

**MINUTES FOR TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024**

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 2, 2024, 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) seats on the Select Board 3 year term **Raymie Parker & David Pignone Jr**
- Two (2) seats on the School Committee 3 year term **Melanie Fiore & Jaime Wallace**
- One (1) seat on the Board of Assessors 3 year term **Frank Vallarelli**
- One (1) seat on the Planning Board 5 year term **Kevin Dolan**
- One (1) seat on the Housing Authority 5 year term **Michelle Meagher**
- One (1) seat on the Board of Health 3 year term **Francis Gould**
- Two (2) seats on the Board of Library Trustees 3 year term **Jane Francis & Austin Haley**
- Three (3) Constables 3 year term **Jon Chiavelli, David Luciano, Robert Sweeney**

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 6, 2024, 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 154 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jeanne Craigie at 7:03 PM in the Auditorium of Town Hall. Mrs. Craigie asked Anthony Wilson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Craigie then asked Ben Jacques, longtime resident and historian, to give the invocation after which Select Board member Heidi Bilbo presented Mr. Jacques with a Proclamation from State Representative Michael Day and the House of Representatives for all the work he has done.

Moving on to the business of the evening, Mrs. Craigie explained the process for consent agenda. She explained that Article 1 is our Town Election. She asked for a motion to allow for consent agenda on articles 2, 3, 4, 11 and 12 and that the articles be passed.

**It was moved and voted** that the Town take out of order Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, and 12 that they be "passed by consent" in accordance with the motions shown on the "2024 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 2025.

**Vote by Consent Agenda  
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 vote to receive the reports of Town officers and committees.

**Vote by Consent Agenda  
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 2025 as follows:

Town Moderator	\$200
Board of Assessors	\$1,200
Select Board	\$3,000
Town Clerk	\$95,159

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 \$95,159 as set forth in the May 6, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**Vote by Consent Agenda  
Passes per Moderator**

**Article 10.** 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 2025 as set forth in the below table, or take any other action relative thereto.

<u>PEG Access Enterprise Fund</u>	<u>Department Requested FY25</u>	<u>Administrator Recommended FY25</u>	<u>Select Board Recommended FY25</u>	<u>Finance Committee Recommended FY25</u>
Expenses	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>
<b>Total PEG Access Budget</b>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>

**Select Board**

**Article 10.** 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 2025 as set forth in the table in Article 10 of the May 6, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

<u>PEG Access Enterprise Fund</u>	<u>Department Requested FY25</u>	<u>Administrator Recommended FY25</u>	<u>Select Board Recommended FY25</u>	<u>Finance Committee Recommended FY25</u>
Expenses	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>
<b>Total PEG Access Budget</b>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>

**Vote by Consent Agenda  
Passes per Moderator**

**Article 11.** To see if the town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal Year 2025 beginning on July 1, 2024, 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>FY2024 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
300th Anniversary Celebration	300th Anniversary Celebration Committee	\$	20,000

**Select Board**

**Article 11.** Voted that the Town set Fiscal Year 2025 total expenditure limitations for the 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 11 of the May 6, 2024 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer		FY2024 Spending Limit
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
300th Anniversary Celebration	300th Anniversary Celebration Committee	\$	20,000

**Vote by Consent Agenda  
Passes per Moderator**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available sums, the sum of \$20,000 or such other sum, to the Stoneham 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, for the purpose of planning and implementation of events and activities and to defray costs and expenses associated with the Town of Stoneham's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Select Board**

**Article 12.** **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of funding the planning and implementation of the Town of Stoneham's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events and activities as well as to defray its costs and expenses, and to meet this appropriation, transfer said sum from Free Cash.

**Vote by Consent Agenda  
Passes per Moderator**

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning By-law by amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Stoneham to add to the Residence B District the following described property at 147 Franklin Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts from its current split zone of Residence B District on Franklin Street and Residence A District in the rear to all Residence B District.

The land in said Stoneham, situated on the Southerly side of Franklin Street, bounded and described as follows:

Being a portion of land as described in a Deed at Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 82173, Page 76, beginning One Hundred Three and Forty-Nine Hundredths (103.49) feet from the Northeasterly corner of said lot thence:

SOUTHEASTERLY: by land of the Town of Stoneham Seventy-One and Ninety-Five Hundredths (71.95) feet, thence

WESTERLY: by land now or formerly of Rao One Hundred (100.00) feet, thence

NORTHERLY: by land now or formerly of Joyce One Hundred Two and Eleven Hundredths (102.11) feet, thence

EASTERLY: on a curve with a radius of Five Hundred and Eighty-Two Hundredths (500.82) feet, a length of One Hundred One and Fifty-Two Hundredths (101.52) feet, to the point of beginning.

Containing 8,377 square feet, more or less.

**Charles Houghton  
15 Kimball Drive**

**Article 5.** **Voted** Article 5 as set forth in the May 6, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning By-law by amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Stoneham to add to the Residence B District the following described property at 32 Summer Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts.

**32 Summer Street**

The land in Stoneham, being shown as Lot B on a plan entitled “Subdivision of Land in Stoneham, Mass., dated March 26, 1962, which plan is recorded at the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 1416 of 1962, at Book 10137, Page 430, and further bounded and described as follows:

- SOUTHWESTERLY: by Summer Street, as shown on said plan Ninety-Five and Sixty-Eight Hundredths (95.68) feet, more or less;
- NORTHWESTERLY: by land of Vayo, as shown on said plan, Ninety-Five and Fifty-Eight Hundredths (95.58) feet, more or less;
- NORTHEASTERLY: by Lot A, as shown on said plan, One Hundred Forty-Three and Twenty-Six Hundredths (143.26) feet, more or less;
- SOUTHEASTERLY: by Pond Street, as shown on said plan, Sixty-Five (65.00) feet, more or less; and
- SOUTHERLY: by a curved line forming the junction of Pond and Summer Streets, Fifty-Five and Ninety Hundredths (55.90) feet, more or less.

Containing, according to said plan, 13,180 square feet, more or less.

**Charles Houghton  
15 Kimball Drive**

**Article 6. Voted** Article 6 as set forth in the May 6, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

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

**Article 7.** 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 7. Voted** that the Town:

- A.** raise and appropriate the sum of \$91,475,092 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 \$350,000 from General Stabilization, the sum of \$1,378,616 from Free Cash, and raise the sum of \$89,746,476 from the FY2025 Tax Levy.
- B.** appropriate the sum of \$7,548,675 for costs of operations of the Sewer Enterprise Fund as itemized in Exhibit A, and to meet said appropriation transfer \$300,000 from Retained Earnings and raise \$7,248,675 from Sewer Receipts.
- C.** appropriate the sum of \$5,563,760 for costs of operations of the Water Enterprise Fund as itemized in Exhibit A, and to meet said appropriation transfer \$375,000 for Retained Earnings and raise \$5,188,760 from Water Receipts.

**Exhibit A**

Town of Stoneham Summary of Revenues and Expenses July 1, 2024					
	APPROVED TAX RATE FY24	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY25	ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDED FY25	SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDED FY25	FINANCE ADV BOARD RECOMMENDED FY25
<b>I. REVENUES</b>					
TAX LEVY	57,494,057	59,459,680	59,459,680	59,459,680	59,459,680
DEBT EXCLUSION	7,583,269	7,584,919	7,584,919	7,584,919	7,584,919
NEW GROWTH	500,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>65,577,326</b>	<b>67,694,599</b>	<b>67,694,599</b>	<b>67,694,599</b>	<b>67,694,599</b>
LOCAL RECEIPTS	7,092,244	7,092,244	7,480,183	7,562,653	7,577,653
SBA REIMBURSEMENT	-	-	-	-	-
EST CHERRY SHEET	12,876,650	12,876,650	13,014,819	12,965,110	13,264,775
FREE CASH	-	-	-	-	-
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	1,128,327	1,196,636	1,196,008	1,209,449	1,209,449
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>21,097,221</b>	<b>21,125,430</b>	<b>21,691,011</b>	<b>21,737,212</b>	<b>22,051,877</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>86,674,547</b>	<b>88,820,029</b>	<b>89,385,610</b>	<b>89,431,811</b>	<b>89,746,476</b>
<b>II. EXPENSES</b>					
<b>TOWN BUDGETS</b>	<b>18,862,810</b>	<b>20,434,323</b>	<b>19,386,317</b>	<b>19,462,873</b>	<b>19,507,873</b>
<b>SCHOOL BUDGET</b>	<b>34,396,479</b>	<b>37,346,979</b>	<b>35,428,373</b>	<b>35,428,373</b>	<b>35,496,978</b>
<b>VOCATIONAL SCHOOL</b>	<b>1,491,368</b>	<b>1,854,440</b>	<b>1,854,440</b>	<b>1,794,085</b>	<b>1,794,085</b>
<b>SHARED EXPENSES</b>					
HEALTH INSURANCE	9,811,091	10,732,410	10,732,410	10,732,410	10,732,410
RETIREMENT	7,075,757	7,059,801	7,059,801	7,059,801	7,059,801
MEDICARE	659,750	660,000	660,000	660,000	660,000
PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE	672,534	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	374,540	374,540	374,540	374,540	374,540
UNCOMPENSATED BALANCES	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVE FUND	177,112	125,000	125,000	125,000	475,000
DEBT	8,620,335	8,400,807	8,400,807	8,400,807	8,400,807
TOWN AUDIT	107,450	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000
<b>CAPITAL STABILIZATION(Non Operational)</b>	<b>337,875</b>	<b>337,875</b>	<b>392,872</b>	<b>392,872</b>	<b>392,872</b>
<b>STABILIZATION (Non Operational)</b>	<b>608,600</b>	<b>608,600</b>	<b>785,744</b>	<b>785,744</b>	<b>785,744</b>
<b>OPEB TRUST FUND (Non Operational)</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>
OVERLAY PROVISIONS	375,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
ASSESSMENTS/OFFSETS	4,090,323	4,518,922	4,293,922	4,293,922	4,524,982
<b>STM</b>					
<b>AMOUNT RAISED ON TAX RATE</b>					
PRINCIPLE PAYMENT					
TAX TITLE					
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>87,761,022</b>	<b>93,723,697</b>	<b>90,935,762</b>	<b>90,810,427</b>	<b>91,475,092</b>
<b>BALANCE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>(1,086,475)</b>	<b>(4,903,668)</b>	<b>(1,378,616)</b>	<b>(1,378,616)</b>	<b>(1,728,616)</b>
<b>ONE TIME REVENUES</b>					
FREE CASH	1,046,475	1,378,615	1,378,616	1,378,616	1,378,616
GENERAL STABILIZATION	-	-	-	-	350,000
OVERLAY SURPLUS	40,000	-	-	-	-
<b>EXCESS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,525,053)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>					
WATER RECEIPTS	4,745,225	4,904,095	4,842,146	5,188,760	5,188,760
WATER RETAINED EARNINGS	375,000	375,000	375,000	375,000	375,000
<b>TOTAL WATER REVENUE</b>	<b>5,120,225</b>	<b>5,279,095</b>	<b>5,217,146</b>	<b>5,563,760</b>	<b>5,563,760</b>
SEWER RECEIPTS	6,718,973	7,052,215	7,163,936	7,248,675	7,248,675
SEWER RETAINED EARNINGS	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
<b>TOTAL SEWER REVENUE</b>	<b>7,018,973</b>	<b>7,352,215</b>	<b>7,463,936</b>	<b>7,548,675</b>	<b>7,548,675</b>
SEWER EXPENSES	7,018,973	7,435,437	7,463,936	7,548,675	7,548,675
WATER EXPENSES	5,120,225	5,293,262	5,217,146	5,563,760	5,563,760
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>99,900,220</b>	<b>106,404,779</b>	<b>103,816,864</b>	<b>103,922,861</b>	<b>104,587,526</b>

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

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$1,152,000.00 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	Capital Recommendation ATM May 2024	
Facilities	\$ 432,000.00	Library Roof Repair and Replace	\$ 432,000.00
Police	\$ 150,000.00	Marked Police Vehicle	\$ 150,000.00
DPW	\$ 500,000.00	Streets and Sidewalks	\$ 500,000.00
DPW	\$ 70,000.00	Pickup truck	\$ 70,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,152,000.00</b>		

**Select Board**

**Article 8.** **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,152,000 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	Capital Recommendation ATM May 2024	
Facilities	\$ 432,000.00	Library Roof Repair and Replace	\$ 432,000.00
Police	\$ 150,000.00	Marked Police Vehicles	\$ 150,000.00
DPW	\$ 500,000.00	Streets and Sidewalks	\$ 500,000.00
DPW	\$ 70,000.00	Pickup truck	\$ 70,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,152,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,152,000.00</b>

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

**Article 9.** 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 24 departmental budgets approved

under Article No. 9 of the May 1, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, as amended, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Select Board**

**Article 9.** **Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$350,000 to defray the cost to meet Fiscal Year 24 departmental budgets approved under Article No. 9 of the May 1, 2023 and to meet this appropriation transfer the sum of \$350,000 from General Stabilization and with said sum apportioned to said budgets by the Town Administrator, Town Treasurer and/or Town Accountant to Fiscal Year 24 departmental budgets approved under Article No. 9 of the May 1, 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

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

**$\frac{2}{3}$  Vote Passes Per Moderator**

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,016 or any other sum, from the Transportation Network Companies (TNC) special revenue fund to be used in accordance with §8(c)(i) of Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016 for the Stoneham Shuttle Pilot program, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Select Board**

**Article 13.** **Voted** that Town appropriate the sum of \$55,016 to be used in accordance with §8(c)(i) of Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016 for the Stoneham Shuttle Pilot program, and to meet this appropriation transfer said funds from Transportation Network Companies (TNC) special revenue fund with said funds being expended under the direction of the Town Administrator.

**Passes Per Moderator**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance in the Town's Opioid Stabilization Fund to a separate special revenue fund created by the Treasurer and approved by the director of accounts authorized pursuant to §9 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023, and vote to terminate the Town's Opioid Stabilization Fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Select Board**

**Article 14.** **Voted** pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 to terminate any stabilization funds dedicated to Opioid Settlement Funds and authorize the Treasurer to create a special revenue account under Mass. Gen. L. c. 44 §53 for the purpose of holding funds related to Opioid Settlement; and further to dedicate those funds to said special revenue account.

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

**$\frac{2}{3}$  Vote Passes Per Moderator**

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$213,101.00 to be appropriated as follows:

Clearway Community Solar LLC	\$ 213,101.00
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or do anything in relation thereto.

**Select Board**

**Article 15. Voted** that the Town appropriate up to the sum of \$213,101 for the purpose of funding payments due from prior fiscal years to Clearway Community Solar LLC under existing agreements and to meet this appropriation, transfer said sum from Free Cash with said funds being expended under the direction of the Town Administrator.

**4/5 Vote Required  
4/5 Vote Passes Per Moderator**

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 13E, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Superintendent of Schools**

**Article 16. Voted** that the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 13E allowing the town to establish and appropriate or transfer money to a reserve fund to be utilized in the upcoming fiscal years, to pay, without further appropriation, for unanticipated or unbudgeted costs of special education and recovery high school programs, out-of-district tuition or transportation.

**Passes per Moderator**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court to enact legislation in substantially the following form relating to waiving the maximum age requirement for original appointment for Stoneham Police Officers provide said officer candidates meet all other requirements of the Stoneham Police Department and the law, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes to the form of the bill only, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments that are within the scope of the general public's objectives of this petition:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF STONEHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE THE MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Stoneham Police Department shall be permitted to waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers in the Town of Stoneham; provided, however, said officer-candidates for appointment meet all other requirements set forth by the Stoneham Police Department for original appointment to the position of police officer.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall take effect immediately upon passage.  
or do anything in relation thereto.

### **Police Chief**

**Article 17. Voted** Article 17 authorizing the Select Board to submit special legislation to waive the maximum age for original appointment to the Stoneham Police Department as set forth in Article 17 of the May 6, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

### **Passes Per Moderator**

\*Home Rule Petition sent to Representative Day and Senator Lewis on May 7, 2024

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote

(1) to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 9, Offenses-Miscellaneous, §9-1, Alcoholic Beverages – Drinking or possessing open container in public, by inserting a new sentence after the first sentence as follows:

Anything herein to the contrary, the Select Board may approve single day licenses issued to appropriate persons and entities in accordance with Gen. L. c. 138 for certain civic, cultural and other similar community events permitting the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages by adults on public property provided there is a written license authorizing the use in a form acceptable to the Town Administrator and Town Counsel.

And further,

(2) to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 16, Select Board, Article V., Town Common Regulations, §16-151(a) by amending the existing language to change the text and add after the word “consumed.” the following phrase “consumed without the approval of the Select Board.”; or do anything in relation thereto.

### **Select Board**

**Article 18. Voted** that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 9, Offenses-Miscellaneous, §9-1, Alcoholic Beverages – Drinking or possessing open container in

public, by inserting a new sentence after the first sentence (in **bold**) so that the amended §9-1 will read as follows:

No person shall drink any alcoholic beverages as defined in Chapter 138, Section 1 of the General Laws of Massachusetts or shall have in his possession any open container or containers whose seal has been broken and recapped of such beverage, while on, in or upon any public way or upon any way to which the public has a right of access, or any place to which members of the public have access as invitees or licensees, park or playground, or private land or place without consent of the owner or person in control thereof. **Anything herein to the contrary, the Select Board may approve single day licenses issued to appropriate persons and entities in accordance with Gen. L. c. 138 for certain civic, cultural and other similar community events permitting the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages by adults on public property provided there is a written license authorizing the use in a form acceptable to the Town Administrator and Town Counsel.** All alcoholic beverages being used in violation of this section shall be seized and safely held until final adjudication of the charge against the person arrested or summoned before the court, at which time they shall be returned to the person entitled to lawful possession.

**Passes Per Moderator**

**Motion to Dissolve.**

**Meeting dissolved at 8:30PM.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

*Maria Sagarino*

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