

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED MARCH 31, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday April 1, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

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

This meeting is currently scheduled to be held as hybrid meeting as authorized by Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 which authorizes municipal boards to meet remotely or in a hybrid format (in person and remote participation). That authorization is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2025. If legislative action extends or modifies current allowances for remote or hybrid participation, the format of this hearing may be adjusted accordingly and, the meeting may, if required, be held in person (with no remote option) at the Great Hall, 10 Pearl Street. Any changes will be noted on the Town's website. Please check <https://stoughton.org> regularly for updates and participation details.

To Join via Google Meets: ify-actu-epu
PHONE: 650-735-3765
PIN: 335 084 047#

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. 7:30 p.m. **OPEN SESSION**
Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. 7:35 p.m. Citizens' Comments (2 minutes each)
3. 7:45 p.m. Select Board Comments
4. 7:55 p.m. Issuance of debt for Title V Loan for the Septic Betterment Program (Votes may be taken) Paula Nute
Treasurer/Collector
5. 8:00 p.m. **Public Hearings:**
a. Joint pole petition of Massachusetts Electric Company
d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. - Project Jarad Aker
#30927002
b. Applications for a Common Victualler License - Stoughton
Bakery & Cafe, Inc., 27-29 Wyman Street Ana Maria Vaz
6. 8:20 p.m. Renewal of Town of Stoughton health insurance opt-out program (Votes may be taken)
7. 8:25 p.m. Stoughton Redevelopment Authority project updates Roberta Harback, Chair
8. 8:35 p.m. 300th Anniversary Committee updates Kellie Laguerre, Chair
9. 8:45 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of March 11,
2025 and March 18, 2025

ADULT PAINT NIGHT



Friday April 4 | 5:15pm | \$25
With Melissa from Beeble Art Center

Sign up now at www.Stoughtonrec.org

KNIT/CROCHET CIRCLE

TUES. 4/8

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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At-Risk Emergency Biographical Information Form



This information will be retained and distributed to first responders for the sole purpose of identification and assistance to the person at risk should he/she wander, is in need of assistance, or there is any other type of emergency.



Blue Envelope Program

The **Blue Envelope Program** is an effort to ease communication between individuals on the autism spectrum and law enforcement during motor vehicle operator interactions.

BLUE ENVELOPE

Contents:

- Copy of driver's license
- State identification

Instructions to the Police Officer:

- The driver of the vehicle has a condition that may affect their ability to drive.
- Driver may display symptoms such as: wandering, forgetting, and may have communication issues.
- Driver may display signs of fear, anxiety, or panic, and may not understand what is going on.
- Allow driver to remain seated in the vehicle. They may have difficulty responding and answering questions.
- Use the most common communication methods: visual, verbal, and written communication.
- Please clearly tell the driver what the officer is doing and how they may help.
- If the driver becomes upset, an officer should attempt to calm them down or the driver's condition.
- Use the QR code in the bottom of this envelope to access additional help and information.

Important Documents!

Provide a copy of the documents to the officer and make a copy for yourself to keep in the vehicle.

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____
Relationship: _____
Phone Number: _____

Driver on the autism spectrum:

- Take your hands off the steering wheel until otherwise directed. Keep the officer's car in your view.
- The officer may shine a flashlight in your car. This is to make sure you are safe, and they have nothing to worry about.
- When the officer speaks to you, you may not hear that you have a **Blue Envelope**.
- The officer may ask questions to determine if you need help or if there is a concern.
- If you are sitting in the car, please keep your hands on the steering wheel.
- The officer will get back to their car. They will wait for you and will give you the officer's car.
- Remain calm and steady. You may need to continue to wait in the car until you are safe.
- When the officer comes back to your car, they will explain the end of the stop to you and will not get your license.
- You may ask the officer to provide safety and emergency services.

The Stoughton Police Department is partnering with the Norfolk County Sheriff to distribute **seat belt covers** to help first responders quickly identify people on the autism spectrum in an emergency.



Any questions, please contact SPDatriskinfo@stoughton-ma.gov

Residents in the area of...

Caryl Road

Donald Road

Charles Circle

Greenwood Avenue



Beginning March 31th
construction will be occurring at 7a.m.
and continue until completed.

No on street parking • Expect small delays

Q's? 781.344.2112. Stoughton Public Works Department

Thursday 4/24 @11AM



Teen Pizza & Gaming

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

Registration required



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Tuesday 4/22 @ 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.

Good News!

On **April 22, 2025** the Stoughton DPW will begin **Weekly Recycling Pickup**.

We appreciate Stoughton residents' waste minimization initiative and recycling efforts, which eliminated **1700 tons** of municipal waste from circulation. We want to keep this trend on the right trajectory and make it even easier for you through this **weekly recycling pickup**.

Your pickup date and route will **remain the same**; all you need to do is place out your bins.

Help Us Help You!



This flyer is printed on recycled paper.

WEDNESDAY 4/23 @2:30PM

TEEN
Paint Party

Let's celebrate creativity together!

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**Anime / Manga
Club for Teens**

Enjoy manga, anime,
and fun activities!

Stoughton Public Library
| 84 Park Street |
Stoughton, MA

Wednesday, April 16 @ 3pm



Join us for an
OPEN HOUSE



Monday, April 14th, 7 p.m.
Stoughton Public Library
Community Room



MEET THE STOUGHTON
300TH COMMITTEE



LEARN ABOUT THE EVENTS
PLANNED FOR 2026



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER
AND BE PART OF HISTORY

WE ARE HIRING



JOB POSITION:

- Summer Playground Counselor
- Ames Pond Gate Guard

REACH OUT TO:

Recreation@stoughton-ma.gov

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- • Seasonal employment applications can be
- • found on our website www.stoughtonrec.org



NEW SESSION ADDED

Youth Golf Clinic

June 23rd-June 26th | 9AM-1PM

Ages 7-15 | \$65

REGISTRATION OPENS 3/25 AT 8:30AM

STOUGHTON RESIDENTS ONLY

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

Program held at
Cedar Hill Golf
Course



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



TEEN SILENT BOOK CLUB

Official SBC Chapter!

APRIL 17TH | AT 2:30pm

MAY 22ND | AT 2:30pm

Thursdays



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TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

**BE A TEEN LEADER IN THE LIBRARY!
CREATE AND RUN EVENTS!
EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS!**

MONDAY, 4/14 AT 6PM



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.



Paper Bag Scrapbooking Workshop

with Christine

Learn how to create your own
paper bag scrapbook!

Bring your own printed photos
for the album, about 5-7.



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP
PRINTING THEM VIA:

TEENPROGRAMS@STOUGHTON.OCLN.ORG

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Wednesday
April 2nd
3 pm-4:30 pm



OPEN GAMING W/ VIRTUAL REALITY

FOR TEENS 12 & UP

THURSDAY 4/10 AT 1PM-4PM

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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