

**MINUTES FOR TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025**

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

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 1, 2025, at seven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles of the warrant:

**Article 1.** To choose the following officers:

Two seats on the Select Board	<b>Heidi Bilbo &amp; Ryan Foreman</b>	3 year term
One seat on the School Committee	<b>Cory Mashburn</b>	3 year term
One seat on the Board of Assessors	<b>Eric Josephson</b>	3 year term
One seat on the Planning Board	<b>Brianna Kelly</b>	5 year term
One seat on the Housing Authority	<b>Danielle Connolly</b>	5 year term
One seat on the Board of Health	<b>Leigh Taylor</b>	3 year term
Two seats on the Board of Library Trustees	<b>Patricia DiPietro &amp; Susan Fixman</b>	3 year term
One Moderator	<b>Jeanne Craigie</b>	3 year term
One Town Clerk	<b>Maria Sagarino</b>	3 year term

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 5, 2025, 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 574 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jeanne Craigie at 7:06 PM in the Auditorium of Stoneham Town Hall. The Stoneham Police Honor Guard marched in with the colors and Select Board Chair Tim Waitkevitch led the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Craigie thanked firefighter Jim McLaughlin for overseeing the voter entrance into Town Hall and keeping count to stay under capacity. Ms. Craigie asked for a motion to allow guests and department heads who are not registered voters to attend and speak on matters before the body should the need arise. It was moved and seconded. A vote was taken and it passed per Moderator.

Ms. Craigie recognized the family of Retired Police Chief Eugene Passaro who were in attendance. Chief Passaro served as Chief of Police from 1981 to 2001 and was being honored on the cover of this year's Annual Report. Next Ms. Craigie read the list of employees and town officials who had passed in the last year, before holding a moment of silence. Finally Ms. Craigie allowed Police Chief James O'Connor to acknowledge the recent heroic actions of Detective Chris Copan who had intervened when a masked man with pepper spray and smoke canisters had stormed the Woburn District Court. He applauded Detective Copan for his courage and professionalism. He then presented a letter of commendation and also thanked Detective Copan's wife and children. Finally, Ms. Craigie had Dolly Wilson, Chair of the Stoneham Historical Commission read a proclamation about the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Revolutionary War.

Moving on to the business of the evening, Mrs. Craigie explained the process for consent agenda. She asked for a motion to allow for consent agenda on articles 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 and that the articles be passed. Ms. Craigie then read the motion for each of the articles individually.

**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.

**Passed per Moderator  
Part of Consent Agenda**

**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.

**Passed per Moderator  
Part of Consent Agenda**

**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 2026, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Select Board**

**Article 4.** **Voted** that that the Town fix the salary of the Moderator at \$0, the Board of Assessors at \$0, the Select Board at \$0 and the Town Clerk at \$100,868.

**Passed per Moderator  
Part of Consent Agenda**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to 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 2026 as set forth in the below table, or take any other action relative thereto.

<b><u>PEG Access Enterprise Fund</u></b>	<b>Department Requested FY26</b>	<b>Administrator Recommended FY26</b>	<b>Select Board Recommended FY26</b>	<b>Finance Committee Recommended FY26</b>
Expenses	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$550,000
Total Expenses	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$550,000
<b>Total PEG Access Budget</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>

**Select Board**

**Article 7.** **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$550,000 from the PEG Access Enterprise Fund, and that said sum be transferred to Stoneham Community Access Television for the support of PEG access services consistent with the cable franchise agreements during Fiscal Year 2026 as set forth in the table in Article 7 of the May 5, 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**Passed per Moderator  
Part of Consent Agenda**

**Article 8.** To see if the town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal Year 2026 beginning on July 1, 2025, 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.

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer</b>	<b>FY2026 Spending Limit</b>
Recreation	Recreation Director	\$ 200,000
Farmers' Market	Farmers' Market Committee	\$ 20,000
Council on Aging	COA Director	\$ 85,000
Health Services	Health Director	\$ 35,000
Energy	Director of Planning & Community Development	\$ 100,000
Prevention & Outreach	Stoneham Coalition	\$ 20,000
300 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	300 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee	\$ 20,000

**Select Board**

**Article 8.** **Voted** that the Town set Fiscal Year 2026 total expenditure limitations 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 8 of the May 5, 2025 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

**Passed per Moderator  
Part of Consent Agenda**

**Article 5.** 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 5.**

- A.** Moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,013,284 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 \$2,144,053 from Free Cash, and raise the sum of \$94,869,231 from the FY2026 Tax Levy.
- B.** Moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$7,846,589 for costs of operations of the Sewer Enterprise Fund as itemized in Exhibit A, and to meet said appropriation raise \$300,000 from retained earnings.
- C.** Moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,992,542 for costs of operations of the Water Enterprise Fund as itemized in Exhibit A, and to meet said appropriation raise \$525,000 from retained earnings.

# Exhibit A

Town of Stoneham Summary of Revenues and Expenses July 1, 2025						
	STM Approved FY25	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY26	ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDED FY26	Select Board RECOMMENDED FY26	FAB RECOMMENDED FY26	Variance FAB/ Select Board
<b>I. REVENUES</b>						
TAX LEVY	59,459,680	61,709,621	61,709,621	61,709,621	61,709,621	
DEBT EXCLUSION	7,584,919	8,814,848	8,814,848	8,814,848	8,814,848	
NEW GROWTH	735,000	500,000	700,000	700,000	960,000	260,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>67,779,599</b>	<b>71,024,469</b>	<b>71,224,469</b>	<b>71,224,469</b>	<b>71,484,469</b>	<b>260,000</b>
LOCAL RECEIPTS	8,055,688	8,216,802	8,377,916	8,377,916	8,377,916	-
EST CHERRY SHEET	13,338,084	13,338,084	13,462,739	13,462,739	13,653,446	190,707
FREE CASH						-
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	1,209,449	1,239,685	1,245,732	1,245,732	1,353,400	107,668
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>22,603,221</b>	<b>22,794,571</b>	<b>23,086,387</b>	<b>23,086,387</b>	<b>23,384,762</b>	<b>298,375</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>90,382,820</b>	<b>93,819,040</b>	<b>94,310,856</b>	<b>94,310,856</b>	<b>94,869,231</b>	<b>558,375</b>
<b>II. EXPENSES</b>						
<b>TOWN BUDGETS</b>	19,796,478	22,682,458	20,498,562	20,498,562	19,945,729	(552,834) 1%
<b>SCHOOL BUDGET</b>	35,796,978	48,000,000	37,049,872	37,049,872	39,460,244	2,410,372 10%
<b>VOCATIONAL SCHOOL</b>	1,830,429	2,015,754	2,015,754	2,015,754	1,819,235	(196,518)
SHARED EXPENSES						
HEALTH INSURANCE	10,732,410	11,990,826	11,990,825	11,990,825	11,990,825	-
RETIREMENT	7,059,801	5,834,853	5,684,897	5,684,897	5,684,897	-
MEDICARE	660,000	660,000	660,000	660,000	660,000	-
PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE	750,000	944,700	939,700	939,700	939,700	-
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	374,540	374,540	324,540	324,540	324,540	-
UNCOMPENSATED BALANCES						-
RESERVE FUND	705,059	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	-
DEBT	8,400,807	9,924,565	9,924,565	9,924,565	9,924,565	-
TOWN AUDIT	95,000	98,000	98,000	98,000	98,000	-
<b>CAPITAL STABILIZATION(Non Oper</b>	<b>392,872</b>	<b>601,351</b>	<b>601,351</b>	<b>601,351</b>	<b>601,351</b>	-
<b>STABILIZATION (Non Operational)</b>	<b>785,744</b>	<b>1,202,702</b>	<b>1,202,702</b>	<b>1,202,702</b>	<b>1,202,702</b>	<b>(1,202,702)</b>
<b>OPEB TRUST FUND (Non Operation</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>-</b>
OVERLAY PROVISIONS	225,000	260,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	-
ASSESSMENTS/OFFSETS	4,536,377	4,536,377	4,739,141	4,739,141	4,839,198	100,057
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>92,341,495</b>	<b>109,451,126</b>	<b>96,454,909</b>	<b>96,454,909</b>	<b>97,013,284</b>	<b>558,375</b>
<b>BALANCE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>(1,958,675)</b>	<b>(15,632,086)</b>	<b>(2,144,053)</b>	<b>(2,144,053)</b>	<b>(2,144,053)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ONE TIME REVENUES</b>						
FREE CASH	1,608,675	2,004,053	2,144,053	2,144,053	2,144,053	-
GENERAL STABILIZATION	350,000					-
OVERLAY SURPLUS						-
<b>EXCESS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(13,628,033)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>						
WATER RECEIPTS	5,188,760	5,526,841	5,526,841	5,526,841	5,467,542	(59,299)
WATER RETAINED EARNINGS	375,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	525,000	100,000
<b>TOTAL WATER REVENUE</b>	<b>5,563,760</b>	<b>5,951,841</b>	<b>5,951,841</b>	<b>5,951,841</b>	<b>5,992,542</b>	<b>40,701</b>
SEWER RECEIPTS	7,248,675	7,479,621	7,479,621	7,479,621	7,546,589	66,968
SEWER RETAINED EARNINGS	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	-
<b>TOTAL SEWER REVENUE</b>	<b>7,548,675</b>	<b>7,779,621</b>	<b>7,779,621</b>	<b>7,779,621</b>	<b>7,846,589</b>	<b>66,968</b>
SEWER EXPENSES	7,548,675	7,779,621	7,779,621	7,779,621	7,846,589	66,968
WATER EXPENSES	5,563,760	5,951,841	5,951,841	5,951,841	5,992,542	40,701
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>105,453,930</b>	<b>123,182,589</b>	<b>110,186,372</b>	<b>110,186,372</b>	<b>110,852,415</b>	<b>666,044</b>

# Exhibit A Expenditure Detail

## EXHIBIT A ( EXPENDITURE DETAIL)

It. No.	STM Approved FY25	Department Requested FY26	TA Recommended FY26	Select Board Recommended FY26	FAB Recommended FY26
<b><u>114 MODERATOR</u></b>					
	200	200	200	200	-
	200	200	200	200	200
1	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 200</b>
<b><u>122 SELECT BOARD</u></b>					
	101,086	105,223	105,223	105,223	90,223
	17,600	17,600	14,100	14,100	14,000
2	<b>\$ 118,686</b>	<b>\$ 122,823</b>	<b>\$ 119,323</b>	<b>\$ 119,323</b>	<b>\$ 104,223</b>
<b><u>123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u></b>					
	437,331	467,391	467,391	467,391	467,391
	29,650	29,650	26,150	26,150	25,900
3	<b>\$ 466,981</b>	<b>\$ 497,041</b>	<b>\$ 493,541</b>	<b>\$ 493,541</b>	<b>\$ 493,291</b>
<b><u>131 FINANCE &amp; ADVISORY BOAR</u></b>					
4	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b><u>132 RESERVE FUND</u></b>					
	705,059	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
5	<b>\$ 705,059</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>
<b><u>135 Town Accountant</u></b>					
	232,938	239,051	239,051	239,051	239,051
	55,200	58,600	46,600	46,600	45,850
6	<b>\$ 288,138</b>	<b>\$ 297,651</b>	<b>\$ 285,651</b>	<b>\$ 285,651</b>	<b>\$ 284,901</b>
<b><u>138 Purchasing/Procurement</u></b>					
	47,395	48,581	48,581	48,581	48,581
	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
7	<b>\$ 49,395</b>	<b>\$ 50,581</b>	<b>\$ 50,581</b>	<b>\$ 50,581</b>	<b>\$ 50,581</b>
<b><u>141 ASSESSOR'S</u></b>					
	151,157	153,459	153,459	153,459	149,859
	49,500	49,500	49,500	49,500	48,000
8	<b>\$ 200,657</b>	<b>\$ 202,959</b>	<b>\$ 202,959</b>	<b>\$ 202,959</b>	<b>\$ 197,859</b>
<b><u>145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR</u></b>					
	361,681	385,209	385,209	385,209	385,209
	45,420	56,540	42,790	42,790	42,490
9	<b>\$ 407,101</b>	<b>\$ 441,749</b>	<b>\$ 427,999</b>	<b>\$ 427,999</b>	<b>\$ 427,699</b>
<b><u>151 Town Counsel</u></b>					
	120,000	120,000	110,000	110,000	110,000
10	<b>\$ 120,000</b>	<b>\$ 120,000</b>	<b>\$ 110,000</b>	<b>\$ 110,000</b>	<b>\$ 110,000</b>
<b><u>155 GIS/MIS</u></b>					
	207,157	223,582	223,582	223,582	223,582
	259,266	283,745	280,745	280,745	280,745
11	<b>\$ 466,423</b>	<b>\$ 507,327</b>	<b>\$ 504,327</b>	<b>\$ 504,327</b>	<b>\$ 504,327</b>
<b><u>161 TOWN CLERK</u></b>					
	211,433	224,923	224,923	224,923	224,923
	26,900	27,000	27,000	27,000	26,875

12	Total Clerk Budget	\$ 238,333	\$ 251,923	\$ 251,923	\$ 251,923	\$ 251,798
	<b><u>171 Conservation</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	27,498	53,831	53,831	53,831	35,000
	Total Expenses	54,099	28,760	16,760	16,760	16,410
13	Total Conservation Budget	\$ 81,597	\$ 82,591	\$ 70,591	\$ 70,591	\$ 51,410
	<b><u>182 Planning Bd/BOA</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	35,000	35,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Total Expenses	3,792	3,792	3,792	3,792	3,292
14	Total Planning Bd/ZBA Budget	\$ 38,792	\$ 38,792	\$ 23,792	\$ 23,792	\$ 23,292
	<b><u>185 ECONOMIC &amp; COMMUNITY DEV.</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	106,488	114,396	114,396	114,396	114,396
	Total Expenses	98,820	219,858	58,820	58,820	58,250
15	Total Planning Budget	\$ 205,308	\$ 334,254	\$ 173,216	\$ 173,216	\$ 172,646
	<b><u>192 PUBLIC PROPERTY MAINTENANCE</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	181,810	192,260	192,260	192,260	192,260
	Total Expenses	181,350	181,350	176,350	176,350	176,350
16	Total Budget - Public Property Maintena	\$ 363,160	\$ 373,610	\$ 368,610	\$ 368,610	\$ 368,610
	<b><u>210 POLICE DEPARTMENT</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	5,013,257	5,793,053	5,394,832	5,394,832	5,394,832
	Total Expenses	373,040	443,990	411,440	411,440	411,440
17	Total Police Budget	\$ 5,386,297	\$ 6,433,043	\$ 5,806,272	\$ 5,806,272	\$ 5,806,272
	<b><u>211 TRAFFIC DIRECTORS</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	177,848	187,429	178,307	178,307	141,821
	Total Expenses	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
18	Total Traffic Budget	\$ 182,348	\$ 191,929	\$ 182,807	\$ 182,807	\$ 146,321
	<b><u>212 Dispatch</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	511,149	584,369	527,860	527,860	527,860
	Total Expenses	39,250	45,926	38,850	38,850	38,850
19	Total Dispatch Budget	\$ 550,399	\$ 630,295	\$ 566,710	\$ 566,710	\$ 566,710
	<b><u>220 FIRE DEPARTMENT</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	4,346,319	5,302,245	4,765,077	4,765,077	4,765,077
	Total Expenses	299,100	374,100	369,100	369,100	368,850
20	Total Fire Budget	\$ 4,645,419	\$ 5,676,345	\$ 5,134,177	\$ 5,134,177	\$ 5,133,927
	<b><u>241 BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	268,856	304,116	265,769	265,769	265,769
	Total Expenses	50,250	53,250	51,000	51,000	50,875
21	Total Building Budget	\$ 319,106	\$ 357,366	\$ 316,769	\$ 316,769	\$ 316,644
	<b><u>291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
	Total Expenses	5,000	5,000	3,500	3,500	3,500
22	Total Emergency Management Budget	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
	<b><u>Schools</u></b>					
23	300 PUBLIC SCHOOLS TOTAL BUDGET	35,796,978	48,000,000	37,049,872	37,049,872	39,460,244
	397 ESSEX NORTH SHORE AGRICULTURAL	141,149	145,383	145,383	145,383	128,765
	398 MINUTEMAN REGIONAL	36,344	37,434	37,434	37,434	37,434
	399 NORTHEAST VOCATIONAL	1,652,936	1,832,936	1,832,936	1,832,936	1,653,036
24	TOTAL REG VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	\$ 1,830,429	\$ 2,015,754	\$ 2,015,754	\$ 2,015,754	\$ 1,819,235

	<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS</b>	\$ 37,627,407	\$ 50,015,754	\$ 39,065,626	\$ 39,065,626	\$ 41,279,479
	<b><u>Public Works</u></b>					
	<b><u>400 DPW Administration</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	1,030,143	1,112,247	925,634	925,634	925,634
	Total Expenses	419,650	438,930	369,680	369,680	369,180
25	<b>TOTAL DPW ADMIN</b>	\$ 1,449,793	\$ 1,551,177	\$ 1,295,314	\$ 1,295,314	\$ 1,294,814
	<b><u>423 DPW Snow &amp; Ice</u></b>					
	Total Expenses	317,500	345,500	317,500	317,500	317,500
26	<b>TOTAL DPW Snow &amp; Ice</b>	\$ 317,500	\$ 345,500	\$ 317,500	\$ 317,500	\$ 317,500
	<b><u>424 DPW Street Lighting</u></b>					
27	<b>TOTAL DPW Street Lighting</b>	\$ 81,724	\$ 83,000	\$ 83,000	\$ 83,000	\$ 83,000
	<b><u>433 DPW REFUSE</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Total Expenses	115,633	125,500	115,633	115,633	115,633
28	<b>TOTAL DPW Refuse</b>	\$ 135,633	\$ 145,500	\$ 135,633	\$ 135,633	\$ 135,633
	<b><u>490 DPW MOTOR VEHICLE</u></b>					
29	<b>TOTAL DPW Motor Vehicle</b>	\$ 292,500	\$ 312,500	\$ 305,500	\$ 305,500	\$ 305,500
	<b><u>491 DPW Cemetery</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	315,830	320,753	320,753	320,753	320,753
	Total Expenses	41,770	70,270	67,520	67,520	67,520
30	<b>TOTAL DPW Cemetery</b>	\$ 357,600	\$ 391,023	\$ 388,273	\$ 388,273	\$ 388,273
	<b>Total Budget - DPW General Fund</b>	\$ 2,634,750	\$ 2,828,700	\$ 2,525,220	\$ 2,525,220	\$ 2,524,720
	<b><u>WAGES - 6000- Sewer</u></b>					
	Salaries - Sewer	454,211	476,579	476,579	476,579	476,579
	Expenses - Sewer	7,094,464	7,303,042	7,303,042	7,303,042	7,370,010
31	<b>Total Budget - Sewer Enterprise Fund</b>	\$ 7,548,675	\$ 7,779,621	\$ 7,779,621	\$ 7,779,621	\$ 7,846,589
	<b><u>WAGES -6200- Water</u></b>					
	Salaries - Water	444,546	445,551	445,551	445,551	445,551
	Expenses - Water	5,119,214	5,506,290	5,516,125	5,506,290	5,546,991
32	<b>Total Budget - Water Enterprise Fund</b>	\$ 5,563,760	\$ 5,951,841	\$ 5,961,676	\$ 5,951,841	\$ 5,992,542
	<b><u>510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	157,524	179,399	179,542	179,542	179,542
	Total Expenses	128,764	145,857	144,107	144,107	144,107
33	<b>Total Health Budget</b>	\$ 286,288	\$ 325,256	\$ 323,649	\$ 323,649	\$ 323,649
	<b><u>541 COUNCIL ON AGING</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	209,675	205,197	205,197	205,197	106,699
	Total Expenses	40,379	80,444	42,079	42,079	33,040
34	<b>Total Council on Aging Budget</b>	\$ 250,054	\$ 285,641	\$ 247,276	\$ 247,276	\$ 139,738
	<b><u>542 RECREATION</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	77,438	82,986	41,493	41,493	38,900
	Total Expenses	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
35	<b>Total Recreation Budget</b>	\$ 82,438	\$ 87,986	\$ 41,493	\$ 41,493	\$ 38,900
	<b><u>543 VETERANS' SERVICE</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	62,983	62,277	62,277	62,277	62,277
	Total Expenses	156,650	158,150	127,400	127,400	127,400
36	<b>Total Veteran's Budget</b>	\$ 219,633	\$ 220,427	\$ 189,677	\$ 189,677	\$ 189,677

	<b><u>590 Prevention and Outreach</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	-	40,000	-	-	-
	Total Expenses	40,000	-	-	-	-
37	<b>Total Substance Abuse Budget</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
	<b><u>610 LIBRARY</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	718,860	767,843	767,843	767,843	537,206
	Total Expenses	130,450	132,970	86,950	86,950	64,475
	Educational Supplies	143,261	149,307	139,307	139,307	69,654
38	<b>Total Library Budget</b>	<b>\$ 992,571</b>	<b>\$ 1,050,120</b>	<b>\$ 994,100</b>	<b>\$ 994,100</b>	<b>\$ 671,334</b>
	<b><u>631 ARENA</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	250,460	289,656	289,656	289,656	289,656
	Total Expenses	216,445	233,695	217,945	217,945	217,945
39	<b>Total Arena Budget</b>	<b>\$ 466,905</b>	<b>\$ 523,351</b>	<b>\$ 507,601</b>	<b>\$ 507,601</b>	<b>\$ 507,601</b>
	<b><u>Maturing Debt</u></b>					
	<b><u>DEBT SERVICE (P&amp;I)</u></b>					
	710 Principal	4,165,000	4,461,050	4,461,050	4,461,050	4,461,050
	750 Interest	4,235,807	5,463,515	5,463,515	5,463,515	5,463,515
40	<b>Tot. Budget-Non-Sewer Debt Serv.</b>	<b>\$ 8,400,807</b>	<b>\$ 9,924,565</b>	<b>\$ 9,924,565</b>	<b>\$ 9,924,565</b>	<b>\$ 9,924,565</b>
	<b><u>911 Contributory Pension</u></b>					
	Contributory Pension Expense	7,059,801	5,684,897	5,684,897	5,684,897	5,684,897
41	<b>Tot. Budget-Contributory Pension</b>	<b>\$ 7,059,801</b>	<b>\$ 5,684,897</b>	<b>\$ 5,684,897</b>	<b>\$ 5,684,897</b>	<b>\$ 5,684,897</b>
	<b><u>912 Health Insurance</u></b>					
	Total Expenses	10,732,409	11,990,826	11,990,825	11,990,825	11,990,825
42	<b>Total Health Insurance Budget</b>	<b>\$ 10,732,409</b>	<b>\$ 11,990,826</b>	<b>\$ 11,990,825</b>	<b>\$ 11,990,825</b>	<b>\$ 11,990,825</b>
	<b><u>919 UNCLASSIFIED</u></b>					
	Total Expenses	2,509,540	2,722,240	2,540,740	2,540,740	2,540,740
43	<b>Total Unclassified Budget</b>	<b>\$ 2,509,540</b>	<b>\$ 2,722,240</b>	<b>\$ 2,540,740</b>	<b>\$ 2,540,740</b>	<b>\$ 2,540,740</b>
	<b><u>920 NON-DEPARTMENTAL</u></b>					
	Total Expenses	1,235,915	1,861,352	1,858,952	1,858,952	616,250
44	<b>Total Non-Departmental Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,235,915</b>	<b>\$ 1,861,352</b>	<b>\$ 1,858,952</b>	<b>\$ 1,858,952</b>	<b>\$ 616,250</b>
	<b><u>950 OPEB TRUST</u></b>					
	OPEB Trust Contributions	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
45	<b>Total OPEB Trust Budget</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>				
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 87,580,117</b>	<b>\$ 104,504,793</b>	<b>\$ 91,315,768</b>	<b>\$ 91,315,768</b>	<b>\$ 91,774,086</b>
	State Assessments-(820)	4,536,377	4,536,377	4,739,141	4,739,141	4,839,198
	Overlay Reserve	225,000	260,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
46	<b>Total Other Budget Items</b>	<b>\$ 4,761,377</b>	<b>\$ 4,796,377</b>	<b>\$ 5,139,141</b>	<b>\$ 5,139,141</b>	<b>\$ 5,239,198</b>
	<b>Grand TotalGF Budget</b>	<b>\$ 92,341,494</b>	<b>\$ 109,301,170</b>	<b>\$ 96,454,909</b>	<b>\$ 96,454,909</b>	<b>\$ 97,013,284</b>
	<b>TOTAL WATER &amp; SEWER BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 13,112,434</b>	<b>\$ 13,731,462</b>	<b>\$ 13,741,297</b>	<b>\$ 13,731,462</b>	<b>\$ 13,839,131</b>
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 105,453,928</b>	<b>\$ 123,032,633</b>	<b>\$ 110,196,207</b>	<b>\$ 110,186,372</b>	<b>\$ 110,852,415</b>

**Select Board Chair Tim Waitkevitch made a motion to amend Article 5 as follows:**

**Move** to reallocate \$131,373 from Department 210 Police (\$71,345) and Department 220 Fire (\$60,028) to Department 610 Library budget in the amount of \$90,000 and to Department 541 Council on Aging in the amount of \$41,373.

**Motion to Move the Question  
Passes per Moderator  
Question is Moved  
Vote on Main Motion as Amended  
Passes as Amended per Moderator**

**Board of Library Trustee Chair Jessica Killilea, 34 Lee Street made a motion to amend Article 5 further as follows:**

**Move** to amend Department 610 Public Library to allocate \$100,000 from Free Cash for FY26 to increase the operating budget and therefore increase the municipal appropriation required for certification with the Mass Board of Library Commissioners.

**Motion to Move the Question  
Passes per Moderator  
Question is Moved  
Vote on Main Motion as Amended  
Passes as Amended per Moderator**

**Vote on the Main Motion as Amended Twice**

**Article 5.**

**A.** **Voted** that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,113,284 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 \$2,244,053 from Free Cash, and raise the sum of \$94,869,231 from the FY2026 Tax Levy.

**B.** **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$7,846,589 for costs of operations of the Sewer Enterprise Fund as itemized in Exhibit A, and to meet said appropriation raise \$300,000 from retained earnings.

**C.** **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,992,542 for costs of operations of the Water Enterprise Fund as itemized in Exhibit A, and to meet said appropriation raise \$525,000 from retained earnings.

# Exhibit A as Amended

Town of Stoneham Summary of Revenues and Expenses July 1, 2025						
	STM Approved FY25	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY26	ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDED FY26	Select Board RECOMMENDED FY26	FAB RECOMMENDED FY26	Variance FAB/ Select Board
<b>I. REVENUES</b>						
TAX LEVY	59,459,680	61,709,621	61,709,621	61,709,621	61,709,621	-
DEBT EXCLUSION	7,584,919	8,814,848	8,814,848	8,814,848	8,814,848	-
NEW GROWTH	735,000	500,000	700,000	700,000	960,000	260,000
SUBTOTAL	67,779,599	71,024,469	71,224,469	71,224,469	71,484,469	260,000
LOCAL RECEIPTS	8,065,688	8,216,802	8,377,916	8,377,916	8,377,916	-
EST CHERRY SHEET	13,338,084	13,338,084	13,462,739	13,462,739	13,653,446	190,707
FREE CASH						-
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	1,209,449	1,239,685	1,245,732	1,245,732	1,353,400	107,668
SUBTOTAL	22,603,221	22,794,571	23,086,387	23,086,387	23,384,762	298,375
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>90,382,820</b>	<b>93,819,040</b>	<b>94,310,856</b>	<b>94,310,856</b>	<b>94,869,231</b>	<b>558,375</b>
<b>II. EXPENSES</b>						
<b>TOWN BUDGETS</b>	19,796,478	22,682,458	20,496,562	20,496,562	20,045,729	(452,834)
<b>SCHOOL BUDGET</b>	35,796,978	48,000,000	37,049,872	37,049,872	39,460,244	2,410,372
<b>VOCATIONAL SCHOOL</b>	1,830,429	2,015,754	2,015,754	2,015,754	1,819,235	(196,518)
SHARED EXPENSES						-
HEALTH INSURANCE	10,732,410	11,990,826	11,990,825	11,990,825	11,990,825	-
RETIREMENT	7,059,801	5,834,853	5,684,897	5,684,897	5,684,897	-
MEDICARE	660,000	660,000	660,000	660,000	660,000	-
PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE	750,000	944,700	939,700	939,700	939,700	-
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	374,540	374,540	324,540	324,540	324,540	-
UNCOMPENSATED BALANCES						-
RESERVE FUND	705,059	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	-
DEBT	8,400,807	9,924,565	9,924,565	9,924,565	9,924,565	-
TOWNALLOTT	95,000	98,000	98,000	98,000	98,000	-
CAPITAL STABILIZATION(Non Operati	392,872	601,351	601,351	601,351	601,351	-
STABILIZATION (Non Operational)	785,744	1,202,702	1,202,702	1,202,702	-	(1,202,702)
OPEB TRUST FUND (Non Operational)	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	-
OVERLAY PROVISIONS	225,000	260,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	-
ASSESSMENTS/OFFSETS	4,536,377	4,536,377	4,739,141	4,739,141	4,839,198	100,057
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>92,341,495</b>	<b>100,451,126</b>	<b>96,454,909</b>	<b>96,454,909</b>	<b>97,113,284</b>	<b>658,375</b>
<b>BALANCE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>(1,958,675)</b>	<b>(15,632,086)</b>	<b>(2,144,053)</b>	<b>(2,144,053)</b>	<b>(2,244,053)</b>	<b>(100,000)</b>
<b>ONE TIME REVENUES</b>						
FREE CASH	1,608,675	2,004,053	2,144,053	2,144,053	2,244,053	100,000
GENERAL STABILIZATION	350,000					-
OVERLAY SURPLUS						-
EXCESS/(DEFICIT)	-	(13,628,033)	(0)	(0)	(0)	0
<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>						
WATER RECEIPTS	5,188,760	5,526,841	5,526,841	5,526,841	5,467,542	(59,299)
WATER RETAINED EARNINGS	375,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	525,000	100,000
TOTAL WATER REVENUE	5,563,760	5,951,841	5,951,841	5,951,841	5,992,542	40,701
SEWER RECEIPTS	7,248,675	7,479,621	7,479,621	7,479,621	7,546,589	66,968
SEWER RETAINED EARNINGS	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	-
TOTAL SEWER REVENUE	7,548,675	7,779,621	7,779,621	7,779,621	7,846,589	66,968
SEWER EXPENSES	7,548,675	7,779,621	7,779,621	7,779,621	7,846,589	66,968
WATER EXPENSES	5,363,760	5,551,841	5,551,841	5,551,841	5,992,542	40,701
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>105,453,930</b>	<b>123,182,589</b>	<b>110,186,372</b>	<b>110,186,372</b>	<b>110,952,415</b>	<b>766,043</b>

# Exhibit A Expenditures as Amended

## EXHIBIT A ( EXPENDITURE DETAIL)

It. No.	STM Approved FY25	Department Requested FY26	TA Recommended FY26	Select Board Recommended FY26	FAB Recommended FY26
<b><u>114 MODERATOR</u></b>					
	200	200	200	200	-
	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
1	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 200</b>
<b><u>122 SELECT BOARD</u></b>					
	101,086	105,223	105,223	105,223	90,223
	<u>17,600</u>	<u>17,600</u>	<u>14,100</u>	<u>14,100</u>	<u>14,000</u>
2	<b>\$ 118,686</b>	<b>\$ 122,823</b>	<b>\$ 119,323</b>	<b>\$ 119,323</b>	<b>\$ 104,223</b>
<b><u>123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u></b>					
	437,331	467,391	467,391	467,391	467,391
	<u>29,650</u>	<u>29,650</u>	<u>26,150</u>	<u>26,150</u>	<u>25,900</u>
3	<b>\$ 466,981</b>	<b>\$ 497,041</b>	<b>\$ 493,541</b>	<b>\$ 493,541</b>	<b>\$ 493,291</b>
<b><u>131 FINANCE &amp; ADVISORY BOAR</u></b>					
4	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b><u>132 RESERVE FUND</u></b>					
	<u>705,059</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>
5	<b>\$ 705,059</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>
<b><u>135 Town Accountant</u></b>					
	232,938	239,051	239,051	239,051	239,051
	<u>55,200</u>	<u>58,600</u>	<u>46,000</u>	<u>46,000</u>	<u>45,850</u>
6	<b>\$ 288,138</b>	<b>\$ 297,651</b>	<b>\$ 285,651</b>	<b>\$ 285,651</b>	<b>\$ 284,901</b>
<b><u>138 Purchasing/Procurement</u></b>					
	47,395	48,581	48,581	48,581	48,581
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
7	<b>\$ 49,395</b>	<b>\$ 50,581</b>	<b>\$ 50,581</b>	<b>\$ 50,581</b>	<b>\$ 50,581</b>
<b><u>141 ASSESSOR'S</u></b>					
	151,157	153,459	153,459	153,459	149,859
	<u>49,500</u>	<u>49,500</u>	<u>49,500</u>	<u>49,500</u>	<u>48,000</u>
8	<b>\$ 200,657</b>	<b>\$ 202,959</b>	<b>\$ 202,959</b>	<b>\$ 202,959</b>	<b>\$ 197,859</b>
<b><u>145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR</u></b>					
	361,681	385,209	385,209	385,209	385,209
	<u>45,420</u>	<u>56,540</u>	<u>42,790</u>	<u>42,790</u>	<u>42,490</u>
9	<b>\$ 407,101</b>	<b>\$ 441,749</b>	<b>\$ 427,999</b>	<b>\$ 427,999</b>	<b>\$ 427,699</b>
<b><u>151 Town Counsel</u></b>					
	<u>120,000</u>	<u>120,000</u>	<u>110,000</u>	<u>110,000</u>	<u>110,000</u>
10	<b>\$ 120,000</b>	<b>\$ 120,000</b>	<b>\$ 110,000</b>	<b>\$ 110,000</b>	<b>\$ 110,000</b>
<b><u>155 GIS/MIS</u></b>					
	207,157	223,582	223,582	223,582	223,582
	<u>259,266</u>	<u>283,745</u>	<u>280,745</u>	<u>280,745</u>	<u>280,745</u>
11	<b>\$ 466,423</b>	<b>\$ 507,327</b>	<b>\$ 504,327</b>	<b>\$ 504,327</b>	<b>\$ 504,327</b>
<b><u>161 TOWN CLERK</u></b>					
	211,433	224,923	224,923	224,923	224,923
	<u>26,900</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>26,875</u>

12	Total Clerk Budget	\$ 238,333	\$ 251,923	\$ 251,923	\$ 251,923	\$ 251,798
	<b><u>171 Conservation</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	27,498	53,831	53,831	53,831	35,000
	Total Expenses	54,099	28,760	16,760	16,760	16,410
13	Total Conservation Budget	\$ 81,597	\$ 82,591	\$ 70,591	\$ 70,591	\$ 51,410
	<b><u>182 Planning Bd/BOA</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	35,000	35,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Total Expenses	3,792	3,792	3,792	3,792	3,292
14	Total Planning Bd/ZBA Budget	\$ 38,792	\$ 38,792	\$ 23,792	\$ 23,792	\$ 23,292
	<b><u>185 ECONOMIC &amp; COMMUNITY DEV.</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	106,488	114,396	114,396	114,396	114,396
	Total Expenses	98,820	219,858	58,820	58,820	58,250
15	Total Planning Budget	\$ 205,308	\$ 334,254	\$ 173,216	\$ 173,216	\$ 172,646
	<b><u>192 PUBLIC PROPERTY MAINTENANCE</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	181,810	192,260	192,260	192,260	192,260
	Total Expenses	181,350	181,350	176,350	176,350	176,350
16	Total Budget - Public Property Maintena	\$ 363,160	\$ 373,610	\$ 368,610	\$ 368,610	\$ 368,610
	<b><u>210 POLICE DEPARTMENT</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	5,013,257	5,793,053	5,394,832	5,394,832	5,323,487
	Total Expenses	373,040	443,990	411,440	411,440	411,440
17	Total Police Budget	\$ 5,386,297	\$ 6,433,043	\$ 5,806,272	\$ 5,806,272	\$ 5,734,927
	<b><u>211 TRAFFIC DIRECTORS</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	177,848	187,429	178,307	178,307	141,821
	Total Expenses	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
18	Total Traffic Budget	\$ 182,348	\$ 191,929	\$ 182,807	\$ 182,807	\$ 146,321
	<b><u>212 Dispatch</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	511,149	584,369	527,860	527,860	527,860
	Total Expenses	39,250	45,926	38,850	38,850	38,850
19	Total Dispatch Budget	\$ 550,399	\$ 630,295	\$ 566,710	\$ 566,710	\$ 566,710
	<b><u>220 FIRE DEPARTMENT</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	4,346,319	5,302,245	4,765,077	4,765,077	4,705,049
	Total Expenses	299,100	374,100	369,100	369,100	368,850
20	Total Fire Budget	\$ 4,645,419	\$ 5,676,345	\$ 5,134,177	\$ 5,134,177	\$ 5,073,899
	<b><u>241 BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	268,856	304,116	265,769	265,769	265,769
	Total Expenses	50,250	53,250	51,000	51,000	50,875
21	Total Building Budget	\$ 319,106	\$ 357,366	\$ 316,769	\$ 316,769	\$ 316,644
	<b><u>291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
	Total Expenses	5,000	5,000	3,500	3,500	3,500
22	Total Emergency Management Budget	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
	<b><u>Schools</u></b>					
23	300 PUBLIC SCHOOLS TOTAL BUDGET	35,796,978	48,000,000	37,049,872	37,049,872	39,460,244
	397 ESSEX NORTH SHORE AGRICULTURAL	141,149	145,383	145,383	145,383	128,765
	398 MINUTEMAN REGIONAL	36,344	37,434	37,434	37,434	37,434
	399 NORTHEAST VOCATIONAL	1,652,936	1,832,936	1,832,936	1,832,936	1,653,036
24	TOTAL REG VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	\$ 1,830,429	\$ 2,015,754	\$ 2,015,754	\$ 2,015,754	\$ 1,819,235

	<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS</b>	\$ 37,627,407	\$ 50,015,754	\$ 39,065,626	\$ 39,065,626	\$ 41,279,479
	<b><u>Public Works</u></b>					
	<b><u>400 DPW Administration</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	1,030,143	1,112,247	925,634	925,634	925,634
	Total Expenses	419,650	438,930	369,680	369,680	369,180
25	<b>TOTAL DPW ADMIN</b>	\$ 1,449,793	\$ 1,551,177	\$ 1,295,314	\$ 1,295,314	\$ 1,294,814
	<b><u>423 DPW Snow &amp; Ice</u></b>					
	Total Expenses	317,500	345,500	317,500	317,500	317,500
26	<b>TOTAL DPW Snow &amp; Ice</b>	\$ 317,500	\$ 345,500	\$ 317,500	\$ 317,500	\$ 317,500
	<b><u>424 DPW Street Lighting</u></b>					
27	<b>TOTAL DPW Street Lighting</b>	\$ 81,724	\$ 83,000	\$ 83,000	\$ 83,000	\$ 83,000
	<b><u>433 DPW REFUSE</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Total Expenses	115,633	125,500	115,633	115,633	115,633
28	<b>TOTAL DPW Refuse</b>	\$ 135,633	\$ 145,500	\$ 135,633	\$ 135,633	\$ 135,633
	<b><u>490 DPW MOTOR VEHICLE</u></b>					
29	<b>TOTAL DPW Motor Vehicle</b>	\$ 292,500	\$ 312,500	\$ 305,500	\$ 305,500	\$ 305,500
	<b><u>491 DPW Cemetery</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	315,830	320,753	320,753	320,753	320,753
	Total Expenses	41,770	70,270	67,520	67,520	67,520
30	<b>TOTAL DPW Cemetery</b>	\$ 357,600	\$ 391,023	\$ 388,273	\$ 388,273	\$ 388,273
	<b>Total Budget - DPW General Fund</b>	\$ 2,634,750	\$ 2,828,700	\$ 2,525,220	\$ 2,525,220	\$ 2,524,720
	<b><u>WAGES - 6000- Sewer</u></b>					
	Salaries - Sewer	454,211	476,579	476,579	476,579	476,579
	Expenses - Sewer	7,094,464	7,303,042	7,303,042	7,303,042	7,370,010
31	<b>Total Budget - Sewer Enterprise Fund</b>	\$ 7,548,675	\$ 7,779,621	\$ 7,779,621	\$ 7,779,621	\$ 7,846,589
	<b><u>WAGES -6200- Water</u></b>					
	Salaries - Water	444,546	445,551	445,551	445,551	445,551
	Expenses - Water	5,119,214	5,506,290	5,516,125	5,506,290	5,546,991
32	<b>Total Budget - Water Enterprise Fund</b>	\$ 5,563,760	\$ 5,951,841	\$ 5,961,676	\$ 5,951,841	\$ 5,992,542
	<b><u>510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	157,524	179,399	179,542	179,542	179,542
	Total Expenses	128,764	145,857	144,107	144,107	144,107
33	<b>Total Health Budget</b>	\$ 286,288	\$ 325,256	\$ 323,649	\$ 323,649	\$ 323,649
	<b><u>541 COUNCIL ON AGING</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	209,675	205,197	205,197	205,197	148,572
	Total Expenses	40,379	80,444	42,079	42,079	33,040
34	<b>Total Council on Aging Budget</b>	\$ 250,054	\$ 285,641	\$ 247,276	\$ 247,276	\$ 181,611
	<b><u>542 RECREATION</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	77,438	82,986	41,493	41,493	38,900
	Total Expenses	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
35	<b>Total Recreation Budget</b>	\$ 82,438	\$ 87,986	\$ 41,493	\$ 41,493	\$ 38,900
	<b><u>543 VETERANS' SERVICE</u></b>					
	Total Salaries	62,983	62,277	62,277	62,277	62,277
	Total Expenses	156,650	158,150	127,400	127,400	127,400
36	<b>Total Veteran's Budget</b>	\$ 219,633	\$ 220,427	\$ 189,677	\$ 189,677	\$ 189,677

<b><u>590 Prevention and Outreach</u></b>						
	Total Salaries	-	40,000	-	-	-
	Total Expenses	40,000	-	-	-	-
37	<b>Total Substance Abuse Budget</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b><u>610 LIBRARY</u></b>						
	Total Salaries	718,860	767,843	767,843	767,843	637,206
	Total Expenses	130,450	132,970	86,950	86,950	154,475
	Educational Supplies	143,261	149,307	139,307	139,307	69,654
38	<b>Total Library Budget</b>	<b>\$ 992,571</b>	<b>\$ 1,050,120</b>	<b>\$ 994,100</b>	<b>\$ 994,100</b>	<b>\$ 861,334</b>
<b><u>631 ARENA</u></b>						
	Total Salaries	250,460	289,656	289,656	289,656	289,656
	Total Expenses	216,445	233,695	217,945	217,945	217,945
39	<b>Total Arena Budget</b>	<b>\$ 466,905</b>	<b>\$ 523,351</b>	<b>\$ 507,601</b>	<b>\$ 507,601</b>	<b>\$ 507,601</b>
<b><u>Maturing Debt</u></b>						
<b><u>DEBT SERVICE (P&amp;I)</u></b>						
	710 Principal	4,165,000	4,461,050	4,461,050	4,461,050	4,461,050
	750 Interest	4,235,807	5,463,515	5,463,515	5,463,515	5,463,515
40	<b>Tot. Budget-Non-Sewer Debt Serv.</b>	<b>\$ 8,400,807</b>	<b>\$ 9,924,565</b>	<b>\$ 9,924,565</b>	<b>\$ 9,924,565</b>	<b>\$ 9,924,565</b>
<b><u>911 Contributory Pension</u></b>						
	Contributory Pension Expense	7,059,801	5,684,897	5,684,897	5,684,897	5,684,897
41	<b>Tot. Budget-Contributory Pension</b>	<b>\$ 7,059,801</b>	<b>\$ 5,684,897</b>	<b>\$ 5,684,897</b>	<b>\$ 5,684,897</b>	<b>\$ 5,684,897</b>
<b><u>912 Health Insurance</u></b>						
	Total Expenses	10,732,409	11,990,826	11,990,825	11,990,825	11,990,825
42	<b>Total Health Insurance Budget</b>	<b>\$ 10,732,409</b>	<b>\$ 11,990,826</b>	<b>\$ 11,990,825</b>	<b>\$ 11,990,825</b>	<b>\$ 11,990,825</b>
<b><u>919 UNCLASSIFIED</u></b>						
	Total Expenses	2,509,540	2,722,240	2,540,740	2,540,740	2,540,740
43	<b>Total Unclassified Budget</b>	<b>\$ 2,509,540</b>	<b>\$ 2,722,240</b>	<b>\$ 2,540,740</b>	<b>\$ 2,540,740</b>	<b>\$ 2,540,740</b>
<b><u>920 NON-DEPARTMENTAL</u></b>						
	Total Expenses	1,235,915	1,861,352	1,858,952	1,858,952	616,250
44	<b>Total Non-Departmental Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,235,915</b>	<b>\$ 1,861,352</b>	<b>\$ 1,858,952</b>	<b>\$ 1,858,952</b>	<b>\$ 616,250</b>
<b><u>950 OPEB TRUST</u></b>						
	OPEB Trust Contributions	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
45	<b>Total OPEB Trust Budget</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>				
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET</b>						
		<b>\$ 87,580,117</b>	<b>\$ 104,504,793</b>	<b>\$ 91,315,768</b>	<b>\$ 91,315,768</b>	<b>\$ 91,874,586</b>
	State Assessments-(820)	4,536,377	4,536,377	4,739,141	4,739,141	4,839,198
	Overlay Reserve	225,000	260,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
46	<b>Total Other Budget Items</b>	<b>\$ 4,761,377</b>	<b>\$ 4,796,377</b>	<b>\$ 5,139,141</b>	<b>\$ 5,139,141</b>	<b>\$ 5,239,198</b>
	<b>Grand TotalGF Budget</b>	<b>\$ 92,341,494</b>	<b>\$ 109,301,170</b>	<b>\$ 96,454,909</b>	<b>\$ 96,454,909</b>	<b>\$ 97,113,784</b>
<b>TOTAL WATER &amp; SEWER BUDGET</b>						
		<b>\$ 13,112,434</b>	<b>\$ 13,731,462</b>	<b>\$ 13,741,297</b>	<b>\$ 13,731,462</b>	<b>\$ 13,839,131</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>						
		<b>\$ 105,453,928</b>	<b>\$ 123,032,633</b>	<b>\$ 110,196,207</b>	<b>\$ 110,186,372</b>	<b>\$ 110,952,915</b>

**Main Motion as Amended Twice  
Passed Per Moderator**

**Motion for Reconsideration  
Motion Fails  
Cannot be Reconsidered**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money 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.

**Select Board**

**Article 6.** **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$671,200 for the capital projects set forth in the following chart, 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.

Department	Amount	FY26 Capital Projects Requested	Funding Source
Fire	\$ 50,000.00	DESIGN Fire Station Roof Restoration	Bonding
DPW	\$ 66,000.00	Sewer Pump Station grinder	Bonding
DPW	\$ 288,200.00	6 Wheel Dump Truck	Bonding
DPW	\$ 35,000.00	Leak Detection Equipment	Bonding
Schools	\$ 132,000.00	Middle School Bridge	Bonding
DPW	\$ 100,000.00	Streets and Sidewalks	Bonding
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 671,200.00</b>	<b>FY26 request</b>	

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

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. Gen. L. c. 60 §3D allowing the town to design and designate a place on its municipal tax bills, or motor vehicle excise tax bills, or to mail with such tax bills a separate form, whereby the taxpayers of the town may voluntarily check off, donate and/or pledge an amount not less than \$1.00 dollar or such other designated amount which shall increase the amount due, and authorize the establishment of elderly and disabled taxation fund for the purpose of defraying the real estate taxes of elderly and disabled persons of low income; and further that there be established a taxation aid committee consisting of the chair of the Board of Assessors, the Town Treasurer, and three residents of the town appointed by the Select Board for staggered terms of up to three years fix to identify the recipients of such aid and make rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of said law, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Select Board**

**Article 9.** **Voted** that the Town accept the provisions of Mass. Gen. L. c. 60 §3D allowing the town to design and designate a place on its municipal tax bills, or motor vehicle excise tax bills, or to mail with such tax bills a separate form, whereby the taxpayers of the town may voluntarily check off, donate and/or pledge an amount not less than \$1.00 dollar or such other designated amount which shall increase the amount due, and authorize the establishment of elderly and disabled taxation fund for the purpose of defraying the real estate taxes of elderly and disabled persons of low income; and further that there be established a taxation aid committee

consisting of the chair of the Board of Assessors, the Town Treasurer, and three residents of the town appointed by the Select Board for staggered terms of up to three years to identify the recipients of such aid and make rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of said law.

**Motion to Move the Question  
Passed Per Moderator  
Question is Moved  
Vote on the Motion  
Passed Per Moderator**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5C½, which provides for an additional real estate exemption for taxpayers who are granted personal exemptions on their domiciles under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, including certain blind persons, veterans, surviving spouses and seniors, and to provide that the additional exemption shall be up to 100 % of the personal exemption, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Select Board**

**Article 10. Moved** accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5C½, which provides for an additional real estate exemption for taxpayers who are granted personal exemptions on their domiciles under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, including certain blind persons, veterans, surviving spouses and seniors, and to provide that the additional exemption shall be up to 25% of the personal exemption, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025 .

Shortly after making the motion, Select Board member David Pignone brought forth indefinite postponement for Article 10.

**Article 10. Voted** that the subject matter of article 10 be indefinitely postponed.

**Passed per Moderator**

**Article 11.** 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 25 departmental budgets approved under Article No. 7 of the May 6, 2024 Annual Town Meeting, as amended, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Select Board**

**Article 11. Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$600,000 to defray the cost to meet Fiscal Year 25 departmental budgets approved under Article No. 7 of the May 6, 2024 Annual Town Meeting and to meet this appropriation transfer the sum of \$600,000 from General Stabilization and with said sum apportioned to said budgets by the Town Administrator, Town Treasurer and/or Town Accountant to Fiscal Year 25 departmental budgets approved under Article No.7 of the May 6, 2024 Annual Town Meeting.

**⅔ Vote Required**

## 2/3 Vote Passed Per Moderator

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning, Section 6.9 - Flood Plain (Overlay) District Regulations by making the additions underlined in bold and deletions shown using strikethrough, as follows:

### 6.9 FLOOD PLAIN (OVERLAY) DISTRICT REGULATIONS:

#### 6.9 Purpose:

The purpose of the Floodplain Overlay District is to:

- 1) Ensure public safety through reducing the threats to life and personal injury
- 2) Eliminate new hazards to emergency response officials
- 3) Prevent the occurrence of public emergencies resulting from water quality, contamination, and pollution due to flooding
- 4) Avoid the loss of utility services which if damaged by flooding would disrupt or shut down the utility network and impact regions of the community beyond the site of flooding
- 5) Eliminate costs associated with the response and cleanup of flooding conditions
- 6) Reduce damage to public and private property resulting from flooding waters

#### Definitions:

**DEVELOPMENT** means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to building or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.

**FLOOD BOUNDARY AND FLOODWAY MAP** means an official map of a community issued by FEMA that depicts, based on detailed analyses, the boundaries of the 100-year and 500-year floods and the 100-year floodway. (For maps done in 1987 and later, the floodway designation is included on the FIRM.) (if applicable)

**FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP (FHBM)** An official map of a community issued by the Federal Insurance Administrator, where the boundaries of the flood and related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as Zone A or E. (if applicable)

**FLOODWAY.** The channel of the river, creek or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height.

**FUNCTIONALLY DEPENDENT USE** means a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building and ship repair facilities, but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.

**HIGHEST ADJACENT GRADE** means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls of a structure.

**HISTORIC STRUCTURE** means any structure that is:

**(a) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;**

**(b) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;**

**(c) Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or**

**(d) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:**

**(1) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or**

**(2) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.**

**[US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]**

**NEW CONSTRUCTION. Structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of the first floodplain management code, regulation, ordinance, or standard adopted by the authority having jurisdiction, including any subsequent improvements to such structures. New construction includes work determined to be substantial improvement. [Referenced Standard ASCE 24-14]**

**RECREATIONAL VEHICLE means a vehicle which is:**

**(a) Built on a single chassis;**

**(b) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;**

**(c) Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and**

**(d) Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.**

**[US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]**

**SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA. The land area subject to flood hazards and shown on a Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard map as Zone A, AE, A1-30, A99, AR, AO, AH, V, VO, VE or V1-30. [Base Code, Chapter 2, Section 202]**

**START OF CONSTRUCTION. The date of issuance for new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement or other improvement is within 180 days after the date of issuance. The actual start of construction means the first placement of permanent construction of a building (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of a slab or footings, installation of pilings or construction of columns.**

**Permanent construction does not include land preparation (such as clearing, excavation, grading or filling), the installation of streets or walkways, excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations, the erection of temporary forms or the installation of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main building. For a substantial improvement, the actual "start of construction" means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of a building, whether or**

not that alteration affects the external dimensions of building. [Base Code, Chapter 2, Section 202]

STRUCTURE means, for floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

SUBSTANTIAL REPAIR OF A FOUNDATION. When work to repair or replace a foundation results in the repair or replacement of a portion of the foundation with a perimeter along the base of the foundation that equals or exceeds 50% of the perimeter of the base of the foundation measured in linear feet, or repair or replacement of 50% of the piles, columns or piers of a pile, column or pier supported foundation, the building official shall determine it to be substantial repair of a foundation. Applications determined by the building official to constitute substantial repair of a foundation shall require all existing portions of the entire building or structure to meet the requirements of 780 CMR. [As amended by MA in 9th Edition BC]

VARIANCE means a grant of relief by a community from the terms of a flood plain management regulation. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

VIOLATION means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's flood plain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in §60.3 is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

#### 6.9.1 Flood Plain (Overlay) District:

The Flood Plain Overlay District is herein established as an overlay district. The underlying permitted uses in all districts are allowed provided that they meet the following additional requirements as well as those of the 780 CMR—Massachusetts State Building Code dealing with construction in floodplains and 310 CMR—Department of Environmental Protection Regulations. The District includes all special flood hazard areas designated on the Town's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program, dated July 8, 2025 (the most recent effective map date on FIRM) and on the Flood Boundary & Floodway Map (FBFM) (if applicable) dated July 8, 2025 (the most recent effective date of the FBFM). These maps indicate the 1% chance regulatory floodplain. The exact boundaries of the District shall be defined by the 1% chance base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 8, 2025 (the most current FIS date). The effective FIRM, FBFM, and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk and Department of Public Works.

**The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within Stoneham designated as Zone A, AE, on the Middlesex County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) dated July 8, 2025 issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The exact boundaries of the District shall be defined by the 1%-chance base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Middlesex County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report date July 8, 2025. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with Town Clerk and Department of Public Works.**

or do anything in relation thereto.

### **Town Administrator**

**Article 12.** Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning, Section 6.9 - Flood Plain (Overlay) District Regulations by making the additions underlined in bold and deletions shown using strikethrough, as set forth in Article 12 of the May 5, 2025 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

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

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code Chapter 20, Board of Health, 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**

**The petitioner was not present to move the article. Mr. Seibold had also indicated that he was going to indefinitely postpone the article. Town Meeting passed the article with no action taken.**

**Article 14.** To see if the town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 10, Personnel, with deletions shown as strikethrough and new language shown in **bold underline** as follows:

Sec. 10-10.4 Police and Fire Departments residency requirement.

Any person appointed to the regular Police or Fire Departments of the Town shall be a

resident of the Town when appointed and shall remain a resident for one year after the appointment. After one year of the appointment, ~~he or she shall be subject to the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 99A, which allow members of the Police and Fire Departments to live within a fifteen mile radius of the City or Town in which they are employed.~~ **employees of the Police and Fire Departments shall be required to live within a 40 Mile radius, regardless of state borders, of the limits of the Town of Stoneham. Said distance shall be measured from the closest border limits of the Town of Stoneham to the closest border limits of the city or town of residence.**

or do anything in relation thereto.

**Brian Cronin, 16 Hillside Avenue**

**Article 14.** Voted that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 10, Personnel, with deletions shown as strikethrough and new language shown in **bold underline** as follows:

Sec. 10-10.4 Police and Fire Departments residency requirement.

Any person appointed to the regular Police or Fire Departments of the Town shall be a resident of the Town when appointed and shall remain a resident for one year after the appointment. After one year of the appointment, ~~he or she shall be subject to the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 99A, which allow members of the Police and Fire Departments to live within a fifteen mile radius of the City or Town in which they are employed.~~ **employees of the Police and Fire Departments shall be required to live within a 40 Mile radius, regardless of state borders, of the limits of the Town of Stoneham. Said distance shall be measured from the closest border limits of the Town of Stoneham to the closest border limits of the city or town of residence.**

**Motion to Move the Question  
Passed Per Moderator  
Question is Moved  
Vote on the Motion  
Passed Per Moderator**

Motion to adjourn made and seconded.  
The Town Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Maria Sagarino  
Town Clerk