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## **Warrant Stoneham Maine Annual Town Meeting 2015**

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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.

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 2015, 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.

*Swear in Moderator*

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

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

Terms expiring –

CEP/EMA Director – Cheryl Callen – 1 yr.  
Health Inspector – Cheryl Callen – 1 yr.  
Plumbing Inspector, Prentiss Kimball – 1 yr.  
Surveyor of Wood & Bark – 1 yr. – Frank Robey  
School Board Alternate – Kevan Smethurst – 1 yr.  
Sealer of Weights & Measures–1 yr.–State Sealer  
Planning Board Alternate – 1 yr. - Joyce White  
Planning Board - 5 yr. – Mary Fox  
Planning Board – 4 yr. – Frank Robey

Cemetery Committee – 1 yr. – Midge Williamson  
Board of Appeals Alt. – 1 yr. – Chris. Whitman  
Board of Appeals – 5yrs.–Albert J. Fox  
Board of Appeals – 1 yr. - Paul Dansereau  
Ass't Fire Chief-Albert Fox – 3yr  
Sexton – Corey Jones – 3 yrs  
CEO Alt. – 1 yr. - R. McAllister

### **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 7 % 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 the town wishes to do with the money received from **excise taxes** for the ensuing year.

Recommend – add to the General Fund.

Estimated amount \$52,433.40

Article 9. 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 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:

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman - \$2,500; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectmen - \$2,400, each; Fire Chief - \$1,500; 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief - \$500; 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief - \$500; CEP Director - \$300; Town Clerk & Treasurer - \$13.10/hr., each (estimated Clerk - \$15,600; estimated Treasurer - \$10,000); Planning Board Members, the C.E.O. and Alternate C.E.O. a stipend of \$10.50 for every meeting attended (estimated amount \$1,200).

Requested – Last year raised \$37,500, spent \$32,602.90.

Recommended – Not to expend more than \$37,500.

Article 11. 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 \$4,900 spent \$4,990.50

Recommended – not to expend more than \$5,096.

Article 12. 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 \$4,500, spent \$4,710.40.

Recommended – not to expend more than \$4,500.

Article 13. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Town Charges – 5030.**

Last yr. from Gen'l Fund \$12,000, spent \$9,623.80.

Recommended–not to expend more than \$6,000.

Article 14. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for printing the **Town Reports – 5040.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$ 400., spent \$395.88.

Recommended – not to expend more than \$400.

Article 15. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the **Annual Audit – 5050.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$4,325, spent \$4,350.

Recommended – not to expend more than \$4,400.

Article 16. 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 \$3,104.06.

Recommended – not to expend more than \$3,500.

Article 17. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Attorney's Fees - 5070.**

Last year raised \$3,000, spent \$3,929.04.

Recommended – not to expend more than \$3,000.

Article 18. 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 19. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Maine Municipal Association Dues - 5090.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$1,269, spent \$1,287.

Recommended – not to expend more than \$ 1,347.

Article 20. 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 \$337, spent \$337.

Recommended – not to expend more than \$347.

Article 21. 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 \$15.

Recommended – \$15

Article 22. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Software Maintenance – 5130.**

Last year from General Fund \$2,800, spent \$2,279.30

Recommended -\$2,800. - proposed \$2,253.33.

Article 23. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the **Web Site – 5170.**

Last year from General Fund \$255., spent \$312.36.

Recommended – \$0- (2 Yr. contract).

Article 24. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Town Revaluation – 5870.**

Last year Carried forward \$25,000, spent \$-0-.

Recommended – carry forward

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

Article 25. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Dump Maintenance – 6010.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$28,200, spent \$23,789.67.

Recommended – \$28,200.

Article 26. 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 27. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **street lights – 5230.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$2,750, spent \$2,560.34.

Recommended – not to expend more than \$2,750.

Article 28. 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 \$1,212, spent \$1,212.

Recommended – not to expend more than \$1,178.

Article 29. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Stoneham Rescue Service – 6060.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund \$9,550, spent \$9,550.

Requested-not to expend more than \$9,550.

Article 30. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the **Harvest Hills Animal Shelter – 6720.**

Last year \$236 from Dog Control.

Requested – take \$236 from Dog Control.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Article 31. 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 \$275.25.  
Recommended \$500.

Article 32. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Highways and Bridges – 5410**.  
Last year spent \$32,354.41.  
Recommended – Raise \$35,000, apply LRAP Funds (approx. \$9,812) and carry the balance of \$34,655.93

Article 33. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the **Road Fund - 5430**.  
Last year raised \$10,000, carried \$20,637.42, spent –0-.  
Recommended – Raise \$15,000 & carry balance of \$30,637.42.

Article 34. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Snow Removal - 5420**.  
Last year raised \$44,700, spent \$46,050.90.  
Recommended – not to expend more than \$42,000.

Article 35. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for the **Salt/Sand Shed – 5440**.  
Last year Gen'l Fund \$700, spent \$715.31.  
Recommended – not to expend more than \$750 and Approve \$15.31 overdraft from 2014

Article 36. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Town Dams & Associated Maintenance – 5451**.  
Last year Gen'l Fund \$1,000, spent \$721.72.  
Recommended – not to expend more than \$500.

Article 37. 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 \$4,200, spent \$2,019.02  
Recommended – not to expend more than \$4,200.

Article 38. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Cemeteries – 6220**.  
Last year raised \$3,900, apply Perpetual Care Interest, spent \$3,105.74.  
Recommended – not to expend more than \$3,900 plus accumulated interest.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to grant or raise a sum of money for **Memorial Day - 6210**.  
Last year from General Fund \$250. Spent \$164.88.  
Recommended \$250.

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:**

Article 40. 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 41. 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 \$886.51, raised \$613.49, spent \$0.  
Recommended – carry balance of \$1,500.

Article 42. 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 43. 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, spent –0-.

Recommended – carry current balance of \$400 forward.

Article 44. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Building Capital – 5610.**

Last year carried \$10,581.47, raised \$5,000, spent \$-0-.

Recommended – carry balance of \$15,581.47 and raise \$5,000.

Article 45. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Cemetery Capital – 6250.**

Last year carried \$6,005, spent –0-.

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

### **SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL SERVICES:**

Article 46. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Culture & Recreation.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund - \$3,850.

Recommended \$4,450

Lewis Dana Hill Library - \$600

Lovell Rec Program - \$2,000

Charlotte Hobbs Library - \$1,350

Community Events - \$500

Article 47. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **Social Services.**

Last year from Gen'l Fund - \$2,760.

Recommended \$3,755.

Tri-County Mental Health - \$200

Community Concepts - \$500

Christmas Basket - \$350

Andy Home Health – \$250

Seniors Plus - \$100

West ME Vets Advisory - \$175

Andy Valley Red Cross - \$250

Brownfield Food Pantry - \$1,000

Safe Voices - \$100

Me Public Broadcast – \$180

Life Flight - \$200

Ox. Cty. Mental Health - \$100

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

Sweden Food Pantry - \$250

West Me Transportation –requested \$47, recommended -0-

Article 48. To see what sum the town will vote to grant or raise for **General Welfare – 6710.**

Last year carried \$1,180.79, appropriated \$500, received \$733.46, spent \$2,155.57.

Recommended – carry balance of \$258.68 forward and \$3,000 from General Fund.

### **REVENUES:**

Article 49. 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 Grants or Funds which become available to the town. Estimated amount \$24,400.

Here fore, fail not and have there and then this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands at Stoneham, this nineteenth day of February A.D. 2015.

Neal H Littlefield

Kara H Jones

Roderick R Rovzar

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Stoneham, Maine

**2014**

Grant - \$110,159  
Raise - \$135,213.49  
County Tax - \$ 57,921.  
MSAD#72 - \$ 446,747.  
Mil Rate – \$7.80/thousand  
General Fund Addition \$112,700

**2015**

Grant - \$105,023.  
Raise - \$135,213.49  
County Tax - \$ 659,514.  
MSAD#72 - \$ 469,084.35 (approx.)  
Approx. Mil Rate - \$7.50 to \$8.0/thousand  
Approximate Gen'l Fund Addition \$45,800

**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.