

**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, January 8, 2026 7:00 PM**  
**The Great Hall- 10 Pearl Street. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor STOUGHTON, MA 02072**  
**& VIRTUALLY via GOOGLE.MEETS**

Order extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c. 30A section 20 until June 20, 2027, this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

A comprehensive record of the proceedings will be posted on the Town's website and/or SMAC as soon as possible after the meeting if live broadcast or livestreaming is unsuccessful. Times are approximate and items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair.

Present: Chair Stephen Cavey, Vice Chair Debra Roberts, Scott Carrara and Louis Gitto.

Absent: Joseph Mokrisky.

Also present: Thomas Calter, Town Manager.

Chair Cavey called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Select Board Comments: (called at the discretion of the Chair)**

Given Town Hall closes at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays originating parking restraints, Mr. Carrara made a motion that no meetings are to be held on Thursdays before 7:30 p.m. Vice Chair Roberts seconded the motion. Chair Cavey suggested consultation with Town Counsel. Mr. Carrara pointed out that the Board can make this decision. Mr. Gitto suggested delaying the vote until the next meeting scheduled for January 13, 2026. On the motion, the Board voted 3 - yes 1 - no.

**Continuation of October 9, 2025 Public Hearing:**

Pursuant to Article VIII- Breach and Sanctions of the August 9, 2023 Access Corporation Agreement (“The Agreement”) between The Stoughton Media Access Corporation (“SMAC”), the Select Board will consider whether a breach occurred of: (1) Article XI, Section 4 which requires that SMAC to, within forty-five (45) days of the full execution of the Agreement, i.e. by September 23, 2023, update and amend its Bylaws; (2) Article V, Section 5 which requires that the president of the SMAC Board of Directors or his or her designee provide the Select Board with a quarterly update on the status of operations and capital planning; (3) Article V, Section 9 which requires that reviews, reports or audit of SMAC’s finances and operations be conducted and provided annually by SMAC to the Town within ninety (90) days after the close of SMAC’s fiscal year or within sixty (60) days after the filing of its state and federal tax returns; (4) Article V, Section 11 which requires that, at the time of filing the Annual Review, Report and/or Audit, SMAC provide an inventory of its equipment and facilities together with a statement of its condition and corrective action, if any needed, taken or recommended to be taken to maintain all items in satisfactory condition; and (5) Article V, Section 11 of the Agreement which requires that SMAC prepare and approve annually a revolving three-year capital budget which shall be included in the President’s quarterly update to the Select Board. The Select Board will also determine whether that breach, if

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found, was cured or otherwise excused or waived. Lastly, the Select Board will consider whether to: (1) withdraw SMAC's Designation granted under Article III of this Access Agreement, and thereby terminate the Agreement; (2) impose Liquidated Damages; (3) impose any other sanction as may be lawfully determined to be reasonable under the circumstances; or (4) excuse or waive the breach for good cause shown.

Vice Chair Roberts made the motion to continue the public hearing until Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. Chair Cavey seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 - yes 0 - no.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Approval of February 17, 2026 Preliminary Election**

A primary election is required as there are more than 6 candidates running for 2 positions on the Select Board.

Mr. Gitto made the motion to approve the preliminary election, seconded by Mr. Carrara. The motion passed 4 - yes 0 - no.

**Executive Session:**

- a. Executive Session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a) (3) - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the Chair so declares.
- b. Executive Session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a) (3) - To discuss strategy with respect to litigation concerning the Stoughton Media Access Corp. if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating or litigating position of the Board and the Chair so declares.

- c. Approval of executive session meeting minutes of November 13, 2025 and November 25, 2025.

Mr. Carrara made the motion to enter executive session, seconded by Mr. Gitto. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 4 - yes 0 - no.

Chair Cavey announced that the Board would adjourn from the executive session.

The open session on Thursday, January 8, 2026 was adjourned at 7:36p.m.

Date:

January 20, 2026

Approved by:



Stephen M. Cavey, Chair