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WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

OXFORD COUNTY

STATE OF MAINE

To: Mary Fox, a resident of the town of Stoneham, in said county.

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 3rd day of March A.D. 2007, at 10:00AM in the morning to act on the following articles, to wit:

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

Article 2. To choose and elect a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To choose and elect one selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor for a term of three years.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to change the term of office from one year to three years for the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Secretary to Selectmen and for the Town Treasurer.

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint or employ more than one Alternate C.E.O. Such appointment or employment will occur when a consensus of the Planning Board deems the action necessary.

Article 6. To choose and elect all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Treasurer	
Tax Collector	
Secretary to Selectmen	
Asst. Fire Chief	3 yrs.
Code Enforcement Officer	3 yrs.
Plumbing Inspector	1 yr.
CEP Director	1 yr.
Constable	1 yr.
Road Commissioner	3 yrs.
School Board Director	3 yrs.
Planning Board Member	5 yrs.
Alt. Planning Board Member	1 yr.
Health Inspector	1 yr.
Dog Control Officer	3 yrs.
Board of Appeals Member	5 yrs.
Alt. Board of Appeals Member	1 yr.
Cemetery Committee Members	3 yrs.

Article 7. To see if the town will appoint a budget committee.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the Stoneham annual budget during the period from January 1, to the annual town meeting.

Article 9. 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 yet unknown.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to grant or raise a sum of money for Town Officer's Bills. Current salaries, as follows:

1st Selectman - \$1,900
2nd Selectman - \$1,800
3rd Selectman - \$1,800
Fire Chief - \$1,000
1st Asst. Chief - \$300
2nd Asst. Chief - \$300
CEP Director - \$150
Town Clerk - \$11.50hr
Treasurer - \$11.50hr

Insurance Stipend for Town Clerk (\$750) & Treasurer (\$750) total of \$1,500, Planning Board members, C. E. O. and Alternate C. E. O. receive \$10.00 stipend for every meeting attended..

Requested – Approve

Selectmen a \$600 increase,
CEP Director a \$150 increase,
Town Clerk a \$0.50 cent hourly increase
Treasurer a \$2.50 hourly pay increase.

Recommend - Grant \$32,600

Article 11. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the Town's building and liability insurance (MMA Risk Pool). Recommended – Grant \$4,800.

Article 12. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for fuel, lights and telephone for town buildings. Recommended – Grant \$4,000.

Article 13. 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.

Article 14. To see if the town will allow the Selectmen to accept any funds or gifts that are given without financial "strings" attached to such gift.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, 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.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to seek bids for any and all tax titles held by the town and to execute Quitclaim Deeds for such property.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to charge 12.00% interest on unpaid taxes as recommended by the State Treasurer.

Article 18. To see if the town wishes to set a date to assess interest on unpaid taxes.

Article 19. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Town Charges. Recommended – Grant \$4,280.

Article 20. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for printing the town reports. Recommended – Grant \$300.

Article 21. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the annual audit. Recommended – Grant \$3,500.

Article 22. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for its share of Federal Social Security. Recommended – Grant \$3,500 and not to expend more than \$5,500.

Article 23. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Attorney's Fees. Recommended – Raise \$15,000

Article 24. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the updating of the Detail Map. Recommended – Grant \$750.

Article 25. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Maine Municipal Association Dues. Recommended – Grant \$1,100.

Article 26. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission. Requested – \$300. Recommended – Grant \$300.

Article 27. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Oxford County Municipal Officers' Association dues. Requested – \$15. Recommended – Grant \$15.

Article 28. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the Fire Department. Recommended – Raise \$9,000.

Article 29. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for street lighting services. Recommended – Grant \$2,750.

Article 30. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Worker's Compensation through MMA's Risk Pool. Recommended – Grant \$1,800.

Article 31. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for repairing highways, bridges, and town ways, tarring and patching, and cutting bushes. Recommended – Raise \$35,000, apply MDOT Block Grants of approximately \$12,107 and carry the current balance of \$12,416 Forward, for a total of \$59,523.

Article 32. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for snow removal. Recommended – Raise \$32,544.

Article 33. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the Road Fund. Recommended – Raise \$7,000 and carry current balance of \$23,119.22 forward.

Article 34. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the Salt/Sand Shed. Recommended – Grant \$750.

Article 35. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for care of the fish screen at Keewaydin Lake Dam and such other improvements, as needed. Recommended – Grant \$500.

Article 36. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the care and maintenance of Virginia Lake boat access, as needed. Recommended – carry balance forward of \$470.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to grant or raise a sum of money for maintenance and repair of the Mill Pond Dam. Recommended – carry current balance forward of \$500.

Article 38. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise a sum of money for Bldg/Maintenance for the town's buildings. Recommend – Grant \$750 and return balance to General Fund.

Article 39. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for maintaining the dump. Recommended – Grant \$31,500.

Article 40. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Capital Improvements at the Dump. Recommended - carry forward the balance of \$7,468.

Article 41. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Oxford County Regional Solid Waste for its recycling program. Requested – \$696.84. Recommended – Grant \$696.84

Article 42. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Tri-County Mental Health for their efforts to families in our area. Requested - \$350. Recommended – Grant \$350.

Article 43. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Community Concepts, Inc. Requested – \$510. Recommended – Grant \$510.

Article 44. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Community Christmas Baskets. Recommended – Grant \$250.

Article 45. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or grant for the Community Tree. Recommended – use Community Events bank money of \$1,084.34.

Article 46. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Androscoggin Home Health service. Requested - \$250. Recommended – Grant \$250.

Article 47. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Stoneham Rescue Service. Requested \$7,548. Recommended – Grant \$7,548.

Article 48. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the American Red Cross. Requested - \$250. Recommended – Grant \$250.

Article 49. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Seniors Plus to support their efforts in this area. Requested - \$100. Recommended – Grant \$100.

Article 50. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for support of the poor. Recommended –Return balance to general fund and grant \$1,028.

Article 51. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the Child Health Center. Requested - \$100. Recommended – Grant \$100.

Article 52. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Oxford County. Requested - \$250. Recommended – Grant \$250.

Article 53. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the Abused Women's Advocacy Project. No request received to date. Granted in 2006 \$ 200.

Article 54. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the Rape Education and Crisis Hotline. Requested - \$100. Recommended – Grant \$100.

Article 55. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Memorial Day. Recommended – Grant \$250.

Article 56. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Cemeteries.

Recommended – Raise \$3,900 plus interest from Perpetual Care Fund

Article 57. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Committee to accept donations for the upkeep of cemetery lots and stones.

Article 58. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Cemetery Capital.

Recommended - carry current balance forward of \$6,005.

Article 59. To see what the town wishes to do with the monies received from the Snowmobile Registration Refund.

Article 60. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for WCBB. No request received to date. 2006 granted \$180.

Article 61. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the Lewis Dana Hill Memorial Library. Requested - \$600. Recommended – Grant \$600.

Article 62. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the Lovell Recreation Commission ski & swim programs. Requested - \$650. Recommended Grant \$650.

Article 63. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter. Requested - \$281. Recommended – Grant \$281.

Article 64. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for a Town Line Survey between Albany and Stoneham and also between Waterford and Stoneham.

Recommended - carry forward year-end balance of \$3,193.75.

Article 65. To see if the town will vote to return balance of \$3,351.86 in the Comprehensive Plan account to the General Fund.

Article 66. To see if the town will vote to grant or raise or appropriate a sum of money for signs and American flags (to be erected on Memorial Day, thru Veterans Day.)

Recommended – Grant \$500.

Article 67. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Southwest Oxford County Nutrition, Inc operating the Brownfield Food Pantry. No request received to date. Granted in 2006 \$100.

Article 68. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library. Requested - \$1,500. Recommended – Grant \$1,500. In 2006 town granted \$600.

Article 69. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for Families in Crisis Task Force. No request received to date. Granted in 2006 \$0.

Article 70. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for United Cerebral Palsy of Maine. Requested - \$1,000. Recommended – Grant \$1,000.

Article 71. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for a town web site. Requested \$329.95. Recommended – Grant \$329.95.

Article 72. To see if the town will vote to authorize the CEO to have the authority to independently approve and issue building permits on any one structure under 1,500 square feet and not within shoreland zoning. Any application that involves non-conforming issues must be submitted to the Planning Board.

Article 73. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a multi-year contract for the purpose of snow plowing town roads.

Article 74. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to forgo the property taxes on Map U2, Lot 6A. 2006 property tax amount is \$76.50.

Article 75. To see if the town will vote to grant or raise \$9,000 for playground equipment. Recommended to grant \$9,000.

Article 76. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay any and all legally required abatements.

Article 77. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allow use of any town facility to other groups, persons or parties, subject to 2006 approved fee schedule.

Article 78. To see if the town will vote to add definitions for driveways to the building ordinance.

Article 79. To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax level limit of \$90,712 established for the town by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved in this warrant will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Article 80. To see if the town will vote to adopt a revised fee schedule for building permits.
See Appendix B

Article 81. To see if the town will vote to accept State Funds for Revenue sharing, Forest Area Funds, Veteran's Reimbursement, Park Fee monies, snowmobile registration refund, Tree Growth Reimbursement, MDOT Block Grants, Educational Tax Relief, Emergency Management Funds, General Assistance, any other State Grants or funds and any Federal or County Grants or funds which become available. An estimated list of the sources and income amounts of these funds are listed below.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
400-WMNF	\$20,000
401-Excise	\$53,700
402-ME Rev. Sharing	\$ 9,900
403-Snowmobile Reg.	\$ 350
404-Lien Fees	\$ 600

405-Tax Interest	\$ 1,000
406-Town Fees	\$ 1,600
407-Misc. Income	\$ 1,050
409-Susan Curtis	\$ 4,600
410-Boat Excise	\$ 700
411-Interest Income	\$ 1,250
431-Taxes this year	
432-Taxes – 2005	\$40,000
433-Taxes – 2007	\$ 600
435-Liens, Prior Yr.	\$ 2,000
441-Tax Acquired	\$ 280
4999-Uncategorized Income	\$ -0-
Overlay	\$11,000

Here fore, fail not and have there and then this warrant with your doings thereon.
Given under our hands at Stoneham, this Sixth of February, 2007 A. D.

Neal Littlefield

Kara Jones

John Collins

Board of Selectmen
Town of Stoneham, ME