

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED MARCH 17, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tues. March 18, 2025 at 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: got-jjce-kip
PHONE: 443-330-7753
PIN: 346 147 467#

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. Discussion re: South School Project Resolution (Votes may be taken)

6. 7:40 p.m. Select Board Policy re: the use of free cash in the Town's FY26 operating budget (Votes may be taken)

7. **Public Hearings:**

7:45 p.m. a. Liquor License Violation - Kit Ching, Inc. d/b/a Chinatown, 103 Sharon Street

Kit Ching Wong

8:00 p.m. b. Joint pole petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. - Project #31000769

Jarad Aker

c. Applications for a Common Victualler License and an All Alcoholic Beverages License - KFUS, Inc. d/b/a/ Seoul Gourmet, 408 Washington Street

Raymond Lee

8. 8:20 p.m. To discuss process and plan of action for the Frederick Richard Class of 2025 Scholarships awards (Votes may be taken)

9. 8:30 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**

a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of February 18, 2025 and March 3, 2025

b. Application for a 1-Day All Alcoholic Beverage License Application - San John's Filarmonica Society, 845 Washington Street on June 21, 2025

c. Application for a Permit for a Parade - San John's Filarmonica Society, 845 Washington Street on June 22, 2025

**AGENDA
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Monday March 17, 2025 at 7:00PM
Great Hall, 3rd Floor
10 Pearl Street Stoughton, MA 02072**

~ PUBLIC HEARING ~

In Person and Virtual Meeting (Online)

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, MGL Chap 30A, Section 20" until March 31, 2025. This Public Hearing will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

A Public Hearing will be held by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 7:00PM to hear and discuss the Annual 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 Public Hearing with Google Meets: <https://meet.google.com/nme-fpon-pse>

To join the Public Hearing by Phone: (US) +1 951-638-4394 PIN: 411 992 317#

Agenda items may be taken out of order at Chairperson's discretion. Votes may be taken on Recommending Articles(s) to the Annual Town Meeting.

1. Meeting Called To Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Determination of Quorum (50% +1)
4. Review and Approve Draft Meeting Minutes from Prior Meeting
5. Motion To Open Public Hearing
6. Articles to be Heard and Discussed at Public Hearing: (Votes May Be Taken On All Articles)

Article 3 - Accept and Contract Funds for Town Roads

Article 4 - Apply for and Accept Federal/State Funding

Article 18 - Create a Capital Stabilization Account (General Fund, Non-enterprise)

Article 19 - Deposit to Capital Stabilization Account (General Fund, Non-enterprise)

Article 32 - Septic Betterment Program Funding

Article 33 - Town Hall Traffic, Parking, Pocket Park and Landscape Improvements

Article 35 - Community Preservation Committee FY2026 Budget/Report

Article 48 - Senior Tax Deferral Program

Article 49 - Tax Repayment Program

7. Motion to Continue Public Hearing or Close Public Hearing
8. Discussion of Articles from Public Hearing. Votes may be taken on Recommending Articles to Town Meeting
9. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

This Public Hearing may be shown live on the local broadcast channel by SMAC and/or recorded for later broadcast and internet access.

O'Donnell Middle School's
production of

Disney

Alice in Wonderland JR.

Music and Lyrics by
Danny Elfman
Sammy Fain & Bob Hilliard,
Oliver Wallace & Cy Coben,
Michael Abbott & Sarah Weeks,
and Mack David, Al Hoffman & Jerry Livingston

Music Adapted and Arranged
And Additional Music and Lyrics by
Bryan Louiselle

Additional Arrangements & Orchestrations by
Patrick Sulken

Book and Additional Lyrics by
David Simpatico

Based on the 1951 Disney film Alice in Wonderland
and the novels The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland
and Through the Looking-Glass by Lewis Carroll

Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Stoughton High School Auditorium
232 Pearl Street, Stoughton
Tickets: \$10 adults/\$5 students and seniors

Disney's Alice in Wonderland JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY
212-541-4684 mtishows.com



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Stoughton Residents

URGENT REQUEST – PLEASE READ

The Town of Stoughton Water Department has initiated a program to upgrade your existing water meters and meter transmitting unit (MTU) system at your home or business. There is no cost to you for any of the needed work. A 1st Notice was previously sent requesting you to call for an appointment, but at this time, we have not heard back from you to arrange your appointment for this replacement.

It is essential that you contact our installation contractor, **Mass Installation Inc. (MII)**, at **(781) 414 8042** **WITHIN 48 HOURS** of receipt of this 2nd Notice to arrange an appointment for installation. Or, go to www.MassInstallation.com/appointment to request an appointment time. MII's regular office hours are **Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.** or you may also leave a message with their 24 hour answering service. Average installation time is less than one (1) hour.

PARTICIPATION IN THE METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IS MANDATORY

If you have already made an appointment with MII or received this urgent request in error, please disregard. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the **Town of Stoughton Water Department**, (781) 344-2112. We thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

APPT. DATE: _____ TIME: _____



A mandatory town wide water meter replacement program is nearing completion.

If you have received a post card from the towns contracted installer, Mass Installation, to have your meter changed out please call them at your earliest convenience and schedule an appointment. Saturday appointments are available if necessary. I

f you need assistance in contacting Mass Installation, feel free to call the Stoughton Water Department and we will help in any way we can.

Thank you for helping us get this project done!

Mass Installation - 1-800-933-1360

Stoughton Water Department - 781-341-1300 x 9414 or x 9379

In person early voting hours
will held at the
Town Clerk's Office
as follows...

Monday, March 31st 9:00AM-4:00PM

Tuesday, April 1st 9:00AM-4:00PM

Wednesday, April 2nd 9:00AM-4:00 PM

Thursday, April 3rd 9:00AM-6:00PM

Friday, April 4th 9:00AM-12:00PM



STOUGHTON TOWN HALL IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE

SENIOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

HOSTED BY TOM CALTER AND JOSEPH MOKRISKY

Learn about tax reduction options that may benefit you at our upcoming series of informational sessions. Renters and homeowners alike can find options that benefit their bottom line.

COUNCIL ON AGING

- Wednesday, March 5, 11 AM - 12:30 PM
- Thursday, March 13, 10 AM - 11:30 AM

AHAVATH TORAH CONGREGATION

- Thursday, March 20, 11 AM - 2:00 PM

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Tuesday, March 25 at 6 - 7:30 PM

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Questions?

Contact Janiece Bruce at the Stoughton Council on Aging at 781-344-8882 or jbruce@stoughton-ma.gov.





Annual Town Election * April 8, 2025

If you want to plan to Vote by mail

for the April 8th Town Election you will need to fill out an
Application either in person or online.

The State will not be sending out postcards for the Local Election.
Please visit the Town Clerk's page under Voter Information
for additional details.

**Last day to apply for
Ballot by Mail
Tuesday April 1, 2025**

**Last day to register to vote
Saturday March 29, 2025**

Campaign Finance Reports - Important Dates

Pre-election report- Monday March 31, 2025

Post -election Report -Thursday, May 8, 2025

Teen Extreme is back for year 2!

A summer program tailored just for students entering grades 7-11. Join us for a blend of field trips and recreational games designed to make your summer memorable. Explore local attractions, engage in friendly games, and enjoy a variety of activities with peers. Teen Extreme will also offer CIT-like opportunities for kids interested in becoming a counselor. Teen Extreme is a fun and engaging way to spend your summer break!

Sign up at www.stoughtonrec.org

JULY 2025 TEEN EXTREME Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 30	Starland Sportsplex and Fun Center 1	Altitude Trampoline Park 2	United Skates of America 3	July 4th No Open Playground 4
Week 2 7	Castle Island 8	Central Rock Gym 9	Ames Pond 10	Xtreme Craze 11
Week 3 14	TreeTop Adventures 15	Urban Air Adventure Park 16	United Skates of America 17	TBD 18
Week 4 21	Altitude Trampoline Park 22	Dave and Busters 23	Water Wizz 24	Ames Pond 25
Week 5 28	Castle Island 29	Worcester Red Sox Game 30	United Skates of America 31	Xtreme Craze 1

Teen Extreme is our NEW summer program for those entering grades 7-10. Field trips are included in the price of the program.

Dates: 6/30/25-8/8/25

Hours: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Location: South Elementary School UPPER CAMPUS
171 Ash St, Stoughton

Register weekly or for the whole summer!

Sign up at
www.StoughtonRec.org

Contact Us:
781-341-1300 x9244
recreation@stoughton-ma.gov

AUGUST 2025

Week 6 4	Ames Pond 5	On-Site CARNIVAL 6	Field Trip to: WATER WIZZ 7	LAST DAY!! 8
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This calendar is tentative and is subject to change

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH VISION BOARD WORKSHOP

SPONSORED BY STOUGHTON DIVERSITY INCLUSION ORGANIZATION

March 29th, 2025. 1-3pm



STOUGHTON PUBLIC
LIBRARY

84 Park Street Stoughton, MA

Zoning Board of Appeals

Thursday, March 20 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/ski-gpbr-ghj or Phone 1 470-499-2176 PIN: 569 628 856#

Case No. and Date Filed	Property Address	Relief Requested	Public Hearing Status	Decision Deadline
Case 4322 Filed February 18, 2025	875 Park Street 875 Park Street LLC Represented by Atty Barry R. Crimmins	Special Permit – In order to construct a 4,000 square foot four bay accessory storage structure	Hearing is scheduled for March 20, 2025 @ 7:30 PM	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

* MINUTES

* CORRESPONDENCE:

* EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY

* MAY BE TAKEN UP ANY TIME DURING PUBLIC MEETING



It's time to register!

your dogs for their 2025 license!

Dog Licenses

Licenses are granted through the Clerk's office
at Town Hall or can be registered online.

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140, § 137 & 145B, all dog owners are required to obtain an annual license for any dog over the age of 6 months old or upon receiving their first rabies vaccination, whichever occurs first.

Please note any dog not registered by April 30th will
be charged a \$25.00 late fee.

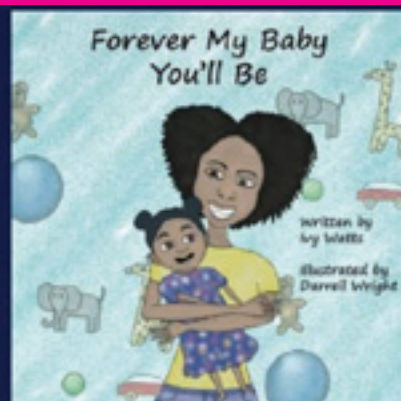
Please visit the Clerk's page on the Town website
for additional information.

please make sure to bring your current rabies certificate.





STORYTIME & CRAFT



with local author Ivy Watts!

For kids ages 1-6 and their caregivers

Wednesday, March 26 at 10 am

Meet local author Ivy Watts as she reads her children's book *Forever My Baby You'll Be*. The story will be followed by a simple craft. Registration required.



Stoughton Public Library

JOURNALING WORKSHOP

*Learn the art and value of journals
"to capture the events and texture of ...
lives and find that they are extraordinary."*

Adult workshop:
Thursday March 20th 6:30pm

Teens workshop:
Tuesday March 25th 3pm

Stoughton Public Library
84 Park St., Stoughton, MA

Registration required
(Journals & Spaces are Limited)



STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



FY26 Budget Office Hours

Find out more about the proposed FY26 budget
for the Stoughton Public Schools:

In Person at the District Office (31 Pierce St.):

Saturday, March 15, 2025 • 10-11:30am

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 • 5-6pm

Monday, March 24, 2025 • 4-5pm

Virtual Meeting:

Saturday, March 22, 2025 • 9-10am



Wednesday, March 26, 2025 • 6-7pm



BEAUTIFICATION OF STOUGHTON



TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 12th 2025

LOOKING FOR SPONSORS!

We're seeking businesses and organizations to help support a cleaner community by sponsoring this year's town-wide clean-up event. Sponsors will have their logos printed on event t-shirts and be featured on social media. Last year, over 12 local businesses and organizations stepped up to make a difference.

Join us in making an even bigger impact this year!

Interested or want more info? Email alehane@stoughton-ma.gov

Can't sponsor but want to participate in the clean up? Register now at www.StoughtonRec.org

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



Thomas Calter
Town Manager