

SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 8, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
The GREAT HALL, 10 Pearl St., 3rd Floor
STOUGHTON, MA 02072
& VIRTUALLY via GOOGLE MEETS

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1. 7:00 p.m. **OPEN SESSION**
Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. 7:05 p.m. **Continuation of October 9, 2025 Public Hearing:**
Pursuant to Article VIII – Breach and Sanctions of the August 9, 2023 Access Corporation Agreement (the “Agreement”) between the Stoughton Media Access Corporation (“SMAC”), the Select Board will consider whether a breach occurred of: (1) Article XI, Section 4 which requires SMAC to, within forty-five (45) days of the full execution of the Agreement, i.e. by September 23, 2023, update and amend its Bylaws; (2) Article V, Section 5 which requires that the president of the SMAC Board of Directors or his or her designee provide the Select Board with a quarterly update on the status of operations and capital planning; (3) Article V, Section 9 which requires that reviews, reports or audits of SMAC’s finances and operations be conducted and provided annually by SMAC to the Town within ninety (90) days after the close of SMAC’s fiscal year or within sixty (60) days after the filing of its state and federal tax returns; (4) Article V, Section 11 which requires that, at the time of filing the Annual Review, Report and/or Audit, SMAC provide an inventory of its equipment and facilities together with a statement of its condition and corrective action, if any needed, taken or recommended to be taken to maintain all items in satisfactory condition; and (5) Article V, Section 11 of the Agreement which requires that SMAC prepare and approve annually a revolving three-year capital budget which shall be included in the President’s quarterly update to the Select Board. The Select Board will also determine whether that breach, if found, was cured or otherwise excused or waived. Lastly, the Select Board will consider whether to: (1) withdraw SMAC’s Designation granted under Article III of this Access Agreement, and thereby terminate the Agreement; (2) impose Liquidated Damages; (3) impose any other sanction as may be lawfully determined to be reasonable under the circumstances; or (4) excuse or waive the breach for good cause shown.

Statement to be presented by Chair Cavey.
The public hearing may be continued to January 22, 2026.

3. 7:15 p.m. **Consent agenda:**
Approval of February 17, 2026 Preliminary Election

4. 7:20 p.m. **Executive Session:**
a. Executive session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(3)) - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the Chair so declares - SPAEA
b. Executive session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(3)) - To discuss strategy with respect to litigation concerning the Stoughton Media Access Corp. if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating or litigating position of the Board and the Chair so declares
c. Approval of executive session minutes meeting of November 13, 2025 and November 25, 2025

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