

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JANUARY 7, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday January 7, 2025 • 7:00 p.m.

Virtually via Google Meets

In accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, which extends the Governor's ^{OFFICE OF} March 12, 2020th Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.C. 30A § 20th, until March 31, 2025, this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

To Join via Google Meets: fgx-qpoa-rpu
PHONE: 747-235-3967
PIN: 672 868 906#

The meeting will be recorded by SMAC cable television and broadcast live and may be livestreamed at www.stoughtontv.org. A recording of the meeting, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceeding will be posted on the Town's website and/or SMAC as soon as possible after the meeting if the live broadcast or livestreaming is unsuccessful. Times are approximate and items may be taken out of order at the Chair's discretion.

1. 7:00 p.m. **OPEN SESSION**
Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

2. 7:05 p.m. Citizens' Comments (2 minutes each)

3. 7:15 p.m. Select Board Comments

4. 7:25 p.m. Town Manager Comments

5. 7:30 p.m. **Continuation of Public Hearing from 12/17/2024:**
Water & Sewer Rates Hearing

Tom Calter
Town Manager
Keith Nastasia
Water/Sewer
Superintendent

6. 7:50 p.m. Interview and consideration of appointment of Town Clerk - Votes may be taken

- Rogeria Medeiros-Kowalczykowski

7. 8:10 p.m. FY26 Budget and Capital - Questions from the Board

Tom Calter
Town Manager

8. 8:30 p.m. **Public Hearings:**
- a. Application for a Common Victualler License - St. Philopateer Pizza Inc. dba Lucky Pizza, 356 Washington St. Sefen Younan
 - b. Application for an All Alcoholic Beverages License - Do Brazil Market, Inc., 22 Porter Street Luisa Fernandes
 - c. Application for a Common Victualler License - Saint Patrick Inc. dba Brothers' New York Pizza, 111 Sharon Street Sarwat Aziz
9. 9:00 p.m. South School and Jones School; Board discussion of potential Select Board Resolution re: future/anticipated disposition of same.
10. 9:15 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
- a. Approval of Open Session Minutes meetings of December 3, 2024, December 10, 2024 and December 17, 2024
 - b. Drainage easement for the new MiltonCAT facility located at #207 Page Street
 - c. Electronic Billboard Request for Use Application to advertise Stoughton's Martin Luther King Day celebration
 - d. Application for Non-Profit Change of Officers/Directors and Change of Manager - Michael Romanuk Post 1645 VFW, Inc., 14 Seaver Street
 - e. Letter of Support Hebrew SeniorLife, 338 Canton Street
 - f. Page Street - implementation of Fall Special Town Meeting Article 5
12. 9:25 p.m. **Executive Session:**
Executive session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(3)) - To discuss strategy with respect to potential 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



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AGENDA

Committee on Finance and Taxation
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 7PM
Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor • 10 Pearl St. Stoughton

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held by the Committee on Finance and Taxation on January 8, 2025 to discuss a Special February Town Meeting Article. Agenda items may be taken out of order at the Chairman's discretion

1. Meeting Called to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Motion to Open Public Hearing

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLE

4. Article 1 – Elementary School Building Project

5. Motion to Close Public Hearing

6. Review and Discuss Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 1 – Votes May Be Taken

7. Adjourn

-Votes may be taken-

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Revised Agenda

AGENDA
MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
Thursday – January 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
The Great Hall, 3rd Floor – Town Hall
Stoughton, MA 02072

~ NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ~

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING with COMMITTEES ON MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

In Person and Virtual Meeting (Online)

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The Joint Public Hearing will be held by the Committees on Municipal Operations and Intergovernmental Relations on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 7:00PM to discuss the Special Town Meeting Articles listed below. The meeting may be recorded and may be broadcasted live over SMAC (www.stoughtontv.com) and/or recorded for later broadcast and internet access.

To participate in the Joint Public Hearing with Google Meets: meet.google.com/cxw-yxzm-jte

To join the Joint Public Hearing by Phone: (US) +1 559-537-6542 PIN: 679 702 980#

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to Open Joint Public Hearing

4. ARTICLES

Joint Public Hearing with Municipal Operations Committee and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Article 1 - Elementary School Building Project (See Special Town Meeting Warrant for more details*)

Public Hearing with Municipal Operations Committee

Article 2 - Petitioned Article – A Resolution (See Special Town Meeting Warrant for more details*)

Article 3 - Petitioned Article – A Resolution (See Special Town Meeting Warrant for more details*)

Article 4 - Petitioned Article – A Resolution (See Special Town Meeting Warrant for more details*)

5. Motion to Close Joint Public Hearings

6. Discussion of Article(s) from Joint Public Hearing, under Agenda Item#4.

Votes may be taken on Article(s) for the Special Town Meeting.

7. Review and approve Prior Meeting Minutes

8. Adjourn

Agenda items may be taken out of order at Chairperson's discretion

Votes may be taken on Recommending Articles to Town Meeting

* Additionally, meeting materials including the Special Town Meeting Warrant are available for review at the Town Clerk's Office, the Town Manager's Office, during regular business hours, and at <https://www.stoughton.org/1778/Special-Town-Meeting-February-3-2025>

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Joint Public Hearing with Intergovernmental Relations and Municipal Operations Committees

Article 1 - Elementary School Building Project (See Special Town Meeting Warrant for more details*)

- Votes may be taken -

5. Motion to Close Joint Public Hearing
6. Discussion of Articles from Public Hearings. Votes may be taken on Articles for the Special Town Meeting
7. Review and approve Prior Meeting Minutes.
8. Adjourn

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Votes may be taken on Recommending Articles to the Special Town Meeting.

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SEA GLASS SUCCULENT WORKSHOP

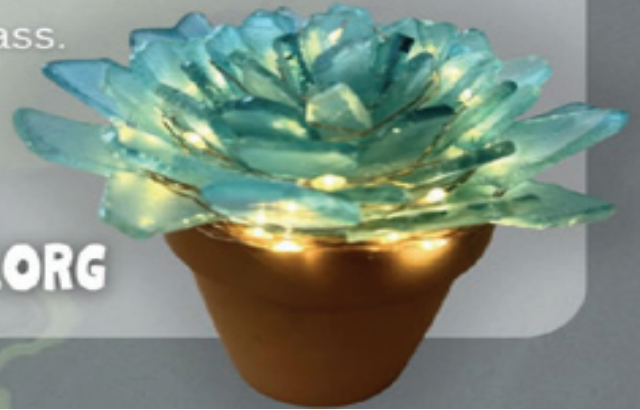


**Friday 1/17/25 - 5:30 PM - Ages 18+
Rec Department, 15 Pleasant St. - \$40**

Join AC&DC Family Crafting for a Sea Glass Succulent Workshop. We will guide you from start finish on how to create a beautiful piece for your home using sea glass.

Pre-registration required

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



OPEN GAMING W/ VIRTUAL REALITY

FOR TEENS 12 & UP

THURSDAY 1/16 AT 1PM-4PM

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

84 PARK ST. * STOUGHTON, MA * 02072

781-344-2711



We will be picking up trees
on your recycle day
January 2 to January 17 only

The tree must be bare..



Stoughton Public Works Department

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

SOUTH SHORE CAMERA CLUB WINTER 2025 PHOTOTOURS

The ultimate staycation. Tour the world from the comfort of your own library!

THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Thursday, January 30th



with Laura Breault

THE FAROE ISLANDS

Thursday, February 20th



with Caryn Schneider

INDIA

Thursday, February 27th



with Laura Breault

Registration is recommended as space is limited in the Conference Room.

Click on the program title or visit [our website to sign up](#).

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Meryl Streep: Hollywood's Screen Queen

with Stoughton film historian Frank Mandosa



Don't miss our 2-part Oscars celebration, live in our Community Room!

February 6th - Oscars Preview - nominees, snubs, a predictions contest & more.
March 6th - Oscars Recap - results, reactions & contest winners (with prizes!)



Academy Awards
Sunday, March 2nd

Click on the dates to sign up!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16th
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM on Zoom.

To register, please visit or call the library at 781-344-2711
or sign up via our [library calendar](#).

A Zoom link will be sent 1 day prior to the program.



*****AFTER 5 YEARS ON ZOOM,
FILM PROGRAMS RETURN TO THE LIBRARY
COMMUNITY ROOM IN FEBRUARY.*****

High school English & Film teacher Frank Mandosa gives talks on a wide variety of film-related topics & has 2 movie podcasts, Silver Screeners (fros!) & Movies Across the Pod (co-host). Facebook movie group: "Silver Screeners" X/Twitter: @fimbuff1974 Email: silverscreenerspod@gmail.com www.frankmandosa.weebly.com

**STOUGHTON ENERGY &
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

**FREE
MOVIE NIGHT**

● **PRESENTING** ●

**WHAT THE
FUTURE WOULD
LOOK LIKE
BY THE YEAR 2040
IF WE SIMPLY
EMBRACED THE
BEST SOLUTIONS
ALREADY
AVAILABLE**

DAMON GAMEAU'S



**REFRESHMENTS
&
BOOK GIVE-AWAY**

**Upstairs at the
STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
84 Park Street, Stoughton, MA**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025
6:00-8:00 PM**



Entrepreneurship
&
Building Wealth

Economic & Community
Development

Public Health
&
Education

Pursuing your purpose

Let's normalize this
conversation!

What Is It Like To Be Black In America?

Join Us For This Event
And Welcoming:

Guest Speakers:
Judith Allen-Shaw
Osayi Erhabor
Nora Yousif

Panel Discussion:
Bettye Sabree
Dr. Everett Sabree
CeCe Champion
Reggie Nunnally

Presented By:
The MLK Jr. 2025
Committee

Debra Roberts
Bettye Sabree
Dr. Patricia Randolph
Christianna Odunze
Carna Pearl-Ohimor
Carla Smith
Eryn Roberts

Monday January 20th
2025

10am-2pm

Stoughton Public Library

Free Admission, Arts and Gaming For Youth , Food and Drinks Will Be Available!

**NOMINATIONS
BEING ACCEPTED
FOR
SHS HALL OF FAME
FOR EXTRAORDINARY
ACHIEVEMENT**



The Stoughton Public Schools and the Stoughton Historical Society are pleased to announce that nominations for the 2025 Academic Hall of Fame for Extraordinary Achievement are being accepted. Eligible nominees are graduates of Stoughton High School who have achieved notable success in his/her chosen profession either from a singular extraordinary accomplishment, career of exceptional achievement, or significant contribution to society.

Candidates may be nominated by any former Stoughton High School student, any present or past employee of the Stoughton Public Schools, or any present or past Stoughton resident. All previous nominations will be reviewed.

All nominations must be accompanied by a resume, which includes: date of graduation, degree(s), work experience, hobbies and awards/recognitions. The nominee will be asked to submit a portfolio documenting his/her work. The deadline for applications is Friday, January 31, 2025.

Review of applications will be made by a committee composed of the Superintendent of Schools, Stoughton High School Principal, a member of the National Honor Society, and two members of the Stoughton Historical Society.

Please submit nominations to:
Dr. Joseph Baeta, Superintendent of Schools,
31 Pierce Street, Stoughton, MA 02072.

STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TEEN

Paint Party

Let's celebrate creativity together!



Stoughton Public Library
84 Park St. * Stoughton, MA * 781-344-2711



TIC-TAC-GO!

Learn how to create your
own clay tic-tac-toe boards!



Wednesdays 1/22-2/12 | 3-4:30 PM | Ages 9-14



Get ready to sculpt, design, and strategize in this fun, hands-on workshop! Over four weeks, participants will craft their own personalized Tic-Tac-Toe boards and game pieces using air-dry clay. You'll shape, paint, and decorate your set, making it as unique as you are. Along the way, we'll also play Tic-Tac-Toe and explore strategies to sharpen your skills. By the end, you'll have a one-of-a-kind game set to take home and enjoy with family and friends!



www.StoughtonRec.org



Save Energy Costs with MassSave

Schedule a **FREE** home energy assessment today through the Commonwealth's MassSave program!

Call MassSave representative Andrew Ferruche at 617-593-4850 or go to [MassSave Assessment](#).

A Home Energy Assessment will identify energy-saving opportunities and help you access available **rebates, incentives, and 0% financing**.

Benefits of weatherization and insulation include lowering heating and cooling costs by up to 20%.

Take one giant step toward lower bills and a clean energy future!



Teen Silent Book Club!

THURS. 1/9 [AT] 2:30 PM-4:30PM

Read silently together in community w/ snacks
& light refreshments served.



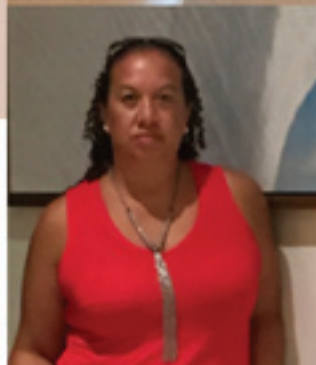
Instagram: @SPLMATEENS

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JEWELRY WORKSHOP

For Teens with Sheralee
Wednesday 1/29 @3pm

Stoughton Public Library * 84 Park Street * Stoughton, MA *
02072 * 781-344-2711



KNIT/CROCHET CIRCLE

TUES. 1/7, 1/14, 1/21

2:45PM - 4:00PM

FOR TEENS



Join us for knitting or crocheting w/ special pop up monthly by local artist Beckyll



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Volunteer

Interest Meeting



- Tues 1/22 at 3:30PM
- Thurs 2/20 at 11:30AM
- Thurs 2/27 at 3:30PM

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781-344-2711



No Street Parking 1 a.m. to 6 a.m.

beginning
midnight December 1, 2024
through
April 1, 2025.

There is no authorized street or
municipal parking.

Vehicles are subject to being
ticketed and or towed



Welcome to the Town Manager's Office!

On December 12, 2022 I was honored to begin my career in Stoughton. After enjoying a successful career in business, as a State Legislator and as a Town Administrator, I've taken on this challenge with eyes wide open. From a career of professional experiences, successes and mistakes, I join the Town well prepared to meet the challenges, and leverage the opportunities before us. I want you to know that I am true and committed to several core values.

First, you can always expect transactional honesty from me. I will respectfully say what I mean and mean what I say. Second, I am committed to openness and full transparency. Secrets, hidden agendas and old grievances will not play any part in my decision making process nor, will they eat up the valuable time needed to do this job properly. Third, you can always expect me to use prudent fiscal judgement. We have real financial challenges and clear solutions which will require your understanding and support. I am not promising a "Rose Garden". I am promising however, that within three years, the Town of Stoughton will stand on a strong financial footing.

We have some challenges that are among my top priorities. As Stoughton looks forward to its 300th Anniversary, it's important to understand that our infrastructure is old and has been neglected for decades. We seldom appreciate the value of clean running water and efficient waste management until those services are interrupted or lost. We all share 112 miles of Stoughton roads. Only 24.1 miles require minimal or no maintenance. As we develop a long-term infrastructure plan, we need to coordinate the replacement of 100 year old water and waste water distribution lines with the pavement of those roads. We need to replace water meters that are not properly recording water consumption. This may appear to be getting into the weeds. However, the condition of our water and sewer lines, town buildings, and town roads is beneath the standard you deserve. Meeting those challenges is among my top priorities. Meeting you and hearing your views will be among my greatest joys!

In closing, I want you to know that openness, transparency and constituent service are among my core values. Those values served me well as a business executive, business owner, legislator and municipal leader. Your confidence in Stoughton town government is needed in order for us to move our common agenda forward. I ask that you stay in touch, stay involved, share your thoughts and make your voice heard.

Respectfully,

Thomas J. Calter

