

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED OCTOBER 20, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Amended- Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday Oct. 21, 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: hnd-qwia-xab

PHONE: 925-385-6976

PIN: 649 301 512#

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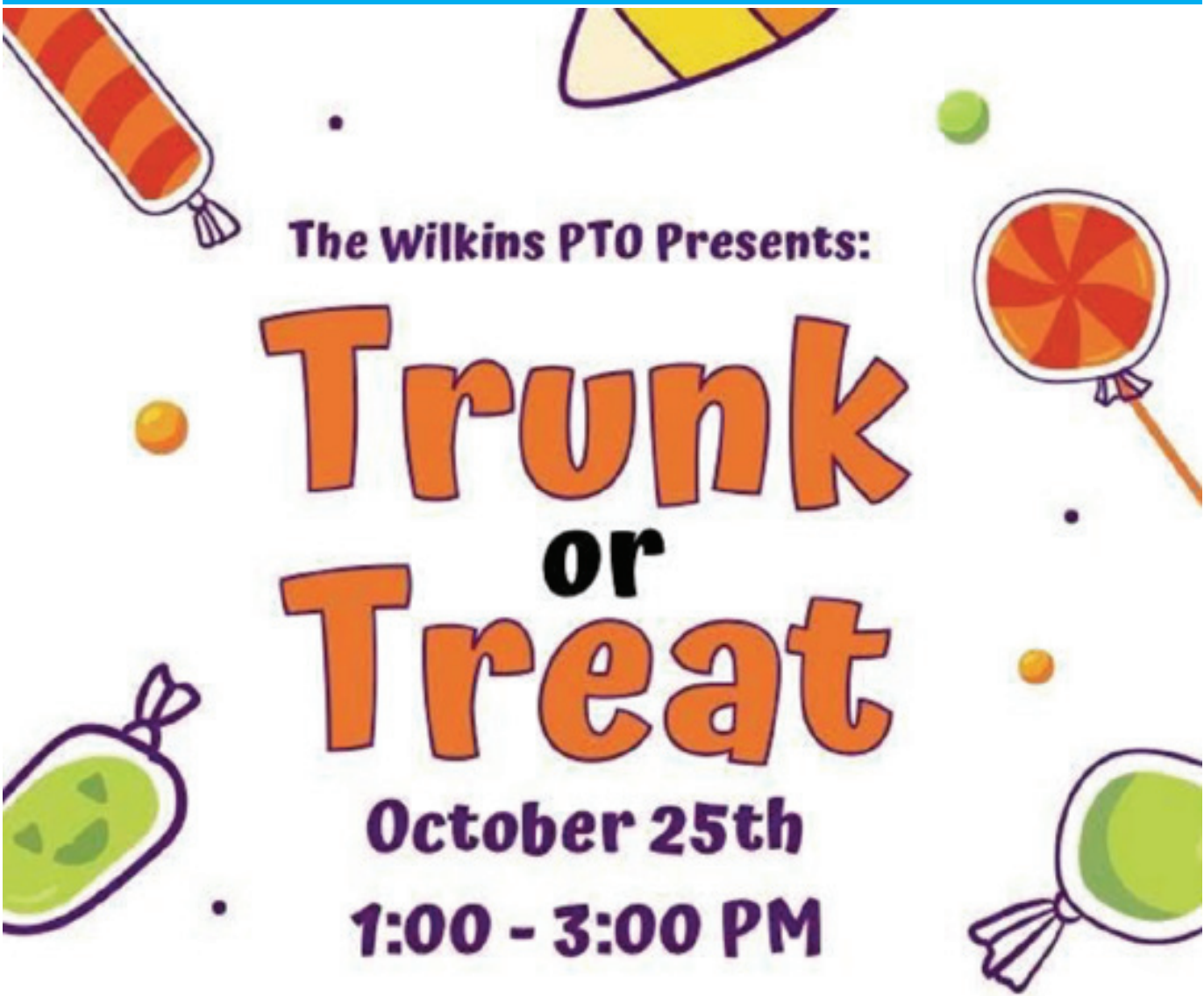
1. 7:00 p.m. **OPEN SESSION**
Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. 7:05 p.m. **Executive Session:**
 - a. Executive Session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(2)) - To conduct collective bargaining sessions - Grievance Frank Mogan
 - b. Executive Session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(3)) - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares - Grievance Frank Mogan
 - c. Approval of Executive Session Minutes Meeting of August 27, 2025 and October 7, 2025
 - d. Executive session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(3)) - To discuss strategy with respect to 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

Kate Feodoroff
Town Counsel
3. 7:40 p.m. Citizens' Comments
4. 7:45 p.m. Select Board Comments
5. 7:55 p.m. Town Manager Comments
6. 8:05 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of September 16, 2025 and October 7, 2025
 - b. Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Stoughton and AFSSCME Local 362, Council 93 for FY2026 - FY2028
 - c. Electronic Billboard - Request for Use Application - Stoughton Equal Opportunity Committee
7. 8:15 p.m. Amended Town Vehicle Use Policy - Votes shall be taken on each proposed amendment
Thomas Calter
Town Manager
8. 8:30 p.m. Amended Policy for consideration re: Veteran's Memorial Square Dedications - Votes shall be taken on each proposed amendment
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* **Added:**

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The Wilkins PTO Presents:

Trunk or Treat

**October 25th
1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Prizes- Raffle- Pizza - Book Fair

Popcorn - Costume Contest - DJ

**Wilkins Back Parking Lot
1322 Central St. Stoughton**

You can still sign up
to host a Trunk **HERE**



Featuring



Food Truck

HISPANIC
HERITAGE
MONTH

Taking Care of Ourselves During Challenging Times



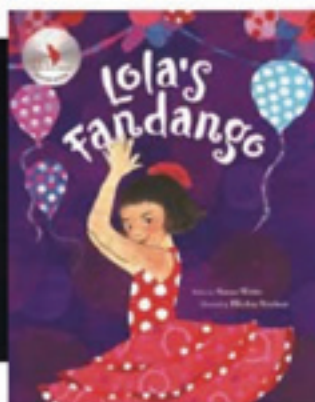
Jatina
Integrative
Therapist

**Monday, October 27
10:30–11:15 am**

Join us in a supportive space to share practical tools, interactive exercises, and conversation to manage stress, build resilience, and nurture well-being. This workshop will be presented by Dulce Orozco, a Licensed Mental Health Counselor with over 18 years of experience assisting women, people of color, and immigrant families to heal, embrace new perspectives, and honor their uniqueness. Registration required.

I Love Flamenco! For Everybody

**Saturday, November 1
2–3 pm**



Arts educator, dancer and dedicated Yogi Eve Costarelli will lead kids, teens and adults in this upbeat program. The program includes a flamenco demonstration, a brief history of the art, a mix of yoga and dance and a story! This program is for all ages and abilities. Registration required.



Stoughton Public Library

84 Park St., Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072 | 781-344-2711
<https://www.stoughton.org/library>

Tough A Truck

SATURDAY
OCT
25

When: SATURDAY 10am-1pm

Where: Jones Early Childhood
Center (Rear parking lot via Park Ave)

Bake sale. Raffles
& **FUN!**

Presented by: Jones PTO





TEEN HALLOWEEN MOVIE



HOCUS POCUS

October 20th, 3:00 PM

includes movie snacks!



Crab Cakes

Gourmet on a Budget

October 30th | 5:15 | \$40 | Ages 17+

Join Season 4 & Season 12 Masterchef
contestant Malcolm Green for a cooking
experience unlike any other!



SIGN UP TODAY AT WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

Join Tinker and create in their
**DIGITAL GAME DESIGN
COURSE**

**on Wednesdays starting on November 5th
at the Stoughton Public Library!**

For 3rd-8th graders.

Sign up today at www.stoughtonrec.org

The poster features a colorful, painterly background of a European-style town square with a large clock tower. In the foreground, there are three stylized figures: a man in a black hat and cape on the left, a person in a black silhouette jumping in the center, and a person in a white spacesuit on the right. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner, with logos at the top, a QR code for registration, a detailed course description in a yellow box, and a table of logistics at the bottom.

Tinker & Create
CUTTING-EDGE SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES
www.tinkerandcreate.com

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT
STOUGHTON**

**DIGITAL
GAME DESIGN**

REGISTRATION

[http://www.stoughtonrec.org/info/activities/
default.aspx?typ=activities](http://www.stoughtonrec.org/info/activities/default.aspx?typ=activities)

This course introduces students to The Unreal Engine, a game development platform that's great for creating 2D and 3D games. Some of the most important skills acquired in the class are scene and character design, computer programming, story crafting and writing, a bit of physics and math, and, most importantly, imagination. With a basic knowledge of this platform, students can begin to think about how to create worlds for different platforms, like tablets, PCs, laptops, virtual reality, and beyond. These skills can easily be applied to other disciplines, like graphic design, architecture, physics, math, fine arts, writing, computer programming, and engineering. We will be happy to equip you with the skills needed to empower your creativity!

LOCATION Stoughton Library 84 Park Street Stoughton, MA	DATES 11/5/25–12/17/25 On Wednesdays No class on 11/26/25	TIMES 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	AGE 3rd–8th Graders	FEE \$135
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QR Code and SUBSCRIBE
today for the latest updates!

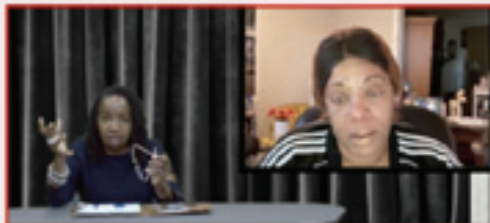


The Stoughton
Writers Group

Produced by
Michael Hardman

Confronting
Injustice

Produced by
Linda Solomon



Beacon For
Wellness

Produced by
Alan Jacobson



HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS 2025



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th at 5 PM

CALLING ALL BUSINESSES AND
COMMUNITY GROUPS -
FLOAT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Help us light up Stoughton this
holiday season by signing up
your group to drive a float or
march in the parade!

www.StoughtonRec.org



We're inviting you to our

HAUNTED POLICE STATION

It's going to be a fun, family-friendly event for all ages.
Come check out our spooky haunted tour
and enjoy activities for the kids.

If you've got little ones or prefer a less scary experience,
the first hour (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
is just for you— it's friendly and fun!



So grab your costumes, bring the whole family,
and join us for a day of
Halloween fun, laughs, and maybe a few friendly scares.
Can't wait to see you there!



HALLOWEEN WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 22 | 10:00-11:00AM

Ages 3-5



Get ready for a spooktacular morning of Halloween fun! In this workshop, we'll play games, create a Halloween-themed craft, and celebrate the frightful season together. Costumes are encouraged, so come dressed for some frightful fun

SIGN UP TODAY AT WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

TEDDY BEAR HALLOWEEN PARTY

with Teddy Town

OCTOBER 29TH

10:00-11:15AM | Ages 1.5 - 5 | \$40



It's going to be a BEAR-y spooky good time!

Come join us for a morning packed with Halloween fun —

Make your very own teddy bear (pumpkin shirt included!), get creative with Halloween crafts, and party it up at our mini Halloween bash! Costumes welcome!



Register today at www.stoughtonrec.org



AGENDA

Committee on Finance and Taxation

Wednesday , Oct. 22, 2025 at 7PM

Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor • 10 Pearl St. Stoughton

Public Hearing

Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM

The Great Hall, 3rd Floor Town Hall

10 Pearl Street, Stoughton, MA 02072

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2025. Votes will be taken.
4. Motion to Re-Open Public Hearing for the October 27th Special Town Meeting for the following article only:
 1. Article 5: Collective Bargaining Agreement- Stoughton PWD AFSCME 362
5. Motion to Close Public Hearing.
6. Discussion on Article 5 and vote on recommendation.
7. Other business (at the discretion of the Chair)
8. Adjourn

Agenda items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair. Votes may be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn J. Campbell

Chair, Committee of Finance and Taxation

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THE NIGHT
BEFORE

HALLOWEEN EVENT

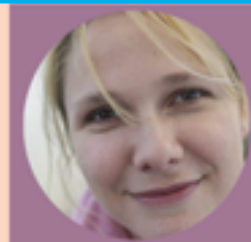
@ STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



"HOW TO WRITE A SPOOKY STORY FOR HALLOWEEN"

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

AFTER A BRIEF LECTURE ABOUT THE HORROR
GENRE, BAHR WILL GUIDE PARTICIPANTS
THROUGH THE BRAINSTORMING PROCESS
FOR WRITING YOUR OWN SCARY STORY!



REGISTER HERE TO RESERVE
YOUR SPOT (SPACE IS LIMITED):

THURS. OCT. 30TH, 6:00–8:00 PM

@ STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

84 PARK ST.
STOUGHTON, MA
781-344-2711



STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

'Rhythm and Beat: Films about the Music World'

with Stoughton film historian Frank Mandosa



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23
6:30 PM

Join us on Zoom! (no longer in person)

A Zoom link will be sent to all registrants 1 day prior to the program.

To register for the film program,
please click on the title or date.
Or call the library at 781-344-2711.
For all of our programs visit the [Library calendar](#).



High school English & Film teacher Frank Mandosa gives talks on a wide
variety of film-related topics & has 2 movie podcasts, Silver Screeners (host)
& Movies Across the Pod (co-host). Facebook movie group: "Silver Screeners"
X/Twitter: @filmbuff1974 Email: silverscreenerspod@gmail.com
www.frankmandosa.weebly.com



Important Road Work Update from MassDOT

Project Location (City/Town):

Corridor Improvements on

Route 138 from Canton Town Line to Charles Ave (Phase 2).

Estimated Start Date of Work: 10/07/25

Project Type: Corridor Improvements

Description of Work: Utility Gas Relocation.

Contractor: C Naughton Corp.

Hours of Operation (Night):

7am — 3:30pm (Monday through Friday).

Description of Traffic Management: Police Details,

Standard Traffic Management Plans.

Estimated Duration of Work: Estimated completion 10/31/25.

Additional Information: Contract No. 129897

For questions, please contact the District 5 Construction Office at
857-368-5104.

Town of Stoughton

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www.stoughton-ma.gov

FY26 2025-2026 Snow Plowing Operations Tentative Schedule of Proceedings

Dear Snow Plowing Contractors

In preparation for the upcoming winter season, the Town of Stoughton will begin the solicitation for on-call snow plowing services. Contractors must supply vehicle with plow and driver.

In order to keep the contractors informed, the Procurement Department has put together this tentative schedule of proceedings in regards to significant dates.

As in the past winter seasons, the number of the pieces of snow plowing equipment contracted will be determined by the Department of Public Works Superintendent. Snow Plowing services are on call and as needed solely under the direction of the DPW Superintendent to supplement the Towns equipment. The DPW Superintendent does not guarantee a need for services. In cases of emergency conditions, the Town may add on additional pieces of equipment to be used.

Tentative Date Schedule:

September 15, 2025 10:00am	Snow Plowing Operations documents available by emailing a request to: bids@stoughton-ma.gov or by picking up documents at the Town Hall 3 rd Floor Procurement Dept 10 Pearl Street Stoughton, MA 02072
October 7 th , 2025 12:00pm	Questions due in regards to snow plowing operations
October 14 th , 2025	Addenda issued (if necessary)
November 6 th , 2025	In order to assign routes for contracted snow plowers <u>Complete Snow Plowing packages</u> will be <u>accepted any time</u> before November 6 th , 2025 4:00pm Incomplete packages received will not be forwarded to the DPW Superintendent.

Best regards

Fran Bruttaniti
Procurement Officer

Cc Paul Giffune

BABYSITTER TRAINING COURSE

Ages 12+ | Cost: \$30 | 110 Rockland Street

**Cost covers CPR & First Aid Official Certification*

Thursday, October 30th 3:30pm-5:00pm

Thursday, November 6th 3:30pm-5:00pm

Thursday, November 13th 3:30pm-5:00pm

Thursday, November 20th 3:30-6:00pm (CPR & First Aid)

MANDATORY TO ATTEND THE CPR & FIRST AID CLASS

Program Includes:

- Babysitter Certification
- Child and Infant CPR Certification
- Standard First Aid Certification
- Basic Child Care Overview
- Leadership Skills Development
- Babysitting Business Development



STOUGHTON YOUTH COMMISSION | 110 ROCKLAND STREET | (781) 341-2252

Register Online at www.StoughtonRec.org



Stoughton Municipal Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Board of Health - DPW Event

WHEN: Saturday, November 1, 2025
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

WHERE: 235 Morton St. Gibbons
Elementary School**

- **PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES**
- **PLEASE HAVE I.D. READY TO SHOW STAFF**

Acceptable Items:

Art Supplies	Cleaners	Herbicides
Waste Motor Oil	Batteries	Used Paint Thinner
Lamp Ballast,	Propane Tanks	Oil Based Paint
Used Antifreeze	Automotive Fluids	Aerosol Cans
Chemicals Products	Pesticides	Fertilizers
Flammable Liquids	Glue	Used Needles
CRT's & Electronics	Old Gas	Photo Chemicals
Old TV's	Mercury Waste	Other Household Haz-Waste

Mercury Containing Devices:

THERMOMETERS, THERMOSTATS, COMPACT FLUORESCENT LAMPS, STANDARD FLUORESCENT LAMPS, HIGH INTENSITY LAMPS, FLOAT SWITCHES, BLOOD PRESSURE CUFFS, BAROMETERS, OR ANY ITEM CONTAINING ELEMENTAL MERCURY!

Medicinal Needles & Sharps Disposal

PLEASE DO NOT MIX SHARPS IN HOUSEHOLD TRASH. STORE AND DELIVER ALL SHARPS TO EVENT IN PUNCTURE-RESISTANT CONTAINERS

Bring materials in original containers or boxed

Non-Acceptable Items:

Latex Paint, Unlabeled Articles, Freon Canisters, Helium Canisters, Asbestos, Highway flares, Radioactive Waste, PCBS, Explosives & Unknowns

There is No Prescription Drug Take back this year.



****Enter via the Morton Street or Bradford Street entrance. Proceed to access road to the event. There will be no access to the main Haz-Mat collection area at Leeds Street and Kenneth Court.**

If you have additional questions, please call 781-341-1300 ext. 9262 or 9410

FEES:

\$4.00	Car tire
\$5.00	Light truck tire
\$15.00	Tractor trailer tire
\$5.00	Auto batteries
\$1.00	16 oz. Propane tank
\$3.00	5 lb. & 10 lb. P. Tanks
\$5.00	20 lb. Propane tank
\$15.00	60 lb. Propane tank
\$20.00	100 lb. Propane Tank
\$6.00	Fire Extinguishers
\$20.00	Cathode Ray Tube Monitors
\$20.00	All Flat Screen TV's
\$10.00	Flat Monitors & Laptops
\$20.00	Misc. Electronics
\$50.00	Air Conditioners
\$50.00	Small Fridges
\$20.00	Microwaves
\$20.00	Lawn Mower/Tool Batteries (Li)
\$20.00	Smoke Detectors





Stoughton Household HAZ-MAT Collection Gibbons School November 1, 2025, 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon





COMMEMORATIVE POLE BANNER PROGRAM

Be part of local history with your very own commemorative banner.



Your personalized banner will proudly hang on a Stoughton street pole throughout the 2026 celebration year—showcasing your support and connection to our community during this once-in-a-lifetime event.

www.stoughtonma300.org

A message from Tom Calter, Town Manager



TOWN OF STOUGHTON

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

10 Pearl Street – Stoughton, MA 02072 (781) 341-1300 Fax (781) 297-2879

2025 Message to the Citizens of Stoughton

Greetings Stoughton Citizens,

I write this letter to answer a few frequently-asked questions regarding the Train Depot's progress and future usage. I am thrilled that so many of our residents expressed interest in this building's completion and, in the interest of clarity, I want to keep you fully informed.

Why is the project so expensive?

This project's interior budget was created in 2020. The estimated cost to complete the internal renovations was approximately \$4 million; restoration is far more expensive than new construction. If Town Meeting members approve the article for \$350,000, we will be able to complete this phase of reconstruction, including a completely new electrical system, plumbing infrastructure, HVAC, and major structural improvements. The final total is approximately \$2.5 million, roughly \$2.15 million provided through state grants.

Why are you using drywall instead of keeping the original wood paneling?

Our initial budget did not account for the significant destruction we discovered, including water damage, mold, and termite infestation. Very little external wood paneling could be saved and we retained what historical value we could. Years of neglect took their toll and we needed to ensure a safe and hygienic space for residents; thankfully, most of the underlying structure was intact. In rebuilding the train station into a community center, the primary objective is to preserve what we can while also creating a first-class function area.

What will the community center be used for?

In addition to its use as a first-class meeting space for town government, it may be used for weddings, showers, bar and bat mitzvahs, birthday celebrations, christenings, family reunions, block parties, Friday afternoon social hours, community gatherings, fundraisers, charities, and any other event you can think of.

This space can only be utilized by Stoughton residents and employees; it will not be rented to out-of-town applicants or organizations. Because this is solely for community use, the fee will reflect that of a non-profit: the only rental charges will be for janitorial and bartending services. There is no kitchen in the facility, so any food must be supplied by an outside vendor.

This facility will be strictly used for Stoughton community events and will not be open to the public outside of pre-scheduled dates. As we approach the opening, we will publish rental information.

How will parking be situated when the project is complete?

The town-owned spaces versus MBTA spaces will remain the same. If Commuter Rail passengers park in town-owned spaces, they will be ticketed as they are now.

What adjustments have you made to support people who require special accommodations?

Town-owned handicapped parking spaces directly face the ADA-approved accessible entrance, which is wider than the others and opened through a hand pad. The external ramp will be replaced with a more user-friendly pitch and safety handrails. The entire depot will be fully regulation-compliant with a separate unisex ADA-compliant bathroom, an inclusive bar-serving area, a water fountain constructed at the appropriate level, and a floor design free of sudden elevation changes.

What about that old safe I've seen photos of online? Are you going to preserve that?

I am happy to announce that yes, we will retain this historical artifact: the 130-year-old, 3,000-pound ticket office safe will be refinished and converted into a 50-year time capsule. It will be encased in unbreakable glass and located in the middle of the community center's main function room. Contents will include letters, books, artifacts, and documents from today which will be opened, read, and examined by the Stoughton community of tomorrow.

Each person asked to write a letter to be included in the time capsule will be issued four tickets to attend the capsule opening 50 years to the date and time of the capsule's sealing. The closing ceremony will happen in conjunction with the community center's opening and dedication in early February.

What will happen with the building's exterior?

The station's exterior design and engineering is well underway. That project will include replacement of rotted wood, painting, outside patio construction, and planted gardens to provide an outdoor option for town and resident celebrations. At present we are requesting funding for this space from CPC.

Hopefully, this report answers many of your most commonly-asked questions. I invite any interested individual or group to contact me if you would like a tour while under construction. If you want to learn more, please feel free to contact my office.

Thank you,



Thomas J. Calter,
Town Manager

