

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JANUARY 14, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



Latest
Announcements
for
Stoughton's
Town
& School
Departments

All information taken from various Town of Stoughton pages



Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday Jan. 14, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor & virtually with Google Meets

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

To Join via Google Meets: qot-npuq-zks
PHONE: 302-440-5323
PIN: 886 522 199#

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. FY26 Budget and Capital - Questions from the Board
Tom Calter
Town Manager
3. 8:00 p.m. Letter of Support Hebrew SeniorLife, 338 Canton Street
Stephen Cavey
Chair
4. 8:15 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
Application for a Road Race or Parade Permit - One a
Knight, Always a Knight on May 17, 2025
5. 8:20 p.m. **Executive Session:**
 - a. Approval of Executive Session Minutes Meetings of
November 13, 2024, November 26, 2024, December
3, 2024 and December 10, 2024
 - b. Executive session pursuant to Open Meeting Law
(Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(2)) - To conduct strategy
sessions in preparations for negotiations with
nonunion personnel and contract negotiations with
nonunion personnel - Town Clerk

Save the Date: Jones Early Childhood Center Open House for New Students



**Edwin A. Jones Early Childhood Center
Stoughton Public Schools
137 Walnut Street**

OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW STUDENTS - Wednesday, January 29, 2025

The program runs from 5:30 P.M. - 6:30 pm

Portuguese and Haitian Creole translators will be in attendance.

Information to be presented:

Half-day integrated programs

- Students must be at least three years old by August 31, 2025
- Students who are four years old can still be considered for the half-day classrooms
- Monday - Friday, AM Class: 8:30 - 11:00 AM or PM Class: 12:00 - 2:20 pm

Full-day integrated programs

- Students must be four years old by August 31, 2025
- 8:20 am - 2:20 pm: Monday - Thursday

Handouts will be provided regarding the following:

- 2024-2025 classroom options: times, days, and tuition
- Frequently asked questions
- How to register handout

All newly enrolled students will participate in a screening process for classroom placements at the end of May.

Dates and times will be sent to parents at the beginning of April.

**Online Registration for 2025 - 2026 for new students will begin on
Monday February 3, 2025**

Stoughton Complete Streets

Paving the future of accessibility one road at a time

What is a Complete Street?

Complete Streets provide safe and accessible options for people of all ages, abilities, and travel modes.

How will Complete Streets help?

The Town of Stoughton will improve the walking, biking, transit, and vehicle experience in Town through the development of a new Complete Streets Prioritization Plan.



What are some examples of Complete Street projects?

Complete Streets are a process and approach to street design; each one is unique and responds to its community's context.

Features include (but are not limited to):

- Sidewalks
- Bike lanes
- Wide shoulders
- Improved intersections
- Reconfigured lanes
- Comfortable public transit stops
- Safe crosswalks
- Median islands
- Accessible pedestrian signals
- Curb extensions
- Narrower travel lanes
- Roundabouts

Help make our town safe and accessible for all through the
Online Public Comment Tool!





MLK Jr. Day Event: Pursuing Your Purpose

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 20th
10 AM-2 PM
Stoughton Public Library



Gaming with ONE UP GAMES

FREE Admission. Food & Drinks Will Be Available.

Create your own Vision Board



CONGRATULATIONS to the SMAC Staff

Verizon: Public 28 / Education 26 / Government 24
Comcast: Public 1073 (HD) 9 (SD) / Education 6 / Government 8

Kevin Weldon and Luke Asack took home

1st Place
in Documentary

Luke Asack took home

1st Place
in Issues and Political Process



stoughtontv.com
421 Page Street, Suite 2

781-341-1708



It's time to register!

Dog Licenses

are now available
in the Town Clerk's office

please make sure to bring your
current rabies certificate.



messages from **Town Clerk**



Town Meeting Representatives

nomination papers are available in the Town Clerk's office.

*The Town will be hosting a
Conflict of Interest Overview
1/23/2025 • 5-7PM • Great Hall.*

*Space is limited. Please email
reggie@stoughton-ma.gov to reserve your seat*

Stoughton Candidate Training Class

February 13, 2025 2:00P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86799648802?pwd=T4zIJahlbR3AOzNSaVfk3gZHKmWXhB.1>

Meeting ID:867 9964 8802 Passcode iX2i1D

Stoughton Public Health and Visiting Nurses

Get Your Flu Shot!

It's not too late

Flu vaccine is available at our office

Stop by Thursdays 1-5pm..

if that time doesn't work just give us a call @

781-344-7011

and we could schedule a time.

Please bring your insurance card



TUMBLE TIME

TUESDAYS 1/21-2/11

11:15-12 PM | AGES 3-5

NEW TIME!!

REC DEPT, 15 PLEASANT ST

Join us for a fun class based around movement and music! Children will get their bodies moving and practice their coordination, balance, creativity and more. Tumble Time will include songs, exercise, use of gymnastics equipment such as an octagon mat and trampoline, instruments and free play. This is not a drop-off program and pre-registration is required



STOUGHTON RECREATION

JIGSAW WIZARDS

**FRIDAY
1/31**

5:15 PM-7:15 PM

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Location: Stoughton Rec., 15 Pleasant St.

Age: 18+ (sign up as a team or individually) - \$15 per team

ENGAGE IN A STIMULATING CHALLENGE WITH OUR JIGSAW PUZZLE PROGRAM! GATHER A TEAM AND COMPETE AGAINST OTHER TEAMS TO COMPLETE THE 500 PIECE PUZZLE PROVIDED BY STOUGHTON RECREATION. THIS PROGRAM OFFERS A FUN AND INTELLECTUALLY REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR ANY PUZZLE AFICIONADOS.



For more details, visit
www.StoughtonRec.org

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



Academy Awards
Sunday, March 2nd

*****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!)

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 (host!)
& Movies Across the Pod (co-host). Facebook movie group: "Silver Screeners"
X/Twitter: @filmbuff1974 Email: silverscreenerspod@gmail.com
www.frankmandosa.weebly.com



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!



SEA GLASS SUCCULENT WORKSHOP

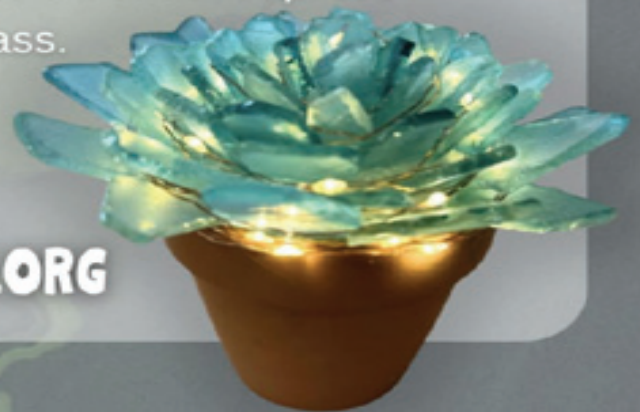


**Friday 1/17/25 - 5:30 PM - Ages 18+
Rec Department, 15 Pleasant St. - \$40**

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



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
Carma 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!

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 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**



Zoning Board of Appeals

Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 7:30PM
Virtually & In Person Town Hall
3rd floor Yaitanes Room

In accordance with Governor Healey's, signed into law on March 29, 2023 a further extension granted certain pandemic-related authorizations related to public boards and town meeting to March 31, 2025, this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

To join via Google Meets: meet.google.com/ivz-zgib-jpu or Phone 1 631-596-0870 PIN: 265 424 026#

Case No. and Date Filed	Property Address	Relief Requested	Public Hearing Status	Decision Deadline
Case 4318 Filed August 19, 2024	220 Pleasant Street Marcus J. Torchia Represented by Atty Barry R. Crimmins	Special Permit – In order to convert an existing two family dwelling into a four family dwelling	Hearing is scheduled for September 19, 2024 @ 7:34 pm Cont'd to November 7, 2024 @ 7:30pm Cont'd to December 5, 2024 @ 7:30PM Cont'd to January 16, 2025 @ 7:30PM	Decision must be filed into Town Clerk's Office 90 days from close of public hearing
Case 4320 Filed December 24, 2024	571 West Street Rylie Belmont	Special Permit – In order to have a farm stand	Hearing is scheduled for January 16, 2025 @ 7:30PM	Decision must be filed into Town Clerk's Office 90 days from close of public hearing
Case 4321 Filed December 24, 2024	571 West Street Rylie Belmont	Special Permit – In order to have chickens	Hearing is scheduled for January 16, 2025 @ 7:30PM	Decision must be filed into Town Clerk's Office 90 days from close of public hearing

DELIBERATIONS – PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - CAN BE TAKEN UP ANY TIME DURING SCHEDULED MEETING

CASE 4171 @ 354 WASHINGTON STREET – SPECIAL PERMIT EXTENSION

CASE 4294 @ 803 WASHINGTON STREET – SPECIAL PERMIT EXTENSION

CASE 4302 @ 1261 PARK STREET – SPECIAL PERMIT EXTENSION

* MINUTES

* CORRESPONDENCE:

* EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY

* MAY BE TAKEN UP ANY TIME DURING PUBLIC MEETING



Town of Stoughton

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

10 Pearl Street • Stoughton, MA 02072 • (781) 341-1300 • FAX (781) 341-1032

The Treasurer/Collector, Paula Nute, has announced **the 3rd quarter Fiscal Year 2025 REAL ESTATE and PERSONAL PROPERTY tax bills are due February 1, 2025**, and must be received in the Collectors' office or at the PO Box in Medford on or before this date.

A postmark date is not acceptable as payment made if payment is not received in the Collectors' office or at the PO Box in Medford by February 1, 2025.

The 3rd and 4th quarter tax remittances were mailed in the same envelope on December 31, 2024.

When sending payment(s) to the Lockbox address in Medford, checks AND tax remittances MUST BE SENT. PLEASE do not send checks only to the Medford address. If there are no remittances with the check(s), the payment cannot be processed and will be returned to Town Hall for processing. This will delay the payment(s) from being applied to your tax bill(s).

When processing a payment online through your bank, you MUST include the bill number, year, and type in the Memo field (for example, Bill #25, 2025 real estate or personal property) so your payment will be properly applied.

When paying multiple bills through your bank, you must include each bill number. If this information is not included on your check, your check may be returned to you, and interest may accrue due to a late payment.

Online bank payment checks must be mailed to Town of Stoughton PO Box 9108 Stoughton MA 02072.

There is a secured payment drop box outside Town Hall on Pearl St. The payment drop box is emptied two to three times a day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon, and if needed, once before leaving the office.

Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills may be paid online at:

<https://www.stoughton.org/home/pages/pay-bills-online>

The Collector's Office accepts payments by credit and debit cards in the Collector's Office for all tax bills. There is a 3% fee if a card is used to process a payment.

All Fiscal Year 2025 Real Estate and Personal Property taxes remaining unpaid after their respective due dates are subject to 14% per annum interest.

Please call 781-341-1300 X 9222 if you need your bill number(s) and or amount(s) due. The Collector staff are available by phone and in person Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Thursday from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM, and Friday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

A Message from the Town Manager's Office!

Thomas Calter
Town Manager



Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities (EOHLC) and Healey-Driscoll Administration, I'd like to express enormous gratitude for your partnership and commitment to serving Emergency Assistance (EA) shelter families placed at hotels in your communities.

These hotels have been critical in meeting the unprecedented demand for EA shelter over the past three years, but their continued operation has placed costs upon the surrounding communities, which is why the administration has recently announced plans for their closure.

In FY24, we addressed municipalities' concerns about the potential for lost room occupancy excise tax revenue through a reimbursement program for communities with EA hotel sites. I am happy to announce that the Healey-Driscoll Administration has decided to extend this program through FY25.

The Department of Revenue (DOR) will make payments later this month for the first two quarters of the year into the account where your community receives local aid payments. Pending passage of a supplemental budget funding the EA program, the remainder of FY25 payments will go out quarterly.

Thank you again, and please let me know if you have any questions.

All the best,
Tyler Newhall