

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JANUARY 19, 2026 ROBERTA HARBACK

Stoughton now celebrating 300 years, incorporated 1726





Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday Jan. 20, 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: xtq-juyi-vnc
PHONE: (US) +1 570-844-1084
PIN: 200 784 310#

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. Interview and consideration of appointment of Finance Director/Town Accountant finalist (Votes may be taken)
 - Heidi Chuckran
6. 7:50 p.m. Submission of 5-Year Capital Plan Marc Tisdelle
Town Engineer
7. 8:05 p.m. Open the Warrant for FY27 Annual Town Meeting and the Warrant for the FY27 Special Town Meeting to be held within the Annual Town Meeting (Votes may be taken) Marc Tisdelle
Town Engineer
8. 8:20 p.m. Board, commission and committee public meeting times - reconsider, rescind or reaffirm Select Board's January 8, 2026 vote.
9. 8:35 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meetings of December 16, 2025, January 6, 2026 and January 8, 2026
 - b. Approval of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) Forms:
 - Licensees who failed to renew
 - Seasonal population form
 - c. Integrated collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Stoughton and the Town Hall Employees Association for the period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028
 - d. Approval of In Person Early voting at Town Hall for:
 - February 17, 2026 Preliminary Town Election
 - April 7, 2026 Annual Town Election
 - September 1, 2026 State Primary Election
 - November 2, 2026 State Election
10. 8:45 p.m. **Executive Session:**
 - a. Executive Session, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2) - To conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel and contract negotiations with nonunion personnel - Finance Director/Town Accountant
 - b. Approval of executive session minutes meetings of November 25, 2025, December 2, 2025, December 11, 2025 and December 16, 2025

**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

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Robert Redford, Actor & Icon

with Stoughton film historian Frank Mandosa



THURSDAY, JANUARY 29th @ 6:30 PM on Zoom.

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" /Twitter: @filmbuff1974 Email: silverscreenspod@gmail.com
www.frankmandosa.weebly.com

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.



A message from **Town Clerk**



Interested in becoming a
Town Meeting Member?

There's still time to pull your papers

Deadline to submit your nomination papers to
Town Clerk's Office is
Tuesday, February 17th

Your nomination papers require
15 registered voters from your precinct.
(20 are recommended)

You can sign your own nomination papers

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





Jones Early Childhood Center

PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Attention parents of school age children ages 2.9 to 4 years: In compliance with Chapter 766, Stoughton Public Schools will screen preschool-aged children to identify those children with possible special education needs.

The screening will occur at the E.A. Jones Early Childhood Center on Friday, February 13, 2026. The screening will include the following: Speech and language, education, motor skills, and completion of a parent questionnaire. If you want to schedule an appointment, please call by Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

This screening is not for enrollment for the preschool. Your child must be a Stoughton Resident.

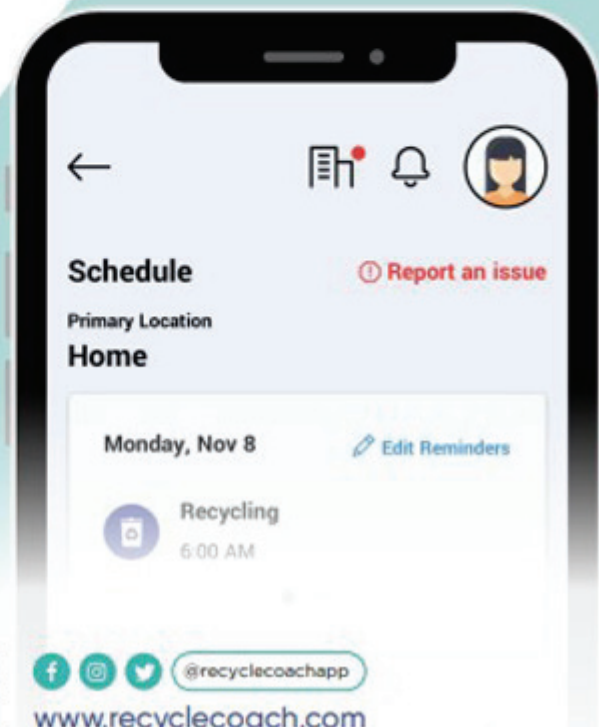
If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact the Jones ECC at **781-344-7003** or email Nicole Velozo at n_velozo@stoughtonschools.org.

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.



It's time to register your dog/s

Available at the Town Clerk's Office or online

please make sure to bring your current rabies certificate.

Don't
forget...

please
renew my
license by
April 30th
to avoid a late
fee

Town of Stoughton

Good Boy
10 Pearl St
Stoughton, MA
02072

Lucy Goose

Comments:
Watch Out! 🐾



No Street Parking 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

beginning
midnight December 1, 2025
through
April 1, 2026.

There is no authorized street or
municipal parking.

Vehicles are subject to being
ticketed and or towed



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

Town of Stoughton

10 Pearl Street • Stoughton, MA 02072 • (781) 341-1300 • FAX (781) 344-5048
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

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



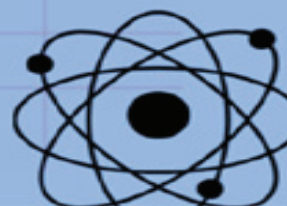
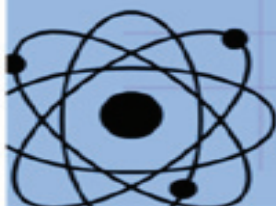
LITTLE SCIENTIST WORKSHOPS

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



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.

A message from **Town Clerk**



Important Dates

February 17, 2026 Primary Town Election

March 2, 2026 Special Town Meeting

April 7, 2026 Annual Town Election

May 4, 2026 Town Meeting

September 1, 2026 State Primary Election

November 3, 2026 State Election



STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

SHS SHOWCASE

FOR CURRENT 8TH GRADE STUDENTS & FAMILIES

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026 AT 6:30PM

SHS AUDITORIUM (232 PEARL ST.)

SEE WHAT STOUGHTON HIGH HAS TO OFFER!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT CLASSES YOU CAN TAKE AND HEAR
ABOUT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, SPORTS, MUSIC
AND DRAMA PROGRAMS AT STOUGHTON HIGH!**

STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS





2026

BURN PERMITS

AVAILABLE ONLINE

OPEN BURNING
JANUARY 15, 2026 THROUGH MAY 1, 2026

To obtain a burn permit, please go to the
Stoughton Fire Department Website
(www.stoughtonfire.org).

Burn Permits must be activated each day you
decide to burn if burning is permitted.





BURN PERMITS RULES & REGULATIONS

The following list represents the rules and regulations adopted by the Stoughton Fire Department from the State Fire Marshal's Office and governed by (Code of Massachusetts Regulations) CMR 310 Section 7.07.

- No burning shall start before 10:00am.
- No burning shall start after 1:00pm.
- All fires shall be extinguished by 4:00pm.
- Burning shall take place at least 75 feet from any structure.
- The fire shall never be left unattended.
- Your permit may be revoked at any time if the department chooses.
- Whenever burning, the following items shall be readily available: a garden hose, a shovel, a rake, etc.
- Whenever burning, be respectful of your neighbors.

The following conditions are strictly PROHIBITED.

- Burning on windy days (as per the department) is prohibited.
- Burning during dry weather (as per the department) is prohibited.
- Burning on commercial, business, or industrial land is prohibited.
- Burning grass, leaves, trash, or building materials is prohibited.

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

