

# Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 ROBERTA HARBACK



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# Stoughton Day



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

**[WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG](http://WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG)**

**Saturday  
September 30, 2023  
11 a.m.  
Halloran Park**

# AGENDA

Committee on Finance and Taxation  
Wednesday , September 27, 2023 at 7PM  
Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor • 10 Pearl St. Stoughton

## Public Hearing

**A Public Hearing will be held by the Committee on Finance and Taxation on  
September 27, 2023 to discuss the Special Fall Town Meeting Articles.  
Agenda items may be taken out of order at the Chairman's discretion**

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to Open Public Hearing
4. Article 1 – Collective Bargaining - Dispatcher's Union
5. Article 2 – Collective Bargaining – Police Patrol Union
6. Article 3 – Collective Bargaining - SPAEA
7. Article 4 – Collective Bargaining – Police Superior Officers
8. Article 5 – Collective Bargaining - Library
9. Article 20 – Clean Streets Bylaw
10. Article 11 – Solid Waste Bylaw
11. Article 21 – Municipal Charges Lien
12. Article 14 – Truck Public Works
13. Article 15 – Fire Alarm System Upgrades at Cedar Hill
14. Article 16 – Roadway Resurfacing
15. Article 17 – Water Main Upgrades and Improvements
16. Article 22 – Implementing a Town of Stoughton Communication Program
17. Motion to Continue Public Hearing
18. Any other matters relating to FY24 or FY23 Budget and Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles
19. Adjourn

-Votes may be taken-

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



# Top Recycling Myths



## NOTHING GETS RECYCLED

- If you put the right things in your recycling bin and follow the “YES” list on the [Smart Recycling Guide](#) (see other side) **it will get recycled!!!**
- The nine material recovery facilities that sort our recyclables in Massachusetts sell this material to earn revenue that offsets sorting some costs.
- Sending recyclables to a landfill or incinerator is against the law in Massachusetts.

## Chasing Arrows Means it Can be Recycled



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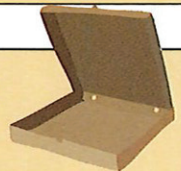
- Many non-recyclable items display the arrow codes, so it's **NOT** a good way to tell if something is recyclable, it just tells you what kind of plastic it is made from
- **FOCUS ON THE SHAPE.** If it is a clean & empty plastic bottle, jar, jug or tub: IT CAN be recycled in Mass.
- Many food, beauty, health and cleaning products come in flexible tubes & pouches. These items do NOT belong in your household recycling bin.

## Styrofoam Containers Can be Recycled



- Expanded polystyrene foam aka Styrofoam, in any shaped or size **is NOT recyclable** in your curbside recycling bin. This material is difficult to recycle.

## Pizza Boxes Must Be in Trash



- Pizza boxes are recyclable!!!!
- Make sure to remove crusts, food, scrape cheese off the inside of the box before recycling. Remove wax liner, turn box inside or rip in half

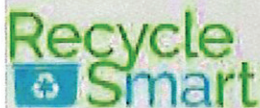
## It's OK to Leave Food & Liquid in Containers

- **NO**, these items can ruin the other items in the bin, empty out containers and put on lid or cap.
- Other food items can be composted or put in trash.

## Shredded Paper Can Go in Recycling Bins

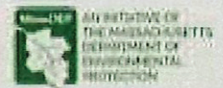
Shredded paper is called “dreaded paper” at the recycling facility it blows all over like confetti and gets wet and turns to pulp and sticks to everything.





## Smart Recycling Guide

Your go-to reference for recycling in Massachusetts



### Metal



**Food and Beverage Cans**  
empty and rinse

### Plastic



**Bottles, Jars, Jugs and Tubs**  
empty and replace cap

### Glass



**Bottles and Jars**  
empty and rinse

### Paper & Cardboard



**Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Boxes**  
empty and flatten

# NO!



**Do Not Bag Recyclables  
No Garbage**



**No Plastic Bags  
or Plastic Wrap**  
(return to retail)



**No Food or Liquid**  
(empty all containers)



**No Clothing or Linens**  
(use donation programs)



**No Tangles**  
(no hoses, wires,  
chains or electrodes)

Recyclopedia: Can I recycle it?

Enter name of item (ex: bottle)

Search

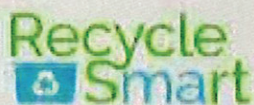
Use our online search tool at: [RecycleSmartMA.org](http://RecycleSmartMA.org)



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All recycling programs in Massachusetts  
accept the items pictured above.

Printed on Recycled Paper



## Guia de Reciclagem Inteligente

Sua referência para reciclagem em Massachusetts



### Metal



**Latas de alimentos e  
bebidas**  
esvaziar e enxaguar

### Plástico



**Garrafas, frascos, jarros  
e baldes**  
esvaziar e recolocar a tampa

### Vidro



**Garrafas e frascos**  
esvaziar e enxaguar

### Papel e papelão



**Papel misturado, jornal,  
revistas, caixas**  
vazio e achatado

# NÃO!



**Não ensacar materiais  
recicláveis**  
Não lixo



**Não sacos plásticos ou  
embalagens plásticas**  
devolva à loja



**Não alimentos ou líquidos**  
esvaziar todos os recipientes



**Não roupas ou lençóis**  
use programas de doação



**Não emaranhadores**  
sem mangueiras, fios, correntes, etc.  
eletrônicos

Recyclopedia: Posso reciclar?

Insira o nome do artigo (exemplo: Detergente)

Pesquisar

Use nossa ferramenta de pesquisa na Internet  
(online search tool): [RecycleSmartMA.org](http://RecycleSmartMA.org)

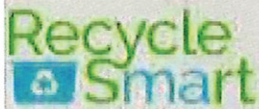


[RecycleSmartMA.org](http://RecycleSmartMA.org)

Todos os programas de reciclagem em Massachusetts  
aceitam os artigos ilustrados acima.

Impresso em papel reciclado





# Guía de Reciclaje Inteligente

Su referencia para el reciclaje en Massachusetts



## Metal



**Latas de Comida y Bebida**

vacio y enjuague

## El Plástico



**Botellas, Frascos, Jarras y Tarrinas**

vacio y reemplace la tapa

## Vidrio



**Botellas y Frascos**

vacio y enjuague

## Papel y Cartón



**Papel Mixto, Periódico, Revistas, Cajas**

vacio y aplasto

# NO!



**No coloque artículos reciclables dentro de bolsas**  
**No basura**



**No bolsas o envolturas de plástico**  
(regretele a la tienda)



**No comida o líquidos**  
(vacio todos los envases)



**No ropa o ropa de cama**  
(use programas de donación)



**No enredadores**  
(no mangueras, cables, cadenas, o electrónicos)

Recyclopedía: ¿Puedo reciclarlo?

ingrese el nombre del artículo (ejemplo: botella)

Buscar

Utilice nuestra herramienta de búsqueda en línea en [RecycleSmartMA.org](http://RecycleSmartMA.org)



[RecycleSmartMA.org](http://RecycleSmartMA.org)

Todos los programas de reciclaje en Massachusetts aceptan los artículos que se muestran arriba.

Ingrese en papel reciclado



# Gid pou Resiklay Entèlijan

Referans esansyèl ou pou resikle nan Massachusetts



## Metal



**Bwat Manje ak Bwason**

vide epi ranse yo

## Plastik



**Boutèy, Mamit, Galon ak Kivèt**

vide yo epi mete bouchon an pou yo

## Vè



**Boutèy ak Mamit**

vide epi ranse yo

## Papye & Katon



**Papye Melanje, Jounal, Magazin, Bwat**

vide yo epi mete yo plat

# NON!



**Pa Mete Bagay Pou Resiklay nan Sache**  
(Okèn Fatra)



**Okèn Sache Plastik ni Papye Plastik pou Vlope**  
(anpil yo nan vant an dènye)



**Okèn Manje ak Likid**  
(vide tout konbèn yo)



**Okèn Rad ak Twa**  
(sèl ak pwogram don yo)



**Anyen ki Kapab Makonnen**  
(okèn kawotchou, fil, chèn, ni aparèy elektwonik)

Recyclopedía: Èske Mwen Ka Resikle Li?

Mete non bagay la (egzanp: botèl)

Chèche

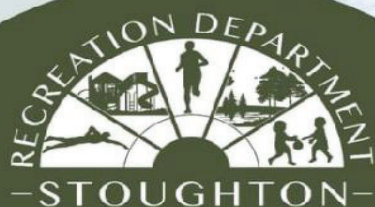


[RecycleSmartMA.org](http://RecycleSmartMA.org)

Tout pwogram resiklay yo nan Massachusetts aksepte bagay ki parèt nan foto anwo a.

Enprime sou papye Resiklè





## **GUIDED SOUND MEDITATION AT GLEN ECHO PARK**

Tuesday 10/3 at 5:15 pm  
Ages 18+ | \$5

Allow yourself to rest and let go of your day... as you are bathed in healing sound, surrounded by the peaceful elements of nature at the edge of a beautiful lake in evening-time. Drink in the sound of singing bowls, calming vocals, and celtic harp as you are guided through a meditative journey. Experience deep relaxation through breath & sensory awareness, guided visualization, and more... Join us and end your day feeling inspired and refreshed! Pre-registration required, sign up on our website at

**WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG**



## **GUIDED SOUND JOURNEY: CHAKRA MEDITATION SERIES**

Tuesdays 10/17-11/7 | 5:15 pm  
Recreation Department | Ages 18+ | \$60

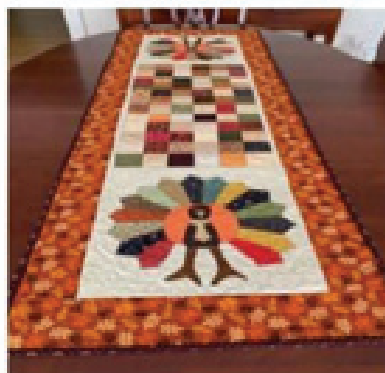
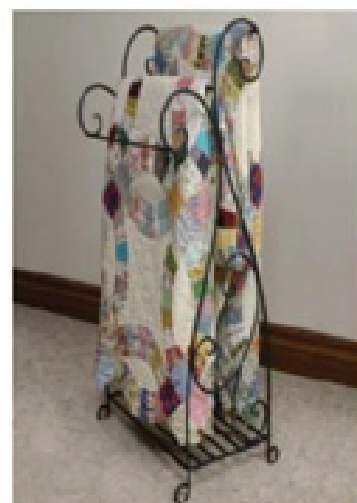
Join us for 4 relaxing meditations... Breathe and bathe in the peaceful healing sound of soothing vocals, singing bowls, celtic harp and other instruments. You'll experience several meditation techniques and explore many energy centers of the body... through sensory awareness, guided visualization, and more. We will focus on 3 chakras each week to include all 12 by the end of the series. Beginning AND experienced meditators are welcome! Take the time to renew yourself, and make space for more joy and peace in your life! Pre-registration required, sign up on our website at

**WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG**

# *Stoughton Quilter's Craft Sale and Quilt Show*

*Thursday, October 12, 2023*

*At the Stoughton Council on Aging  
110 Rockland Street, Stoughton, MA  
11:00 AM - 12:30 P.M.*





# YOGA AT GLEN ECHO

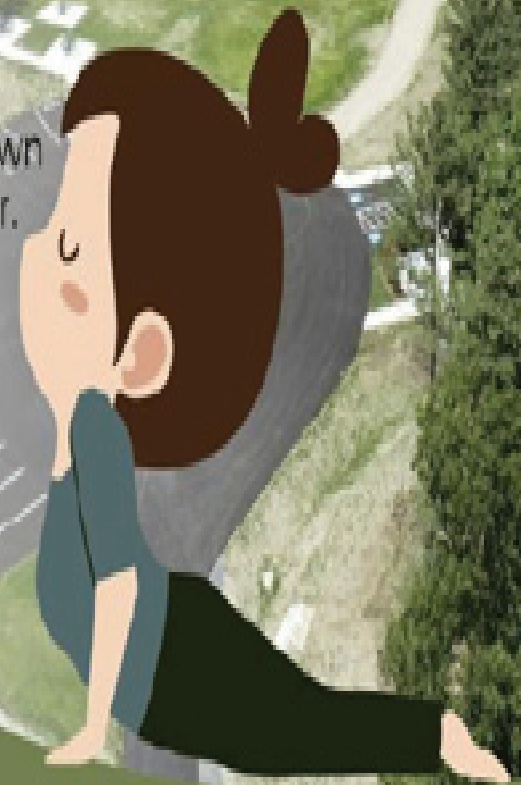
WEDNESDAYS, 10/4-10/25

3:45-4:30 | AGES 5-9 | \$50

Join us for kid and family yoga in the park! Take a moment in nature for yourself and practice mindfulness with *Workshop in the Woods*. Participants are encouraged to bring their own yoga mat or thick towel and a bottle of water. This program is outdoors and weather dependent. Pre-registration required



[www.StoughtonRec.org](http://www.StoughtonRec.org)



# TOWN OF STOUGHTON



## Community Preservation Committee NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44B, Sec. 5(b)(1), and  
Town of Stoughton By-laws Ch. 10, Secs. 10-2.0 and 10-2.1,  
the Stoughton Community Preservation Committee will be  
conducting a Public Informational Hearing:

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Fitzpatrick Room, Stoughton Town Hall**

**Also online at: [meet.google.com/yhu-zffe-aae](https://meet.google.com/yhu-zffe-aae)**

**Or call: 607-689-2049 and use PIN: ?445 361 971#**

The Community Preservation Committee has sole authority to make recommendations to Town Meeting regarding the use of local Community Preservation funds. Local non-profit organizations, town boards and individuals who may be interested in Community Preservation Act funding related to Open Space, Historical Preservation, Community Housing, and Recreation projects, and interested members of the public are invited to attend.

Mark Zamanian, Chairperson  
Stoughton Community Preservation Committee



**Community Preservation Committee  
Ad Requesting New Applications  
2023**

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The Stoughton Community Preservation Committee is looking for citizens and groups to submit applications for funding under the Community Preservation Act at next year's Annual Town Meeting in May. The Community Preservation Fund supports a diverse variety of proposals that seek to improve the quality of life for the people of Stoughton.

Ideas for projects that can be funded by Stoughton's Community Preservation Fund can qualify in any of four categories: Open Space, Community Housing, Recreation or Historic Preservation.

Application forms are available online at:

**<https://www.stoughton.org/413/CPA-Fund-Application-Forms>**

Pre-applications, which are the first step in applying for funding, are due by September 25th. Full applications are due by October 25th.

We will also be holding an informational public hearing on **Wednesday, October 4th**

in the Fitzpatrick Room at Town Hall,  
and accessible online at **[meet.google.com/yhu-zffe-aae](https://meet.google.com/yhu-zffe-aae)**  
or by calling **607-689-2049** and using PIN

See the legal ad in this issue for more information.

Please address any questions and submit all applications to Community Preservation Committee Program Administrator Barry Kassler at **[bKassler@Stoughton-MA.gov](mailto:bKassler@Stoughton-MA.gov)**.

# STOUGHTON MEDIA ACCESS CORPORATION OPEN HOUSE



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**1PM - 4PM**



**421 PAGE ST, SUITE 2**  
**STOUGHTON, MA**



**LEARN HOW TO BE ON CAMERA...OR BEHIND ONE**

**INSERT GUEST HERE**

- Tour the studio
- Try out our equipment
- Meet the staff
- Create your own content
- Free snacks will be provided.

**INSERT HOST HERE**



**FREE T-SHIRT FOR ALL GUESTS!!!**  
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)



***STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:***

## **SOUTH SHORE CAMERA CLUB PHOTOTOUR**

***THE ULTIMATE STAYCATION:  
TOUR THE WORLD FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN LIBRARY!***

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 28TH  
6:30PM**



Mt. Cook, New Zealand



'12 Apostles', Great Ocean Drive, Australia

### **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND WITH JOE MAGRI**



Uluru/ Ayers Rock, Australia

Please visit our Event Calendar at [www.stoughton.org/library](http://www.stoughton.org/library) to sign up!



#### **Stoughton Public Library**

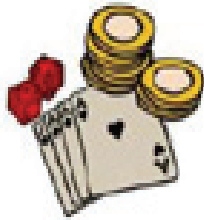
**84 Park St., Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072 |  
781-344-2711**

**[www.stoughton.org/261/library](http://www.stoughton.org/261/library)**

## STOUGHTON COA

PRESENTS:

FOXWOODS CASINO



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

PICK UP/RETURN: TBA-Stoughton Senior Center

***WILL THEY EVER GIVE OUT A BONUS AGAIN????? GUESS WHAT, THE ANSWER IS NO!!***

***WELL, WE ARE GOING ANYWAYS SO LET'S GET WINNING!***

YOUR TRIP WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ROUND TRIP MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION
- FOXWOODS CASINO VISIT- ARE WE FEELING LUCKY??

**\$69.00 PP**

FOR RESERVATION AND INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:  
ANNIE AT: 781-344-8882

PAYMENT IS DUE AT SIGN UP. PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: BR5 TOURS  
NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2023.

**Stoughton Council on Aging**  
(781) 344-8882 • 110 Rockland Street

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**TOWN OF STOUGHTON  
MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**Thursday, October 5, 2023 – 7:00pm**

**Stoughton Redevelopment Authority (SRA) Office ~ 7 Pearl Street, Stoughton MA 02072**

**In Person and Virtual Meeting (Online)**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, which extends the Governor's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, MGL Chap 30A, Section 20" until March 31, 2025 this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

A Public Hearing will be held by the Municipal Regulations Committee on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7:00PM to discuss and vote on the Special Town Meeting Articles listed below.

The meeting may be recorded and may be broadcasted live over SMAC ([www.stoughtontv.com](http://www.stoughtontv.com)) and/or recorded for later broadcast. To participate via the internet or telephone as follows:

To Participate in the Public Hearing via Google Meets: <https://meet.google.com/pwh-spuv-zxh>

To join the Public Hearing by Phone: (US) +1 224-505-3464 PIN: 620 587 040#

1. 7:00 p.m. Meeting Called To Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Election of 2023 Committee Chairperson, Secretary and Officers
4. Motion to Open Public Hearing
5. ARTICLES (Votes May Be Taken On All Articles)
  - Article 11 Solid Waste By Law
  - Article 13 Rezoning Amendment
  - Article 18 Property Located at 760 Washington Street
  - Article 19 Property Located at 797-809 Washington Street
  - Article 20 Clean Streets By Law
  - Article 21 Municipal Charges Lien
  - Article 23 Revolving Fund from Surplus Equipment
6. Any other matters relating to FY2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles
7. Motion to Close Public Hearing
8. Discussion and/or Recommendations of the above Articles by Municipal Regulations Committee to the Special Town Meeting. Votes may be taken.
9. Adjournment

The Agenda lists all items anticipated by the Chair and may be taken out of order. Please note that items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair at least 48 hours prior to the date and time of the meeting, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal Holidays may be added at the discretion of the Chair.

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**TOWN OF STOUGHTON  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA  
Wednesday, October 4, 2023 – 7:00pm**

**Yaitanes Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor ~ 10 Pearl Street, Stoughton MA 02072  
In Person and Virtual Meeting (Online)**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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To Participate in the Public Hearing via Google Meets: <https://meet.google.com/dif-gjee-txc>

To join the Public Hearing By Phone: (US) +1 307-463-1414      PIN: 654 005 035#

1. 7:00 p.m. Meeting Called To Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Election of 2023 Committee Chairperson, Secretary and Officers
4. Motion to Open Public Hearing
5. ARTICLES (Votes May Be Taken On All Articles)

Article 9 ADA Projects

Article 10 Purchase of 30 Porter Street Property for Town Parking

Article 11 Solid Waste By Law

Article 16 Roadway Resurfacing

Article 17 Water Main Upgrades and Improvements

Article 18 Property Located at 760 Washington Street

Article 19 Property Located at 797-809 Washington Street

Article 21 Municipal Charges Lien

6. Any other matters relating to FY2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles
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TOWN OF STOUGHTON  
MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 7:00pm

The Great Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor ~ 10 Pearl Street, Stoughton MA 02072  
In Person and Virtual Meeting (Online)

PUBLIC HEARING

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4. Motion to Open Public Hearing
5. ARTICLES (Votes May Be Taken On All Articles)
  - Article 9 ADA Projects
  - Article 10 Purchase of 30 Porter Street Property for Town Parking
  - Article 12 Emergency Medical Services Life Safety Equipment (Fire Department)
  - Article 14 Truck Public Works
  - Article 15 Fire Alarm System Upgrades at Cedar Hill
  - Article 16 Roadway Resurfacing
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# Stoughton Youth Commission

## Individual Youth & Family Counseling Services

The Stoughton Youth Commission provides **no-cost** professional and confidential counseling services to Stoughton youth and their families. Children, adolescents and families can meet with an experienced mental health clinician or graduate-level social work intern. The counseling process begins with a thorough interview and assessment, followed by the establishment of goals for treatment and a timeline for services. We accept self-referrals as well as referrals directly from parents, guardians or DCF. Counseling is a collaborative effort with respect to individual clients and families regardless of race, religion, or sexual orientation.



ESTABLISHED IN 1975

## CONTACT US

781-341-2252

In addition to counseling, we offer a variety of programs and enrichment opportunities for youth and parents. These include youth leadership and service groups, babysitter training, youth skill building programs, parent support groups and the community garden project.





# Town of Stoughton Hydrant Flushing

The Town of Stoughton Public Works Department  
will be conducting a

## **TOWN WIDE Water Main Flushing Program starting on Monday Sept. 11, 2023 continuing through October 6, 2023**

This will be going on during the work week only.  
The times will vary depending on the location.  
The majority of the work will be done in the  
evening between the hours of  
9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. and  
during the day between 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This activity will cause discolored water in varying  
degrees in sections of the town. Persons who  
experience water discoloration should flush their  
systems by opening the cold water faucet for a  
few minutes and then waiting for about an hour.  
If the water is still not clear, they should repeat  
the flushing procedure.

The Water Department regrets that it cannot be  
responsible for any damages incurred as a result  
of the flushing activity, which is a necessary and  
normal maintenance function of the  
Water Department.

Stoughton Water Department

Philip A. McNulty, P.E., Superintendent



# 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. It's hard to believe that almost 3 months have already passed. I apologize for not reaching out sooner. 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

