

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JANUARY 5, 2026 ROBERTA HARBACK





Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday Jan.6, 2026 at 7:00 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: ort-wwvm-jbu
PHONE: (US) +1 262-922-8324
PIN: 823 315 123#

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
3. 7:10 p.m. Select Board Comments
4. 7:20 p.m. Town Manager Comments
5. 7:30 p.m. Water Department Rules and Regulations recommended policy amendments - Votes may be taken
Keith Nastasia
Water
Superintendent
6. 7:45 p.m. Water and Sewer Abatement Application/Request for a Hearing - 66 Charles Ave.
Diana Camilla
Valerio
7. 8:00 p.m. Consider whether to accept a deed conveying 30 Porter Street to the Town in accordance with Article 16 of the October 27, 2025 Town Meeting vote - Votes may be taken
Marc Tisdelle
Town Engineer
8. 8:10 p.m. FY27 Operating Budget - Votes may be taken
Tom Calter
Town Manager
9. 8:30 p.m. Open the Warrant for Special Town Meeting on March 2, 2026 – Votes may be taken
Marc Tisdelle
Town Engineer
10. 8:40 p.m. To consider and vote to delegate to Town Counsel the Select Board's response to the Open Meeting Law Complaint filed against it by Patrick Higgins on 12/23/25 – Votes may be taken
11. 8:50 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
Approval of Open Session Minutes Meetings of December 11, 2025, December 16, 2025 and December 18, 2025
12. 9:00 p.m. **Executive Session:**
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

Kids in Motion

Grades 3-5

Kids in Motion is an energetic and fun recreation program designed for students in grades 3-5. This program keeps kids active and engaged during February break with a variety of gym-class-style games and activities, including team games, fitness challenges, and cooperative play. Kids in Motion is perfect for children who love to move, play games, and stay active during break!

February 17, 18, 19
9:00AM-12:00PM

Gibbons Elementary School

***Sneakers & Water Bottle are required**



Registration:

\$40

REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

CRAFT & PLAY

WEDNESDAYS 1/14-2/4
11-11:45 AM | AGES 2-5

CHILDREN WILL EXPLORE
PAINTING, COLOR MIXING,
DRAWING, FINE MOTOR SKILLS
AND MORE.

www.stoughtonrec.org



Music Making workshop

Ages 2-5

Jan 6th 11-11:45am

Jan 20th 11-11:45am

\$5

Get ready to sing, clap, dance, and play! This joyful, hands-on workshop is designed for toddlers ages 2-5 and their grown-ups to explore the magical world of music together. Little ones will be introduced to basic musical concepts through fun activities like rhythm clapping, simple dancing, and playing age-appropriate instruments.



PURSuing YOUR PURPOSE: LEAD YOUR COMMUNITY WITH COURAGE



Featuring Speaker

Steve Abrams

Director and
Community Servant

Representatives of

Patriots of Color/
10 Million Names

FREE ADMISSION

- Open to the public- bring a friend!
- Activities for all age groups
- Food, drink, and booths from local vendors
- Music by the Stoughton High School Jazz Combo
- Job Recruiting Seminar: Still Got It! Turning Experience into Opportunity
- State Treasurer Department Seminar: "Treasury Toolkit: Discover What's Yours"
- And more!

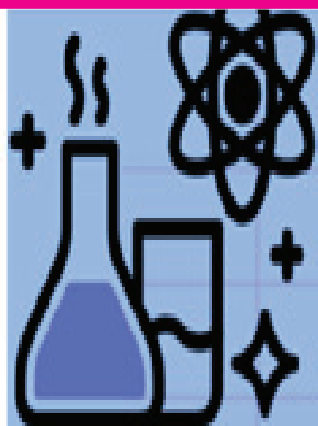
Presented by the Stoughton MLK Jr. 2026 Committee

Debra Roberts • Bettye Sabree • Christine Iacobucci • Dr. Patricia Randolph • Peggy Sewcyk

JANUARY 19, 2026 • 10 AM - 1:30 PM

Stoughton Public Library 84 Park Street Stoughton, MA 02072





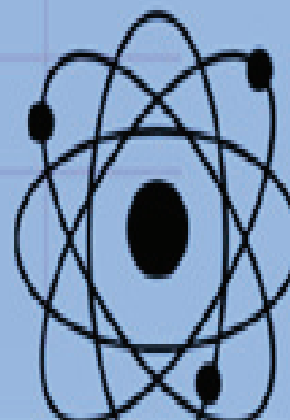
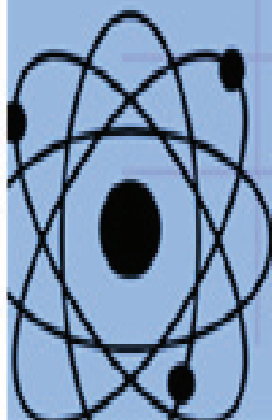
LITTLE SCIENTIST WORKSHOPS

11-11:45 AM | \$5
AGES 2-5

1/27- DIY SNOWGLOBE

2/10- VALENTINES DAY
EXPERIMENT

SIGN UP TODAY AT
WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



We will be picking up trees
the weeks of January 5
&
January 12 only

The tree must be bare..



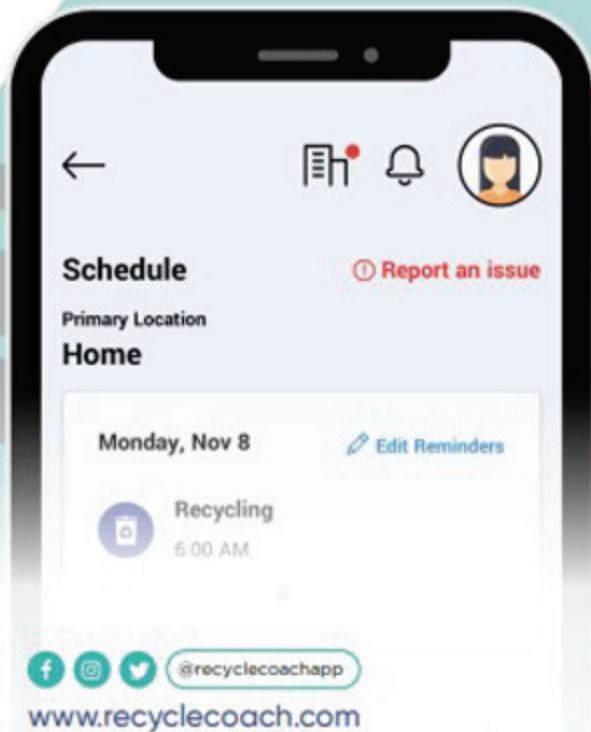
Stoughton Public Works Department

Don't Miss a Collection!



No one likes a missed collection! Download the Mobile App and set weekly reminders so you never miss a collection.

You can also report a missed pick-up through our 'Report a Problem' tool.



@recyclecoachapp

www.recyclecoach.com



Organizing to Address
OASIS
COALITION
Substances in Stoughton

SMART RECOVERY MEETINGS

Thursdays (beginning JANUARY 15, 2026)

7:30-8:30pm

STOUGHTON YMCA

What is SMART Recovery?

Join a SMART Recovery meeting to get support for addiction to all types of behaviors including drugs, alcohol, gambling and more.

Meetings are FREE and 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

*This meeting is open to everyone.
Please note that ID is required for entry
at to the YMCA building.

REACH OUT

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

www.stoughtonoasis.org
FB: StoughtonOASIS

Town of Stoughton

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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

Not all holiday cards are recyclable!

Only recycle cards free of metallic inks, foil, wire, batteries or glitter.

Photos printed on regular paper and cardstock are recyclable, but glossy paper is not.

Feeling crafty? Hang onto cards to collage into new, festive cards for next year!

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Get Involved

&

GET YOUR *Creative* JUICES FLOWING!

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Production Crew, Edit Video, and MORE!

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and we will show you how!

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MASS AUDUBON NATURE & ART

JOIN STOUGHTON REC AND MASS AUDUBON ON MONDAY
AFTERNOONS FOR ART PROJECTS LIKE NATURE
JOURNALS, PAPER MAKING, AND JELLY PRINT MAKING
AND MORE ALL WHILE LEARNING ABOUT THE NATURAL
WORLD AROUND US. LIVE ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS
INCLUDED!!

JAN 12TH-FEB 9TH | 3-4:30PM | AGES 8-12 | \$10



***Are your child's worries
getting in the way?***

FEAR-LESS

**A workshop series
for Parents: Managing
Childhood Anxiety**



**Skill-based workshop series
for parents of 7-15 year olds**

5 Thursdays:

**January 15 –
February 12, 2026**

***Must commit
to all 5 weeks***

**5:00–7pm at the
Stoughton YMCA**

***Childcare
available***

**Space is
Limited!**

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED!**



Questions?

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

<https://tinyurl.com/3kakh52d>

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

It's new year! Time to refresh
and reset with your teen.

Getting Your Teen to Cooperate

Tuesday,
January 13
OMS
5:30-7

Tuesday,
February 24
OMS
5:30-7pm

Managing Teen Emotions

Register for one or both at:
<https://tinyurl.com/3mpwkhvh>





HOLIDAY TRASH AND RECYCLING TIPS

- Wrapping Paper- trash, except brown kraft paper which can be recycled.
- Tissue Paper, Bows, Ribbons– Reuse
- Cardboard Boxes, Gift Boxes– Recycle
- Wine/Champagne Bottles (no corks)- Recycle
- Paper Greeting Cards (no glitter, foil, or metallic ink) - Recycle
- Gift Bags– Reuse
- Confetti, Styrofoam, tinsel– Trash
- String Lights– Reuse or Donate if functioning. If not please bring to DPW 950 Central St to dispose in our special String Light Bin.
- Real Christmas Trees - will be picked up curbside for trash/recycling customers in January.

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

