

# Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JANUARY 21, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



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# Selectboard Agenda

## Tuesday, Jan. 21, 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: [org-upiy-ufk](https://org-upiy-ufk)**  
**PHONE: 443-914-3050**  
**PIN: 966 424 542#**

The meeting will be recorded by SMAC cable television and broadcast live and may be livestreamed at [www.stoughtontv.org](http://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. FY26 Operating Budget (Votes may be taken) Tom Calter  
Town Manager
6. 8:15 p.m. 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant: Marc Tisdelle  
Town Engineer
  - Open the Warrant (Votes may be taken)
7. 8:25 p.m. Waiver Request under Section XXXI of the Town of Stoughton Select Board Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Regulations - The Kanvis Events LLC, 603 Washington St. - Votes may be taken Stephanie and  
Isaac Remy
8. 8:45 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. Approval of Open Session Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2024
  - b. Approval of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) Forms:
    - Licensees who failed to renew
    - Seasonal Population Form
    - Annual Report

- c. License Agreement for the use of parcel of land recorded at Map 29, Lot 37 (Elm St.), between the Town of Stoughton and Stoughton Youth Baseball
- d. License Agreement for the use of parcel of land recorded at Map 42, Lot 29 (Drake Ave.), between the Town of Stoughton and Stoughton Youth Baseball

9. 8:55 p.m. **Executive Session:**

- a. 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.
- 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 - Chief of Police



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### **Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor**

### **& virtually with Google Meets**

*messages from*  
**Town Clerk**



***This Thursday!***

*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](mailto:reggie@stoughton-ma.gov) to reserve your seat*

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We have scheduled another  
informative information session.  
This one is via zoom and through the  
Campaign Finance Office.

Please see below for link information. Link is sent directly from  
Campaign Finance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Here's the invitation:

# Stoughton Candidate Training Class

## February 13, 2025 2:00P.M.

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86799648802?pwd=T4zlJahlbR3AOzNSaVfk3gZHKmWXhB.1>

Meeting ID:867 9964 8802 Passcode iX2i1D

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

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For more information, contact  
Anya Zulawnik, Station Manager

**781-341-1708**

email: [azulawnik@stoughtontv.com](mailto:azulawnik@stoughtontv.com)

# CREATE-YOUR-OWN NEWS SEGMENT

with



Tues-Thurs | 2/18-2/20 | 1-4 pm | Grades 6-9 | \$25  
Location: Stoughton Media Access, 421 Page St #2

Join Stoughton Media Access in partnership with the Stoughton Recreation Department to create your very own news segment during February Vacation! This hands-on program not only delves into the fundamentals of journalism, including conducting interviews and scriptwriting, but also provides practical experience in video production, teaching technical skills such as camera operation and editing. Through collaborative teamwork, participants will produce a cohesive news segment, grow their communication skills and foster a sense of shared accomplishment. Join us on the final day for a viewing party!

Registration open now

**[WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG](http://WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG)**





## **Town Hall Pocket Park and Exterior Public Access Improvement Project**

### **Public Survey Open – Please Voice Your Opinion**

The Town of Stoughton would like your input. At the Annual Town Meeting in 2023 an Article was approved to prepare design plans for improvements to Town Hall parking and site improvements.

The project goals are to increase public parking and to improve traffic circulation, accessibility access and safety as well as enhance the appearance of Town Hall by providing a public pocket park with amenities and landscaping.

The design is complete. Use QR Code to view and complete survey or see Survey Notice at [stoughton.org](http://stoughton.org) under News and Announcements. The Survey has a link to the plans.

Hard copies of the survey as well as a copy of the plan are available at the Engineering Department on the 2nd floor of Town Hall.

If you have any questions you may contact Marc Tisdelle at [mtisdelle@stoughton-ma.gov](mailto:mtisdelle@stoughton-ma.gov) or 781-341-1300 x9263. Thank you.





# 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:**

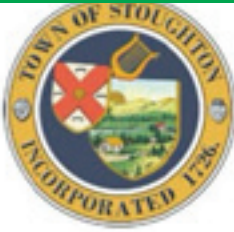
- 2024-2025 classroom options: times, days, and tuition
- Frequently asked questions
- How to register handout

**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**





# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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**





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

# 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!**





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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](http://www.StoughtonRec.org)



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.





**STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE  
PRESENTS...**

# **THE LARAMIE PROJECT**

by Moisés Kaufman and the  
Members of Tectonic Theater Project  
Presented by arrangement with Dramatists PlayService

Please note that The Laramie Project is based on a true story and actual interviews from real people surrounding the murder of Matthew Shepard. The play includes strong language and mature content including descriptions of homophobia, violence, and death.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 – 6PM  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – 6PM  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – 4PM**

**GENERAL ADMISSION \$12  
STUDENTS & SENIORS \$10**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE  
[WWW.STOUGHTONTHEATRE.ORG](http://WWW.STOUGHTONTHEATRE.ORG)**



# Town Meeting

Stoughton has a representative Town Meeting form of town government. Per the Town Charter, Stoughton has 168 Town Meeting Representatives. Twenty-one representatives are elected to three-year terms from each of the eight Stoughton voting precincts. Pursuant to the Town Charter, under Section C7-1, the Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first Monday in May. The Select Board may call a Special Town Meeting at any time in accordance to the Town Charter. Town Meeting continues until business is completed or is otherwise scheduled. Contact the Town Clerk's office or the Town Moderator for specific town meeting dates. Further details regarding the Town Meeting are available in the Town Charter.

## Special Town Meeting

is scheduled to start on

Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7:00pm.

**The Meeting will be held in person at the**

Stoughton High School

Auditorium

# 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

