

**MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021**

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 at **Stoneham High School, 149 Franklin Street, Stoneham**, on

**Monday, October 4, 2021, 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 Stoneham High School Gymnasium and the checklist showed 904 voters were inside the meeting.

Moderator Jeanne Craigie led the Pledge of Allegiance. She then took a moment of personal privilege to recognize the passing of former Selectman Darin Leahy.

The meeting was called to order in the High school Gym at 7:34 PM and the warrant was read.

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$625,000 for capital projects, including all incidental and related costs, all as set forth below, or take any other action relative thereto.

Department	Amount	FY22 Funded Projects (Bonding)	Funding Source
Public Works	\$ 100,000.00	Streets and Sidewalks	Free Cash
Police	\$ 70,000.00	Marked Vehicle	Free Cash
Facilities	\$ 455,000.00	Town Wide Building and Roof Improvements	Free Cash
<b>Total</b>	<b>625,000.00</b>		

**Select Board**

**Article 1.** **Voted** that the Town transfer from surplus revenue (Free Cash) a sum not to exceed \$625,000 (six hundred twenty-five thousand) for the Capital Projects set forth below, said funds to be expended under the general supervision of the Town Administrator and supervision of the department head for which the sums have been appropriated.

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**Motion to Move the Question  
Question is Moved  
Majority Vote Required  
Passed per Moderator**

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Stoneham School Building Committee for planning, designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing the New Stoneham High School located at 149 Franklin Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-five and one-tenth percent (55.10%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, or do anything in relation thereto.

### **Select Board**

**Article 2.** **Voted** that the Town appropriate the amount of one hundred eighty-nine million five hundred ninety-three thousand five hundred ninety-four dollars (\$189,593,594) for the purpose of paying costs of planning, designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing the New Stoneham High School located at 149 Franklin Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Stoneham School Building Committee; and further, to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; and further, that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-five and one-tenth percent (55.10%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to project costs in accordance with G.L. c.44, Section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by a like amount.

**Motion to Move the Question  
Question is Moved  
¾Vote Required  
¾ Vote Passed Per Moderator  
Motion for Reconsideration  
Cannot be Reconsidered**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will approve the \$317,422,620 borrowing authorized by the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District Committee, for the purpose of paying costs of designing, engineering, constructing and equipping the New Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School and related athletic facilities located at 100 Hemlock Road in Wakefield, MA 01880, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended at the direction of Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School Committee. The Town’s estimated share of the District’s debt for this purpose, exclusive of interest, and based upon current enrollments, is approximately \$19,823,427, which amount will be reduced to the extent of MSBA grants received by the District, resulting in an estimated net share of principal allocable to the Town, exclusive of interest, of approximately \$11,027,054. The MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) seventy-six and eighty-four one hundredths

percent (76.84%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Select Board**

**Article 3.** **Voted** the Town hereby approves the three hundred seventeen million four hundred twenty-two thousand six hundred twenty dollars (\$317,422,620) borrowing authorized by the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District Committee, for the purpose of paying costs of designing, engineering, constructing and equipping the New Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School and related athletic facilities located at 100 Hemlock Road in Wakefield, MA 01880, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School Committee; that the Town's estimated share of the District's debt for this purpose, exclusive of interest, and based upon current enrollments, is approximately nineteen million eight hundred twenty-three thousand four hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$19,823,427) which amount will be reduced to the extent of MSBA grants received by the District, resulting in an estimated net share of principal allocable to the Town, exclusive of interest, of approximately eleven million twenty-seven thousand fifty-four dollars (\$11,027,054); that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) seventy-six and eighty-four one hundredths percent (76.84%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

**Motion to Move the Question  
Question is Moved  
Majority Vote Required  
Passed per Moderator**

**Meeting Dissolved at 8:52PM.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Maria Sagarino  
Town Clerk**