

Stoneham Override Study Committee

Date:	September 25, 2025
Time:	3p
Location:	Stoneham Town Hall Hearing Room
Present:	Joe Joffe – Chair Stephen Ternullo – Vice Chair Nick Stavre, Jackie Mahoney, Heidi Bilbo, Brendan Dowdle, Eric Scruggs, Cory Mashburn
Absent:	
Guests:	Dennis Sheehan – Town Administrator

	<p><u>AGENDA</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings - Vote Required 2. Central Questions of OSC Charge - Vote Required <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Overall Need for an Override b. Potential Amount(s) c. Timeframe 3. Structure of the Report - review written sections, discussion and feedback 4. Upcoming meetings & Upcoming business 5. Other business - Non-Deliberative 6. Adjournment - Vote Required

1.	<p>Approval of Minutes from previous meeting - Vote Required</p> <p>The committee discussed and approved the 9/16 meeting minutes.</p>	<p>Mr. Ternullo introduced a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the 9/16 meeting; Mr. Mahoney seconded; all else in favor.</p>
2.	<p>Central Questions of OSC Charge - Vote Required</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Overall Need for an Override b. Potential Amount(s) c. Timeframe 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee reviewed and discussed information regarding the use of outside mechanics by the DPW. • Funding needs and requests from the school Department were discussed. • There is a table at the end of the minutes that reflects a discussion of dollar amounts and notes by department that would sum up to a potential override amount (Labeled as Table 1 in the Supporting Tables section). • The committee debated and voted on a recommended override amount. 	<p>Mr. Scruggs introduced a motion to recommend an override amount of \$12,506,094; Mr. Mashburn seconded; Mr. Ternullo and Mr. Mahoney voted no, all else in favor.</p> <p>Mr. Scruggs introduced a motion to set the timeframe for the approved recommendation to be FY27-FY29 under normal circumstances, Mr. Stavre seconded.</p> <p>Ms. Bilbo introduced a motion to amend that the previous motion to include that Prop 2.5 increases and new growth are expected as part of the FY27-FY29 timeframe; Mr. Stavre seconded; all else in favor.</p> <p>A vote on the motion to set the timeframe for the approved recommendation to be FY27-FY29 under normal circumstances including expected Prop 2.5 increases and new growth; Mr. Ternullo and Mr. Mahoney voted no, all else in favor.</p>
3.	Structure of the Report - review written sections, discussion and feedback	No votes needed
4.	Upcoming meetings & Upcoming business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a discussion of the 9/30 committee meeting becoming a joint meeting with the Select Board to discuss the OSC's recommendations and report. 	No votes needed
5.	Other business – Non-Deliberative	No votes needed

6.	Adjournment - Vote Required	Mr. Ternullo then introduced a motion to adjourn; Mr. Dowdle seconded; all in favor.
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Supporting Tables:

Table 1:

OSC Override Amount Recommendations by Department

<u>Department</u>	<u>Baseline Amount</u>	<u>Investment Amount</u>	<u>Baseline Notes/Details:</u>	<u>Investment Notes/Details:</u>
Council on Aging	\$136,000	\$100,000	Sustainability funding current staffing and services	Bringing CoA budget inline with nearby towns
Library	\$232,766		Bring funding to MAR required levels accounting for one-time transfer in current FY	
Economic Development	\$40,000	\$100,000		Adding in an operations staff member to support multiple departments
Prevention & Outreach	\$40,000		Salary for this currently being covered by opioid funds	
Shared Services	\$1,616,000	\$81,000	Categories included: Healthcare, Medicare, P&C Insurance, Workers Comp	Accounts for adding staff
Police	\$415,000	\$93,000	Adding in 5 Patrol Officers, 4 Traffic Directors, and 1 Overnight Dispatcher	1 School Resource Officer
DPW	\$181,325	\$180,000	2 staff and consulting services	Adding additional staff to boost departmental flexibility
Fire	\$362,196	\$160,000	Restoring 1 firefighter, adding 4 firefighters, and promoting 4 firefighters	1 Deputy Chief
Recreation	\$49,086			
Asst. Building Inspector	\$38,000			
Trash Subsidy				
Other Departments				
Schools	\$8,681,721		Bringing salaries closer to market and restoring services.	
Total	\$11,792,094	\$714,000		
Overall Total		\$12,506,094.00		

**as of 9/25/2025 OSC Meeting*