

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday Sept. 16, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

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

In accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, which extends the Governor's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 20," until June 30, 2027, this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

To Join via Google Meets: wbx-yczg-shd
PHONE: 414-436-8441
PIN: 143 315 897#

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
3. 7:40 p.m. Select Board Comments
4. 7:50 p.m. Town Manager Comments
5. 8:00 p.m. **Public Hearings:**
a. Continuation of September 2, 2025:
Pursuant MGL c. 140 §157 - to hear and consider a request dated June 26, 2025, for a dangerous dog hearing, filed by the Stoughton Animal Control Officer, concerning a dog owned by Frances Ly
b. Continuation of September 2, 2025:
National Grid and Verizon New England joint pole petition - Willow Street, Project # 31076275

Atty. Steve Chaplin
Town Counsel
Michelle Carlos
Animal Control Officer

Jarad Aker
6. 8:40 p.m. To consider and adopt an **ORDER FOR ASSESSMENT OF BETTERMENTS FOR SEWER LINE IMPROVEMENTS** regarding the Park Street Sewer Extension Project
Marc Tisdelle
Town Engineer
7. 8:55 p.m. To consider parking restrictions on Bradford Street
Deputy Chief O'Connor
8. 9:05 p.m. Traffic Safety Improvements on Pine Street at North School Drive
Mac Tidelle
Town Engineer
9. 9:15 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of August 19, 2025
b. Application for License for the Holiday Parade of Lights on December 13, 2025- Stoughton Recreation Department
c. Application for the Veterans' Day Parade on November 11, 2025 - Stoughton Veterans' Services



THANK YOU



TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Thank you to all the volunteers that came out Saturday to help with our House to House for Heroes event. We were able to deliver almost 700 packets filled with important information to our veterans and their families, which made this event a huge success!



For more information on resources available to Stoughton's veterans, please contact:

Sharon Johnson
Veterans Services Program Administrator
781-341-1300, ext. 9221
sjohnson@stoughton-ma.gov

Brian Turner
Veterans Service Officer
781-341-1300, ext. 9220
bturner@stoughton-ma.gov

Stoughton Board of Health

**PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION:
RODENT CONTROL**



**Want to reduce rodents' impact on
your property? Join us to learn how!**

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

Town Hall • The Great Hall

10 Pearl Street, 3rd Floor, Stoughton, MA 02072

OPEN GAMING W/ VIRTUAL REALITY

FOR TEENS 12 & UP

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

1:00 PM-4:00 PM



STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

84 PARK ST. * STOUGHTON, MA * 02072

781-344-2711



Stoughton Public Library
84 PARK STREET | STOUGHTON, MA

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

BE A TEEN LEADER IN
THE LIBRARY!

CREATE AND RUN
EVENTS!

EARN COMMUNITY
SERVICE HOURS!



MONDAY, 10/6 AT 5:30 PM

Developing HEALTHY SCREEN TIME Habits for Kids

A Workshop for Parents

Wednesday, September 17
5:30-7pm

Our kids live in a digital world. How can we help support developing healthy tech habits?

This workshop is open to ALL parents, with a focus on elementary and middle school teens. FREE childcare available.

Old Colony YMCA Stoughton

FREE!

Sponsored by:
Stoughton OASIS Coalition &
Easton Wings of HOPE
For more info: spatton@stoughton-ma.gov

Organizing to Address
OASIS
COALITION
Substance Use & Mental Health

Wings of
HOPE
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



TOWN OF STOUGHTON
SCHEDULED POWER
OUTAGE

When?

Thursday, September 18, 2025
8:00 pm - 4:00 am

Where?

971 - 993 Central Street

Questions?

Call National Grid Customer
Service at 1-800-322-3223

Is your child afraid to sleep in their own bed? Is your child worried about going to school? Are your child's fears getting in the way of being able to do what they want and need to do?

FEAR-LESS

A workshop series for parents on managing childhood anxiety

- ✓ Skills based workshops for parents of 7-14 year olds
- ✓ 6 Thursdays: October 2 – November 6
must commit to all 6 weeks
- ✓ 5:30–7pm at the Stoughton YMCA
- ✓ Childcare available

Space is Limited. REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

✓ **Register Today!**



<https://tinyurl.com/3kabh52d>



Questions?

781-341-1300 x9456 or
spatton@stoughton-ma.gov



**FREE for
Stoughton
Families**

Brought to you by the OASIS Coalition, Stoughton Public Schools & the Stoughton YMCA



STOUGHTON PUBLIC HEALTH/ VISITING NURSES
will be holding our annual

FLU CLINIC for Adults ages 18 and over

WHEN: Wednesday **October 1, 2025** @ 9-10:00 & 2-3:00

WHERE: **SENIOR CENTER** @ 110 ROCKLAND STREET STOUGHTON, MA

- Please bring your insurance card. We will bill your insurance and there will be **NO COPAY**
 - No individual will be denied a flu shot regardless of insurance coverage.

*If you are unable to attend this clinic and have difficulty leaving your home please contact our
office to schedule a nurse to come to you
781-344-7011*



Stoughton Public Health Association does not discriminate in its programs or services.

Is There a YOU in Stoughton?

Wednesday September 17th 11:30AM
Lunch Included
at Stoughton Council on Aging
110 Rockland Street
Registration Required

Whether you have lived here your entire life,
work here or just come to be involved,
**Stoughton's seniors are an important
member of our community.**

*Stoughton's Equal Opportunity Committee
is interested in hearing about what your thoughts are
about feeling welcome.*

Please join us to hear about initiatives taking place
and to give your feedback.





NEW

MUSIC MAKING

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR TODDLERS (AGES 2–5) AND THEIR GROWN-UPS! WE'LL EXPLORE RHYTHM, MOVEMENT, AND SIMPLE INSTRUMENTS IN A PLAYFUL, HANDS-ON CLASS THAT BUILDS EARLY MUSIC SKILLS THROUGH JOY AND CONNECTION.

OCTOBER 15TH 10AM-11AM



NEW!

PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP

Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop where kids ages 2–5 create their own puppets—from socks to paper bags—and bring them to life through stories, expression, and play. We'll wrap up with a joyful puppet show starring our little creators!

OCTOBER 14

10AM - 11 AM





SMART RECOVERY MEETINGS

SMART RECOVERY is coming to Stoughton.

Thursdays (beginning October 9, 2025)
7:30-8:30pm

15 Pleasant Street, Stoughton (Recreation Dept. Building)

What is SMART Recovery?

Join a SMART Recovery meeting to get support for addiction to all types of problematic behaviors including drugs, alcohol, gambling, and more. Meetings are free and are guided by trained facilitators. Meetings are safe and judgment-free. SMART Recovery is an evidenced-informed recovery method grounded in Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy (REBT) and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT). Learn more at www.smartrecovery.org

REACH OUT

781-341-1300 x9456
spatton@stoughton-ma.gov

www.stoughtonoasis.org
FB: StoughtonOASIS



**LIVE BANDS
FOOD TRUCKS
VENDOR TENTS
FACE PAINTER
TOUCH-A-TRUCK
BALLOON ARTIST
& MORE!**

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

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Teen Moroccan Henna

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Library Community Room

Learn all about Mandy's adventure to Morocco & get your own Henna design



This program is supported in part by a grant
from the Stoughton Cultural Council, a local agency
which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

Support Group

Stoughton YMCA
Tuesdays, 10am - 11am

Childcare
provided by
the YMCA at
no cost!

CONNECT

Christine Klecman
Group Facilitator
774-517-7006



Bring Your Own Craft Club for Adults

Wednesday, September 24th
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

- Bring your own supplies & current project
- Relaxed, social space
- No instruction, no pressure

To register:



WATERCOLOR CLASS for Teens

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

2:45 PM-4:45 PM

COMMUNITY ROOM





HALLOWEEN COSTUME EXCHANGE



Got Kids' Costumes?

Help make Halloween magical for another family!
We're collecting gently used kids' costumes for our
Halloween Costume Exchange-and we need your
help!

Drop-Off Info:

15 Pleasant St.

Now through Wed, Oct 1

During Recreation Office Hours

Costumes must be:

- Clean & in good condition
- No rips, stains, or missing parts
- In clear, labeled plastic bags
- Do not leave outside!



Hours: Mon-Wed. 8:30-4:30 PM.

Thurs. 8:30-7:00PM, Fri. 8:30-12PM

RECREATION@STOUGHTON-MA.GOV | 781-341-1300 X9244

www.stoughtonrec.org



JIGSAW WIZARDS

OCT. 17th | 6-8:00PM | AGES 17+ | \$15

Join us for a night of fun and a challenging puzzle competition!

Gather a team of up to 4 participants and compete against others to complete the puzzle!



SIGN UP TODAY AT WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

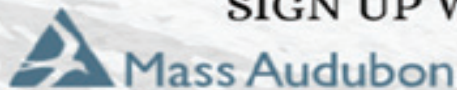
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October 9, 2025

5:00-6:00PM

SIGN UP WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Stoughton Select Board
Thursday ~ October 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
The Great Hall, 3rd Floor – Town Hall
10 Pearl Street ~ Stoughton, MA 02072

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Stoughton Select Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday ~ October 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to Article VIII – Breach and Sanctions of the August 9, 2023 Access Corporation Agreement (the “Agreement”) between the Stoughton Media Access Corporation (“SMAC”) and the Town of Stoughton. At said hearing, the Select Board will consider whether a breach occurred of: (1) Article XI, Section 4 which requires SMAC to, within forty-five (45) days of the full execution of the Agreement, i.e. by September 23, 2023, update and amend its By-laws; (2) Article V, Section 5 which requires that the president of the SMAC Board of Directors or his or her designee provide the Select Board with a quarterly update on the status of operations and capital planning; (3) Article V, Section 9 which requires that reviews, reports or audits of SMAC’s finances and operations be conducted and provided annually by SMAC to the Town within ninety (90) days after the close of SMAC’s fiscal year or within sixty (60) days after the filing of its state and federal tax returns; (4) Article V, Section 11 which requires that, at the time of filing the Annual Review, Report and/or Audit, SMAC provide an inventory of its equipment and facilities together with a statement of its condition and corrective action, if any needed, taken or recommended to be taken to maintain all items in satisfactory condition; and (5) Article V, Section 11 of the Agreement which requires that SMAC prepare and approve annually a revolving three-year capital budget which shall be included in the President’s quarterly update to the Select Board. The Select Board will also determine whether that breach, if found, was cured or otherwise excused or waived. Lastly, the Select Board will consider whether to: (1) withdraw SMAC’s Designation granted under Article III of this Access Agreement, and thereby terminate the Agreement; (2) impose Liquidated Damages; (3) impose any other sanction as may be lawfully determined to be reasonable under the circumstances; or (4) excuse or waive the breach for good cause shown.

Anyone interested or wishing to be heard is invited to attend and participate.

The agenda for said meeting will be posted not less than 48 hours before the meeting and will be available at www.stoughton.org/AgendaCenter.

This meeting may be shown live on the local broadcast channel by SMAC and recorded for internet access



SAVE

with your **Stoughton Public Library Card**



at these
local businesses:



One promotion per party. Exclusions may apply.
Promotions are for the month of September 2025 and are subject to change.



Teen Maker Meetup

Monday, September 29th

5:30 PM-6:30 PM

A Friend in Need

Recently, one of our colleagues decided to perform a living donation of a kidney to a dear friend of hers. We wanted to give her the chance to tell her story. Names will be changed to protect patients' privacy; the donor will be named Anne and the recipient, Jennifer.

Your friendship must be incredibly special. How long have you known one another?

I have known her probably about 40 years. We worked together in the advertising department for a grocery chain. We hit it off right away and we've been close friends ever since. Distance divided us over the years; she raised her kids in Colorado and she now lives in New York. In fact, I'm excited because I'll be meeting her kids for the first time.

Though we've lived far apart, our friendship remained close. It's really nice when you find a friend like that. Even if you don't talk for a while, you know when you get in touch it's like you were never apart.

How did you find out about Jennifer's condition?

She called me last December and said to me, "You're not going to believe what's going on." She wasn't feeling great for a while, had a checkup and suddenly was told her kidneys were failing. It was a whirlwind. It wasn't correctable, either. She'd have to go on a donor list. After other donors unfortunately fell through, I offered to test.

I kind of had a feeling. I knew when I was testing that it was going to be me.

Is organ donation something you've ever thought about before?

I have it on my license, but I didn't really think too much about it. I spoke with another woman I know who did a live donation. It's been seven or eight years and she has no regrets; she would do it again in a heartbeat. After talking to her, I thought, "yup, we're doing this."

What was it like to consider this choice?

I never really thought of anything negative on my part. I had a lot of outside people ask me, "Oh, what if one of your kids need one?" But when you go through the process, you learn there are a lot of factors doctors consider. They won't give an older person's kidney to a younger person, for example. It wouldn't be considered a match.

I don't have a history of kidney disease in my family, and for my age I'm in pretty good shape. I'm not too concerned about it.

How did you make the final decision? It sounds like, at the end, it was a very easy choice for you.

Oh, yeah, there was never a second thought. At first my family was concerned, but they are totally supportive of me and my decision.

What was the preparation process like?

There wasn't too much in terms of my own preparation. I've just trying to get into the best shape I can to cut the recovery time down to the shorter end. I'm told four to six weeks, and I'm aiming for four!

What would you say to those on the fence about organ donation?

I would say, do it! I look at it and I've said this to other people who questioned my decision: I hope to God someone would step up for me if I needed it.

The whole testing process is fascinating. They have you working out on the treadmill, they measure your heart recovery, CT scans, and a ton of bloodwork. I even saw images of my kidneys! Your case is presented to a panel of doctors for approval, who assess your evaluations so you can be confident in your decision.

I'm lucky enough to have family living in her area, so we'll be able to spend a lot of time recovering together. I am so happy that I'm able to help her.

We are all very proud of our colleague, coworker, and friend. We wish Anne and Jennifer luck next week and hope they have a swift, speedy recovery!