

## WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

OXFORD COUNTY  
STATE OF MAINE

To: Megan Hamlin, a resident of the town of Stoneham, in said county.

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Stoneham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Stoneham Fire Station, in Said Stoneham on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March A.D. 2024, at 10:00AM in the morning to act on the following articles, to wit:

### ELECTIONS:

Article 1. To choose and elect a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To choose and elect one selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor, for a term of three years. (Term Expiring – Kara Jones)

Article 3. To choose and elect all other necessary officers for their ensuing term of office.  
Terms expiring –

CEP/EMA Director – Cheryl Adams-Callen -1 yr.  
Health Inspector – Cheryl Adams-Callen – 1 yr.  
CEO (appoint) – 3 yr. - Ronald McAllister  
Plumbing Inspector, Robert Folsom, Sr. – 1 yr. (App't).  
School Board Alt. -1yr.-  
Sealer of Weights & Measures–1 yr.–State Sealer  
Planning Board Alternate– 1 yr.–Thomas Hughes  
Planning Board – 3yr -Kristin Higgs (resigned)  
Planning Board – 5yr – Stephen Lewis  
Surveyor of Wood & Bark – 1 yr. - Rod Rovzar

Board of Appeals Alt. – 1 yr. –  
Board of Appeals – 3yr –  
Board of Appeals – 5 yr. – Kelly Hasselbach  
Board of Appeals -4 yr. – James Hasselbach (resigned)  
Ass't Fire Chief – 2 yr.-Gus Fillebrown  
Ass't Fire Chief – 1yrs – Matthew Porter  
Cemetery Committee – 3 yr. - Mary Fox  
School Board Delegate – 3yr

### ADMINISTRATION:

Article 4. To see if the town will appoint a budget committee

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the town by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved by the voters results in a tax commitment greater than the property tax levy limit allowed.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to charge 8.5% interest on unpaid taxes as recommended by the State Treasurer.

Article 7. To see what the town wishes to do with **Snowmobile Registration monies** for the ensuing year.  
Recommend – give to Stoneham Knight Riders.

Article 8. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the **Stoneham Knight Riders Snowmobile Club**  
Requested - \$5,000

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to increase Building Permit Fee Schedule –  
Garage/Accessory – Currently .10/sqft. Increase to .20/sq.ft.  
Residence/Mobile Home – Currently .20/sqft. Increase to .40/sqft.  
Porch, Deck, or Garage/Accessory replacement - Currently .10/sqft. Increase to .20/sqft.  
Commercial Building – Currently .20/sqft. Increase to .40/sqft.

Article 10. To see what the town wishes to do with the money received from **excise taxes** for the ensuing year.

Recommend – add to the General Fund.

Estimated amount \$82,000

Article 11. To see if the town will approve the Board of Selectmen the authority to enter into multi-year contracts for the purpose of negotiating optimal pricing for certain services necessary to perform their duties and responsibilities in maintaining the fiscal responsibility of the municipality.

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to grant or raise a sum of money for **Town Officer's Bills**.

Current salaries as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman - \$2,887.50; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectmen - \$2,772, each;

Fire Chief - \$1,732.50; 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ass't. - \$577.50;

CEP Director - \$346.50;

Town Clerk & Treasurer - \$20.48hr., each (Est. \$30,000 -Town Clerk; \$14,000 – Treasurer; plus \$750 each for stipend for insurance); stipend for Planning Board members, C.E.O., and Alternate C.E.O. \$14.50 for every meeting attended (estimated amount \$1,200).

Requested – Last year raised \$47,250, spent \$47,179.74

Recommended – Raise \$50,000

Article 13. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the Town's **Building and Liability Insurance – 5060**.

Last year from General Fund \$4,806 spent \$4,709.50

Recommended – not to expend more than \$5,952.

Article 14. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Office Utilities – 5020** (fuel, lights, and telephone) for town buildings.

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$5,000, spent \$7,522.51

Recommended – not to expend more than \$6,000, and approve overdraft of \$2,522.51 from 2023.

Article 15. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Town Charges – 5030**.

Last yr. from Gen'l Fund \$8,000, spent \$6,817.63

Recommended–not to expend more than \$8,000.

Article 16. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for printing the **Town Reports – 5040**.

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$300, spent \$103.28

Recommended – not to expend more than \$200.

Article 17. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the **Annual Audit – 5050**.

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$6,240, spent \$10,855.

Recommended – not to expend more than \$9,800 and approve overdraft of \$4,615 from 2023.

Article 18. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for its share of **Federal Social Security – 6560.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$3,500, spent \$11,063.98. (Includes employee contributions).  
Recommended – not to expend more than \$4,000 and approve overdraft of \$259.83 from 2023.

Article 19. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Attorney's Fees - 5070.**

Last year raised \$3,000, spent \$0.  
Recommended – Raise \$3,000.

Article 20. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the updating of the **Detail Map - 5080.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$750, spent \$-0.-.  
Recommended – not to expend more than \$750.

Article 21. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Maine Municipal Association Dues - 5090.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$1,760, spent \$1,760.  
Recommended – not to expend more than \$ 1,760.

Article 22. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission - 5110.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$487, spent \$487  
Recommended – not to expend more than \$502.

Article 23. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise **for Oxford County Municipal Officers' Association- 5120.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$15, spent \$0.  
Recommended – \$15

Article 24. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Software Maintenance – 5130.**

Last year from General Fund \$6,000, spent \$5,441.17.  
Recommended -\$6,000.

Article 25. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the **Web Site – 5170.**

Last year from General Fund \$630.29, spent \$509.55.  
Recommended – \$380.

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY:**

Article 26. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Dump Maintenance – 6010.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$40,000, spent \$41,299.35.  
Recommended – \$50,000 – General Fund \$40,000 and Raise \$10,000

Article 27. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the **Fire Department – 5220.**

Last year Gen'l Fund \$15,000, spent \$15,000.  
Recommended – not to expend more than \$15,000.

Article 28. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **street lights – 5230.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$3,000, spent \$3,495.92.  
Recommended – not to expend more than \$3,500 and approve overdraft of \$495.92 from 2023.

Article 29. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Workers Compensation - 5250** through MMA's Risk Pool.

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$1,094, spent \$1,094.  
Recommended – not to expend more than \$1,074

Article 30. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Stoneham Rescue Service – 6060.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$20,220, spent \$20,220.

Requested-not to expend more than \$37,061- General Fund \$32,061 and Raise \$5,000

Article 31. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Stoneham Rescue Service Truck Fund –**  
Requested-not to expend more than \$5,000

Article 32. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the **Harvest Hills Animal Shelter – 6720.**

Last year \$261 from Donations.

Requested – not to expend more than \$261.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Article 33. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the **Signs & Flags – 5160.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$500, spent -\$506.02-

Recommended \$500 and \$6.02 overdraft from 2023.

Article 34. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Highways and Bridges – 5410.**

Last year raised \$35,000, appropriated \$35,000 from the General Fund, carried \$80,368.51, spent \$58,871.56.

Recommended – Raise \$15,000, take \$15,000 from General Fund, apply LRAP Funds (approx. \$10,000) and carry the balance of \$103,396.95.

Article 35. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the **Road Fund - 5430.**

Last year raised \$30,000, appropriated \$30,000 from General Fund, spent \$60,000.

Recommended – Raise \$30,000 and Grant \$30,000

Article 36. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Snow Removal - 5420.**

Last year raised \$32,500, appropriated from General Fund \$32,500, spent \$68,267.97.

Recommended – Raise \$35,000 and take \$35,000 from the General Fund, and approve overdraft of \$3,267.97 from 2023.

Article 37. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the **Salt/Sand Shed – 5440.**

Last year Raised \$750, spent \$534.87.

Recommended – not to expend more than \$750.

Article 38. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Town Dams & Associated Maintenance – 5451.**

Last year Raised \$1,200, spent \$897.

Recommended – not to expend more than \$2,000.

Article 39. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Maintenance - 5611** of the Town's buildings.

Last year Gen'l Fund \$6,500, spent \$4,629.95.

Recommended – not to expend more than \$6,500.

Article 40. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Cemeteries – 6220.**

Last year raised \$5,000, apply Perpetual Care Interest, spent \$8,895.48.

Recommended – Raise \$9,000 plus accumulated interest and overdraft of \$3,895.48 from 2023.

Article 41. To see if the town will vote to grant or raise a sum of money for **Memorial Day - 6210.**

Last year from General Fund \$350. Spent \$316.18.

Recommended \$350.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:

Article 42. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Dump Capital - 601A**.

Last year carried \$2,549.34, spent -\$0-.

Recommended – carry current balance of \$2,549.34 forward.

Article 43. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for care of the fish screen at **Keewaydin Lake Dam Capital - 5450** and such other capital improvements, as needed.

Last year carried \$5,000, spent -\$0-.

Recommended – Carry the balance of \$5,000.

Article 44. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the capital improvements of **Virginia Lake Dam and Boat Landing Capital - 5460**.

Last year carried \$1,470, spent -\$0-.

Recommended – carry balance of \$1,470 forward.

Article 45. To see if the town will vote to grant or raise a sum of money for capital improvements & repair of the **Mill Pond Dam Capital – 5470**.

Last year carried \$400, raised \$0, spent -\$0-.

Recommended – carry current balance of \$400 forward.

Article 46. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Building Capital – 5610**.

Last year carried \$18,549.29, raised \$0, spent -\$0-.

Recommended – Carry current balance of \$18,549.29.

Article 47. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Cemetery Capital – 6250**.

Last year carried \$6,005, raised \$5,000, spent \$2,705.59.

Recommended – Raise \$10,000 and Carry balance of \$8,299.41 forward.

## SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, & CULTURAL SERVICES:

Article 48. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Culture & Recreation**.

Last year from Gen'l Fund - \$7,500.

Recommended \$6,400

Lewis Dana Hill Library - \$1,800

Charlotte Hobbs Library -\$2,600

Stoneham Historical Society - \$0

Lovell Rec Program - \$2,000

Community Events - \$0

Article 49. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Social Services**.

Last year from Gen'l Fund - \$4,546.

Recommended \$4,786

Tri-County Mental Health - \$250

Christmas Basket - \$350

Seniors Plus - \$500

Andy Valley Red Cross - \$300

Safe Voices - \$250

Life Flight - \$261

S.A.P.R.S. (R.E.A.C.H.) - \$100

Sweden Food Pantry \$500

Community Concepts - \$500

Andy Home Health – \$250

West ME Vets Advisory - \$175

Brownfield Food Pantry - \$500

Me Public Broadcast – \$200

Ox. Cty. Mental Health - \$100

Lovell Food Pantry - \$500

Cancer Resource Ctr. - \$50

Article 50. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **General Welfare – 6710**.  
Last year appropriated \$3,000, received -\$50-, spent -\$0-.  
Recommended –take \$3,000 from General Fund.

**REVENUES:**

Article 51. To see if the town will vote to accept State funds for Revenue Sharing, Forest Area Funds, Veteran’s Reimbursement, Park Fee monies, and snowmobile Registration refund, Tree Growth Reimbursement, MDOT Block Grants, Educational Tax Relief, Emergency Management Funds, General Assistance; and any other State or Federal Grants or Funds which become available to the town. Estimated amount \$175,000.

Here fore, fail not and have there and then this warrant with your doings thereon.  
Given under our hands at Stoneham, this first day of February A.D. 2024.

Neal H Littlefield

Kara H Jones

Cynthia L. Holbrook

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Stoneham, Maine

**2023**

Grant - \$241,699  
Raise - \$169,700  
County Tax - \$88,291  
MSAD#72 - \$418,007  
Mil Rate – \$7.30/thousand  
General Fund Addition \$178,200

**2024**

Grant - \$244,005  
Raise - \$164,750  
County Tax - \$85,000 (approx.)  
MSAD#72 - \$538,400 (approx.)  
Approx. Mil Rate - \$8.40/thousand (approx.)  
Approximate Gen’l Fund Addition \$206,600

**ADDENDUM**

Articles voted to accept and retain in effect until repealed or replaced

**2008**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to expend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each category of the Stoneham annual budget during the period January 1 to the Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector to collect tax payments prior to the tax commitment date when the actual tax is as yet unknown.

To see if the town will vote to allow the Selectpersons to accept any funds or gifts that are given without financial “strings” attached to such gifts.

To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the Selectpersons, to hire money as may be deemed necessary to defray town charges,

Town notes and bonds becoming due and for the purpose of issuing and negotiating notes of the town to an amount, not exceeding in the aggregate the total tax levy for the preceding year as temporary loans, to be paid during such current year by taxes.

2012

To see if the town wishes to set a date to assess interest on unpaid taxes.

Recommended 1<sup>st</sup> half due September 30 of current tax year, 2<sup>nd</sup> half due December 31 of current tax year. If approved, this authority to remain in effect until repealed or replaced at a future Town Meeting.

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Committee to accept donations for the upkeep of cemetery lots and stones. If approved, this authority to remain in effect until repealed or replaced at a future Town Meeting.

2015

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the election of all people present to be elected by hand vote – all other positions selectmen will appoint - Excluding positions required to have paper ballot. If approved, this authority to remain in effect until repealed or replaced at a future Town Meeting.