

Town of Stoughton

October 27, 2025

Special Town Meeting Warrant And Report of the Committee on Finance and Taxation



Town Meeting Representatives

Bring This Report to Town Meeting

Includes Standing Committee Reports

2025 Special Town Meeting Session Calendar

All 2025 Special Town Meeting sessions will be held in person in the Stoughton High School Auditorium located at 232 Pearl Street

Sign-in starts at 6:30 p.m. ~ Opening Gavel 7:00 p.m.

Open Meeting Law prohibits Town Boards meeting while Town Meeting is in session.

FACE MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

October				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 STM 1st Session	28	29 STM 2nd Session	30	31

October 11, 2025

Dear Town Meeting Representatives,

Welcome to the October 2025 Special Town Meeting. The articles and reports of the four Standing Committees: Finance Committee, Municipal Operations, Intergovernmental Relations and Municipal Regulations, are included in this report. At the back of the report are some quick references regarding the operation of Town Meeting. The back-up material for the articles is not included in this book due to its length (200 pages). It will be mailed out later, and it has also been added to the virtual table. If you would like to opt out of receiving a hard copy of the back-up material, there is a form on the virtual table to fill out.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I would like to thank Town Manager Tom Calter, Assistant Town Manager Marc Tisdale, Finance Director Elizabeth Zaleski and Superintendent of Schools Joseph Baeta for their assistance in compiling all this information for us to consider. I would also like to thank the Town Meeting Moderator, Bob Mullen, and the Town Clerk Reggie Medeiros-Kowalczyk and Assistant Town Clerk Susie Gross for their help in making sure our hearings were properly advertised and posted. I would also like to thank Delores Staton, our Recording Secretary, for preparing our minutes.

I also would like to thank my fellow Finance Committee members: Becca Markson- Vice Chair and Mark Struck- Secretary, Chet Collins, Arnie Feinberg, Benjamin Carre, Dennis Carter, Heidi Tucker, Ian Turlin, Ingrid Beck, Joel Wolk, John Walsh, Johnna Rosenblatt, Laura Gunn, Lauren Morris, Dawn Dino and Marty West. You have all worked to make my job easier. In addition, I would like to acknowledge the service of some former Finance Committee members; Vaughn Enokian, Dave Lurie, Dianne Dolan who finished their 9 years in June; Eliot Hansen who stepped down as Precinct 1's representative in May, and Lisa Lyons who resigned in September. We appreciate all you have done to represent the interests of all our Stoughton residents. Finally, I wish to thank all my fellow Town Meeting Members for taking the time and putting in the work to make Stoughton a better place.

Respectfully,



Carolyn J. Campbell
Chair, Committee of Finance and Taxation

Moderator's Letter to Town Meeting

Dear Town Meeting Representative,

Welcome to the Town of Stoughton's October Special Town Meeting for 2025. I thank you all for taking the time to participate in the Town Meeting process. The Special Town Meeting is in person at the Stoughton High School Auditorium starting Monday, October 27, 2025 at 7:00PM.

In preparation for and leading up to the actual first night of the Special Town Meeting, and to be in compliance with the Town Charter, there are Standing Committees in addition to the Finance Committee which are Intergovernmental Relations, Municipal Operations and Municipal Regulations. They also scheduled and held numerous Public Hearings. There is documentation to read and review and the committee members must be present in person and/or online, and participate in the Public Hearings. In essence, many hours of commitment from the committee members are spent preparing for this first night of the Special Town Meeting.

I ask the Town Meeting members to join with me in thanking the following members of the Intergovernmental Relations, Municipal Operations and Municipal Regulations Committees for volunteering their time throughout this process.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Frank Lyons, Chairperson; Kim Leonard, Melissa Lynch, Jay Mallen, Janai Mungalsingh, Alicia Rinaldi, Martha Sampson and Janice Schneider.

Municipal Operations Committee

Cynthia Walsh, Chairperson; Noah Beit-Aharon, John DiStefano, Scott Heller, Cheryl Iverson, David Lurie, Peter Machula, Patricia McCormack and Christine Wilbur

Municipal Regulations Committee

David Billo, Acting Chairperson; Philip Connors, Carin Klipp, Michael Moore, Tracey Sloane Maggio, Joseph Piana, John Roch and Marina Ryantz

Prior to the night of the Special Town Meeting, I urge every Town Meeting Representative to please continue checking the Town of Stoughton's website at stoughton.org and look for the Town Meeting page on the top of your screen. Click and once on the Town Meeting page, click on the *Special Town Meeting October 27, 2025* on the left side bar. Once you are on the *Special Town Meeting October 27, 2025* page, look for updates, motions and any additional items and documentation for October Special Town Meeting.

Upon arrival at the auditorium, Town Meeting Representatives please check in with your respective Precinct Chairs who will mark you present and provide you with your assigned electronic voting device. Your Precinct Chair will inform you if there is any additional documentation that you may need. Once you have completed the checking in process, please feel free to sit anywhere in the approved seating sections. Face masks are optional. Please take the time to check and ensure that your Precinct Chair and the Town Clerk's Office have your most up to date email address and phone number.

At our Town Meeting, starting on the first night, I request as your Town Moderator, that you comply with our rules governing debate as I will be strict on all of us to follow the process and the rules. See you all Monday night, October 27.


Bob Mullen, Town Moderator



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF STOUGHTON

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Norfolk, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoughton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I He. Beaupre on, 16 SEPT. 25 2025, notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Stoughton, qualified to vote in elections and affairs, and posted such at the following locations:

Precinct 1	Dunkin Donuts	1516 Turnpike st.
Precinct 2	Stoughton Public Library	84 Park Street
Precinct 3	Zachary's Restaurant	1778 Washington Street
Precinct 4	Almanzar Auto Clinic	1139 Washington Street
Precinct 5	Stoughton Town Hall	10 Pearl Street
Precinct 6	Stoughton Quick Stop	2139 Central Street
Precinct 7	Page's Grocery & Liquors	458 Pearl Street
Precinct 8	Stop & Shop	278 Washington Street

The date of posting being not less than Seven (7) days prior to 10/27/25, the date set for the Special Town Meeting.

He. Beaupre
Constable, Stoughton, MA

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF STOUGHTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

NORFOLK, SS

To any constable in the Town of Stoughton:

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoughton, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at:

**STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
232 PEARL STREET, STOUGHTON**

ON MONDAY THE TWENTY SEVENTH DAY of OCTOBER, 2025

at seven o'clock in the evening, at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by the Town Meeting Members in accordance with the provisions of the Town of Stoughton Charter.

Article 1 – Unpaid Bills from Prior Fiscal Years

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, a sufficient sum of money to pay any unpaid bills from prior fiscal years in excess of departmental appropriations; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Cost: \$16,389.10

Proposed Motion: I move that the Town vote to authorize payment unpaid bills of prior years in the amount of \$16,389.10 to be paid from each of current year budget in the departments as listed below:

Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year 10/27/2025				
Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Vendor	Amount	Department
5/14/2024	93796	JM Pet Resort	\$ 185.24	Animal Control
4/15/2025	HS54802426	NRG	\$ 28.98	Cedar Hill
4/15/2025	HS54802434	NRG	\$ 397.49	Cedar Hill
6/12/2025	HS54897031	NRG	\$ 205.74	Cedar Hill
5/13/2025	HS54847620	NRG	\$ 244.90	Cedar Hill
			\$ 877.11	
4/8/2025	99804	Intercambio	\$ 77.34	DPW
6/9/2025	517590A	Next-Gen Supply Grou	\$ 4,091.00	DPW
5/6/2025	IAC6757019	Waste Management	\$ 7,517.10	DPW
6/24/2025	251750057220203	Direct Energy	\$ 2,458.32	DPW/Sewer
			\$ 14,143.76	
3/3/2025	8-785-82162	Fed Ex	\$ 23.08	Fire Department
2/10/2025	8-765-71114	Fed Ex	\$ 45.00	Police
6/27/2025	98910	Tristan Medical Occupational Health	\$ 535.00	Police
6/27/2025	99404	Tristan Medical Occupational Health	\$ 580.00	Police
			\$ 1,160.00	\$ 16,389.19

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting by a vote of 14-0.

Article 2 – Adopt Chapter 200A Section 9A

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 200A, Section 9A, relating to the disposition of abandoned funds held in the custody of the Town, or act on anything relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
 Date: September 9, 2025
 Estimated Cost: \$0

Proposed Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 200A Section 9A which provides an alternative procedure for disposing of abandoned funds held in the custody of the Town.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS: The Intergovernmental Relations Committee voted to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting by a vote of 4-3-0.

Comment: The Committee is assuming that the Treasurer will provide additional information and guidelines to explain this law in a similar fashion to the Massachusetts Abandoned Property Law and guidelines.

Article 3 – FY26 Supplemental Budget Adjustment

To see if the Town will vote on the supplemental budget for FY2026 or act on anything relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Cost: TBD

Proposed Motion: That the Town vote to appropriate \$ _____ to supplement the FY2026 operating budget and to meet this appropriation that such funds be transferred from _____

Note: This article is a placeholder to Town Meeting if necessary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 14-0 to refer to Town Meeting. No information was presented.

Article 4 – Amend Town Code - Tax Title Payment Agreements

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Stoughton General Bylaws (Code) by adding a new section to Article I, Section 9-1.1, entitled “Redemption of Real Estate in Tax Title,” in accordance with General Laws Chapter 60, Section 62A as follows, and to authorize the Town Clerk to make non-substantive editorial revisions to correct any scrivener’s errors and/or to ensure consistent and appropriate sequencing and numbering in the General Bylaws:

§ 9-1.1 Redemption of Real Estate in Tax Title

- A. The Treasurer may enter into a payment agreement with any person(s) having an interest in any parcel or parcels of land taken for nonpayment of taxes, with a tax lien on the property, and entitled to redeem such parcel or parcels, for redemption of title to such parcel or parcels.
- B. Such person(s) shall submit payment of fifteen percent (15%) of the amount required to redeem the parcel or parcels upon the execution of the Agreement by the Treasurer.
- C. The Treasurer may waive fifty percent (50%) of any interest that has accrued on any such tax title account if the taxpayer complies with the agreed-upon schedule of payments.

- D. The terms of any such Agreement may not extend beyond seven (7) years from the date of execution of such Agreement by the Treasurer.
- E. Payment agreements may be accepted by the Treasurer for residential, owner-occupied residential, and commercial property.
- F. The Treasurer may not bring any action to foreclose on the parcel or parcels unless payments are not made in accordance with the agreed-upon schedule of payments, or timely payments on any other amounts due to the Town that are a lien on the same parcel or parcels.

Or take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Cost: \$0

Proposed Motion: I move that the Town vote to approve Article 4 and amend the Town's General Bylaws as printed in the warrant; and further that the Town Clerk be authorized to make clerical, editorial or other adjustments to effectuate the purposes hereof.

MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS: The Municipal Operations Committee voted 5-1 to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting as written in the warrant.

Article 5 - Collective Bargaining Article - Stoughton PWD AFSCME 362

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to fund the first year (FY 26) of a 3-year Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Town of Stoughton and the Stoughton PWD AFSCME 362 and to meet such appropriation that said sum of money be raised and appropriated, transferred from Free Cash, and/or transferred from other available funds, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such sums to the appropriate operating budgets; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Costs: Funded through FY26 Operating Budget

Proposed Motion: That the Town vote to implement the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Town of Stoughton and the Stoughton PWD AFSCME 362 Union for three years, with the funds needed for the first year to be funded through the FY26 Operating Budget.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: At the time the book went to print, the Finance Committee had not yet closed the public hearing on this article. We will provide more information, a recommendation and an updated motion after our October 22nd meeting

Article 6 - Water Main Improvements

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, including but not limited to any of the Enterprise Funds of the Town, or otherwise, or borrow a sufficient sum or sums of money to undertake maintenance, extraordinary maintenance, improvements, repairs, upgrades, modifications and the like to the Town owned water mains, including but not limited to replacement of existing water mains, new valves, fire hydrants, customer water services, as applicable, professional/engineering/architectural services, design, site preparation and demolition, installation, and all other incidental and related costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$2,225,000

Proposed Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$2,225,000 to undertake maintenance, extraordinary maintenance, improvements, repairs, upgrades, modifications and the like to the Town owned Water Mains, including but not limited to replacement of existing water mains, new valves, fire hydrants, customer water services as applicable professional/engineering/architectural services, design, site preparation and demolition, installation, and all other incidental and related costs; and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow \$2,225,000 pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority. This project shall be exempt from the Sunset Bylaw.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting by a vote of 14-0.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: The Municipal Operations Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 6 to Town Meeting as written in the warrant. The vote was 9-0.

Article 7 - Annual Roadway Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, or borrow a sufficient sum or sums of money to resurface and/or improve with curbs, drainage structures, regrading, sidewalks several roadways included, but not limited to, the ones listed, including utility upgrades and, as applicable, professional engineering, architectural services, design, site preparation and demolition, installation, and all other incidental and related costs; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Cost: \$2,500,000

Proposed Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$2,500,000 to resurface and/or improve with curbs, drainage structures, regrading, sidewalks several roadways included, but not limited to, the ones listed, including utility upgrades and, as applicable, professional engineering, architectural services, design, site preparation and demolition, installation, and all other incidental and related costs and to meet this appropriation, that the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board to borrow \$2,500,000 and to issue bonds or notes therefor pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority. This project shall be exempt from the Sunset Bylaw.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting by a vote of 14-0.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: The Municipal Operations Committee voted 9-0 to recommend approval of Article 7 to Town Meeting as written in the warrant.

Article 8 - Purchase of Sidewalk Tractor

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, and/or borrow a sufficient sum of money to purchase a sidewalk tractor and necessary accessories; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Cost: \$220,000

Proposed Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Capital Equipment Stabilization Fund the amount of \$220,000 to purchase a sidewalk tractor and necessary accessories for the operation of said tractor.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting by a vote of 11 - 2- 1.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: The Municipal Operations Committee voted 9-0 to recommend approval of Article 8 to Town Meeting as printed in the warrant.

Article 9 - Unforeseen repairs and FF&E for Community Center

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, or borrow a sufficient sum or sums of money to ensure the completion of the new Stoughton Community Center, located at 45 Wyman Street, Stoughton, MA including all unforeseen necessary repairs during the recent renovations, the purchase of furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E), clock tower renovations, including but not limited to, as applicable, professional engineering/architectural services, design, site preparation and demolition, installation, and all other incidental and related costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Cost: \$350,000

Proposed Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Building Stabilization Fund the amount of \$350,000 to pay for repairs, including the purchase of furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E), clock tower renovations, and similar related repairs, and for professional engineering/architectural services, design, site preparation and demolition, installation, and all other incidental and related costs, for the Community Center located at 45 Wyman Street.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting by a vote of 12-1.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: The Municipal Operations Committee voted 8-0-1 to recommend approval of Article 9 to Town Meeting as written in the warrant.

Article 10 - Repairs for ADA Compliance to Town Buildings

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, or borrow a sufficient sum or sums of money to complete recommended construction to ensure ADA compliance within Town Buildings; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Cost: \$206,000

Proposed Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Building Stabilization Fund the amount of \$206,000 to fund repairs and construction to ensure ADA Compliance within Town Buildings. This article is exempt from the Sunset Bylaw.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting by a vote of 13-0.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: The Municipal Operations Committee voted 9-0 to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting as written in the warrant.

Article 11 - Purchase of Voting Machines

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, and/or borrow a sufficient sum of money to purchase five (5) voting machines; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Cost: \$34,000

Proposed Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Project 01751 A27D ATM 5/14 to Project 10722 the amount of \$34,000 to complete the purchase of voting machines.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting by a vote of 10-1-3.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: The Municipal Operation Committee voted 9-0 to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting as written in the warrant.

Article 12 - Zoning Map Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Stoughton Zoning Bylaw and the Zoning Map as amended through May 14, 2025 by rezoning the following:

To rezone the portions of 59 and 51 Peters Drive as identified on Assessors Map 90, Lots 70 & 71 currently zoned I (Industrial) Zone to RB (Residential-Suburban B) Zone;

to rezone 15 and 37 Central Street as identified on Assessors Map 90, Lots 94, 95 & 96 currently zoned I (Industrial) Zone to RB (Residential-Suburban B) Zone;

to rezone 37 – 57 Dykeman Way as identified on Assessors Map 90, Lot 93 currently zoned currently zoned I (Industrial) to GB (General Business) Zone;

to rezone 130 Central as identified on Assessors Map 90, Lot 65 currently zoned I (Industrial) to GB (General Business) Zone;

to rezone 120 Central as identified on Assessors Map 90, Lot 64 currently zoned I (Industrial) to GB (General Business) Zone;

to rezone the front approximately 240-feet of Assessors Map 90, Lot 63 currently zoned I (Industrial) to GB (General Business) Zone and the remainder of the lot 63 to rezone from I (Industrial) to RB (Residential-Suburban B) Zone;

And to rezone the portions of 99 Central Street and 28 Dykeman Way as identified on Assessors Map 90, Lots 91 & 92 currently zoned RB (Residential-Suburban B) Zone to GB (General Business) Zone as shown in Figure 1.

And to amend the Zoning Map in accordance with the above [or as further shown on a plan entitled “Town of Stoughton Zoning Map” as amended through May 14, 2025]: or take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Cost: \$0

Proposed Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend the Town of Stoughton Zoning Bylaw and the Zoning Map as printed above and described therein.

MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS: The Municipal Regulations Committee voted 5-0-1 to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting as written in the warrant.

Article 13 - Acquisition of Fano Drive & Three Lots (76-007, 76-008, 76-009)

To see if the Town will take, accept as a gift, or otherwise acquire the parcels of land known as Fano Drive, and parcels identified in the Assessor’s records as Lots 076-007, 076-008, and 076-009 owned by DAD LLC; and further to authorize the Select Board to enter into any and all agreements necessary to effectuate said acquisition; and further to amend Article 1 of the February 3, 2025 Town Meeting (the South Elementary School Appropriation Vote) to include said parcels, Lots 076-007, 076-008, and 076-009, within said project; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Cost: \$0

Proposed Motion: I move that the Town take, accept as a gift, or otherwise acquire the parcels of land known as Fano Drive, and parcels identified in the Assessor’s records as Lots 076-007, 076-008, and 076-009 owned by DAD LLC; and further authorize the Select Board to enter into any and all agreements necessary to effectuate said acquisition; and, further, amend Article 1 of the February 3, 2025 Town Meeting (the South Elementary School Appropriation Vote) to include said parcels, Lots 076-007, 076-008, and 076-009, within said project.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting by a vote of 14 -0.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: The Municipal Operations Committee voted 6-2-1 to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting as written in the warrant

Article 14 - Disposition of Land - Portion of Assessor Lot 76-147

To see if the Town will vote to change the use in a portion of the land identified in the Assessor's records as Lot 76-147, owned by the Town of Stoughton, to general municipal purposes and land for disposition and thereafter authorize the Select Board to convey, sell or otherwise dispose of same and to authorize the Select Board to enter into and negotiate all necessary documents subject to such restrictions and limitations as the Select Board deems appropriate, in order to effectuate the disposition of said parcel, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Cost: \$0

Proposed Motion: I move that Town vote to change the use in a portion of the land, as shown in Exhibit A to a Memorandum of Understanding, dated May 21, 2025, identified in the Assessor's records as Lot 76-147, owned by the Town of Stoughton, to general municipal purposes and land for disposition; authorize the Select Board to convey, sell or otherwise dispose of same; and to authorize the Select Board to enter into and negotiate all necessary documents subject to such restrictions and limitations as the Select Board deems appropriate, in order to effectuate the disposition of said parcel.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting by a vote of 14 -0.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: The Municipal Operations Committee voted 6-2-1 to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting as written in the warrant

Article 15 - Demolition of the State Theater

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, or borrow a sufficient sum of money to raze the property known as the State Theater located at 797-809 Washington Street and shown as Assessors' Parcel 054 392 0; and further to authorize the Select Board to enter into any and all agreements necessary to effectuate said demolition, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Cost: \$1,000,000

Proposed Motion: I move that the Town vote transfer from Building Stabilization \$1,000,000 to raze the property known as the State Theater located at 797-809 Washington Street and shown as Assessors' Parcel 054 392 0; and further to authorize the Select Board to enter into any and all agreements necessary to effectuate said demolition.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted 8-5 to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: The Municipal Operations Committee voted 5-3-1 to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting as written in the warrant

Article 16 - Purchase of 30 Porter Street Property for Town Parking

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, or borrow a sufficient sum of money to purchase 30 Porter Street for Town Parking and to authorize the Select Board to enter into and/ or execute any temporary or permanent easements, agreements or instruments as may be necessary for such conveyance; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Cost: \$TBD

Proposed Motion:

I move that the Town take, accept as a gift, or otherwise acquire 30 Porter Street for Town Parking and transfer from Building Stabilization \$250,000 to fund said acquisition and authorize the Select Board to enter into and/ or execute any temporary or permanent easements, agreements or instruments as may be necessary for such conveyance.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted 10-3 to recommend that Town Meeting approve this Article so long as the purchase price does not exceed \$250,000.00

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: The Municipal Operations Committee voted 7-2 to refer Article 16 to Town Meeting as written in the warrant

Article 17 - Accept Donation of Five Parcels of Land off Mill Street

To see if the Town will purchase, take, accept as a gift, or otherwise acquire the parcels of land off Mill Street identified in the Assessor's records as Parcels 017-64, 017-65, 017-66, 017-67, and 017-68 owned by Mill 75 Associates LLC; and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money as funding therefor, and further to authorize the Select Board to enter into any and all agreements necessary to effectuate said acquisition; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Cost: \$0

Proposed Motion:

I move that the Town take, accept as a gift, or otherwise acquire the parcels of land off Mill Street identified in the Assessor's records as Parcels 017-64, 017-65, 017-66, 017-67, and 017-68 owned by Mill 75 Associates LLC; and further to authorize the Select Board to enter into any and all agreements necessary to effectuate said acquisition.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting by a vote of 13-1.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: The Municipal Operations Committee voted 9-0 to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting as written in the warrant.

Article 18 – Historic Foundation & Stone Walls Preservation at Bird St Conservation Area

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, pursuant to GL c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, a sum of money to fund the preservation of the Bird Farm barn foundation and associated stone walls within the Bird Street Conservation Area, Assessors Map 051, Parcel 048, and creation of public access including construction of a handicap accessible walkway, to include clearing of brush and debris, purchase of hand-held rechargeable tools and related equipment, landscaping, and any related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Community Preservation Committee
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$115,000

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Town vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Reserve the sum of \$115,001 to fund the preservation of the Bird Farm barn foundation and associated stone walls within the Bird Street Conservation Area, Assessors Map 051, Parcel 048, and creation of public access including construction of a handicap accessible walkway, to include clearing of brush and debris, purchase of hand-held rechargeable tools and related equipment, landscaping, and any related expenses.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Voted to recommend as cash article, 8-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted to recommend the approval of this Article to Town Meeting by a vote of 11 -3.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS: The Municipal Operations Committee voted 9-0 to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting as written in the warrant

Article 19 – Rescind Authorized and Unissued Borrowing

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unissued borrowing authorizations approved under certain previously voted Town Meeting articles; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article #	TM Date	Description	Amount to Rescind
45C	5/18/2015	Capen Reynolds Grounds & Rec	\$118,000.00

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Community Preservation Committee
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$0

Proposed Motion: I move that the Town vote to rescind the unissued borrowing authorization approved under Article 45C of the 5/18/2015 Capen Reynolds Grounds under the authority of the Community Preservation Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of this article to Town Meeting by a vote of 14-0.

Article 20 – School Capital - Safety and Security Measures

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of enhancing safety and security at Stoughton Public Schools, which may include but is not limited to: the installation of fencing, traffic control gates, or any other safety or security purpose as determined by the Superintendent, and to include labor, materials, and any other incidental costs.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: September 9, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$64,000

Proposed Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the amount of \$51,500 from Project #10815 ATM A34 5.24 Vestibules, to enhance safety and security at Stoughton Public Schools, which may include but is not limited to the installation of fencing at the Gibbons and Dawe Schools, and to include labor, materials, and any other incidental costs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of this Article to Town Meeting.

TOWN MEETING RULES of ORDER

Page Ref	Rank	Table of Basic Points of Motions	Seconded Required	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Reconsider	May Reconsider	May Interrupt
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PRIVLEDGED MOTIONS

131	1	Dissolve or adjourn sine die	Yes	No	No	Maj.	No	No
128	2	Adjourn to a fixed time or recess	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	No	No
127	3	Point of no Quorum	No	No	No	None	No	No
125	4	Fix the time to (or at) which to adjourn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	Yes	No
123	5	Question of priviledge	No	No	No	None	No	Yes

SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS

104	6	Lay on the table	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes	No
102	7	The previous question	Yes	No	No	2/3	No	No
101	8	Limit or extend debate	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes	No
99	9	Postpone to a time certain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	Yes	No
96	10	Commit or refer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	Yes	No
93	11	Amend (or substitute)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	Yes	No
91	12	Postpone indefinitely	Yes	Yes	No	Maj.	Yes	No

INCIDENTAL MOTIONS

109	Same rank as motion out of which they arise	Point of order	No	No	No	None	No	Yes
110		Appeal	Yes	Yes	No	Maj.	Yes	No
113		Division of a question	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	No	No
114		Separate consideration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	No	No
115		Fix the method of voting	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 *	Yes	No
116		Nominations to committees	No	No	No	Plur.	No	No
118		Withdraw or modify a motion	No	No	No	Maj.	No	No
120		Suspension of rules	Yes	No	No	2/3 +	No	No

MAIN MOTIONS

66	None	Main Motion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Var.	Yes	No
77	*	Reconsider or rescind	Yes	*	No	Maj.	No	No
105	None	Take from the table	Yes	No	No	Maj.	No	No
52	None	Advance an article	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj.	Yes	No

* Same rank and debatable to same extent as motion being reconsidered.

+ Unanimous if rule protects minorities; out of order if rule protects absentees.

* In representative town meeting a 2/3rds vote is required to allow secret Ballot vote, Ch. 39, Sec 15 (1963) pg. 150.

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RULES and REGULATIONS

for the Governing of Town Meetings

As practiced and previously adopted by the Town of Stoughton

ART, 1. The Moderator shall preserve order and decorum, decide all questions of order and make public declarations of all votes passed; but if a vote so declared by him shall immediately upon such declaration be questioned by seven or more voters present he shall make the vote certain by counting or dividing the house.

ART, 2. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator shall so direct, and no motion shall be received until the person offering it shall have risen in his place [or has indicated by a raised hand] and obtained leave of the Moderator.

If any motion is offered which is to change more than ten words of a main motion, or is more than ten words in length as an amendment or substitute motion, it is recommended that the maker of the motion see that all town meeting members, including Moderator, Town Clerk and Finance Committee chair receive identical written, typed or electrographically produced copies of that motion.

No motion, or amendment, can be considered "in order" if it expands upon the scope of the original as printed warrant.

ART, 3. A motion once made and seconded shall not be withdrawn without consent of the meeting, nor shall an amendment entirely opposed to the motion as originally proposed be received.

ART, 4. After a vote has been finally declared, any person who voted in the majority may move for reconsideration. *A motion to reconsider will not be recognized by the Moderator if there has not been a reasonable length of time between the action being reconsidered and the time the motion is made, unless there has been a question of procedure about the vote having just been taken.*

ART, 5. No final action shall be taken on any article inserted in a warrant at the request of a petitioner, until the petitioners for the same shall have had an opportunity to be heard on the subject therein contained. *An elected town meeting member who represents a petitioner of record shall provide a written statement from the petitioner if the action to be taken is to dismiss an article.*

ART, 6. No person shall speak on any question more than ten minutes and not more than twice without obtaining leave of the meeting.

ART, 7. A motion to "move the previous question" shall not cut off pending amendments.

These original Rules and Regulations were adopted about 1910. The italics indicate practices and procedures that have been implemented and accepted by custom rather than by a formal vote, or have been instituted by the Moderator.