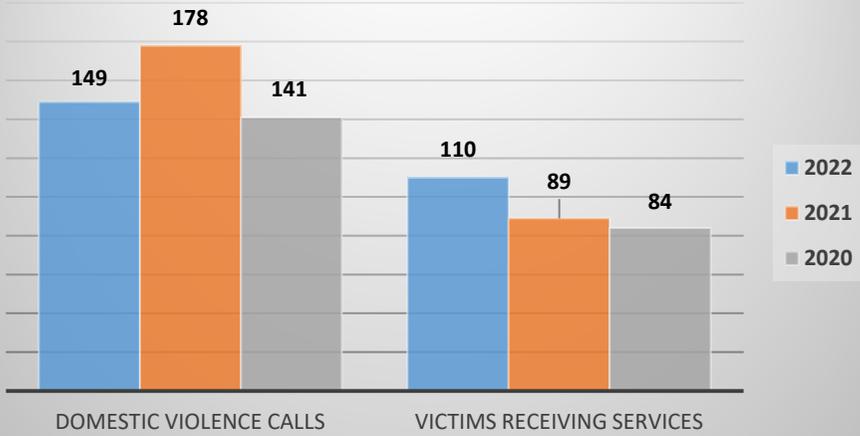
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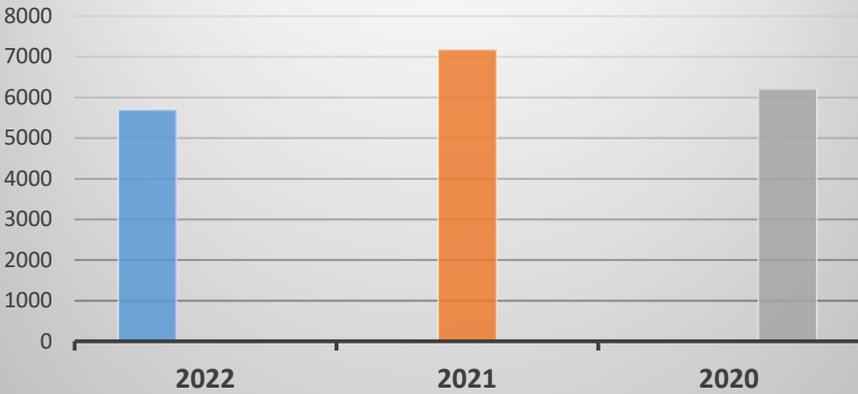
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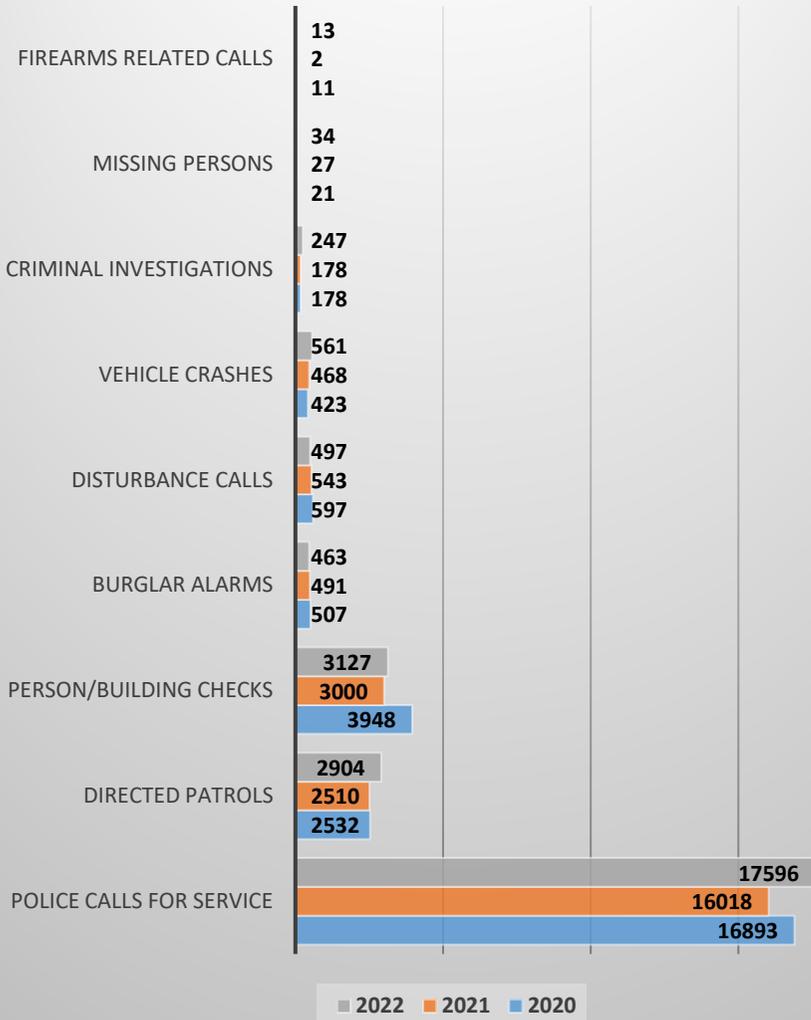
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALLS



CALLS PROCESSED THROUGH 9-1-1 SYSTEM



SELECTED CALLS FOR SERVICE



Procurement

Mission Statement:

The Procurement Office is committed to supporting all of our municipal and school departments with the acquisition of supplies & services, equipment, public construction, and disposal of surplus equipment. We achieve this through an open and fair competitive process that will ensure cost effectiveness and efficient operation of the Town and Schools while maintaining compliance with all related MA general laws, regulations and Town bylaws.

Department Overview:

The Procurement Office consists of one employee, the Procurement Officer, who under the joint supervision of the Superintendent of Schools and the Town Administrator, serves as a professional resource for the procurement and disposition of supplies, services and real property. The Department is responsible for creating and maintaining all bids, contracts, supporting documentation and reporting in accordance with MGL 30B, 30, 39M, and Chapter 149.

Professional Designation & Affiliations:

Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official
Secretary Elect of the Massachusetts Association of Public Purchasing Officials

Department Highlights:

Member of the School Building Committee.

Member of the Green Building Initiatives Subcommittee for the New High School Building.

Chair of the Trade Contractor Prequalification Committee responsible for managing phase one of the prequalification bid process for multiple building trades for the new high school building.

FY 23 Bids – Working closely with the respective departments, the Procurement Office successfully bid and awarded contracts for the following:

Planning and Community Development

In partnership with the MAPC conducted a Request for Proposal process for the study and preliminary design of a circumferential trail at Spot Pond resulting in an award to VHB Inc.

Schools

On behalf of the School and under the guidance of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, conducted a Request for Proposal process for the Operation and Management of the Public School Food Service Program for the term of one (1) year with four (4) options to renew in one (1) year increments. The award was made to the incumbent provider Aramark.

Working through a selection committee comprised of various levels of school personnel, parents, and school committee members, conducted a Request for Services for the Operation and Management of an Extended Day Program (for both before and after school) at all three (3) of the Town's elementary schools. The recommendation to award was approved by the School Committee and an award was made to the Boys and Girls Club of Stoneham, Inc. as the most advantageous proposal. Contract is currently in process with a scheduled start date of February 27, 2023.

In accordance with MA State Contract PRF69, conducted a Request for Services for a Feasibility Study for South Elementary School's Parking and Playground Areas. Contract awarded to Stantec Consulting Services Inc.

Facilities

In partnership with GRLA Architects bid out and successfully awarded a contract for the restoration of the Stoneham Middle School Roof and the full roof replacement of the Town Hall building.

DPW

In partnership with Arcadis Design and Consultancy successfully bid a contract for Phase 8 Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Project.

Procurement of a new excavator in accordance with State Contract VEH111.

In accordance with MA State Contract FAC103 conducted and awarded a Request for Quote for the next term of Tree Trimming Services.

Arena

Conducted an RFP process for a food and beverage concessionaire at the Stoneham Arena to fill the space that has been unoccupied for 2 years. Awarded to Premier Concessions and Vending LLC, a local vendor.

In accordance with Federal Procurement Laws and Regulations (2 C.F.R. § 200.317-318), for the expenditure of ARPA appropriations, successfully conducted procurement

of a new Zamboni Ice Resurfacers. The Town, through establishing a membership, was able to procure through Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing group.

Building Department

After several years of meetings and discussions, the Town was able to issue a purchase order, in accordance with State Contract OFF 38, for a High Density Mobile System designed for the Building Department to house newly converted side tab color coded file folders. This will automate the current antiquated filing system.

Stoneham TV

Assisted with the procurement of equipment in support of Stoneham TV's Audio Video Upgrade. This project is being funded through ARPA appropriation thus requiring adherence to *Federal Procurement Law and Regulations. (2 C.F.R. § 200.317-318)*.

Library

Assisted with the procurement of new carpeting and historical window restoration projects.

Upcoming bids for FY23/24:

Leasing of property for School District Offices.

Disposition of Real Property currently owned by the Town.

Design and construction of an ADA accessible bathroom for the Arena.

Shuttle Transportation Services.

With Capital funding approval, conduct an RFP to furnish and install a modular building to serve as a meeting/break room for golf course personnel.

Surplus Property Disposal:

Continued to utilize Municibid, an online auction marketplace for government agencies, schools, authorities and utilities to sell their surplus and forfeitures directly to the public. We have been able to repurpose, through auction, town owned vehicles, equipment, and furniture no longer in use or of use from the DPW, Fire Department and Town Hall. The auction items this year included DPW heavy duty vehicles, landscaping equipment, compressor, mini excavator and the Fire Department's old gas stove totaling approximately \$25,000.00 that was deposited into the general fund.

Community Participation:

Volunteer worker at Town Day representing the Stoneham School Building Committee.
Volunteer for the Senior Christmas Party.

Respectfully submitted,
April Lanni, MCPPO

Public Library



Stoneham Public Library: Annual Report 2022

Libraries serve many roles in a community; it's a free place to spend time connecting with yourself, family, community, and the world around you.

2022 saw a further step towards a new normal at the library. Our doors stayed open to the public, except for the occasional snow day, the whole year and we passed many exciting milestones. We were able to offer a fuller slate of free programs for kids, teens, and adults and over 5,000 people attended. As a whole, the residents of Stoneham checked out over 150,000 items, both physical and digital. Of particular note, the Junior Room saw their highest circulation in five years. With how busy they are every day, we can certainly see why!



Figure 3: 2022 Quick Stats

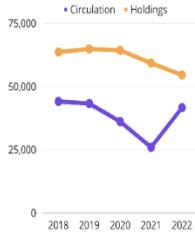


Figure 2: Adult 5vr Circulation

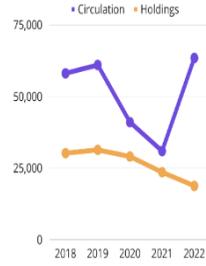


Figure 1: Junior Room 5vr

In 2022, we hired new team members and had two promotions. Rachel Overbeck, formerly the Head of Youth Services, is the new Director of the Stoneham Public Library. She is excited to continue finding new and innovative ways to connect with and serve the Stoneham community. Katie Bardascino, a Stoneham native, was promoted to Head of Youth Services. Katie is passionate about children and teens and seeks to foster a space where kids of all ages can learn and grow with their caregivers and peers.

We expanded library access and resources in 2022. The opening hours were extended Monday through Friday, patrons are now welcomed in at 9 am. The Library newsletter was relaunched, so residents can get a preview of programs and new services. Sign up on our website! Patrons can use their library cards to access many databases, including Ancestry.com, Pronunciator (a free language learning resource), and dozens of digitized newspapers and magazines. The Library also offers a number of museum passes for free or reduced admissions to many spots around the state. New in 2022 was a pass to the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA. Favorites for families included: The Discovery Museum, the New England Aquarium, the Boston Children’s Museum, and the Science Museum.

We saw an influx in tween and teen users this year at the library and they were in need of a better spot to spend time with their friends. With the help of generous volunteers from a local company, the Young Adult collection moved to the basement and the space was rearranged to accommodate the needs of this demographic. Tables were added to facilitate homework and group projects; computers were acquired for dedicated teen use. New furniture will be added in 2023 to update the look of the hangout area.



One benefit of a library card is access to free e-books, audiobooks, TV, and movies on Libby (Overdrive), hoopla, and kanopy. Stoneham certainly took advantage of this and checked out 24,980 digital items. The library created and expanded several physical collections in 2022, including video games and board games, children’s materials in Spanish and Brazilian-Portuguese, and books that support literacy at the teen and tween level. Our goal is to ensure that the materials in the library reflect and celebrate our community. We feel that every person should be able to look at the displays and shelves and see characters and authors that look like them.

There were exciting updates to the building in 2022, including a new check-out desk in the Junior Room. A helpful DPW team came to demo the old desk and open up the middle of the room for a fantastic place to stay and play. The community was eager to come and spend time together and we saw the average length of library visits increase significantly. Some caregivers and their kids spend several hours a day playing, reading, and socializing!



We are continually looking for ways to improve patron experience and make the library a pleasant place to be. Several murals have been painted on library windows that brighten up the space and make it more inviting. A much needed carpet update was made in the mezzanine and a restoration project was started on the beautiful windows in our Carnegie wing. We look forward to making many more improvements in 2023.

The biggest takeaway of 2022 is the passion and dedication of the Library team. While navigating COVID-19, staffing level challenges, and a change in administration, they have kept the library running smoothly with a smile. Looking ahead, we aim to expand programs for teens and adults, improve and expand our collections, and become an even more vibrant part of our community.

We are grateful for the support of the Town, the Select Board, and the Finance and Advisory Board. We are especially thankful for the enthusiastic, open-hearted support from so many members of the Stoneham community. Onward!

Public Works Department

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is now operating with a total complement of 23 full time positions. 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 use of private contractors for some aspects of our operation.

The Town has Weston & Sampson as a consultant to perform the functions as the Licensed D3 water operator.

ENGINEERING

DPW/Engineering is directly involved in the diverse activities performed by the Department of Public Works and serves as a consultant to every Town Department and committee in regard to technical support. In addition they are responsible for overseeing the planning, design, inspections, construction and rehabilitation of the Town's infrastructure systems including streets, water, sewer and drainage.

The major projects the Department of Public Works was involved in were the Planning Board subdivision/site plan review, the cleaning and lining of the 12 inch water main, and the Eversource project (main transmission line from Woburn to Wakefield). The Division also administered the contracts with various engineering consulting firms including:

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. Liston Utility Services (water leak detection survey)
4. Weston & Sampson – D3 Drinking Water Operator

WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

The Town hired N. Granese and Sons to clean and cement line 3,200 linear feet of water main on Main Street from Maple Street to Elm Street. This cleaning and lining process removed tuberculation from the inside of the water main and cement lined it creating a smooth surface which will improve overall water quality.

The Department of Public Works staff also conducted our annual fire hydrant flushing program in April, flushing over

Total backflow tests (Sigma Water Safety) – 624
Building surveys and resurveys – 4

SERVICE INSTALLATIONS BY PRIVATE CONTRACTORS

1. Water services

7

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.

The Town received another grant / interest free loan from the M.W.R.A to continue rehabilitation of the sanitary sewer system. Phases 11, 12 and 13 total \$2,910,000 (total 50% grant and 50% interest free loan). Phase 7 rehab work was completed this fall which included sewer main replacement on a section of Elm Street and Main Street and installing a structural line on Elm Street from Bracket to Main Street and Montvale Ave from Main Street to Lindenwood Cemetery.

Phase 8 sewer rehab is out to bid and contract will be awarded in January 2023.

STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM

The Town has continued to make progress on Storm Water 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 2022:

- Updated the Town's Stormwater Bylaws and Regulations
- Stormwater Board met on several projects related to stormwater mitigation (Rockville Park, 95 Maple Street, 62 High Street)
- Distributed an annual, spring season message encouraging the proper use and disposal of grass clippings and encouraging the proper use of slow-release and phosphorus-free fertilize and posted messages on the Town's website and on the Stoneham local TV channel.
- Distributed an annual, summer season message encouraging the proper management of pet waste and noting existing ordinances. Continued distribution of pet waste flyers with pet licenses and installation of pet waste disposal signs at parks.
- Conducted a structural BMP inventory and stormwater catchment investigations
- Completed construction site plan reviews and inspections for compliance with construction site stormwater runoff
- Continued on-going inspection and cleaning of catch basins
- Continued on-going cleaning of roadways to prevent sediment, debris, and pollutants from entering the storm drain system
- Conducted Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Training and Good Housekeeping Pollution Prevention Training to Town employees and

departments.

HIGHWAY

Roadway paving 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 2021:

2021 Chapter 90 Paving Program		
Tremont Street		1,315'
Stevens Street		1,900'
Green Street		2,500'
Franklin Street	Franklin Place to Rustic Road	1,452'
Alden Avenue		1,500'
Gorham Street		901'
San Jose		727'
Lee Street		1,325'

Non Chapter 90 Roadway Paving		
Everett Street	Park Street to cul-de-sac	695'
Rebecca Lane		562'
Gould Street	Summer Street to Stevens Street	954'
Clearview Road		568'
June Road		323'

The Town paved 2.8 miles of roadway this year. (3 miles per year would constitute a 25 year replacement cycle)

SIDEWALK UPGRADING

Sidewalk improvements were conducted by Town forces in 2022 in various locations. (Main Street, Stevens Street, Montvale Avenue)

REFUSE AND 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 (7) curbside leaf pickups were scheduled during the spring and fall, and a Christmas tree pick-up in early January. Yard waste, brush and tree debris are temporarily stockpiled in concrete-block storage areas as required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. ProBark removed approximately 1,004 tons of waste from Stevens Street recycling facility in 2022.

Recycling is weekly and mandatory and trash was limited to 90 gallons per unit, per week. In 2022 the Town collected approximately 31,234 tons of trash and recycled 10,176 tons or recyclables.

This department works with Mayer Tree for the removal of tree and brush waste. North Coastal Environmental removes the street sweepings and 1,000 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 AND ICE OPERATIONS

The total snowfall for the 2021-2022 winter season was 52.3". Measureable snow fell during the months of December through March. The largest single snowfall event was 21" inches on January 28, 2022. In addition due to daytime melting and nighttime freezing the Department responded to multiple sanding and salting calls throughout the winter.

TRAFFIC LINE AND SIGNAL PLACEMENT

1. Markings Inc. of Pembroke, Massachusetts provided approximately 121,170 linear feet of traffic line painting and associated, word, and symbol painting.
2. Dagle Electrical of Woburn, Massachusetts, provided traffic signal and streetlight maintenance on 255 signals/street lights.

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, 2022 – 29

Number of interments – January through December 31, 2022 – 90

TREE DIVISION

The Town utilized the Town contracted tree company, Northern Tree to assist with removing several large trees in Town. 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. The Town hired Thomas Brady as interim Tree Warden/Certified Arborist in December to assist the DPW with tree health and safety.

Trees Planted	30
Trees Removed	31
Stumps Ground	62
Trees Pruned	80+

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.

The Public Works Department, at the request of the Capital Planning Committee has 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.

The only equipment purchased this year was an asphalt hot box.

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

The Department of Public Works responds to various complaint calls throughout the year. The issues shown below may have been called in by a resident or noticed by Town officials. The DPW change its policy on how homeowner sewer service calls are addressed. Sewer services are the responsibility of the homeowner and the town does not enter into any residents homes to push service plugs. This is the reason for not showing the amount of related issues.

SEWER RELATED ISSUES

(Approximate Values)

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| 1. | Main sewer plugs | 17 |
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WATER RELATED ISSUES

(Approximate Values)

1.	Water main break	3
2.	Water service break/repair (Town portion)	0
3.	Meter repairs/replacements	400+
4.	Radio Meter Readers installed	200+
5.	Water meter readings	30,000+
6.	Water meter final readings	250
7.	Water turn on/off	50+
8.	Rusty water calls	Less than 10
9.	Hydrant repairs/replacement	6

DRAIN RELATED ISSUES

(Approximate Values)

1.	Catch Basin and Drain Manhole Repairs	31
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HIGHWAY RELATED ISSUES

(Approximate Values)

1.	Sign installations/replacements/repairs	80
2.	Streetlights repaired (Dagle Electric)	50

DPW MISCELLANEOUS WORK

1.	Winterize 687 hydrants	
2.	Sewer segment maintenance program, continuous critical area preventive maintenance of 35 segments (weekly).	
3.	Christmas light installation on the Main Street town shade trees and Town Common.	
4.	Landscaping of certain Town properties	
5.	Water main flushing program at all 687 hydrants locations	
6.	Clearing critical catch basin grates before large storm events.	
7.	Clearing and maintaining 189 headwalls prior to rain events,	
8.	Oversee the maintenance and repair of all public buildings, senior center, library, Town hall other than the schools.	
9.	Dead animal pick-ups as reported	
10.	Dig-Safe mark-outs – approx. 50 per month, 600 per year	
11.	Numerous potholes	

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 need for continuous growth and expansion of programs will complement the continued growth and recreational expectations 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 role of the Recreation Director is to design, construct and implement recreational programs for the members of the Stoneham community. Programs are based upon the needs and desires of the community and are offered for kids, adults and seniors in Stoneham. He also collaborates with different department heads and boards throughout the town to help to enhance and promote programs being offered for the Stoneham community.

The Recreation Director also handles the permitting for athletic fields and playgrounds overseen by the town. These fields include Recreation Park, Pomeworth Fields and Basketball Courts, Cerrone Park and AP Rounds Field. The Recreation Director also works closely with the Open Space and Recreation Committee in Stoneham. He attends bi-monthly meetings with the group and addresses concerns about the open space in town and any ideas which may be brought forth by committee members.

Recreational Program Breakdowns:

Spring / Summer 2022

During the spring and summer of 2022, the Stoneham Recreation Department hosted a full schedule of successful programs for the community of Stoneham. Over 700 participants enjoyed spring and summer programming that included Adult Basketball, April Vacation 101, Archery, Ceramica Paint Studio, Chess Wizards, Kids Test Kitchen, Lego Robotics, Pickleball, Premier Hoops, Rock Climbing, Rocket Science, Soccer Shots, Sports Zone 101, Tennis, Top Secret Science, Video Explorers at Stoneham TV, and Summer Volleyball. The Stoneham Recreation Department also collaborated with other departments and community groups to provide games and activities at new town events.

Fall/Winter 2022-2023

During the fall and winter of 2022-2023, the Stoneham Recreation Department hosted a wide variety of successful programs for the community of Stoneham. In total, over 250 participants took place in programs where pre-registration was required. Fall programs

were held at Colonial Park School, Recreation Park, South School, and outside vendor locations. During the end of the fall and beginning of the winter months, the department utilized the Town Hall Auditorium and Banquet Room to offer programs for the community. Programs included, Adult Basketball, Ceramica Paint Studio, Columbus Day 101, February Vacation 101, Holiday 101, Intro to Volleyball, Karate, Kids Test Kitchen, Jr. Legos, Pickleball, Premier Hoops, Rock Climbing, Sports Zone 101, Soccer Shots, Turkey Trot 101, and Veterans Day 101.

Department contributions towards community events:

- **Town Day** – The Stoneham Recreation Department hosted games and activities at the annual Stoneham Town Day. During this event, kids could play corn hole, badminton, ring toss, spike ball, and a variety of other games and activities.
- **Halloween Stroll** – The Stoneham Recreation Department collaborated with the Chamber of Commerce to offer free pumpkin decorating and crafts in the Town Common during the Halloween Stroll.
- **Tree Lighting** – The Stoneham Recreation Department offered free train rides through Town Common during the Chamber of Commerce tree lighting festivities. Parents and children had the opportunity to ride the train together making for a special holiday experience for all involved.
- **Farmer Markets**- The Stoneham Recreation Department worked with the Stoneham Farmers Market to offer free recreation activities during the summer of 2022. During the annual fall Farmers Market the Stoneham Recreation Department hosted a table that included crafts and drawings at Town Hall.
- **Holiday Parade**-The Stoneham Recreation Department worked with the Chamber of Commerce to put on the annual holiday parade which included floats and Santa in a well-attended parade around Stoneham.
- **Middle School Scavenger Hunt**-The Stoneham Recreation Department partnered with the Central Middle School and provided a fun fitness challenge on Town Common for 8th grade students during their annual moving on event.
- **Family Fun Night**-The Stoneham Recreation Department and Veterans Services Department provided a family fun night to the community on the July 4th weekend which involved music, games, and free ice cream.
- **Stoneham Coalition Event/Stoneham Pride Event/Health and Wellness Event**-Stoneham Recreation provided lawn games and activities at the Town Common for families to enjoy throughout these events.
- **Movie Night**-In collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, the Stoneham Recreation Department hosted a movie night on the Town Common that involved free candy, hot chocolate, and popcorn.

School Department

School Committee members for the year were Jaime Wallace, Chair, David Maurer, Vice Chair, Nicole Nial, Melanie Fiore and Betty Chu Pryor. The Student Representatives to the School Committee were Sophia Zullo and Sydney Vallone. The recipients of the MASS Superintendent's Award that recognizes academic excellence, community service and other activities that distinguish high school students were Sophia Zullo and William Maurer.

On January 6, 2022 John Macero announced his retirement to the School Committee, effective August 31, 2022. On January 20, 2022 the Committee waived a superintendent search and voted unanimously to enter into negotiations with Assistant Superintendent David Ljungberg. Mr. Ljungberg officially appointed on April 28, 2022 to begin on September 1, 2022. On June 22, 2022 the Committee approved the appointment of Kathy Martin, retired Director of Technology, as the Interim Assistant Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent David Ljungberg announced the following administrative hires for the 2022-2023 school year:

Robin Hood Principal: Jordan Weymer – July 1, 2022

Central Middle School Principal: Thomas Sallee – July 1, 2022

Director of Human Resources: Ana Veras – March 21, 2022

School and Municipal Budget director: Leia Secor – June 19, 2022

Director of Technology and Digital Learning: Yusuf Guler – May 2022

Thank you to the Stoneham School Committee, Stoneham Select-Board, Finance Advisory Board, Town Administrator, Town Accountant and Town Meeting for approving \$32,100,410 FY23 School Operating Budget. The previous FY22 budget 30,963,028.97.

The Commissioner of Education stated that universal remote learning is no longer an option for this school year and schools will be required to be in person, full-time, five days a week.

Two distinctive recognition services were held during the year. First, the Committee recognized the following staff members who retired after the 2021-2022 year:

Christopher Banos – Principal, Central Middle School

Gay Belanger – Teacher, Central Middle School

Sharon Chapman – Program Supervisor of Science, HS/CMS

Janet Chirichiello – ESP, Robin Hood School

Mary Daniels-O'Brien – Teacher, Robin Hood School

Sandra Fulmer – Assistant Principal, Central Middle School

Josephine Piro – Teacher, Robin Hood School

Krista Stevens – Program Supervisor of English, HS/CMS
Jayne Trail – ESP, Central Middle School
Kathleen Welch – Secretary, High School
David Strong – Custodian, High School
John Macero – Superintendent of Schools

Second, the School Committee awarded Crystal Apples to the following supporters of the schools: Debbie Pettengill, Kyle Roberts, Jack McShane, Sandra Fulmer and John Macero.

Colonial Park School

Colonial Park School opened the 2021-2022 school year with 251 students in Preschool through Grade 4. During the school year we focused on several areas of improvement. There was a focus on increasing literacy outcomes and access to Universal Design for Learning (UDL), redesigning schedules and staffing to support a Multi-Tiered System of Support, increasing school wide Social Emotional Learning, and continuing collaboration with families and the larger community to promote student growth and develop a positive school culture.

Literacy instruction was one important area of focus during the 2021-2022 school year. The district adopted STAR Early Literacy and STAR Reading for our students in Kindergarten through Grade 4, which provided valuable data to drive instruction. We identified a focus group dedicated to the study of implementation of a “What I Need Now” (WINN) block in Fall 2022, working closely with the MTSS Literacy Academy to study current practices and ideal scenarios for setting up systems of support. Lexia was provided to all students and supported instruction in literacy. Time for collaboration was provided, so teachers could successfully organize and implement literacy materials in the classroom.

Another area of focus during the 21-22 school year was creating a unified vision for the introduction and implementation of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in elementary classrooms. All staff participated in the MTSS Tiered Literacy Academy, which provided opportunities for professional development on the Fundamentals of UDL, UDL Strategies List and UDL Progression Rubric. Support was provided to classroom teachers to strengthen Tier 1 instruction to accommodate all learners. Across the district, we addressed identifying prerequisite skills for tiered supports and acceleration and used data to successfully identify and monitor these supports.

Increasing school wide Social Emotional Learning across all school contexts has been an ongoing commitment at Colonial Park School. Staff was trained in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention for Schools and received certification from Cornell University. This resulted in successfully implementing common language and approaches to de-escalating students and supporting students in crisis. A School Community Committee was formed, dedicated to introducing

initiatives to the student body and staff in order to encourage a sense of community and belonging. Our School Adjustment Counselor worked with our School Psychologist to provide biweekly lessons on social emotional topics to students in grades K-4. "Best Buddies" was piloted, with students in general education classrooms integrating into our sub-separate classrooms to encourage relationships and understanding of students with diverse profiles and needs. With the help and support of staff who volunteered to coach, we also started a Girls on the Run Team for girls in grades 3 and 4, which culminated in a non-competitive 5K in the spring.

The Colonial Park Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) continued to be an invaluable partner during the 2021-2022 school year. We worked closely with the PTO to offer different experiences and enrichments for our families and students, including the Colonial Park Boo Thru, the Fun Run, Eyes on Owls, and Corey the Dribbler. We collaborated with the Stoneham Public Library and the Stoneham Historical Society, and both organizations visited our school and worked with our children. Finally, our PTO provided countless supplies, treats and experiences for our staff and students, and their support and generosity was a critical component of our successful school year.

The 2021-2022 school year was an eventful, productive and fun year for our entire Colonial Park School community.

Robin Hood School

Robin Hood began the 2021-2022 school year with 384 students in Preschool through Grade 4. During the 2021-2022 school year, Robin Hood and the two other elementary schools worked tirelessly to navigate the many challenges presented by the continued COVID-19 pandemic while continually creating a rigorous and engaging learning experience for all.

We successfully implemented STAR Assessment across grades K-4, and teachers are using this data to inform instruction. Robin Hood has hired a STEM teacher and transitioned from a traditional technology class to a Science, Technology, and Engineering class and a co-taught Science class. The Social Emotional needs of our students continued to be addressed with Tier I lessons. The Tier I lessons will continue this year.

The Robin Hood Staff successfully implemented W.I.N. Blocks in Grades Kindergarten through 4th for the first time. The "What I Need" Instructional Blocks are used to provide students with additional learning opportunities that are at their instructional level in math and reading. The W.I.N. blocks targeted academic support from teachers to help reinforce and reteach learned content.

The Robin Hood School also introduced our new "Student Recognition Program" this year. Scratch the Panther, who is our school mascot, is helping us with this new initiative. When a staff member at Robin Hood observes a student

being "Pawsome" and sees the student being responsible, resilient, respectful and/or a good role model then the student earns a "Pawsome Ticket". Each day we announce a "Pawsome" winner and at the end of the week all Pawsome Ticket winners will have an opportunity to win a special reward from a spin using an extra-large spinner during lunch in front of all of their peers.

Finally, we are continuing to develop a positive school culture through collaboration with our school community and PTO. We are proud of our efforts as a school and district and look forward to continuing our work to support the 2022-2023 District and School Goals.

South School

South School began the 2021-2022 school year with approximately 345 students. We finally got back to a slightly more "normal" year after a couple of very disruptive school years. While we were back in person for the year, we still had to contend with a lot of variables, procedures, and protocols along the way. The staff was flexible from day one to accommodate the frequent and unexpected changes that came their way each day.

Craig Murray stepped in as Interim Assistant Principal during the school year as Kerry Robbins took over as Interim Principal at Robin Hood School. Mr. Murray stepped right in and allowed us to continue without missing a beat. We also welcomed a few new specialists to our team. Mr. Rich became our new P.E. teacher. Ms. Brown became our new Computers/STE teacher. Mr. Del Monaco became our new Music teacher. It was a year of change, but all of these changes were successful.

As part of getting back to "normal" we returned to our typical schedules and reintroduced our intervention blocks. We renamed them "Success Blocks" as we continued our focus on student achievement. We also began an initiative to continue recognizing students for their achievements with South Shoutouts. Each morning a student was recognized for their academic or citizenship achievements. We also introduced monthly South Shoutout Gatherings. Each month a grade level took turns honoring some of their high achievers in front of the entire school.

South School also committed to the use of the ST Math program. In order to motivate students to use the program we had monthly gatherings to honor the students and classes that excelled with the program. Each month a few students earned the right to throw a pie in the face of selected staff members. South School's commitment to ST Math earned us grant to continue using ST Math for the 22-23 school year.

We also began the transition from a Computers class to a STE class as a specialist block. Throughout the year the class evolved implementing some

computer skills focusing on STE concepts. Moving forward the plan is for the class to be a true STE block.

We are back on track and excited for the future!

Stoneham Central Middle School

Stoneham Middle School is made up of grades 5, 6, 7 and 8. 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 Wednesday. Students who do not choose to participate in these offerings take part in a directed study or peer tutoring.

Coming back in the first full in-person school year following the pandemic, Central Middle School was able to return to many more fun school events, such as concerts and after-school activities. In addition, the middle school continued the work supporting student social-emotional development that became so important during the pandemic.

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 and the Stoneham Youth Coalition.

Finally, at the end of the school year the Central Middle School community celebrated the retirement of the long-time administrative team of Principal Chris Banos and Assistant Principal Sandra Fullmer.

Stoneham High School

Enrollment at Stoneham High School for the 2021-2022 was 579 students in Grades 9 - 12. Though students returned to school with a normal full daily schedule the pandemic was still impacting schools with regard to mask mandates and health safety protocols. The school year started with a requirement for all faculty and students to wear a mask as well as to be quarantined for five days with a positive COVID test result.

Faculty and students were excited for a return to normalcy, despite the continued masks and attendance impacts of COVID, SHS was able to provide a school year where students received daily direct instruction and a wide variety of extracurricular activities. Activities included a full year of three season athletic opportunities, Fall Drama and Spring Musical productions, a Winter Concert, an all school music video, SemiFormal Dance, Junior Prom and Senior Prom, a

Senior NYC Trip, two DC Trips, Senior Activities and a full in person graduation.

The school year ended with the breaking ground for our new high school which is on track to open to students and faculty for the 2024-2025 school year.

Family Consumer Science Department

Students who take courses in the Family Consumer Science department build crucial life and work skills. Teachers continue to update and vary experiences for students who study food science, fashion and child development. Students in Child Development participated in the Real Care Babies simulation while students in the various culinary classes partnered with the students in the Rise Program to plan and host the mobile Rise and Shine café cart. The Family Consumer Science teachers and students continued to work with Rotary International and many Stoneham Community organizations to offer support with catering dinners of varied size.

English

At the middle school and high school, curriculum focus for ELA included the strengthening of inclusive instruction, the restructuring of the senior English classes, and preparing for the reintroduction of MCAS. In the spring of 2022, MCAS were administered to grades 5-8 and grade 10. AP Exams were completed by 91 students in AP Language and Composition and AP Literature and Composition.

Mathematics

At the middle school, grades five and six began their second year of a three-year grant for ST Math, a language-free curriculum supplement. The middle school math team placed first in its division in the IMLEM math league, and at the high school, the math team competed in the MathWorks Math Modeling Challenge. In spring of 2022, the Next Generation Math MCAS were administered in grades 5-8 and grade 10. At the high school, AP Exams were completed in by 26 students in AP Calculus and AP Statistics.

Social Studies

Social Studies teachers in grades 5-12 continued to focus on the implementation of new curriculum standards and on strengthening inclusive, universally designed instruction. Students in grade 6 enjoyed the Earthview program and students in grade 7 participated in the National History Day program. Students in grade 8 completed non-partisan, student driven Civic Action Projects. At the High School, students in economics continued their Shark Tank partnership with Stoneham Bank. Eighty two students completed Advanced Placement Exams in AP United States History, AP Modern World History, and AP Government and Politics.

Science, Technology & Engineering

At the middle school, students continued with Robotics Club and field trips included the Museum of Science and the WISE Conference. In spring of 2022, the Next Generation Science, Technology and Engineering MCAS were administered in grades five, eight, and grade 10. At the high school, A.P. Exams in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics were completed.

World Language

World language teachers implemented lessons incorporating countless websites and online tools, virtual experiences, field trips and other engaging activities. Twenty-one students took the Advanced Placement Exams in AP Italian, AP French, and AP Spanish. Twelve students received the Seal of Biliteracy in French, Polish, Spanish, Mandarin, Italian and Portuguese. The World Language Club held many activities and soirees. Many world language students completed projects and activities outside the classroom, and were able to share and display their work in the school.

Guidance Department

Stoneham High School Counseling Department Mission Statement

The mission of the Stoneham High School Counseling 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 School Counseling 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, and college and career counseling.

Standardized Testing

The PSAT was offered to 10th and 11th grade students in October 2021. The PSAT provides an opportunity for students to practice for the SAT. Additionally, the PSAT is the qualifying test for entry to the National Merit Scholarship Program for students in the 11th grade. The SAT is typically offered to interested high school students at Stoneham High four times each year. The percent of seniors taking the SAT in the Class of 2022 was 74%. This is a significant increase after testing cancellations due to Covid the previous year, but a decrease by about 10-15% in the two years prior to the pandemic. This is due largely to the fact that the NCAA and the majority of colleges and

universities eliminated standardized testing as a requirement for the Class of 2022. Many schools have extended their test optional status for the next 2-3 graduating classes. Many of our students are not electing to send SAT scores as a part of their application. The Class of 2022 mean scores are noted to be slightly lower than mean scores in the 2 years prior to the pandemic as seen in the table below.

	Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Percent of seniors taking test	90%	84%	*	74%
Mean score: EBR&W	555	557	*	545
Mean score: Math	540	552	*	548

*Only 3 students in the Class of 2021 had access to testing due to Covid cancellations

Developmental Guidance

The School Counseling Department’s mission encompasses much more than testing. School counselors meet with students individually, in small groups and in the classroom setting to assist with academic advising, social emotional support, and career and college advising. Classroom lessons for students in grades 9 – 12 include topics such as managing transition to HS, goal setting, graduation requirements, understanding transcripts, understanding GPA, scheduling, career exploration and future planning. Students complete career interest inventories to engage in mindfully exploring career options. Future planning meets students where they are and includes individualized assistance to help students reach their goals whether that be exploration and planning for 2- or 4-year college, trade school, military or employment. Evening programs are held for students and their parents in 8th, 11th and 12th grades. These evening meetings were offered at the high school and covered transition to the high school, future planning, the college application process and financial aid. The school counseling 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 2022 is shown below:

Future Plans Class of 2022

Four Year Colleges	79.2%
Two Year Colleges	6.2%
Other Schools	2.3%
Military Service	0.8%
Employment	9.2%
Other Plans/Undecided	2.3 %
Total	100%

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 eight 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.

Athletics

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 2021-2022 school year, 758 slots were filled by participants in our sports program (fall, winter and spring season). In our senior class of 138 students, 88 students played a sport in their senior year (65% of the senior class were involved in at least one sport their senior year). 118 students from the class of 2022 participated in at least one sport in their 4-year career at Stoneham High School; at 85 %, this number is impressive, and is consistently high and the trend is growing slightly over the past few years.

End of the year senior awards (voted by all coaches) were the following:

Boys Sportsmanship – Giovanni Leone, Girls Sportsmanship– Julia McIntyre,
Outstanding Achievement in Boys Individual Sport–Tommy O’Grady
Outstanding Achievement in Girls Individual Sport–Alyssa Dantona,
Outstanding Achievement in Boys Team Sport-Peter Godfrey, Outstanding

Achievement in a Girls Team Sport- Bridget Haley, Outstanding Senior Male Athlete- Patrick McNamara, Outstanding Senior Female Athlete- Val Duhamel. Athletic Director's Award went to James Scally, Katrina Haddad, Kara Quinlan, Sarah Norris, Rachel Norris, and Joe Kranefuss. Middlesex League MVP's went to Tommy O'Grady (Golf) and Danny Storella (Ice Hockey). All-scholastic inductees were Peter Godfrey (football) and Danny Storella (Ice Hockey). Eastern Mass All-stars Girls soccer - Ava Stafferi and Jillian Spinali. First Team All-state Ava Stafferi. The Richard A. Paradiso award went to Ben Bruno and the Ruth A. Timpone Award went to Julia Bois

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 Hallmark Health 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 are in place for the care of athletic injuries and emergencies. Our Athletic trainers are always equipped with a defibrillator as well having purchased 3 more for teams off campus. No team practices or plays outside of an AED being within 2 minutes from their reach.
- Coaches are asked to watch an informational video's yearly on: Implicit Bias, Concussions, Hazing, and Students mental health
- Coaches are continuously updating their CPR certifications.

2021-2022 Athletic team overview

Sport	Season	Athletes	21-22 Record	Coach
Cheerleading	Fall	17	-	Nicole DeChristoforo
Cross Country (B)	Fall	14	1-5	Jerry Bailey
Cross Country (G)	Fall	26	0-6	Eileen DiLisio
Field Hockey	Fall	26	2-13-3	Katie Morin
Football	Fall	53	8-0	Bob Almeida
Golf	Fall	11	4-7	Tom O'Grady
Soccer (B)	Fall	39	5-9-4	Jeff Kirkland
Soccer (G)	Fall	35	11-5-4	Sharon Chapman
Swimming	Fall	22	3-7	Alex Penacchio
Volleyball	Fall	30	6-14	Paul Hardy

Basketball (B)	Winter	35	2-18	Jim Bakeman
Basketball (G)	Winter	20	4-15	Lynley Paratore
Cheerleading	Winter	-	-	N/A
Gymnastics	Winter	10	3-5	Annemarie McNeil
Ice Hockey (B)	Winter	38	12-8	Paul Sacco
Ice Hockey (G)	Winter	9	9-12-1	Cassandra Connolly
Track – Winter (B)	Winter	50	1-4	Chris Yancey
Track – Winter (G)	Winter	41	2-3	Bob Sargent
Baseball	Spring	29	13-7	Kevin Yianacopolus
Softball	Spring	13	0-19	Gia Raczkowski
Tennis (B)	Spring	12	3-16	Ken Beltram
Tennis (G)	Spring	26	2-14	Sara Swett-Zizzo
Track – Spring (B)	Spring	43	0-5	Chris Yancey
Track – Spring (G)	Spring	42	1-4	Bob Sargent
Lacrosse (B)	Spring	26	10-10	Matt Dabenigno
Lacrosse (G)	Spring	31	3-15	Katie Morin
TOTAL PARTICIPATION		698		

Special Education

The Office of Special Education’s mission is to work collaboratively with faculty, staff and families to ensure all students’ full access and participation in the general education curriculum, classrooms and their school community. We serve students ages three through twenty-two by providing a range of accommodations, modifications, specialized instruction, support and services depending on each child’s individual strengths and needs. Federal law (IDEA) and MA state regulations are adhered to and decisions are made with the intention of providing every student a Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE) within the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) possible to meet their individual needs.

Stoneham Public Schools offers a continuum of special education services. The district is committed to moving toward more fully inclusive best practices. Presently, special education and related service personnel provide specialized instruction to students within their general education classrooms as well as outside of the classroom. All Team members collaborate to maximize effectiveness in accomplishing identified goals and objectives. Such an approach requires ongoing consultation among staff and common planning.

We are fortunate to be members of the SEEM Collaborative, a partnership among a group of neighboring districts, which provides a range of 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 ongoing professional development activities.

Stoneham Public Schools also operates specialized classroom programs within our district. These programs typically serve children who present with complex profiles and whose needs require that they receive highly specialized instruction for a significant portion of their day outside of the general education classroom. Currently, we have specialized classrooms designed to meet the needs of students with students on the autism spectrum, 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.

The full continuum of special education services is available to children beginning at three 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 and, for some, participation in our Integrated Preschool program when they turn three years of age.

While the 2021-2022 school year presented some unexpected challenges, it also provided us with the opportunity for careful review and reflection on structures, systems, and processes in place. As a result of continual review of data related to effectiveness and outcomes, the Director of Special Education worked closely with colleagues to identify and address areas in need of improvement and to plan for and provide more fully inclusive best practices related to programming and professional development.

Thanks to collective efforts of Special Education Coordinators, Special Educators and related service providers, over the course of the 2021-2022 school year we accomplished the following:

- Established programming for our 18 to 22-year-old students; the SHINE program
- Established a second-grade Co-taught classroom at South for students with Language based learning disabilities
- Held a successful Extended School Year summer program for students from preschool through age 22
- Aligned and restructured all Integrated Preschool classrooms so that they provide full day, consistent programming for children with and without IEPs
- Provided training in *Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Strategy* to staff at Colonial Park and Central Middle School

- Provided training, *Introduction to Wilson Reading* course a prerequisite for pursuing certification, for twelve Special Education Teachers throughout the district.

For the 2022-2023 school year, we were extremely fortunate to start the year with a Special Education Coordinator in place at each of our elementary schools as well as one at the middle school and the high school. The benefits and advantages of having a Special Education Coordinator in each building were immediately apparent. Since each Coordinator is building-based, they are able to function as a member of the school leadership team and community. Our Special Education Coordinators serve as the contact for parents, staff and administrators for questions related to the special education process and support special educators with day to day issues related to specialized instruction, progress monitoring, assessment, and managing challenging behaviors.

During the 2022-2023, we continue to focus on strengthening programming for students with language-based learning disabilities. In recent months, we have provided training in *Just Words*, a Wilson reading program, for all of our special education teachers (ELA) at the middle school. Elementary special educators continue to participate in online *FUndations* and *Wilson Reading* courses and are completing *Science of Reading* coursework modules that is part of the districts' work with the Hansen Institute for Language and Literacy (HILL). Our special educators teaching students with language-based learning disabilities and Resource Room teachers collaborate closely and receive consultation and support from our consultant.

Our Second grade Language based Co-taught classroom at South has also proven successful. Students in this classroom, with and without learning differences, benefit greatly from the consistent, research-based instructional practices and support that teachers in this classroom are able to provide throughout the school day. Our goal for next school year is to add a third grade Language based Co-taught classroom at South. These classrooms would accept students referred from throughout the district by their teams.

At the preschool level, we have experienced a steady increase in referrals of three-year olds from Early intervention, families and providers. We have created Speech language groups for those children found eligible and in need of speech and language therapy. Currently, based on need, we have increased from one group to three. We continue to welcome those children with complex profiles to our specialized, substantially separate preschool classrooms where they receive support from their teachers as well as related service providers, BCBA's and ABA techs. A Transitional Kindergarten classroom was added to meet the needs of some preschoolers who were ready and in need of more fully inclusive opportunities within the general education classroom. This exciting classroom is housed at Colonial Park.

While hiring and staffing has presented a significant challenge this school year, we have been fortunate to add some key positions that have strengthened our programming for students, as well. We restructured our STRIDE program at CMS into two cohorts; for fifth and sixth graders and sixth and seventh graders. In addition to hiring a STRIDE fifth, sixth grade teacher, we also recently added a part-time BCBA which has allowed us to have a BCBA at each elementary school building to address the ever-increasing need for consultation and support to teachers and families for students struggling with behavioral issues and self-regulation.

We continue to appreciate the support we receive from the school community, administration and the School Committee. In the interest of encouraging on-going communication with parents/caregivers and guardians, we are scheduling coffees at the schools and the Director of Special Education has scheduled Office Hours. We are pleased with the attendance so far and look forward to continuing our conversations in upcoming months as we work together to continually improve outcomes for all of our students and their families.

Class of 2022

Robert Aguilar	Kaylee Ann Cronin
Matthew Reed Alarcon	Joshua Ryan Curley
Marshall Julius Albrecht	John Francis Daly, IV
Olivia Alleyne	Alyssa Marie Dantona
Brooke Andrade	Stella Vanessa de Paula
Grace Elizabeth Auriemma	Jack Ryan Denison
Margaret Daley Azzarello	Neena L. Dilorio
Nicholas Anthony Baker	Michael Stephen DiLeo
Alexis Baker-Moore	Michael E. DiMaria
Lily Maria Baliestiero	Alyssa DiMartino
Beliz Baloglu	Luiz Neto
Anthony J. Bazzinotti	Gavin John Doherty
Paul Joseph Bishop	Damian A. Driscoll
Marcidia M. Boardman	Valerie Rose Duhamel
Amelia Borto	Anesti Duka
Thomas Mark Bowdidge	Jacob Factor
Vera Ann Bowerman	Mikayla Ferulo
Peyton J. Breda	Jonathan Preston Frederick
Jayde Breen	Walter G. Fung
Jake William Bruno	Peter Shaw Godfrey
Jayna Byrne	Aidan Joseph Goulding
Rowan E. Cann	Mathew John Graham
Alexandra Jireh Cantu	Joseph John Granata
Sabrina Rosa Carbo	Serena Rita Grillo

Anthony Michael Carbone	Liliana Marie Guarino
Nicholas John Carino, Jr.	Lesbia Guevara Jumique
Seth Matthew Carroll	Katrina M. Haddad
Cameron Chabot	Bridget Eileen Haley
Brendon Philip Christ	William Edward Hansen
Anna Maria Cimina	Ava Marilyn Hardiman
Nicholas James Ciriello	Keira P. Haughey
James Thomas Connell	John Christopher Henaghan
Chloe Elizabeth Costa	Christine Mary Hinds
Kayleigh Frances Couto	Jazmin Hopkins
Maeve Margurite Craven	Kolby Michael Horgan
Ethan Phillip Howard	Jack Anthony Melanson
Dante Gabriel Illanes	Nathan Santos Mendonca
McKenzie Anne Joseph	Colin Daniel Meyler
Eduardo Juarez-Martinez	Yasmin Vitoria Morais Torquato
Tshilobo Jonissy Kadima	Joshua Michael Nardone
Jio S. Kang	Joao Neto
Sean Patrick Kelly	Jessica A. Newburn
Rajit Khosla	Tori Noelle Newcomb
Konstantina G. Koleas	Rachel Ann Norris
Joseph Frederic Kranefuss	Sarah Marie Norris
Anton Tony Kухtreiber	Judah Nossoughi
Ka Yik Kwong	Thomas Anthony O'Grady
Meghan Elizabeth La Terza	John Howard Porter
Jennifer N. Lally	Keenan M. Porter
Michael Justin Landers, Jr.	Beatriz Vitoria DeSousa Goncalves Porto

Joseph Larivee	Gabriel Peter Pouliot
Giovanni C. Leone	Kara Mary Quinlan
Samantha Marie Luongo	Omar Amir Ramdani
Julia Grace Malonson	Drew J. Reppucci
William David Maurer	Sean William Riley
Robert McAllister	Gabriela A. Rodriguez
Keith L. McCollin	Emma P. Ryan
Ryan G. McGuinness	Valentina Luciana Sannella
Julia Keane McIntyre	James Michael Scally
Patrick McNamara	Keith W. Sereda
Lilly McNulty	David C. Skutul
Emma Stallbaum	Maxwell Merwede Varszegi
Faith James Stockbridge	Julianna Vittorioso
Sofia Talarico	Ruohan Wang
Guiliana Rose Teebagy	Alayna Diane Whalen
Mateus Tiago	Vivian Wong
Gavin Michael Tobias	Matthew Lawrence Worthen-Sluz
Bianca Francesca Toussaint	Caytlin Yii
Kevin Gerald Tracy	Sophia Catherine Zullo

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, 2022. 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.

Town Clerk

We began the year by sending out the Annual Street List to almost eleven thousand households in Stoneham and processing them as they were returned. We ended 2022 with 17,759 registered voters. That voter total is made up of 4,770 registered Democrats, 1,705 registered Republicans and 11,096 unenrolled voters (those voters not registered in a specific political party or political designation-formerly known as Independent). There were 188 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.

We held three elections in 2022. Our Annual Town Election was held on April 5, 2022 and 1,171 voters came out to vote for the municipal offices on the ballot. The State Primary on September 6th had 3,862 voters casting ballots by mail, in person during a one week in person early voting period and on Election Day. For the third time in Massachusetts there was a two week period of in person early voting prior to the State Election. Election Law in the Commonwealth has changed to make this a permanent occurrence along with the one week prior to each Primary. For the State Election, 5,375 voters requested early ballots be mailed. From October 22nd -November 4th 910 people took advantage and voted early in person. On November 8, 2022 there were 10,473 ballots cast in the State Election. This number included all early ballots, absentee ballots and Election Day ballots.

Our Annual Town Meeting was held on Monday, May 2, 2022. One hundred voters acted on twenty-three articles. The Special Town Meeting held on October 17, 2022 brought out 198 voters to act on seventeen articles.

In 2022 the Town Clerk's Office recorded and reported 249 births, 283 deaths and 137 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 over \$163,000 in revenue from vital records, dog licenses, permits and passport fees.

Our passport acceptance agents executed 1129 passport applications in 2022 and took many passport photos. The passport execution fees and photos brought in just over \$41,000 in revenue for the calendar year.

Once again, I would like to thank my office staff for their hard work throughout the year. As always, it was a pleasure serving the residents of Stoneham and we look forward to helping you in 2023!

Respectfully,

Maria Sagarino

Maria Sagarino
Town Clerk

APRIL 5, 2022 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION TALLY								
Office/Candidate								
Select Board (2)	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct.3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Totals
Blanks	64	39	73	37	78	35	55	381
Heidi A. Bilbo	115	104	120	97	98	109	99	742
George E. Seibold	120	102	121	102	119	97	94	755
Barbara Jean Young	47	62	62	51	92	67	75	456
Write-in	2	1	0	1	1	0	3	8
Total	348	308	376	288	388	308	326	2342
								2342
Town Clerk	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	32	28	32	17	50	22	33	214
Maria Sagarino	141	125	154	127	144	131	129	951
Write-in	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	6
Total	174	154	188	144	194	154	163	1171
								1171
Library Trustees (2)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	111	93	118	67	141	75	95	700
Patricia Marie Dipietro	119	110	134	112	124	121	115	835
Susan Waldman Fixman	116	102	124	109	119	112	116	798
Write-in	2	3	0	0	4	0	0	9
Total	348	308	376	288	388	308	326	2342

									2342
Planning Board	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals	
Blanks	4	8	12	7	13	5	14	63	
August S. Niewenhous	88	53	89	66	96	72	56	520	
Marcia M. Wengen	82	93	87	71	84	77	93	587	
Write-in	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
Total	174	154	188	144	194	154	163	1171	
									1171
School Committee	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals	
Blanks	52	36	45	34	68	33	50	318	
Betty Chu Pryor	119	115	142	110	119	120	111	836	
Write-in	3	3	1	0	7	1	2	17	
Total	174	154	188	144	194	154	163	1171	
									1171
Board of Assessors	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals	
Blanks	56	43	63	37	75	40	56	370	
Eric R. Josephson	117	110	124	107	118	114	107	797	
Write-in	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	4	
Total	174	154	188	144	194	154	163	1171	
									1171
Board of Health	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals	
Blanks	53	43	54	34	67	39	45	335	
Teresa Marie Dean	120	111	134	110	125	114	117	831	
Write-in	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	5	
Total	174	154	188	144	194	154	163	1171	
									1171

**MINUTES FOR TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022**

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 April 5, at seven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles of the warrant:

Article 1. To choose the following officers:

Two (2) Select Board Members for three (3) years.

George Seibold & Heidi Bilbo

One (1) Town Clerk for three (3) years.

Maria Sagarino

One (1) School Committee Member for three (3) years. **Betty Chu Pryor**

One (1) Board of Health Member for three (3) years. **Teresa Dean**

One (1) Planning Board Member for (5) years.
Marcia M. Wengen

One (1) Board of Assessors Member for three (3) years. **Eric Josephson**

Two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years.

Patricia DiPietro & Susan Waldman Fixman

For consideration of the following Articles, the meeting shall be adjourned to meet in the Town Hall, 35 Central Street, at seven o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 2, 2022 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 100 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jeanne Craigie at 7:163 PM in the Auditorium of Town Hall. Mrs. Craigie asked DPW Director Brett Gonsalves to lead the Pledge of Allegiance after which Father Mario Arrigo gave the invocation. Mrs. Craigie acknowledged the department heads in attendance, fire fighter Paul McIntyre and Police Lieutenant Tony Kranefuss. Mrs. Craigie asks the Town Meeting body to allow non-resident department heads to speak on articles if necessary. A motion was made and seconded with all in favor to make this allowance. The Moderator then made introductions of Board members present as well as introducing Town Counsel and the Town Clerk.

Mrs. Craigie explained the process for consent agenda. She asked for a motion to allow for consent agenda which was made and seconded. The Town Meeting body was in favor. Mrs. Craigie held Article 3 out for the School Building Committee to provide a report. She invited Co-Chairs Marie Christie and David Bois to provide such report. They reported that the project was on schedule and on budget after making twelve million dollars in cuts due to market impacts.

The Moderator then proceeded to read the motion for the consent agenda of articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 14 & 15

Voted that the Town take out of order Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 14, and 15, that they be “passed by consent” in accordance with the motions shown on the “2022 Stoneham Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda” as made available to Town Meeting attendees.

Passes per Moderator

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

Select Board

Article 2. **Voted** that the Town choose necessary Town officers for Fiscal Year 2023.

Passes per Moderator

Article 3. To hear reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees, or do anything in relation thereto.

Select Board

Article 3. **Voted** that the Town receive the reports of Town officers and committees.

Passes 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 Fiscal Year 2022 as follows:

Town Moderator	\$200
Board of Assessors	\$1,200
Select Board	\$3,000
Town Clerk	\$86,177

or do anything in relation thereto.

Select Board

Article 4. **Voted** that the Town fix the salaries of the Town Moderator at \$200, members of the Board of Assessors at \$1,200, members of the Select Board at \$3,000 and Town Clerk at \$86,177.

Passes per Moderator

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$190,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the account of Current Water Revenue to be used and applied by the Town Administrator to reduce water rate(s), or do anything in relation thereto.

Select Board

Article 14. **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$190,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings and transfer said sum to the account of Current Water Revenue to be used and applied by the Town Administrator to reduce water rate(s).

Passes per Moderator

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$290,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the account of Current Sewer Revenue to be used and applied by the Town Administrator in the reduction of sewer rate(s), or do anything in relation thereto.

Select Board

Article 15. **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$290,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings and transfer said sum to the account of Current Sewer Revenue to be used and applied by the Town Administrator in the reduction of sewer rate(s).

Passes per Moderator

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to pursuant to Gen. L. c. 40 §5H to establish a 300th Centennial Celebration Fund for the purpose of receiving and investing such sums as may be appropriated by the Town of Stoneham, any and all sums received by way of income from the sale of commemorative items, and any and all sum from admission charges for commemorative ceremonies or events; and, provided further that Treasurer shall keep such funds separate from other moneys, funds or property of the town, and the principal and interest thereof may, from time to time upon the authorization of the majority of any special committee established to plan such celebration and the written approval of the Town Administrator, be expended for the purposes of such celebration in the year of such celebration and in the year preceding or succeeding same and that any surplus remaining in said special fund after such celebration is concluded shall be transferred by the Treasurer into the general fund of the town, or do anything in relation thereto.

Select Board

Article 5. **Voted** that pursuant to Gen. L. c. 40 §5H the Town establish a 300th Centennial Celebration Fund for the purpose of receiving and investing such sums as may be appropriated by the Town of Stoneham, any and all sums received by way of income from the sale of commemorative items, and any and all sum from admission charges for commemorative ceremonies or events; and, provided further that Treasurer shall keep such funds separate from other moneys, funds or property of the town, and the principal and interest thereof may, from time to time upon the authorization of the majority of any

special committee established to plan such celebration and the written approval of the Town Administrator, be expended for the purposes of such celebration in the year of such celebration and in the year preceding or succeeding same and that any surplus remaining in said special fund after such celebration is concluded shall be transferred by the Treasurer into the general fund of the town, or do anything in relation thereto.

Passes per Moderator

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 3 Animals and Fowl, by adding a new Section 3-3 and a new Section 3-4 as follows and thereby amending the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 1 General Provisions, Section 1-4A Non-Criminal Disposition to include these new sections:

Sec. 3-3 Dog License and Tag Requirement

The Town Clerk shall issue dog licenses and tags in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Sec. 137. The Town Clerk shall record for each license issued, the name, address and telephone number of the owner or keeper of each dog so licensed, the tag number issued, date of expiration of last rabies vaccination, breed, age, color, or other description of the dog. Each tag shall contain the tag number and the year of issue.

The owner or keeper of a dog, once it becomes six months or older, kept within the Town of Stoneham shall cause that dog to be licensed annually. The license period shall be from January 1st to December 31st of each calendar year.

The owner or keeper shall cause said dog to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness to which he/she shall securely attach the tag issued. In the event that any tag is lost, defaced or destroyed, replacement tags shall be obtained by the owner or keeper from the Town Clerk.

The fee for each dog license shall be a reasonable fee fixed by the Town Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 22F of the Massachusetts General Laws and the licensing provisions and requirements of the Massachusetts General Laws as contained in Chapter 140.

A license shall not be issued for any dog unless the owner or keeper provides the Town Clerk with a veterinarian's certificate verifying that the dog is currently

vaccinated against rabies or indicating that, because of infirmity, other physical condition or regimen of therapy, said vaccination is deemed inadvisable. The rabies vaccination expiration date shall be recorded on the license record. The owner or keeper of any dog shall provide proof of said license upon request of the Animal Control Officer, Police Officers or Select Board.

Penalty for violation of this bylaw may be enforced by the Animal Control Officer or any Police Officer pursuant to Section 1-4 or by non-criminal disposition in the manner provided by Section 1-4A and the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D. The specific non-criminal disposition penalty which shall apply to a violation of this bylaw, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, shall be \$50.00. The penalty for failure to license said dog within 30 days of notification of violation of this section shall be \$75.00.

Sec. 3-4 Vaccination Against Rabies

The owner or keeper of a dog six months of age or older, housed or sheltered in the Town of Stoneham, shall cause such animal to be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian using a licensed vaccine according to the manufacturer's directions and shall cause such dog to be revaccinated at intervals recommended by the manufacturer.

Unvaccinated dogs acquired or moved into the Commonwealth shall be vaccinated within 30 days after the acquisition or arrival of such animal into the Commonwealth or upon reaching the age of 6 months, whichever last occurs.

Such owner or keeper shall procure a veterinarian's certification that such animal has been vaccinated and setting forth the following information: the owner's name and address; a description of the animal, including breed, sex, age, name and distinctive markings; the date of vaccination; the rabies vaccination tag number; the type of rabies vaccine used; the route of vaccination; the expiration date of the vaccine; and the vaccine lot number or a notarized letter from a veterinarian that a certification was issued.

A licensing authority may grant an exemption from this section for a dog that:

- a. the local board of health has declared exempt from the rabies vaccination requirement upon presentation of a veterinarian's certificate stating that because of an infirmity, other physical condition or regimen of therapy, such inoculation is considered inadvisable for a specified period of time for such reasons;
- b. is in transit; or

- c. was brought into the Commonwealth temporarily for the sole purpose of display in a show or for exhibition.

This section shall not apply to a dog housed in a research institution.

The owner or keeper of a dog shall present certification of rabies vaccination upon demand of the Animal Control Officers, police officers or other authorized officials of the Town.

Penalty for violation of this bylaw may be enforced by the animal control officer or any police officer pursuant to Section 1-4 or by non-criminal disposition in the manner provided by Section 1-4A and the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D. The specific non-criminal disposition penalty which shall apply to a violation of this bylaw, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, shall be \$50.00. The penalty for failure to vaccinate said dog within thirty (30) days of notification of violation of this section shall be \$75.00.

Animal Control Officer

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The owner or keeper of any dog shall provide proof of said license upon request of the Animal Control Officer, Police Officers or Select Board.

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Passes per Moderator

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning by-law by deleting Section 4.22 Residential Overlay Fallon Road District in its entirety and by amending Section 4.13 Commercial Mixed Use District, with strikethroughs showing deletions and new language shown underlined, as follows:

4.13 ~~COMMERCIAL/~~ FALLON ROAD MIXED USE DISTRICT: (10-15-12, Art. 2)

4.13.1 *Purpose:* The purpose of the ~~Commercial District II~~ Fallon Road Mixed Use District is to provide for the development and redevelopment of the

Fallon Road area. The district provides for commercial, office, and light industrial use.

4.13.2 *Uses in the ~~Commercial District II~~ Fallon Road Mixed Use District Permitted As Of Right:*

4.13.2.1 Restaurant, public dining room or lunch room with a gross floor area not greater than five thousand (5,000) square feet

4.13.2.2 Retail store, service establishment, and retail business with gross square floor area not greater than fifty thousand (50,000) square feet.

4.13.2.3 Medical and dental offices, laboratories and clinics.

4.13.2.4 Office Buildings.

4.13.2.5 Office Parks.

4.13.2.6 Research and Development Laboratory engaged in any one of the following: experimental research and testing activities and production, including but not limited to the fields of life sciences, biology, chemistry, electronics, engineering, geology, medicine and physics excluding nuclear and hazardous biological uses.

4.13.2.7 Light Manufacturing.

4.13.2.8 Industrial Parks.

4.13.2.9 Elder Congregate housing, resident care living facility, including without limitation, nursing facility, assisted living facility, hospice care facility and long term care facility.

4.13.2.10 Storage warehouses and distribution buildings.

4.13.3 *Uses in the Fallon Road Mixed Use District Permitted with ~~a Special Permit Granted by Planning Board~~ Site Plan Approval by the Select Board:*

4.13.3.1 Mixed Use Residential Development

4.13.3.2 Multi-Family Housing

~~4.13.3.1 Wireless Service Facility (including its supports) subject to the provisions of 6.11 Wireless Service Facility Regulations and Restrictions. (This is being renumbered to 4.13.4.1)~~

4.13.4 *Uses Permitted with a Special Permit Granted by the Planning Board ~~and Site Plan Approval by Select Board:~~ (10-21-85, Art. 15; 5-4-87, Art. 12 – See editor’s note below)*

- 4.13.4.1 Wireless Service Facility (including its supports) subject to the provisions of 6.11 Wireless Service Facility Regulations and Restrictions.
- 4.13.5 *Uses Permitted with a Special Permit Granted by the Planning Board and Site Plan Approval by Select Board:* (This had previously been section 4.13.3)
- ~~4.13.4.1~~ 4.13.5.1 Restaurant, public dining room or lunch room with gross floor area of greater than five thousand (5,000) square feet with or without drive through facilities.
- ~~4.13.4.2~~ 4.13.5.2 Retail store, service establishment, and retail business with gross floor area greater than fifty thousand (50,000) square feet.
- ~~4.13.4.3~~ 4.13.5.3 Hotels including both full service and extended stay and related accessory uses in support of a hotel such as fitness and dining facilities, business center, restaurant, meeting rooms and retail shops wholly within the premises.
- ~~4.13.4.4~~ 4.13.5.4 Electric utility substation.
- ~~4.13.4.5~~ 4.13.5.5 Auto repair services provided that:
- (a) All service is performed within an enclosed structure.
 - (b) Such building shall be located not less than one hundred (100') feet from properties used or zoned for residential purposes, and not less than six hundred (600) feet from a school.
 - (c) Such building shall be set back at least fifty (50) feet from the street right-of-way.
 - (d) No motor vehicles in an inoperative condition are to remain on such site for more than a two (2) week period unless enclosed in a building or fenced or screened from abutting properties.
- ~~4.13.4.6~~ 4.13.5.6 Banquet Facilities, Function Halls, and Dinner Theaters.
- ~~4.13.5~~ 4.13.6 Off-Street Parking, Layout, and Loading Requirements for ~~Commercial District H~~ Fallon Road Mixed Use District shall be in accordance with Section 6.3 Off-Street Parking Requirements except as follows:
- ~~(a) Parking spaces shall be on the same lot as the principle use except that parking spaces may be provided on an adjacent lot provided there is a special permit granted for said parking by the Planning Board. (This is being renumbered to (e))~~
 - ~~(b) A minimum of one (1) off-street loading area per office, commercial or retail building.~~

- (a) Minimum required parking of 1.7 parking spaces per dwelling unit.
- (b) Parking spaces shall be a minimum of eight (8') feet by sixteen (16') feet.
- (c) Minimum aisle width of twenty-two (22') feet.
- (d) No minimum or maximum for the number of driveways permitting entrance to and exit from a lot to a street.
- (e) Parking spaces shall be on the same lot as the principle use except that parking spaces may be provided on an adjacent lot provided there is a special permit granted for said parking by the Planning Board.
- (f) Tandem parking spaces are allowed for Town house use.
- (g) One level of parking within the building footprint is allowed beneath the uses permitted as described in 4.13.3.1 and 4.13.3.2 above in which case the height regulation of Section 5.2.1 Table One will be raised ten (10') feet for that building.
- (h) No requirement for off-street loading area for Apartment Building or Town house design residential use. (10-1-12, Art. 2)
- (i) A minimum of one (1) off-street loading area per office, commercial or retail building.

And to amend Section 5.2.1 of the Table One Dimensional Requirements in the area shown highlighted with deletions shown by strikethrough and to replace the “Residential Overlay Fallon Road District” with “Fallon Road Mixed Use District” and to remove the maximum density- 20 units/acre as shown by strikethrough so that Table One – Dimensional Requirements reads as follows:

District	Minimum Lot Size in Square Feet	Frontage & Lot Width in Feet ⁽⁵⁾	Percent Coverage ⁽⁷⁾	Minimum Setback in Feet			Height in Feet
				Front	Side ⁽⁴⁾⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	Rear ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	
<i>Residence A</i>	10,000 ⁽¹⁾	90	30	20	10 ⁽³⁾	15 ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾	30
<i>Residence B</i>	7,000 ⁽⁵⁾	75 ⁽⁵⁾	20 ⁽⁴⁾	15 ⁽⁵⁾	10 ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	15 ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	30
<i>Neighborhood Business</i>	10,000	100	50	15	15	15	30
<i>Business</i>	None Required	None Required	75	15	10	15	45
<i>Central Business</i>	None Required	None Required	100	None	None	None	45
<i>Highway Business</i>	10,000	100	75	20 ⁽⁵⁾	5	5	45
<i>Commercial</i>	20,000	100	75	15	10	10	65 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
<i>Residential-Overlay Fallon Road Mixed Use District</i>	250,000 ⁽¹⁾ Maximum density—20 units/acre	150	30	20	20	10	65 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
<i>Medical⁽¹⁾</i>	40,000	150	40	40	20	50	65
<i>Recreation Open Space</i>	40,000	150	5	40	20	50	30
<i>Education⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾</i>	50,000	15	35	20	13	20	55
<i>Medical Office Residential</i>	200,000/200,000/200,000	150/150/150	30/30/30	10 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ 30 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ 30 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	20 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	20 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	97/97/65
<i>Railroad Right-of-Way Overlay District</i>	None ⁽⁷⁾	None ⁽⁷⁾	75 ⁽⁷⁾	5 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	5 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	5 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	20
<i>East School Multi-Family Overlay District</i>	20,000	Frontage – 150 Width – 130	50	10 ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾	10 ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾	30 ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾	40 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
<i>North Elementary School Overlay District</i>	100,000	Frontage – 50 Width – 50	20	Front 20 ⁽³⁾	Side 10 ⁽³⁾	Rear 30 ⁽³⁾	40 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

And further to amend the Official Zoning Map dated October 15, 2018 by deleting the Residential Overlay Fallon Road District and renaming the Commercial/Mixed Use District to Fallon Road Mixed Use District on the legend.

And to amend Table 2 Commercial, I,II & III District to read “Commercial I, III & Fallon Road Mixed Use District” with deletions shown with strikethrough and additions shown underlined so that the district table heading reads as follows:

**Table 2- Permitted Signs by Zoning District
Commercial I, ~~II~~, & III & Fallon Road Mixed Use District**

Sign Type Allowed	Permit	Max. Sign Area	Max Height Ft.	Front Setback	Side Setback	Max. Number	Comment
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And to amend Section 2.0 to add the following new definition to read as follows:

2.1.54.2 *Mixed Use Residential Development:* A mix of residential and allowable non-residential uses in one building or in separate buildings on a single parcel or development site.

**Charles Houghton
15 Kimball Drive**

Article 7. **Voted** that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning by-law by deleting Section 4.22 Residential Overlay Fallon Road District in its entirety and by amending Section 4.13 Commercial Mixed Use District, with strikethroughs showing deletions and new language shown underlined, as follows:

4.13 ~~**COMMERCIAL**~~ **FALLON ROAD MIXED USE DISTRICT:** (10-15-12, Art. 2)

4.13.1 *Purpose:* The purpose of the ~~Commercial District II~~ Fallon Road Mixed Use District is to provide for the development and redevelopment of the Fallon Road area. The district provides for commercial, office, and light industrial use.

4.13.2 *Uses in the* ~~Commercial District II~~ Fallon Road Mixed Use District Permitted As Of Right:

4.13.2.1 Restaurant, public dining room or lunch room with a gross floor area not greater than five thousand (5,000) square feet

- 4.13.2.2 Retail store, service establishment, and retail business with gross square floor area not greater than fifty thousand (50,000) square feet.
- 4.13.2.3 Medical and dental offices, laboratories and clinics.
- 4.13.2.4 Office Buildings.
- 4.13.2.5 Office Parks.
- 4.13.2.6 Research and Development Laboratory engaged in any one of the following: experimental research and testing activities and production, including but not limited to the fields of life sciences, biology, chemistry, electronics, engineering, geology, medicine and physics excluding nuclear and hazardous biological uses.
- 4.13.2.7 Light Manufacturing.
- 4.13.2.8 Industrial Parks.
- 4.13.2.9 Elder Congregate housing, resident care living facility, including without limitation, nursing facility, assisted living facility, hospice care facility and long term care facility.
- 4.13.2.10 Storage warehouses and distribution buildings.
- 4.13.3 *Uses in the Fallon Road Mixed Use District Permitted with a Special Permit Granted by Planning Board Site Plan Approval by the Select Board:*

4.13.3.1 Mixed Use Residential Development

4.13.3.2 Multi-Family Housing

- ~~4.13.3.1~~ ~~Wireless Service Facility (including its supports) subject to the provisions of 6.11 Wireless Service Facility Regulations and Restrictions. (This is being renumbered to 4.13.4.1)~~
- 4.13.4 *Uses Permitted with a Special Permit Granted by the Planning Board and Site Plan Approval by Select Board:* (10-21-85, Art. 15; 5-4-87, Art. 12 – See editor’s note below)
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~~4.13.4.4~~ 4.13.5.4 Electric utility substation.

~~4.13.4.5~~ 4.13.5.5 Auto repair services provided that:

- (a) All service is performed within an enclosed structure.
- (b) Such building shall be located not less than one hundred (100') feet from properties used or zoned for residential purposes, and not less than six hundred (600) feet from a school.
- (c) Such building shall be set back at least fifty (50) feet from the street right-of-way.
- (d) No motor vehicles in an inoperative condition are to remain on such site for more than a two (2) week period unless enclosed in a building or fenced or screened from abutting properties.

~~4.13.4.6~~ 4.13.5.6 Banquet Facilities, Function Halls, and Dinner Theaters.

~~4.13.5~~ 4.13.6 Off-Street Parking, Layout, and Loading Requirements for ~~Commercial District II~~ Fallon Road Mixed Use District shall be in accordance with Section 6.3 Off-Street Parking Requirements except as follows:

- ~~(a) Parking spaces shall be on the same lot as the principle use except that parking spaces may be provided on an adjacent lot provided there is a special permit granted for said parking by the Planning Board. (This is being renumbered to (e))~~
- ~~(b) A minimum of one (1) off street loading area per office, commercial or retail building.~~
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- (e) Parking spaces shall be on the same lot as the principle use except that parking spaces may be provided on an adjacent lot provided

there is a special permit granted for said parking by the Planning Board.

- (f) Tandem parking spaces are allowed for Town house use.
- (g) One level of parking within the building footprint is allowed beneath the uses permitted as described in 4.13.3.1 and 4.13.3.2 above in which case the height regulation of Section 5.2.1 Table One will be raised ten (10') feet for that building.
- (h) No requirement for off-street loading area for Apartment Building or Town house design residential use. (10-1-12, Art. 2)
- (i) A minimum of one (1) off-street loading area per office, commercial or retail building.

And to amend Section 5.2.1 of the Table One Dimensional Requirements in the area shown highlighted with deletions shown by strikethrough and to replace the “Residential Overlay Fallon Road District” with “Fallon Road Mixed Use District” and to remove the maximum density- 20 units/acre as shown by strikethrough so that Table One – Dimensional Requirements reads as follows:

Section 5.2.1 **TABLE ONE - DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

District	Minimum Lot Size in Square Feet	Frontage & Lot Width in Feet ⁽¹⁾	Percent Coverage ⁽²⁾	Minimum Setback in Feet Side ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾			Rear ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾	Height in Feet
				Front	Side ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾	Rear ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾		
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<i>Neighborhood Business</i>	10,000	100	50	15	15	15	30	
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<i>Commercial</i>	20,000	100	75	15	10	10	65 ⁽⁵⁾	
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<i>Medical⁽¹⁾</i>	40,000	150	40	40	20	50	65	
<i>Recreation Open Space</i>	40,000	150	5	40	20	50	50	
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<i>Medical Office-Residential</i>	200,000/200,000/200,000	150/150/150	30/30/30	10 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾ 30 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁵⁾ 30 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾	20 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾ 20 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾ 10 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁵⁾	20 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾ 20 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾ 10 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁵⁾	97/97/65	
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And further to amend the Official Zoning Map dated October 15, 2018 by deleting the Residential Overlay Fallon Road District and renaming the Commercial/Mixed Use District to Fallon Road Mixed Use District on the legend.

And to amend Table 2 Commercial, I,II & III District to read “Commercial I, III & Fallon Road Mixed Use District” with deletions shown with strikethrough and additions shown underlined so that the district table heading reads as follows

**Table 2- Permitted Signs by Zoning District
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2.1.54.2 *Mixed Use Residential Development:* A mix of residential and allowable non-residential uses in one building or in separate buildings on a single parcel or development site.

2/3 Vote Required
2/3 Vote Passes per Moderator

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning by-law by amending Inclusionary Housing Section 6.12.3 Applicability, with deletions shown as strikethroughs, to read as follows:

6.12.3 Applicability

1. Division of Land. This Bylaw shall apply to the division of land into eight (8) or more lots and shall require a special permit from the Planning Board under Section 7.4 et seq. of the Zoning Bylaw. A special permit shall be required for land divisions under G.L. c.40A §9, ~~as well as for “conventional” or “grid” divisions allowed by G.L. c.41 §81 L and §81 U, including those divisions of land that do not require subdivision approval.~~
2. Multiple Units. This Bylaw shall apply to the construction of eight (8) or more dwelling units, whether on one or more contiguous parcels ~~and shall require a special permit from the Planning Board pursuant to Section 7.4.~~

Charles Houghton
15 Kimball Drive

Article 8. **Moved** that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning by-law by amending Inclusionary Housing Section 6.12.3 Applicability, with deletions shown as strikethroughs, to read as follows:

6.12.3 Applicability

1. Division of Land. This Bylaw shall apply to the division of land into eight (8) or more lots and shall require a special permit from the Planning Board under Section 7.4 et seq. of the Zoning Bylaw. A special permit shall be required for land divisions under G.L. c.40A §9. ~~as well as for “conventional” or “grid” divisions allowed by G.L. c.41 §81 L and §81 U, including those divisions of land that do not require subdivision approval.~~
2. Multiple Units. This Bylaw shall apply to the construction of eight (8) or more dwelling units, whether on one or more contiguous parcels ~~and shall require a special permit from the Planning Board pursuant to Section 7.4.~~

Charles Houghton, 15 Kimball Drive made a motion to amend after the Planning Board encouraged some changes so that the Board could recommend favorable action. The strikethroughs were removed from 6.12.3 subsection 2 and “except a Special Permit from the Planning Board shall not be required in the Fallon Road Mixed Use District for the construction of eight (8) or more dwelling units.” was then added to the end of 6.12.3 subsection 2.

Vote on the Amendment Amendment Passes per Moderator

Article 8. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning by-law by amending Inclusionary Housing Section 6.12.3 Applicability, with deletions shown as strikethroughs, to read as follows:

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2. Multiple Units. This Bylaw shall apply to the construction of eight (8) or more dwelling units, whether on one or more contiguous parcels and shall require a special permit from the Planning Board pursuant to Section 7.4

except a Special Permit from the Planning Board shall not be required in the Fallon Road Mixed Use District for the construction of eight (8) or more dwelling units.

Vote on Main Motion As Amended
⅔ Vote Required Passes per Moderator

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning by-law by amending Section 4.3 Residence B District as follows:

To amend Section 4.3.1 to add the underlined language as follows:

4.3.1 Purpose: The purpose of the Residence B District is to provide residential areas of medium intensity with a variety of housing types and recreational and educational not-for-profit uses.

and to add a new section 4.3.4.5 as follows:

4.3.4.5 Conversion of an existing building that is in existence at the time of the adoption of this Section to allow not-for-profit recreational and educational uses provided that the lot size is 20,000 square feet or greater.

and further to amend Section 6.7.6 to add the underlined language as follows:

6.7.6 Permitted signs:

(a) Table 2 – Permitted Signs by Zoning District to add to Residence B Wall
Signs for recreational use – sign permit required – Max. sign area 18 square feet.

Charles Houghton
15 Kimball Drive

Article 9. **Voted** that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning by-law by amending Section 4.3 Residence B District as follows:

To amend Section 4.3.1 to add the underlined language as follows:

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⅔ Vote Required

⅔ Vote Passes per Moderator

Article 10. To determine whether the Town will vote to adopt the Town of Stoneham Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town of Stoneham
Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw

Section 1. Municipal Affordable Housing Trust

There shall be in the Town of Stoneham an Affordable Housing Trust created pursuant to the authority set forth in Massachusetts General Laws c. 44, § 55C.

Section 2. Name of the Trust

The Trust shall be called the “Stoneham Municipal Affordable Housing Trust” (the “Trust”)

Section 3. Purpose

The purpose of the Trust shall be to provide for the preservation and creation of affordable housing in the Town of Stoneham for the benefit of low and moderate income households and for the funding of community housing, as defined in and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 44B.

Section 4. Trustees

There shall be a Board of Trustees (the “Board”), which shall include no less than five (5) and no more than seven (7) Trustees, including one member of the Select Board, each of whom, to the extent possible, have a background or interest in affordable housing, and in finance, law, real estate or real estate development.

All Trustees shall be appointed by majority vote of the Select Board.

All Trustees shall be appointed by majority vote of the Select Board. Trustees shall serve for a term of two (2) years, except that one less than a majority of the initial Trustee appointments shall be for a term of one (1) year. Trustees may be reappointed for up to two (2) additional terms.

Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the Select Board from appointing the Town Administrator as a Trustee.

Only persons who are residents of Stoneham shall be as appointed as a Trustee. Any Trustee who ceases to be a resident of the Stoneham shall cease to be a Trustee hereunder and shall promptly provide a written notification of change in residence to the Board and to the Town Clerk.

The Town Administrator, if appointed as a Trustee, need not be a resident of Stoneham. A Trustee may be removed by the Select Board for cause. Any Trustee may resign by written instrument signed and acknowledged by such Trustee and duly filed with the Town Clerk. Vacancies shall be filled by the Select Board for the remainder of the unexpired term.

If any Trustee is absent from five (5) consecutive, regularly-scheduled meetings of the Trust, except in the case of illness, such Trustee’s position shall be deemed vacant and shall be filled with a new appointment as set forth above.

The Trustees shall elect officers annually consisting of a Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk. The Trustees may establish subcommittees or ad hoc related committees to carry out the purpose of the Trust.

A majority of Trustees then serving may exercise any or all of the powers of the Trustees hereunder and may execute on behalf of the Trustees any and all instruments with the same effect as though executed by all the Trustees. No Trustee shall be required to give bond. No license of court shall be required to confirm the validity of any transaction entered into by the Trustees with respect to the Trust Estate.

No Trustee shall be liable for the acts, negligence, or defaults of any other Trustee or any employee, agent, or representative of the Trustees selected with reasonable care, not for errors in judgment, nor mistakes of law or facts made in good faith, nor in reliance in good faith on advice of counsel, nor any other acts or omissions in good faith.

Neither the Trustees nor any agent or officer of the Trust shall have the authority to bind the Town of Stoneham.

Section 5. Meetings of the Trust

The Trust shall meet at least quarterly at such time and at such place as the Trustees shall determine.

The Trust is a governmental body for purposes of Massachusetts General Laws c. 30A, §§ 18-25 (the "Open Meeting Law"). Notice of all meetings of the Trust shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, as may be amended from time to time, including provisions regarding remote participation.

The Clerk shall prepare minutes of meetings of the Trust and shall maintain records thereof.

A quorum at any meeting shall be a simple majority of the Trustees then serving.

Section 6. Powers of the Trustees

The powers of the Board, all of which shall be carried out in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein, shall include the following powers, except that the Board shall require prior approval of the Select Board: to borrow money; to mortgage or pledge trust assets; or to purchase, accept, sell, lease, exchange, transfer, abandon, or convey any interest in real, personal, or mixed property.

1. To accept and receive real property, personal property or money, by gift, grant, contribution, devise or transfer from any

person, firm, corporation or other public or private entity, including but not limited to money, grants of funds or other property tendered to the Trust in connection with any bylaw or any general or special law or any other source, including money from Massachusetts General Laws c. 44B;

2. To purchase and retain real or personal property, including without restriction investments that yield a high rate of income or no income;
3. To sell, lease, exchange, transfer or convey any personal, mixed, or real property at public auction or by private contract for such consideration and on such terms as to credit or otherwise, and to make such contracts and enter into such undertaking relative to Trust property as the Board deems advisable notwithstanding the length of any such lease or contract;
4. To execute, acknowledge and deliver deeds, assignments, transfers, pledges, leases, covenants, contracts, promissory notes, releases, grant agreements and other instruments sealed or unsealed, necessary, proper or incident to any transaction in which the Board engages for the accomplishment of the purposes of the Trust;
5. To employ advisors and agents, such as accountants, appraisers and lawyers as the Board deems necessary;
6. To pay reasonable compensation and expenses to all advisors and agents and to apportion such compensation between income and principal as the Board deems advisable;
7. To apportion receipts and charges between income and principal as the Board deems advisable, to amortize premiums and establish sinking funds for such purpose, and to create reserves for depreciation depletion or otherwise;
8. To participate in any reorganization, recapitalization, merger or similar transaction; and to give proxies or powers of attorney with or without power of substitution to vote any securities or certificates of interest; and to consent to any contract, lease, mortgage, purchase or sale of property, by or between any corporation and any other corporation or person;

9. To deposit any security with any protective reorganization committee, and to delegate to such committee such powers and authority with relation thereto as the Board may deem proper and to pay, out of Trust property, such portion of expenses and compensation of such committee as the Board may deem necessary and appropriate;
10. To carry property for accounting purposes other than acquisition date values;
11. To borrow money on such terms and conditions and from such sources as the Board deems advisable, to mortgage and pledge Trust assets as collateral, but any mortgage or pledge of assets as collateral greater than the extent of the Trust's assets requires approval by a super-majority vote of an Annual or Special Town Meeting;
12. To make distributions or divisions of principal in kind;
13. To compromise, attribute, defend, enforce, release, settle or otherwise adjust claims in favor or against the Trust, including claims for taxes, and to accept any property, either in total or partial satisfaction of any indebtedness or other obligation, and subject to the provisions of this Trust, to continue to hold the same for such period of time as the Board may deem appropriate;
14. To manage or improve real property; and to abandon any property which the Board determined not to be worth retaining;
15. To hold all or part of the Trust property uninvested for such purposes and for such time as the Board may deem appropriate;
16. To extend the time for payment of any obligation to the Trust;
17. To make recommendations on proposals to Town Meeting when such proposals create or support affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households.
18. To develop policy goals and statements, consistent with the Town's adopted housing goals, and subject to approval by the Select Board, to serve as guidelines for the Trust; and

19. To exercise such additional powers consistent with the provisions of this bylaw and Massachusetts General Laws c. 44, § 55C, as may be amended from time to time.
20. To compensate Town employees for services provided to the Trust in connection with the Trust's activities, including but not limited to dedicated staff to Trustees, engineering support for project-specific activities, and other Town services, as requested by the Trustees to the Town Administrator and authorized by the Town Administrator;
21. To establish criteria and qualifications for recipients and expenditures in accordance with Trust's stated purposes;
22. To serve as a lottery and monitoring agent for affordable housing, and to accept compensation for providing such services into the Trust.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all moneys paid to the Trust in accordance with any Town bylaw or regulation, or private contribution shall be paid directly into the Trust and need not be appropriated or accepted and approved into the Trust. General revenues appropriated into the Trust become Trust property and to be expended these funds need not be further appropriated. All moneys remaining in the Trust at the end of any fiscal year, whether or not expended by the Board within 1 year of the date they were appropriated into the trust, remain Trust property.

Section 7. Treasurer as Custodian of Funds

The Town of Stoneham Treasurer shall be the custodian of the Trust's funds and shall maintain separate accounts and records for the Trust's funds.

The Treasurer shall invest the funds in the manner authorized by Massachusetts General Laws c. 44, § 55 (Public Funds on Deposit; Limitations; Investments,) § 55A, (Liability of Depositor for Losses Due to Bankruptcy), and § 55B (Investment of Public Funds).

Any income or proceeds received from the investment of funds shall be credited to and become part of the Trust.

Expenditures by the Trust shall be processed through the Town's payment warrant but shall be subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws c. 44, § 55C. The Trust's approved annual budget, and any approved budget revisions, shall be submitted to the Select Board.

As custodian, the Treasurer shall issue checks as directed by the Trustees. In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws c. 44, § 55C, the books and records of the Trust shall be audited annually by an independent auditor in accordance with accepted accounting practices for municipalities. Upon receipt of the audit by the Board, a copy shall be provided forthwith to the Select Board.

The Trustees shall keep a record of its activities and at the close of every fiscal year, shall make a report thereof to the Select Board. The report shall include a description and source of funds received and expended and the type of affordable housing programs or properties assisted with the funding.

Section 8. Miscellaneous

The Trust is a public employer and the members of the Board are public employees for purposes of Massachusetts General Laws c. 258. Trustees are designated as public agents for purposes of the constitution of the Commonwealth. The Trust shall be considered a municipal agency and the Trustees shall be considered special municipal employees and shall be subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws c. 268A. The Trustees shall serve without compensation. The Trust is exempt from Massachusetts General Laws c. 59 and c. 62, and from any other provisions concerning payment of taxes based upon or measured by property or income imposed by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof. The Trust is a Board of the Town for purposes of procurement under Massachusetts General Laws c. 30B and c. 40 § 15A; but agreements and conveyances between the Trust and agencies, Boards, commissions, authorities, departments and public instrumentalities of the Town of Stoneham shall be exempt from Massachusetts General Laws c. 30B. Trustees shall not receive a salary, stipend, bonus or other means of compensation for their service as a Trustee, nor shall they be eligible for any benefits from the Town of Stoneham. Trustees may be compensated for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for travel and other Trust-related expenses. All such out-of-pocket expenses shall be fully documented with receipts for expenses prior to payment by the Trust.

Section 9. Recordings: Amendments

The Trustees are hereby authorized to record a Declaration of Trust and a Certificate of Trustees for the Trust with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds and the Registered Land Division of the Land Court Registration Office. The Declaration of Trust may be amended from time to time except as to those provisions specifically required under Massachusetts General Laws c. 44, § 55C, by an instrument in writing signed by all of the

Trustees then serving and approved at a meeting called for that purpose, and approved by the Select Board provided that in each case, a certificate of amendment shall be recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds and, if necessary, the Registered Land Division of the Land Court.

Section 10. Duration of the Trust

The Trust shall continue so long as authorized under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Notwithstanding the foregoing, The Trust may be terminated by a majority vote of the Town Meeting in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws c. 44, § 55C, provided that an instrument of termination together with a certified copy of the Town Meeting vote are duly recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds and, if necessary, the Registered Land Division of the Land Court.

Upon termination of the Trust, subject to the payment of or making provisions for the payment of all obligations and liabilities of the Trust and the Trustees, the net assets of the Trust shall be transferred to the Town and held by the Select Board for affordable housing purposes. In making any such distribution, the Trustees may, subject to the approval of the Select Board, sell all or any portion of the Trust property and distribute the net proceeds thereof or they may distribute any of the Trust's assets in kind. The powers of the Trustees shall continue until the affairs of the Trust are concluded.

Section 11. Record to be Conclusive, Certificate as to Facts

Every contract, deed, mortgage, lease and other instrument executed by a majority of the Trustees then serving as appears from instruments or certificates recorded with the Registry of Deeds and Registered Land Division of the Land Court to be Trustees hereunder shall be conclusive evidence in favor of any person relying thereon or claiming thereunder, that at the time of the delivery thereof this Trust was in full force and effect and that the execution and delivery of such instrument was duly authorized by the Trustees except that instruments of amendment pursuant to Section 9 and an instrument of termination pursuant to Section 10 hereof shall be conclusive only if it appears that the delegations, amendments or termination have been executed by all of the Trustees then serving. Any person dealing with the Trust property or the

Trustees may rely on a certificate signed by any person appearing from instruments or certificates so recorded to be a Trustee hereunder as to the identity of the then current serving Trustees or as to the existence or non-existence of any fact or facts which constitute conditions precedent to acts by the Trustees or in any other manner germane to the affairs of the Trust.

Director of Planning and Community Development

Article 10. **Voted** that the Town adopt the Town of Stoneham Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw as written in Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and further, that the Town Clerk be authorized to assign a section number, and make clerical, editorial or other adjustments to insert same in the Town Code, if applicable, and effectuate the purposes hereof.

Passes per Moderator

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or 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.

Select Board

Article 11.

- A.** **Voted** that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$83,957,968 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 sum of \$40,000 from the Overlay Reserve Account, the sum of \$879,490 from Free Cash, and raise the sum of \$83,056,477 from the FY2023 Tax Levy.
- B.** **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$7,018,973 for costs of operations of the Sewer Enterprise Fund as itemized in Exhibit A, and to meet said appropriation raise \$6,728,973 from Sewer Receipts.
- C.** **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,120,225 for costs of operations of the Water Enterprise Fund as itemized in Exhibit A, and to meet said appropriation raise \$4,930,225 from Water Receipts.

Exhibit A

Town of Stoneham Summary of Revenues and Expenditures July 1, 2022					
	APPROVED TAX RATE FY22	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY23	ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDED FY23	SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDED FY23	FINANCE & ADVISORY RECOMMENDED FY23
I. REVENUES					
TAX LEVY	53,671,242	55,678,569	55,678,569	55,678,569	55,678,569
DEBT EXCLUSION	1,542,623	7,750,627	7,750,627	7,750,627	7,750,627
NEW GROWTH	649,313	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
SUBTOTAL	55,863,178	63,929,196	63,929,196	63,929,196	63,929,196
LOCAL RECEIPTS	6,175,000	6,536,797	6,536,797	6,536,797	6,536,797
SBA REIMBURSEMENT	341,825	341,825	341,825	341,825	341,825
EST CHERRY SHEET	10,283,252	11,147,853	11,147,853	11,147,853	11,147,853
FREE CASH	-	-	-	-	-
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	1,839,766	1,100,806	1,100,806	1,100,806	1,100,806
SUBTOTAL	17,839,843	19,127,281	19,127,281	19,127,281	19,127,281
TOTAL REVENUE	73,703,021	83,056,477	83,056,477	83,056,477	83,056,477
II. EXPENSES					
TOWN BUDGETS	17,526,818	19,083,001	18,038,691	18,038,691	18,038,691
SCHOOL BUDGET	30,963,029	33,311,271	32,100,420	32,100,420	32,100,420
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	1,485,880	1,690,036	1,690,036	1,690,036	1,690,036
SHARED EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	-
HEALTH INSURANCE	8,822,472	9,401,762	9,401,762	9,401,762	9,401,762
RETIREMENT	6,880,229	7,058,350	7,058,350	7,058,350	7,058,350
MEDICARE	575,000	595,000	595,000	595,000	595,000
PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE	616,781	678,459	678,459	678,459	678,459
WORKERS COMPENSATION	389,537	340,491	340,491	340,491	340,491
UNCOMPENSATED BALANCES	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVE FUND	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
DEBT	2,964,572	9,141,016	9,141,016	9,141,016	9,141,016
TOWN AUDIT	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000
CAPITAL STABILIZATION(Non Operational)	283,837	280,663	280,663	280,663	280,663
STABILIZATION (Non Operational)	327,173	498,827	498,827	498,827	498,827
OPFB TRUST FUND (Non Operational)	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
OVERLAY PROVISIONS	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
ASSESSMENTS/OFFSETS	2,986,353	3,617,253	3,617,253	3,617,253	3,617,253
STM	-	-	-	-	-
AMOUNT RAISED ON TAX RATE	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPLE PAYMENT	-	-	-	-	-
TAX TITLE	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	74,195,881	86,231,129	83,975,968	83,975,968	83,975,968
BALANCE AVAILABLE	(492,860)	(3,174,652)	(919,490)	(919,490)	(919,490)
ONE TIME REVENUES					
FREE CASH	630,210	879,490	879,490	879,490	879,490
OVERLAY SURPLUS	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
EXCESS/(DEFICIT)	177,350	(2,255,162)	(0)	(0)	(0)
ENTERPRISE FUNDS					
WATER RECEIPTS	5,301,606	5,120,225	5,250,225	5,120,225	5,120,225
SEWER RECEIPTS	6,858,756	7,018,973	7,018,973	7,018,973	7,018,973
SEWER EXPENSES	6,858,756	7,018,973	7,018,973	7,018,973	7,018,973
WATER EXPENSES	5,301,606	5,120,225	5,250,225	5,120,225	5,120,225
TOTAL BUDGET	86,356,243	98,370,327	96,245,166	96,115,166	96,115,166

Passes per Moderator

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$1,875,700 for the capital projects set forth below, including all incidental and related costs and to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow all or a

portion of said sum under the applicable provisions of M.G.L. c. 44 or any other enabling authority, and further, any premium received 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 G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, or do anything in relation thereto.

Department	Amount	FY23 Funded Projects (Bonding)	Funding Source
DPW	\$ 100,000.00	Streets and Sidewalks	Bonding
DPW	\$ 198,000.00	6 Wheel Dump Truck w/ plow	Bonding
DPW	\$ 55,000.00	One-ton Dump Truck	Bonding
Facilities	\$ 359,700.00	Town roof restoration and design studies	Bonding
Facilities	\$ 50,000.00	Town Wide ADA improvements	Bonding
Fire	\$ 35,000.00	4 Portable Radios & Chargers (8,666/each)	Bonding
Fire	\$ 60,000.00	Vehicle Replacement	Bonding
Golf	\$ 38,000.00	Install drainage on 7th fairway	Bonding
Library	\$ 30,000.00	Library Windows	Bonding
Police	\$ 70,000.00	Marked Police Vehicle	Bonding
Schools	\$ 50,000.00	South School Site Rehab-Playground and Park Lot Design	Bonding
Water	\$ 830,000.00	Rehabilitation and construction projects	MWRA Loan
Total	\$ 1,875,700.00	General Fund Funding	

Select Board

Article 12. **Voted** that Town appropriate the sum of \$1,875,700 for the capital projects set forth in the chart set forth under Article 12 of the Town Meeting Warrant, and to meet this appropriation that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow all or a portion of said sum under the applicable provisions of M.G.L. c. 44 or any other enabling authority to cover said costs, including all incidental and related costs; and further, that any premium received 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 G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

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Water	\$ 830,000.00	Rehabilitation and construction projects	MWRA Loan
Total	\$ 1,875,700.00		

⅔ Vote Required

⅔ Vote Passes per Moderator

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the PEG Access Enterprise Fund a sum or money to be transferred to Stoneham Community Access Television to be used to support PEG access services consistent with the cable franchise agreements during fiscal year 2023 as set forth in the below table, or take any other action relative thereto.

	Department Requested FY23	Administrator Recommended FY23	Select Board Recommended FY23	Finance Committee Recommended FY23
PEG Access Enterprise Fund				
Expenses	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Total Expenses	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Total PEG Access Budget	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000

Select Board

Article 13. **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$600,000 from the PEG Access Enterprise Fund, and that said sum be transferred to Stoneham Community Access Television for the support PEG access services consistent with the cable franchise agreements during fiscal year 2023 as set forth in the table in Article 13 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

	Department Requested FY23	Administrator Recommended FY23	Select Board Recommended FY23	Finance Committee Recommended FY23
PEG Access Enterprise Fund				
Expenses	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Total Expenses	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Total PEG Access Budget	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000

Passes per Moderator

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal Year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022 for the revolving funds established in the town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, or do anything in relation thereto.

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer	FY2023 Spending Limit
Recreation	Recreation Director	\$ 100,000
Farmers' Market	Farmers' Market Committee	\$ 20,000
Council on Aging	COA Director	\$ 85,000
Health Services	Health Director	\$ 25,000
Energy	Director of Planning & Community Development	\$ 100,000
Prevention & Outreach	Stoneham Coalition	\$ 20,000

Select Board

Article 16. **Voted** that the Town fix the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal Year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022 for the revolving funds established in the town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 as set forth in the chart in Article 16 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer	FY2023 Spending Limit
Recreation	Recreation Director	\$ 100,000
Farmers' Market	Farmers' Market Committee	\$ 20,000
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Health Services	Health Director	\$ 25,000
Energy	Director of Planning & Community Development	\$ 100,000
Prevention & Outreach	Stoneham Coalition	\$ 20,000

Passes per Moderator

Article 17. 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 22 departmental budgets approved under Article No. 14 of the

May 3, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, as amended, or do anything in relation thereto.

Select Board

Article 17. **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$350,000 to fund amendments to the Fiscal Year 22 departmental budgets approved under Article No. 14 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and meet the appropriation of said sum with a transfer from the stabilization fund.

$\frac{2}{3}$ Vote Required

$\frac{2}{3}$ Vote Passes per Moderator

Article 18. To see if the Town of Stoneham will vote pursuant to Section 19 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010, which amends Section 103(j) of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to increase the maximum base on which the annual cost of living increase is calculated for retirees of the Stoneham Retirement System in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, or do anything in relation thereto.

Stoneham Retirement Board

Article 18. **Voted** that the Town pursuant to Section 19 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010, which amends Section 103(j) of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, increase the base on which the annual cost of living increase is calculated for retirees of the Stoneham Retirement System to the amount \$15,000.

Passes per Moderator

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to implement certain rehabilitation and construction projects under the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Local Water System Assistance Program (LWSAP) and to pay costs incidental and related thereto, and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to sell from time to time, as the occasion requires, town notes, bonds, or other evidence on indebtedness in the amount not to exceed \$700,000 in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7 or 8 of the Mass General Laws or any other enabling

authority, and further to accept any grants or gifts for these projects, and further, any premium received 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 G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, or do anything in relation thereto.

Director of Public Works

Article 19. **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$700,000, to implement certain rehabilitation and construction projects under the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Local Water System Assistance Program (LWSAP), including removing existing water main and installing new 12 inch water main on Main Street from Elm Street to Maple Street and to pay costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet this appropriation, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow said sum and issue notes, bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness in said amounts, or such lesser sum, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7 or 8 of the Mass General Laws or any other enabling authority, and further that the Town be authorized to accept any federal aid, state aid, grants or gifts for these projects, and that the Select Board is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out these projects.

$\frac{2}{3}$ Vote Required

$\frac{2}{3}$ Vote Passes per Moderator

Article 20: To see if the Town will eliminate the Water and Sewer Review Board by rescinding the vote on Article two (2) of the May 5, 1983 Annual Town Meeting, Article six (6) of the October 27, 1997 Town meeting, Article Thirty (30) of the October 27, 1998 Town Meeting, and Article Sixteen (16) of the October 22, 2015 Town Meeting and transfer the duties previously assigned to the Water and Sewer Review Board as follows:

The Town Administrator, or his or her designee will hear water and sewer billing disputes and make a binding decision as to a remedy, if any.

The Finance Advisory Board shall meet yearly, to review the assessments and costs associated with the operation, maintenance and capital requirements of both systems to ensure such costs are just and equitable and in proportion to the benefits of the users.

The Finance Advisory Board and the Town Administrator shall hold a public hearing to receive citizens input on the current year, the proposed budget and rates for the next fiscal year and any other information as may be requested concerning the water and sewer departments. Said meeting shall result in a rate recommendation made by the Town Administrator prior to Annual Town Meeting.

or do anything in relation thereto.

Select Board

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Passes per Moderator

Article 21. To see of the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 2, Article III, Finance and Advisory Board, Section 2-18, Matters to be Considered, by adding the underlined language as follows:

Sec. 2-18 Matters to be considered.

The finance and advisory board shall consider matters relating to the appropriation, the borrowing and the expenditures of money by the town; its indebtedness; the methods of administration of its various officers and departments: property valuation and assessments; revenue sources and other

municipal affairs; the assessments and costs associated with the operation, maintenance and capital requirements of the Water and Sewer systems to ensure such costs are just and equitable and in proportion to the benefits of the users; hold at least one annual public hearing to receive citizens input on the current year, the proposed budget and rates for the next fiscal year and any other information as may be requested concerning the water and sewer departments; and make recommendations to the town, and any town board, officer or committee, relative to such matters.

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Select Board

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Passes per Moderator

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to increase the amount of gross income that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A, from \$40,000 to \$60,000, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022, or do anything in relation thereto.

Select Board

Article 22. Voted that Town increase the amount of gross income that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A, from \$40,000 to \$60,000, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022.

Passes per Moderator

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Sec.5, Clause 41A, from 6% to 4%, with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2022, or anything in relation thereto.

Select Board

Article 23. Voted that Town reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Sec.5, Clause 41A, from 6% to 4%, with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2022.

Passes per Moderator

Before ending the Town Meeting, the Moderator acknowledged and thanked the Office Manager for the Select Board, Dava Kilbride, for all of her hard work to put the Town Meeting booklet together and to display information on the screen during the meeting. Mrs. Craigie also thanked Amy, George and Paola from Stoneham TV for all they do to broadcast the Town Meeting on cable access. In closing, she mentioned the need for volunteers and all of the current openings on Town boards & committees.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.
The Town Meeting was dissolved at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Maria Sagarino

Town Clerk

**MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

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 Auditorium, 35 Central Street, Stoneham,** on

Monday, October 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

to act upon the following articles of this Warrant:

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 198 voters were inside the meeting.

Moderator Jeanne Craigie dedicated the Town Meeting to longtime resident Shirley Murray who had passed away at the age of 96. Mrs. Craigie acknowledged Mrs. Murray's commitment to the community and all of her volunteer efforts over the years. After making introduction of all of the town official present, Moderator Craigie then asked the Girl Scout Troop to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order in the Town Hall Auditorium at 7:04 PM and the warrant was read.

Mrs. Craigie allowed the School Building Committee Co-Chairs, Marie Christie and David Bois, to give a report on the High School Building Project.

Mrs. Craigie explained as a matter of procedure that there would be out of town department heads and consultants asked to speak to the Town Meeting body. A motion was made and seconded to allow this. The motion passed per moderator.

Moderator Craigie then asked for the town meeting body to allow article 17 to be taken out of order. It was so moved and seconded. The motion passed per moderator and article 17 was the first article of the night.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code Chapter 20 by deleting sections 20-125 and 20-126 in their entirety, as shown by strikethroughs.

~~**Section 20-125. Definitions**~~

~~Non Medical Marijuana Establishment: A non medical marijuana establishment shall include all types of marijuana establishments as defined in Mass. Gen. L. c. 94G, exclusive of facilities that are licensed for medically prescribed purposes, to include marijuana cultivators, marijuana testing facilities, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other type of licensed marijuana related businesses.~~

~~**Section 20-126. — Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed.**~~

~~Consistent with Mass. Gen. L. c. 94G, §3(a)(2), all types of non medical marijuana establishments as defined in Mass. Gen. L. c. 94G §1(j), to include marijuana cultivators, marijuana testing facilities, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other type of licensed marijuana related businesses shall be prohibited within the Town of Stoneham.~~

Or do anything in relation thereto.

George Seibold, 1 Toms Way

Article 17. **Voted** that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 20 by deleting Sections 20-125 and 20-126 in their entirety as written in Article 17 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion to Move the Question

Question was Moved

Secret Ballot

Yes No

85 113

Fails Per Moderator

Motion for Reconsideration

Cannot Be Reconsidered

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning By-law by amending the Zoning Map and amending Section 4.24 as follows:

1. To renumber Section 4.24 to Section 4.25 and add a new Section 4.24 entitled North Main Mixed Use Residential Overlay (NMMURO) District as follows:

NORTH MAIN MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT

4.24 *North Main Mixed Use Residential Overlay District*

4.24.1 *Purpose:* The purpose of the North Main Mixed Use Residential Overlay District (NMMURO) is to encourage the development of mixed residential and non-residential uses within the Highway Business District on Main Street. This bylaw is adopted as an overlay district for all properties within Highway Business District that directly abut the east side of Main Street from Elm Street north to Collincote Street, and sets forth the design and dimensional standards that apply to all developments in the NMMURO.

4.24.2 *Uses in the North Main Mixed Use Residential Overlay District:* Uses within the District are permitted by Site Plan Review granted by the Stoneham Select Board as follows:

1. Mixed Use Residential Development
2. Multi-family

4.24.3 The construction of eight or more dwelling units in the NMMURO will require compliance with Section 6.12 “Inclusionary Housing”.

And further to amend the Official Zoning Map dated October 15, 2018, by adding the North Main Mixed Use Residential Overlay District for all properties within the Highway Business District that abuts Main Street on the east side, north of Elm Street and south of Collincote Street, and adding North Main Mixed Use Residential Overlay District to the legend. Or do anything in relation thereto.

**Erin Wortman, Director of Planning and
Community Development**

Anthony Wilson, 181 Central Street made a motion to amend as follows, adding bolded language and deleting line shown with strikethrough:

4.24.1 *Purpose:* The purpose of the North Main Mixed Use Residential Overlay District (NMMURO) is to encourage the development of mixed residential and non-residential uses **between 168 and 180 Main Street.** ~~within the Highway Business District on Main Street. This bylaw is adopted as an overlay district for all properties within Highway Business District that directly abut the east side of Main Street from Elm Street north to Collincote Street,~~ and sets forth the design and dimensional standards that apply to all developments in the NMMURO.

4.24.4 Mixed Use Residential Development and Multi-Family uses in this Overlay district will comply with Residence B dimensional requirements shown in Chapter 15 Section 5.2.1

Town Counsel Robert Galvin explained to the Town Meeting body that the language Mr. Wilson was adding as section 4.24.4 was outside the scope of the article. He further explained that if approved this amendment runs the risk of violating State uniformity under MGL.

Mr. Wilson amended his motion to remove 4.24.4, so the amendment was to Section 4.24.1 as follows, with additions in bold and deletions shown as strikethrough:

4.24.1 *Purpose:* The purpose of the North Main Mixed Use Residential Overlay District (NMMURO) is to encourage the development of mixed residential and non-residential uses **between 168 and 180 Main Street.** ~~within the Highway Business District on Main Street. This bylaw is adopted as an overlay district for all properties within Highway Business District that directly abut the east side of Main Street from Elm Street north to Collincoke Street,~~ and sets forth the design and dimensional standards that apply to all developments in the NMMURO.

Article 1. **Voted** that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Section 4.24 and the Zoning Map as written in Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

**Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
Vote of the Motion as Amended
Amendment Fails Per Moderator
Vote on Main Motion
Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw by amending Central Business District Section 4.6, and Off-Street Parking Requirements Section 6.3 with deletions shown as strikethroughs and additions shown with underlines, to read as follows:

4.6 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT:

4.6.1 Purpose: The purpose of the Central Business District is to preserve and improve the character and qualities of Stoneham Square.

4.6.2 Uses Permitted:

4.6.2.1 All the uses permitted in the Business District, subject to the same conditions.

4.6.3 Uses Permitted on a Special Permit Granted by the Planning Board and Site Plan Approval by the Select Board: (10-21-85, Art. 15; 5-4-87, Art. 15 - See editor's note below)

4.6.3.1 Dwellings above the first floor of a building used for one of the uses allowed in Section 4.6.2.

4.6.3.2 Dwellings on the first floor of a building provided that fifty percent of the gross floor area of the first floor of the building is used for one of the uses allowed in Section 4.6.2 and that the uses allowed in Section 4.6.2 occupy except for entrances, the entire first floor area of the building adjacent to a street. (5-6-13, Art. 5)

4.6.3.3 Off-Street Parking, Layout, and Loading Requirements for Central Business District shall be in accordance with Section 6.3 Off-Street Parking Requirements except as follows:

1. One (1) parking space for every dwelling unit.
2. There will be no off-street parking requirement for any existing structure in the Central Business District, provided that any alteration, rehabilitation or addition to any existing structure does not increase the requirements as outlined in Section 6.3.3.
3. No requirement for off-street loading area for residential use.

6.3.2 Location of Parking Facilities:

6.3.2.1 Parking shall be on the same lot as the principal use, with the following exceptions for off-site parking:

Central Business District:

- ~~1. A Special Permit by the Planning Board subject to the provisions of section 6.3.8 and Site Plan Approval by the Select Board when required.~~
- ~~1-2. There will be no off-street parking requirement for any existing structure in the Central Business District, provided that any alteration, rehabilitation or~~

addition to any existing structure does not increase the requirements as outlined in Section 6.3.3.

6.3.2.2 Location on Site: Such parking facilities may be provided within a structure, above or below ground, or outside at grade level.

6.3.3 Minimum Number of Spaces by Use:

Use	Requirement
1. Residential	a) 2 per dwelling
a) Single or two Family	b) 2.1 1.7 per dwelling unit, any space requirement in excess of 2.0 per dwelling unit <u>in excess of the requirement</u> shall not be assigned, conveyed or transferred and shall be clearly marked for visitor or guest parking.
b) Greater than two family	c) .75/ bedroom
c) Congregate living	d) .4/ living unit
d) Assisted living, long-term care	e) 2.1 1.7 per dwelling unit, any space requirement in excess of 2.0 per dwelling unit <u>in excess of the requirement</u> shall not be assigned, conveyed or transferred and shall be clearly marked for visitor or guest parking.
e) SRO	

6.3.8 Special Permits for Parking:

6.3.8.1 Special permit for a change in parking space requirements: the number of off-street parking spaces required by Section 6.3.3, of this bylaw for a use or uses ~~in the Central Business District and~~ in the Commercial I District for Banquet Facilities, Function Halls and Dinner Theaters may be changed by Special permit in accordance with the following provisions: (7-28-03, Art. 4)

Erin Wortman, Director of Planning and Community Development

Article 2. Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw, Sections 4.6 and 6.3 as written in Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

**Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw by amending Inclusionary Housing Section 6.12., with deletions shown as strikethroughs and additions shown with underlines, to read as follows:

6.12 INCLUSIONARY HOUSING: (5-3-21, Art. 8)

6.12.1 Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this bylaw is to outline and implement a coherent set of policies and objectives for the development of affordable housing in compliance with G.L. c. 40B §20-23 and ongoing programs within the Town of Stoneham to promote a reasonable percentage of housing that is affordable to moderate income buyers (“affordable housing units”). It is intended that the affordable housing units that result from this Bylaw meet the programmatic requirements for the same as specified by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and, that said units count toward and are placed on, the Town’s Subsidized Housing Inventory as maintained by DHCD.

6.12.2 Definitions

1. Affordable housing unit. A dwelling unit available at a cost generally of no more than 30% of gross household income of households at or below 80% of the Middlesex County median income as reported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, such that the dwelling unit is included in the Town of Stoneham’s Subsidized Housing Inventory.
2. Qualified affordable housing unit purchaser or tenant. An individual or family with household incomes that do not exceed 80% of the median income, with adjustments for household size, as reported by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and DHCD or as otherwise established by DHCD such that the housing unit is included in the Town of Stoneham’s Subsidized Housing Inventory.

6.12.3 Applicability

1. ~~Division of Land. This Bylaw shall apply to the division of land into eight (8) or more lots and shall require a special permit from the Planning Board under Section 7.4 et seq. of the Zoning Bylaw. A special permit shall be required for land divisions under G.L. c.40A §9. (5-5-22, Art.8)~~
2. ~~Multiple Units. This Bylaw shall apply to the construction of eight (8) or more dwelling units, whether on one or more contiguous parcels, and shall require a special permit from the Planning Board pursuant to Section 7.4 except a Special Permit from the Planning Board shall not be required in the Fallon Road Mixed Use District for the construction of eight (8) or more dwelling units. (5-5-22, Art.8)~~

6.12.4 ~~Mandatory Provision of Affordable Units~~ Methods of providing affordable units

1. ~~The Planning Board shall, as a condition of approval of any development referred to in Sections 6.12.3 (1) and 6.12.3 (2), require that the applicant for special permit approval comply with the obligation to provide affordable housing pursuant to this Bylaw and more fully described in Section 6.12.5. Construction of affordable units on the locus of the development shall be permitted as of right in any development and is the preferred method of providing affordable units under this article and more fully described in Section 6.12.5~~
2. ~~The Planning Board may grant a special permit for one or more of the following alternative methods, including any combination thereof. In granting a special permit hereunder, the Planning Board may impose any conditions it deems necessary to assure compliance with this article:~~
 - a. ~~Payment of a fee in lieu of affordable units to the Town of Stoneham Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This provision shall apply only to developments of homeownership units. The fee per affordable unit shall be determined by the Section 6.12.11.~~
 - b. ~~Donation of developable land in the Town of Stoneham to the Stoneham Housing Authority, Stoneham Affordable Housing Trust, or a comparable entity determined at the discretion of the Planning Board, provided the receiving organization agrees in writing to accept the land and the application demonstrates to the Planning Board's satisfaction that said land is developable for an equivalent number of affordable units in conformance with this chapter. Donated land does not need to be~~

located in the same zoning district as the development and shall be subject to a deed restriction limiting its use to mixed-income or affordable housing.

6.12.5 ~~Provision of~~ Requirements for Affordable Units

1. The Planning Board shall deny any application for a special permit for development under Sections 7.0 of the Zoning Bylaw if the applicant for special permit approval does not comply, at a minimum, with the following requirements for affordable units:
 - (a) At least twelve (12) percent of the housing units in a division of land or multiple unit development subject to this Bylaw for developments up to thirty (30) dwelling units, and at least fifteen (15) percent of the housing units in a division of land or multiple unit development subject to this Bylaw for developments greater than thirty (30) dwelling units, shall be established as affordable housing units either through new construction or rehabilitation of an existing structure(s) on the locus subject to the special permit.
 - (b) If the percentages applied to the required number of affordable units results in a fraction, the required number of affordable units shall be rounded up to the next whole number. Example: A twenty dwelling unit development requires 2.4 affordable housing units (20 multiplied by 12%). Rounding up to the next whole number is 3. Three (3) affordable dwelling units are required.
 - ~~(c) — The applicant may offer, and the Planning Board may accept, up to a fifty (50) percent reduction in the total number of affordable dwelling units required to be constructed on the locus subject to this Bylaw where the required number of affordable housing units is greater than ten (10), if and only if, the applicant pays, upon receipt of the special permit issued pursuant to this Bylaw and the expiration of all appeal periods governing the same, fees in lieu of each affordable housing unit not constructed in the amount of \$200,000 per dwelling unit. The fees shall be paid to the Town of Stoneham for the dedicated use by the Town for affordable housing purposes. Example: An eighty (80) dwelling unit development requires twelve (12) affordable housing units (80 multiplied by 15%). The applicant may offer and the Planning Board may accept a reduction of six (6) affordable housing units provided the applicant pays, upon receipt of a special permit and the lapse of relevant appeal periods, \$1,200,000 to the Town for affordable housing purposes.~~

- (c) The Planning Board may, as part of any Special Permit decision, modify the number of affordable units as required by Section 6.12.5. (1)(a) upon a finding that due to unique conditions effecting the property, project location, or other beneficial site designs, that the affordable unit requirements of this section would unreasonably restrict the use of the property or would be detrimental to the orderly development of the area or would create a better project. In granting such modifications, the Board may impose conditions it deems necessary to protect the purpose of this section. ~~In no case shall the percentage of affordable units be reduced to less than twelve (12) percent.~~

6.12.6 Provisions Applicable to Affordable Housing Units On- and Off-Site

1. Siting of affordable units. All affordable units constructed or rehabilitated under this Bylaw shall be situated within the development so as not to be in less desirable locations than market-rate units in the development and shall, on average, be no less accessible to public amenities, such as open space, as the market-rate units.
2. Minimum design and construction standards for affordable units. The exterior of the affordable housing units within market rate developments shall be integrated with the rest of the development and shall be compatible in design, appearance, construction and quality of materials with other units.
3. Timing of construction or provision of affordable units or lots. Where feasible, affordable housing units shall be provided coincident to the development of market-rate units, but in no event shall the development of affordable units be delayed beyond the schedule noted below:

<u>MARKET-RATE UNIT %</u>	<u>AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT %</u>
Up to 30%	None required
30% plus 1 unit	At least 12%
Up to 50%	At least 30%
Up to 75%	At least 50%
75% plus 1 unit	At least 70%
Up to 90%	100%

Fractions of units shall be rounded to the higher numerical value in counting the number of affordable units.

4. For a development that provides affordable units through a fee in lieu of units, no building permit shall be issued until the applicant pays at least 10% of the total required fee to the Stoneham Affordable Housing Trust. Additionally, no more than 50% of the certificates of occupancy shall be issued until the applicant pays at least 50% of the total required fee to the Stoneham Affordable Housing Trust. Ten percent of the total number of certificates of occupancy shall be withheld until the applicant submits evidence that is acceptable to the Planning Director that the remaining balance has been paid to the Stoneham Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The Planning Board may modify the schedule for fee payment for projects covered by a single occupancy permit.

5. For a development that provides affordable units through a land donation, no building permits shall be issued until the applicant submits evidence acceptable to the Planning Director that the land has been conveyed to the receiving organization identified in the Planning Board's special permit and an affordable housing deed restriction has been recorded at the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds.

6.12.7 Local Preference

The Planning Board shall require the applicant to comply with local preference requirements, if any, as established by the Select Board or Stoneham Housing Authority pursuant to applicable law.

6.12.8 Marketing Plan for Affordable Units

Applicants under this bylaw shall submit a marketing plan or other method approved by the Planning Board, to the Planning Board for approval, which describes how the affordable units will be marketed to potential homebuyers or tenants. This plan shall include a description of the lottery or other process to be used for selecting buyers or tenants.

6.12.9 Maximum Incomes, Sale and Rental Prices

1. The maximum sale or rental price for an affordable housing unit shall be as established by DHCD for the type, size and tenancy of the housing unit.

6.12.10 Preservation of Affordability; Restrictions on Resale and Rental

1. Each affordable unit created in accordance with this bylaw and made available for sale, shall have limitations governing its resale. The purpose of these limitations is to preserve the long-term affordability of the unit and to ensure its continued availability for affordable income households. The resale controls shall be established through the execution of an affordable housing restriction pursuant to G.L. c.184, ss.31-32 and shall be in force in perpetuity or for the longest period permitted by law.

(a) Resale price. The resale price of any affordable housing units created pursuant to this Bylaw shall be determined based upon then current formulas set by the Department of Housing and Community Development such that the resold unit will remain on the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory.

~~(b) The Planning Board shall require, as a condition for special permit under this Bylaw, that the~~ The applicant shall comply with the affordable housing unit requirements and accompanying restrictions on affordability, including the execution and recording of an affordable housing restriction pursuant to G.L. c.184, ss31-32. The Building Commissioner shall not issue an occupancy permit for any affordable unit until an affordable housing restriction for each relevant dwelling unit has been recorded at the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds.

(c) For developments subject to this Bylaw where the affordable housing units are made available for rental purposes, the Building Commissioner shall not issue an occupancy permit for any affordable unit until an affordable housing restriction pursuant to G.L. c.184, ss.31-32 has been recorded against the affordable unit at the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds. (5-3-21, Art.8)

6.12.11 Fee In Lieu of Units

1. Applicants may apply for a special permit to pay a fee in lieu of creating affordable units. This provision applies to homeownership developments only. For each affordable unit provided through a fee in lieu of units, the cash payment shall be equal to 35% of the median of single-family home or condominium sale prices in Stoneham for the three fiscal years immediately prior to the current fiscal year in which the application is made. The Town of Stoneham Assessors' Office will verify the numbers provided by the applicant prior to any special permit approval.

2. If there were no sales during any of the three prior fiscal years, the applicant shall rely on appropriate, comparable sales, as determined by the Town of Stoneham's Assessors' Office.
3. Fees in lieu of units shall be paid to the Town's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Fee in lieu of unit payments shall be made in accordance with Section 6.12.6.

**Erin Wortman, Director of Planning and
Community Development**

Article 3. **Voted** that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw, Section 6.12 as written in Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

**¾ Vote Required
Passes per Moderator**

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Superintendent of Schools with the approval of the School Committee to lease for term of years a portion of the premises known as Stoneham High School and located at 149 Franklin Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts, including but not limited to the project site in compliance with Mass. Gen. L. c. 30B, for solar facilities, solar and storage energy services, and to execute such other and further documents as may be necessary to effectuate the terms hereof, or do anything in relation thereto.

Superintendent of Schools

Article 4.Voted that the Town authorize the Town, acting by and through Superintendent of Schools, with the approval of the School Committee, to lease for term of years a portion of the premises known as Stoneham High School and located at 149 Franklin Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts, including but not limited to the project site in compliance with Mass. Gen. L. c. 30B, for solar facilities, solar and storage energy services, and upon approval of Town Counsel as to form and terms, to execute said lease and such other and further documents as may be necessary to effectuate the terms thereof.

Passes per Moderator

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate and execute a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) agreement to be negotiated by the Select Board and/or Town Administrator with the successful proposer of solar facilities on the premises at Stoneham High School, 149 Franklin Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts for the purposes of a solar array or do anything in relation thereto.

Town Administrator

Article 5. **Voted** that the Town authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate and execute a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) Agreement to be negotiated by the Select Board and/or Town Administrator, on terms approved by Town Counsel, with the successful proposer of solar facilities on the premises at Stoneham High School, 149 Franklin Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts for the purposes of a solar array.

Passes per Moderator

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw by amending Section 4.3 Residence B District with deletions shown as strikethroughs, to read as follows:

4.3.1 Purpose: The purpose of the Residence B District is to provide residential areas of medium intensity with a variety of housing types and recreational ~~and educational~~ not-for-profit uses.

4.3.4.5 Conversion of an existing building that is in existence at the time of the adoption of this Section to allow not-for-profit recreational ~~and educational~~ uses provided that the lot size is 20,000 square feet or greater.

**Erin Wortman, Director of Planning and
Community Development**

Article 6. **Voted** that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw by amending Section 4.3 Residence B District as written in Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

⅔ Vote Required Passes per Moderator

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, zoning By-Law, by amending the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Stoneham dated October 15, 2018 to add to the Central Business District the following described property at 72 Central Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts from its current split zone of Residence B District and Central Business District to all Central Business District:

the land in said Stoneham, with the buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of Central Street and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeasterly corner of the premises at a stake at said Central Street and by land now or formerly of Michael Kenney; thence the line runs

WESTERLY:	by said Kenney land, 76 2/3 feet to a stake at land now or formerly of the heirs of John Steele; thence
SOUTHERLY:	by said Steele heirs' land, 102 1/2 feet to a stake at land now or formerly of John Claffey; thence
EASTERLY:	by said Claffey land, 22.0 feet to a stake; thence
SOUTHEASTERLY:	still by said Claffey land, 20.0 feet to a stake; thence
SOUTHERLY:	still by said Claffey land, 6.0 feet to a stake at land now or formerly of George E. Hyde; thence
EASTERLY:	by said Hyde land, 60.0 feet to said Central Street; and thence
NORTHERLY:	by said Central Street, 121 3/4 feet to the bound first mentioned.

Containing 9573 square feet of land, more or less, be said contents and measurements more or less or however otherwise bounded, measured or described. *See* MSR D Book 80268, Page 443.

Charles Houghton, 15 Kimball Drive

Article 7. **Voted** that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning By-Law, by amending the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Stoneham dated October 15, 2018 as written in Article 7 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

**2/3 Vote Required
Passes per Moderator**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$80,000 (eighty thousand dollars), or any other sum, from the unexpended funds originally appropriated in Article 9 at the June, 2020 Annual Town Meeting for the purchase of a dump truck for the Department of Public Works use and/or or for the purposes of purchasing a street sweeper, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator, or do anything related thereto.

Select Board

Article 8. **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$80,000 (eighty thousand and 00/100 dollars) from the unexpended funds originally appropriated in Article 9 at the June, 2020 Annual Town Meeting (for the purchase of a dump truck for the Department of Public Works' use) for the purposes of purchasing a street sweeper, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator.

Passes per Moderator

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$751,500 (seven hundred fifty one thousand, five hundred dollars) for the capital projects set forth below, including all incidental and related costs and to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow all or a portion of said sum under the applicable provisions of Mass. Gen. L. c. 44 or any other enabling authority, or take any action in relation thereto.

Department	Amount	FY23 Funded Projects October 17, 2022	Funding Source
Facilities/Fire	\$ 114,000.00	Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Repairs-Town Wide	Free Cash
Facilities	\$ 430,000.00	Town Hall Roof Repair/Replacement	Free Cash
Historic Commission	\$ 27,500.00	Preservation Plan	Free Cash
DPW	\$ 80,000.00	Sweeper	Free Cash
Schools	\$ 100,000.00	Technology Upgrades/Equipment	Free Cash
Total	\$ 751,500.00	General Fund Funding	

Select Board

Article 9. **Voted** that the Town appropriate, the sum of \$671,500 (Six Hundred Seventy One Thousand, Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars) for the capital projects set forth in the chart in Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant, exclusive of the “Sweeper” identified in the chart (funded by Article 8 of this Special Town Meeting), including all incidental and related costs, and to meet said appropriation transfer said sum from Free Cash, said expenditures to be made under the direction and supervision of the Town Administrator.

Passes per Moderator

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the fourth paragraph of Mass. Gen. L. c. 40 Section 5B authorizing the establishment of special purpose stabilization funds, allowing the Town to dedicate, without further appropriation, all, or a percentage not less than 25 per cent, of a particular fee, charge or other receipt to any stabilization fund established pursuant to this section, or do anything related thereto.

Select Board

Article 10. **Voted** that the Town accept the provisions of the fourth paragraph of Mass. Gen. L. c. 40 Section 5B authorizing the establishment of special purpose stabilization funds, allowing the Town to dedicate, without further appropriation, all, or a percentage not less than 25 per cent, of a particular fee, charge or other receipt to any stabilization fund established pursuant to this section.

Passes per Moderator

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to establish a special purpose stabilization fund pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. c. 40 Sec. 5B to be known as the Opioid Settlement

Special Stabilization fund for the specific purpose of receiving receipts from settlements on behalf of the Town with persons and entities involved in the sale, distribution and manufacture of opioid products said account to be effective fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023 which said funds may be appropriated and/or reserved for later appropriation for any lawful municipal purpose, or do anything related thereto.

Select Board

Article 11. **Voted** that the Town establish a special purpose stabilization fund pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. c. 40 Sec. 5B to be known as the Opioid Settlement Special Stabilization fund for the specific purpose of receiving receipts from settlements on behalf of the Town with persons and entities involved in the sale, distribution and manufacture of opioid products said account to be effective fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023 which said funds may be appropriated and/or reserved for later appropriation for any lawful municipal purpose.

2/3 Vote Required
Passes per Moderator

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$31,719.02 (thirty one thousand, seven hundred nineteen dollars and two cents) into the Opioid Settlement Special Stabilization fund established pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. c. 40 Sec. 5B for the purpose of receiving receipts from settlements on behalf of the Town, or do anything related thereto.

Select Board

Article 12. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$31,719.02 (Thirty One Thousand, Seven Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Two Cents) into the Opioid Settlement Special Stabilization fund established pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. c. 40 Sec. 5B for the purpose of receiving receipts from settlements on behalf of the Town.

Passes per Moderator

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 2023 department budgets approved under Article No. 11 of the May 3, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

	Town Meeting Approved FY23		STM 10/17/2022	
141 ASSESSOR				
Expenses	\$	62,200.00	\$	87,200.00
132 RESERVE FUND				
Expenses	\$	125,000.00	\$	300,000.00

Select Board

Article 13. **Voted** that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars) to supplement the existing Fiscal Year 2023 department budgets approved under Article No. 11 of the May 3, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, as described under Article 13 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Passes per Moderator

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 2, Administration, Article IX, Treasurer and Tax Collector, Sec. 2-60B - Revolving Funds, to establish and authorize a new 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee Revolving Fund for use by certain town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under Mass. Gen. L. c. 44, Sec. 53E½ as follows:

Sec. 2-60B. Revolving Fund Bylaw.

- (e) *Authorized Revolving Funds.*
- (6) 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee Revolving Fund.
 - (a) Fund Name. There shall be a separate fund called the 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee Revolving fund and be used by the 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee
 - (b) Revenues. The Town Accountant shall establish the 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all of the revenue received by the Town from community engagements, programs and donations.

- (c) Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Town may incur liabilities against and spend monies from 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee Revolving Fund to cover the costs associated with the planning and organization of the Town of Stoneham's 300th anniversary.
- (d) Fiscal Years. 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2022.

or take any action in relation thereto.

Select Board

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Passes per Moderator

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal Year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022 for the revolving funds established in the town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with Mass. Gen. L. c. 44, Sec. 53E1/2, or take any action do anything in relation thereto.

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency, or Officer	FY22 Spending Limit
300 th Anniversary Celebration Committee	300 th Anniversary Celebration Committee	\$20,000

Select Board

Article 15. **Voted** that the Town fix the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal Year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022 for the 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee Revolving Funds at \$20,000 and as written in Article 15 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Passes per Moderator

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to become a member in the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Program pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. c. 252, Sec. 5A and other applicable sections of said law; and to meet this obligation, raise and appropriate by transfer from Free Cash, or otherwise provide a sum of \$5,463.75 to fund the FY23 membership fee or take any action in relation thereto.

Select Board

Article 16. **Voted** that the Town become a member in the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Program pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. c. 252, Sec. 5A and other applicable sections of said law; and further to appropriate the sum of \$5,463.75 (Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents) to cover the membership costs and expenses of joining said program, and to meet this obligation, transfer said sum from Free Cash.

Passes per Moderator

Motion to Dissolve.
Meeting dissolved at 10:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Maria Sagarino
Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2022 OFFICIAL TALLY

Governor/Lt. Gov.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	9	12	21	17	11	22	8	100
Diehl and Allen	464	490	648	578	656	601	529	3966
Healey and Driscoll	841	915	936	799	898	1063	811	6263
Reed and Everett	16	19	24	20	18	22	16	135
Write-ins	0	0	2	3	1	2	1	9
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473
Attorney General	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	31	41	38	36	53	55	35	289
Andrea Joy Campbell	796	895	892	778	861	1032	805	6059
James R. McMahon III	502	498	699	600	669	622	524	4114
Write-ins	1	2	2	3	1	1	1	11
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473
Secretary of State	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	22	31	34	24	35	39	26	211
William Francis Galvin	899	985	1033	885	980	1119	881	6782
Rayla Campbell	385	397	525	481	550	511	435	3284
Juan Sanchez	23	22	38	24	19	41	23	190
Write-ins	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	6
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473
Treasurer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	149	192	221	208	236	230	188	1424
Deborah B. Goldberg	898	986	1054	873	986	1114	877	6788
Cristina Crawford	275	252	343	325	355	353	292	2195
Write-ins	8	6	13	11	7	13	8	66
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473

Auditor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	66	99	93	80	89	110	63	600
Anthony Amore	538	523	711	595	700	674	569	4310
Diana DiZoglio	668	725	763	677	721	840	650	5044
Gloria A Caballero-Roca	23	32	12	22	25	39	33	186
Dominic Giannone III	18	26	35	12	25	22	21	159
Daniel Riek	15	30	16	27	23	24	29	164
Write-ins	2	1	1	4	1	1	0	10
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473
Rep. in Congress (5th)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	35	67	44	37	35	53	39	310
Katherine M. Clark	790	870	908	781	868	1037	786	6040
Caroline Colarusso	502	496	676	598	679	619	539	4109
Write-ins	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	14
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473
Councillor (6th)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	402	430	559	484	535	524	434	3368
Terrence W. Kennedy	903	979	1048	889	1010	1145	901	6875
Write-ins	25	27	24	44	39	41	30	230
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473
Sen. in General Court (5 th Middlesex)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	38	55	52	41	48	59	36	329
Jason M. Lewis	811	861	886	751	861	1011	786	5967
Edward F Dombroski Jr	481	519	692	622	674	640	541	4169
Write-ins	0	1	1	3	1	0	2	8
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473

Rep in General Court (31 st Middlesex)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	104	142	168	153	161	157	117	1002
Michael Seamus Day	906	968	1034	860	1008	1112	887	6775
Theodore Menounos	314	318	423	394	409	435	355	2648
Write-ins	6	8	6	10	6	6	6	48
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473
District Attorney	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	408	413	538	481	518	506	414	3278
Marian T. Ryan	896	996	1062	901	1032	1165	921	6973
Write-ins	26	27	31	35	34	39	30	222
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473
Sheriff	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	402	421	531	476	510	515	418	3273
Peter J. Koutoujian	904	992	1074	914	1037	1151	920	6992
Write-ins	24	23	26	27	37	44	27	208
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473
Question 1 (Tax income over 1 Million)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	40	25	43	29	34	44	32	247
YES	656	750	710	623	729	815	633	4916
NO	634	661	878	765	821	851	700	5310
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473
Question 2 (Dental Benefits)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	45	47	55	42	48	70	42	349
YES	888	1034	1084	937	1053	1148	921	7065
NO	397	355	492	438	483	492	402	3059
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473

Question 3 (alcohol licenses)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	61	67	65	60	57	86	55	451
YES	528	618	662	579	667	717	560	4331
NO	741	751	904	778	860	907	750	5691
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473

Question 4 (repeal driver license law)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Blanks	39	36	44	36	38	52	37	282
YES	621	757	720	664	712	866	648	4988
NO	670	643	867	717	834	792	680	5203
Totals	1330	1436	1631	1417	1584	1710	1365	10473

Town Counsel

To the Citizens of Stoneham and the Honorable Select Board of Stoneham:

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, as well as associate, Attorney Anthony Riley, as well as Jonathan Witten, Esq. of KP Law, 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 Stoneham Town Charter and Code 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, (e) assistance with the Annual and Special Town Warrant and Town Meeting articles, and (f) issuance of advisory opinions and ethical opinions to public officials and employees.

During the past year, the town’s most significant legal matters have continued to involve the Weiss Farm and the proposed affordable housing project proposed there. In July 2022, the Supreme Judicial Court released a decision in an affordable housing case out of Milton that addressed the issue of whether a developer could propose an uneconomic project and avoid local conditions of approval that rendered a project more uneconomic – the precisely the issue that Stoneham raised in its appeal to the Middlesex Superior Court. The Milton decision ended the Town’s appeal and there are no appellate avenues remaining. Town officials and the developer are now engaged in a process to determine how the project will be finally constructed.

The Town is also embroiled in two other land use claims involving a challenge to the Town’s conservation bylaws and its affordable housing bylaw which are likely to be resolved in 2023.

The Stoneham High School is also underway and has most recently been the subject of further appropriation given increases in cost of construction and materials. From a legal perspective the Town has basically partnered with solar developers to include green energy elements at the new Stoneham High School.

Lastly, as indicated last year, the new Housing Choice legislation that impacts Stoneham has been the continuing topic of debate. Stoneham which is considered a “bus service community” has submit community information to the state DHCD and its proposed action plan to update its zoning to allow certain multi-family housing goals to be met in time to maintain eligibility for certain state grant programming.

In addition to these matters, I continued to handle the more routine Town Counsel Matters, including:

- * Assisting with the drafting of Warrant Articles, Town Meeting Motions and attended Annual Town Meeting, including a review of the bonding articles and working with bond counsel. Consult with moderator and town clerk on procedures and processes including on a Consent Agenda.
- * Copy Town Administrator and Select Board Chair (as well as anyone else that wanted to be copied on most Town Related Matters).
- * Advise Town Administrator and Chair of Select on select issues.
- * Provided some formal and informal ethics opinions to Town Officials.
- * Assisted during some meetings of various Boards, including the Select Board, the Zoning Board, Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

- * Reviewed a dozen or more municipal contracts for form and substance some of which are annual contracts and others than are the product of competitive bids;
- * Responded or assisted with the responses to Public Record Requests and provided advice with respect to Open Meeting Law issues.
- * Provide Annual Certifications regarding the Town's Financial Statements.

I commend the town's elected and appointed officials, boards and commissions who, once again this year, have volunteered their time by spending hundreds of hours of their free time to make Stoneham a wonderful place to work and live.

During the reporting period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, 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 Select Board's office.

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, including the ABCC, (d) rendered ethics opinions and advice, (e) prepared and recorded deeds and easements, (f) assisted in the preparation of Town Meeting Warrants and attended town meetings.

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude in particular to each of the members of the Select Board, including chair, George Seibold, past chairs, Raymie Parker, Shelley MacNeill, Heidi Bilbo and member, David Pignone. I would also like to recognize my colleague, Dava Kilbride, and her incredible efforts on behalf of the Town and Select Board. I would also like to express my thanks to Police Chief James McIntyre, and Fire Chief Matt Grafton, the entire membership of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board and their support staffs, Town Planner, Erin Wortman, Building Inspector, Cheryl, Noble, the Town Accountant, Eric Duffy, as well as our Moderator, Jeanne Craigie, and our Town Clerk, Maria Sagarino, as well as their staffs for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Galvin, Town Counsel

Town Treasurer/Tax Collector

The primary function of this office is the management of the Town's money. We are responsible for the collection, deposit, and disbursement of the municipality's funds, including investment management and debt issuance. The main objective of Treasury is to keep the Town's funds safe, liquid and invested at the highest possible yield.

Considering all the changes that were introduced in FY21 the office and staff have adjusted very well. These changes have allowed the Assistant Treasurer, and the payroll staff to collaborate on payroll issues and challenges as they arise, while continuing to develop more efficiencies in the payroll process.

The Treasurer's office went out to borrow several times this year receiving competitive bids on each issuance while interest rates remained relatively low. We continue to work closely with S.M.M.A and the M.S.B.A. on processing and submitting reimbursements for the High School Building Project, assuring that the Town receives each reimbursement in a timely manner.

We encourage our residents to utilize our online bill payment platform, Invoice Cloud. The system allows for payments to be scheduled, reminders sent and text alerts, along with access to one's payment history. We continue to offer PayPal, Apple Pay, Google pay and Venmo as payment options for utility bills, real estate, and excise tax. In calendar year 2022 the Town realized a 12% increase in online payments, not including other department revenue, representing over 18,000 online payments. This year we also added the ability to pay parking tickets and building department fees online, eliminating cash being accepted in individual departments. As payment options evolve and change we will continue to add new ways for our residents to make payments and manage their accounts with the Town.

In closing, I would like to thank my amazing staff for without them this office would not be able to process the volume of work it does on a daily basis. The staff is essential to the operations of this office and the Town is fortunate to have them. I am sure our residents appreciate them as much as I do.

Sincerely,
Paulette M. Gerry
Treasurer/Tax Collector

Veterans Service Department

Department Overview:

The Department of Veteran Services for the Town of Stoneham provides benefits and accessibility to resources for veterans and dependents. State public assistance program Chapter 115, per Massachusetts General Law, is managed by the Department of Veteran Services to supplement low-income veterans with additional income and/or coverage of medical expenses. Veterans' Services handles counseling, information and assistance for the acquisition of veterans' benefits and services sponsored by the Department of Veteran Services (DVS) and the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). The overall goal of the department is to make every effort to provide Stoneham veterans and their families with authorized benefits, entitlements and services whether they be medical, administrative, financial, or quality of life.

Significant Changes:

There are a number of significant changes that have been made for Fiscal Year 2023. These changes include implementation of an ongoing monthly event for veterans in the Town of Stoneham to gather, socialize, and bring up important topics of information. There has also been an addition of a Veterans Breakfast during the week of Veterans Day to recognize honor, and celebrate veterans in the town of Stoneham. And finally, there has also been implementation of ongoing outreach within the town to meet and bring awareness to the Veteran Service Office with veterans in town by working with members of veteran's organizations such as VFW, American Legion, and Stoneham Memorial Day Committee.

Department Goals:

In Fiscal Year 2023 the Department of Veteran Services has accomplished several goals that have been beneficial to the both the community and the veterans that reside in Stoneham. There has been 3 major accomplishments: 1) Development of a yearly family community event to celebrate 4th of July in collaboration with Recreation Department to bring games, crafts, and treats for everyone in the community to enjoy and celebrate Independence Day. 2) Established funding to purchase Purple Heart Community street signs to display in town and produce a Purple Heart event for the town of Stoneham to present the proclamation for designation of Stoneham as a Purple Heart Community and to honor Stoneham's Purple Heart recipients and their family members. We were able to honor 11 Purple Heart recipients with hundreds of family members and friends present for the event. 3) Created networking with Stoneham Public Schools to begin working on implementation of engagement with participation in school events that support veteran related holidays.

For Fiscal Year 2024, the goals of the Veteran Service Office include Monthly outreach events to support and honor veterans in the community, continual implementation of patriotic observances within the community, create a Town Hall flag collection system with a collection bin and location for flag drop off for safe retirement of US flags, and continual update to list of Vietnam veterans for future memorial use.