

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JANUARY 28, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



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save the date!

BEAUTIFICATION OF STOUGHTON



TOWN-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, April 12th 9am

Registration information to come



Taxes due this week!

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.



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

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 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**



TOWN OF STOUGHTON
MASSACHUSETTS
02072
PLANNING BOARD

TOWN HALL
10 PEARL STREET
TELEPHONE: (781) 341-1300
FAX: (781) 341-1086

PLANNING BOARD AGENDA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024 AT 6:30PM
THE GREAT HALL, 10 PEARL ST, 3RD FLOOR
STOUGHTON, MA 02072
& VIRTUALLY VIA 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: meet.google.com/xfy-ummj-rik

Phone: 1-336-914-1203

Pin: 555 455 184#

Note: Items may be taken out of order.

6:30PM

1. **Chairman's Comments**
2. A **CONTINUED** public hearing will be held on the petition of the applicant, Stoughton Planning Board, to consider and hear public comment on a proposed amendment to Town of Stoughton Zoning Bylaws to amend Section 3.1.4 Table of Use Regulations; to allow specific state protected uses as or right within the Table of Uses.
3. A **CONTINUED** public hearing will be held on the petition of the applicant, Stoughton Planning Board, to consider and hear public comment on a proposed amendment to Town of Stoughton Zoning Bylaws to amend Section 2.3 Overlay Districts to remove Flood Hazard, Wetlands, and Watershed Districts (FHWW); to amend Section 4.1.2 Table of Dimensional Density Regulations; to amend Section 7.1.16 Stormwater Management; to amend Section 9.1 Aquifer Protection Overlay District; to remove Section 9.2 Wetlands, Flood Hazard, and Watershed Districts in its entirety; to remove Section 9.7 Floodplain Overlay District in its entirety; to propose a new Section 9.2 Floodplain Overlay District; and amend Section 11.0 Definitions.
4. General Business
 - Meeting Minutes
5. Other Business
6. Adjournment

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 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

messages from **Town Clerk**



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

Town Meeting Representatives

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

Wednesday 2/19 @ 2:30pm-4:30pm



TEEN GAMING UNPLUGGED



STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

84 Park Street * Stoughton, MA * 02072

781-344-2711



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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SHS RECYCLING CLUB



CLOTHING DRIVE

JANUARY 27 - JANUARY 31



**EPILEPSY
FOUNDATION**

New England
Donation Center

Acceptable Textiles

Clothing:

- Tops & T-shirts
- Pants, Jeans, & Shorts
- Ties & Scarves
- Dresses/Gowns
- Skirts
- Suits
- Sweaters
- Sweats
- Vests
- Blazers
- Pajamas
- Socks
- Tights
- Belts
- Uniforms
- Costumes & dress-up clothes
- Shoes/Boots/Flipflops/Slippers
- Pocketbooks/Backpacks/Duffle Bags

Outerwear:

- Coats/Jackets
- Ski pants
- Mittens/Gloves
- Hats/Scarves
- Raingear
- Bathing suits

Other:

- Fabric/Fabric Scraps/Yarn
- Small Throw Rugs
- Towels/Wash Cloths
- Shower Curtains/Bathmats
- Drapes/Curtains
- Sheets/Pillowcases
- Tablecloths
- Cloth Napkins
- Potholders
- Blankets
- Comforter/Duvet/Quilts
- Sofa/Chair covers

Box Locations:

- Dawe, Wilkins, Hansen, Gibbons
- Jones School
- OMS & SHS

**Tuesday 2/18
@ 2:30PM**

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Creator's Corner

Sign up and your craft of choice may be selected for the class!
Tools & supplies will be provided.

KNIT/CROCHET CIRCLE

TUES. 2/11 & 3/11

Starts at 2:45PM

FOR TEENS



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



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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!



TEEN SILENT BOOK CLUB

Official SBC Chapter!



FEBRUARY 13TH | AT 2:30pm

MARCH 13TH | AT 2:30pm

Thursdays



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Friday 2/21
@11AM



Teen Pizza & Gaming



Join us for board games,
video games, & delicious
pizza! Registration required

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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 under News and Announcements. The Survey has a link to the plans.

The survey will be open until Wednesday, December 18th.

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 or 781-341-1300 x9263. Thank you.



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

