

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JANUARY 12, 2026 ROBERTA HARBACK





Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday Jan 13, 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: txb-xgpt-cpb
PHONE: (US) +1 720-439-7185
PIN: 573 508 032#

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. Discuss and approve response to Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Patrick Higgins on December 23, 2025 – Votes may be taken
3. 7:20 p.m. Close the Warrant for Special Town Meeting on March 2, 2026 - Votes may be taken

Marc Tisdelle
Town Engineer



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

Roadwork

Notification Contract #121097

C&C for ATANE Schedule

Week of 1/11/2026

There will be nighttime inspections along
MA-24 northbound in
Brockton, Avon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater.

Expect: Right lane and shoulder closures at various
locations on MA-24 northbound.
Double left lane and shoulder closures at various
locations on MA-24 northbound.

Note: All work is weather dependent

C&C Consulting Engineers for ATANE

MassDOT - 121097 - Assign. #1

Week of January 11, 2026

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Sign Structure #	Traffic	Feature Closed	Site Point	Lane Closure	Inspection Performed By	Conv.	Equipment Needed	Meet up location and time
Sunday	1/11/26						No Inspection Scheduled				
Monday Night	1/12/26	21:00 - 06:00	HS-000411, HS-000442, HS-000422, HS-000430, HS-000423, HS-000503	Brockton, Avon	MA-24 NB	31.5 to 31.8	Right Lane and Shoulder on MA-24 NB between Exit 33 and Exit 35	C&C Consulting	FL: Thomas Liverton 4023 9th St TEL: John-Maher	(1) 20 BURET TRUCK (1) ArrowBoard (1) Crash Truck (1) State Police	Meet Time: 20:30 Ocean State Job Lot 5 Stockwell Dr Avon, MA
Tuesday Night	1/13/26	21:00 - 06:00	HS-000434, HS-000476, HS-000495, HS-000504, HS-000436, 17-000008 HS-000502	Avon, Stoughton	MA-24 NB	31.7 to 31.8	Right Lane and Shoulder on MA-24 NB between Exit 33 and OGDG Border	C&C Consulting	FL: Thomas Liverton 4023 9th St TEL: John-Maher	(1) 20 BURET TRUCK (1) ArrowBoard (1) Crash Truck (1) State Police	Meet Time: 20:30 Ocean State Job Lot 5 Stockwell Dr Avon, MA
Wednesday Night	1/14/26	21:00 - 06:00	HS-000495, HS-000430, HS-000505, HS-000421, HS-000505, JA-1987	West Bridgewater, Brockton	MA-24 NB	31.4 to 31.5	Right Lane and Shoulder on MA-24 NB between Exit 29 and Exit 31	C&C Consulting	FL: Thomas Liverton 4023 9th St TEL: John-Maher	(1) 20 BURET TRUCK (1) ArrowBoard (1) Crash Truck (1) State Police	Meet Time: 20:30 Ocean State Job Lot 5 Stockwell Dr Avon, MA
Thursday Night	1/15/26	21:00 - 06:00	HS-000495	Stoughton	MA-24 NB	31.7 to 31.8	Double Left Lane and Shoulder on MA-24 NB between Exit 30 and OGDG Border	C&C Consulting	FL: Thomas Liverton 4023 9th St TEL: John-Maher	(1) 20 BURET TRUCK (2) ArrowBoard (2) Crash Truck (2) State Police	Meet Time: 20:30 Ocean State Job Lot 5 Stockwell Dr Avon, MA
Friday	1/16/26						No Inspection Scheduled				
Saturday	1/17/26						No Inspection Scheduled				

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>



JONES EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Preschool Open House



Thursday January 29th
5:30–6:30PM

Come take a tour of the
school and meet the staff!



Parents, guardians
and children
welcome!



137 Walnut Street
Stoughton, MA 02072
781-344-7003



For more information:
www.stoughtonschools.org

STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Please note for the 2026-2027 school year, preschool students must be
3 or 4 years of age by August 31, 2026.

Preschool registrations for the 2026-2027 school year will be open
February 2, 2026.

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



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.



*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/3kahh52d>

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

Gourmet on a Budget



Steak Dinner

February 13th | 5:15 pm | \$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

ADULT

Paint Night

Friday January 30th | 5 pm |
\$25

Get ready for a night of creative chaos,
good vibes, and plenty of laughs with
Melissa Kowal, owner of Beeble Art
Center! This paint night will include all the
materials you need to join in on the fun.



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



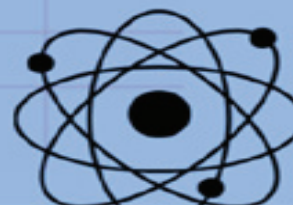
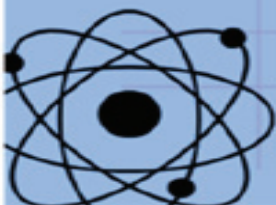
LITTLE SCIENTIST WORKSHOPS

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

1/27- DIY SNOWGLOBE

2/10- VALENTINES DAY
EXPERIMENT

SIGN UP TODAY AT
WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



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



**LEGAL NOTICE
PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF STOUGHTON**



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
January 22, 2026**

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 5, The Zoning Act, you are hereby notified that the Town of Stoughton Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **January 22, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** in The Great Hall, Third Floor, 10 Pearl Street, Stoughton, MA, to consider and hear public comment on proposed amendments to the Town of Stoughton Zoning Bylaws and the Zoning Map as follows:

Provide for the establishment of a new Section 7.6 Senior Housing Development to establish regulations and definitions including changes to Section 3.1.4 Table of Use Regulations and Section 11 Definitions.

Persons interested in the above matters should be present at the above stated location and time. A copy of the complete text and maps of the amendments and other supplementary information is available on the Planning Board's web page within the Town of Stoughton's municipal web site at: **<https://www.stoughton.org/475/ATM-2026-Proposed-Zoning-Articles>**. It can also be viewed at the Town Planner's office during regular business hours. Please contact the Town Planner, William D. Roth, Jr., at (781) 341-1300 x9201 or **wroth@stoughton-ma.gov** with any questions.

Dan Kelly
Planning Board Chair

The Patriot-Ledger
January 7, 2026 and January 14, 2026

MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS

Parent Discussion Group

**FEBUARY 3
AT 5:30PM**

@Stoughton YMCA
Registration Required

Struggling with challenging behaviors?

This discussion group will explore **simple, realistic strategies** for managing challenging behaviors, helping children thrive while **reducing stress** for caregivers. Let's start the new year with tools that work.

Register Here



**FREE FOOD &
CHILDCARE
PROVIDED!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

🌐 www.stoughtonoasis.org

☎ sto.pecgrant@gmail.com

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

Attention Stoughton Residents

Comcast will be retiring **Public Access Channel 9**
on **January 13, 2026**.

SMAC programming will continue to be available in
HD on **Channel 1073**.



781-341-1708

421 Page St, Suite 2

stoughtontv.com

Verizon: Public 26 / Education 26 / Government 24

Comcast: Public 1073 / Education 6 / Government 8

TEEN POTTERY WORKSHOP

Friday Jan 23rd | 5-6:30PM | \$75
Grades 6-11

Join us for an exciting opportunity to try out a pottery wheel! In this workshop, Melissa of Beeble Art Center will teach you all about pottery and using a pottery wheel.



It's time to register your dog/s

Available at the Town Clerk's Office

please make sure to bring your current rabies certificate.

Don't
forget...

please
renew my
license by
May 1st

Town of Stoughton

Good Boy
10 Pearl St
Stoughton, MA
02072

Lucy Goose

Comments:
Watch Out! 🐾



Welcome to the Town Manager's Office!

This is a public statement made by Selectboard Chair Stephen Cavey at the January 6 Selectboard hearing:

"I understand and appreciate the level of community interest in the two matters involving the Town and SMAC. While I am not at liberty to share all the details regarding SMAC's lawsuit vs. the Town or the Town's claim of SMAC's contract violations, I am happy to report that both sides are working towards an amicable resolution that we are optimistic will result in the dismissal of SMAC's lawsuit vs. the town and the extension of an amended contract between SMAC and the Town of Stoughton. Town Counsel has reported as recently as today significant progress toward resolution on both sides.

Tonight I am asking for the Board to continue the public hearing until Thursday, January 29, 2026 when, at which time, we hope to expect to share details of a settlement agreement."



Thomas Calter
Town Manager