

◆Town of Stoneham Newsletter◆

In accordance with Title 36 Maine Revised Statutes, Annotated, Section 706, a form is sent to you each year, on which you are asked to list any and all real and personal property. The purpose of this form is two-fold.

1. It provides proper information to the Assessors for property tax assessment.
2. It provides you the right to appeal any assessment you may feel is in error.

If you have not made any changes to your real or personal property, you may complete the form by writing "same as last year". If you have made changes, indicate any addition or removal of any structures, parcels of land, or personal property.

Reminder: Per our E-911 Ordinance each property is required to have 3 inch reflective letters/numbers at the end of your driveway. Fire, Police, and Rescue services will be unable to assist you if they cannot locate you.

We would like to have e-mail addresses and phone numbers for taxpayers. If you would print your address in the appropriate blank, we could keep in touch with you electronically.

If you are planning to construct new buildings including decks & docks/swim floats or make additions to existing structures, docks/swim floats and walkways (to the water) on your property, you need to submit a building permit application to Alan Broyer, Code Enforcement Officer, 88 Shore Hill Road, Lovell, ME 04051 (603-447-9173) or stonehamcode@gmail.com for approval. You should submit the application at least one month prior to starting your project or it may cause you some delay. Applications are available at the Town Office or on line at the Town's web site. If you plan to do any earthwork on property adjoining a body of water or a tributary, please contact Alan Broyer, CEO, for additional requirements and application. BUILDING WITHOUT A PERMIT CAN RESULT IN PENALTIES AND/OR FINES.

If you are planning to connect a driveway to a town or a state road, please contact the Road Commissioner, Thomas Barker, P.O. Box 31, Stoneham, Maine 04231 (207-928-2964) for approval of the site location and appropriate driveway permit (no fee) and requirements.

Burning permits are necessary for all outside burning year round. You must have a written permit in hand before any burning takes place. Permits may be obtained from Town Fire Warden Greg Fox, 928-2284.

The Town of Waterford passed a new Solid Waste Ordinance for dumping construction/demolition debris at the W.A.S.T.E station. The fee schedule is based on size of truck: minimum fee \$10, one piece to 15 gallon trash can, \$25, small truck less than ½ ton pickup - \$50/load, 1 ton pickup - \$100/load, dump truck/dump trailer - \$200/load. The vouchers can be purchased at both the Waterford & Stoneham Town Offices.

Are you up to speed? By visiting mainebroadbandcoalition.org you can perform a speed test to measure the speed between your device and a server in real time using your internet connection. In less than a minute, you will see measurements of the download, upload, and latency and ping speeds at your location.

ATTENTION

••Town Office phone: (207-928-2155) fax: (888)741-1107

••Town Office hours are Sat., Mon., & Tue. 8 am – 1 pm; Wed. & Fri. 6 pm – 8pm

••Town's email address is stonehamtown@gmail.com; **website address** is www.stoneham-maine.com Town Mailing address: P.O. Box 91, Stoneham, Me. 04231

••Selectmen meet from 7 pm– 8:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd **Thursday** of the month

••The Planning Board meets at 7 PM on the 2nd and 4th **Wednesday** evening, **if** any permit applications have been received.

••TOWN MEETING IS SATURDAY, March 4th 2023 AT 10 AM.

••Town Officers: Selectmen – Neal Littlefield, Kara Jones, and Cynthia Holbrook
Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Megan Hamlin Treasurer – Mary Fox
Fire Chief –Greg Fox Code Enforcement Officer – Alan Broyer

Fast internet coalition speeds up

Tom Clay, one of Stoneham's representative to the Eastern Slopes Regional Broadband coalition, says the group's work is speeding up. The 7-town coalition met in early January to begin reviewing corporate proposals to bring high-speed internet to the Maine towns in MSAD #72.

"I'm very happy with our progress," said Clay. Selectperson Neal Littlefield and Clay represent Stoneham at ESRB meetings.

In November ESRB requested internet companies to propose plans to make reliable, high speed internet accessible and affordable to every home and business in the school district's towns.

Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Lovell, Stoneham, Stow and Sweden all have representatives at ESRB meetings so the towns can work together on applying for a grant to make fast internet affordable for all.

Reviewing the proposals and interviewing the internet providers will take the town representatives several months, according to Clay.

"I believe an important part of this work is achieving digital equity in Stoneham and the other towns," said Clay.

When an internet company is finally selected to partner with the coalition, the two groups will apply to the Maine Connectivity Authority for a grant. The goal of the grant will be to make reliable high speed internet universally available and affordable- the same way electricity is available.

Tom Clay can be reached at Thomas.clay8484@gmail.com For more information, visit www.esrbroadband.org and www.maineconnectivity.org

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TAX INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR 2022. PLEASE FILL IN ALL INFORMATION AND RETURN TO THE ASSESSORS BY April 1, 2023

LIST OF ESTATES – NOT EXEMPT FROM TAXATION AND FILED PURSUANT TO TITLE 36, SECTION 706, M.R.S.A.

PLEASE PRINT BELOW

NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

LEGAL RESIDENCE:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Phone Number:

1. List briefly each separate parcel subject to taxation:

2. Any improvements made on this property during the past year? () yes () no

3. **Personal Property:**
 - A. List Commercial Equipment (used in business):

 - B. List personal equipment over \$1,000 in value:
(Pick-up campers, campers, unregistered vehicles, etc.)

 - C. Dogs – 6 months old or over must be licensed by January 31st of each year and have a current Maine rabies vaccination certificate. Please contact the Town Office for this license if you have not already done so.

4. **Shorefront property owners:**
 - A. Do you have a dock/swim float on the water or walkway? () yes () no

 - B. Did you get a permit for it? () yes () no

 - C. When was it installed?

 - D. What are all the dimensions of dock/swim float or walkway?

 - E. Please provide picture if you have not already done so.

The foregoing is submitted in accordance with Section 706 of Title 36 of the M.R.S.A., and is true and correct to the best of my belief as of April 1, 2023. I understand that the Assessors may require me to make oath of the foregoing; and that any of them may require me to answer in writing all proper inquiries as to the nature and situation and value of any property liable to be taxed in the State of Maine; and that a refusal or neglect to answer such further inquiries and subscribe the same will bar an appeal to the County Commissioners.

Dated: _____ Taxpayer's Signature _____

Printed Name of Taxpayer _____

() Check if addressed incorrectly and enter corrected information below:

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P.O. Box 91
Stoneham, Me. 04231