

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED MARCH 10, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



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*water-sewer-trash
due this Thursday- March 13*

Town of Stoughton

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

10 Pearl Street • Stoughton, MA 02072 • (781) 341-1300 • FAX (781) 341-1032

The Water, Sewer, Trash Department has issued the **FY25 3rd quarter Water, Sewer, Trash bills** to the Town of Stoughton water, sewer, and trash customers. The 3rd quarter Water, Sewer, Trash bills were mailed on **Tuesday, February 11, 2025**, and are due **Thursday, March 13, 2025**, and must be received in the Collector's Office or the PO Box in Medford on or before this date. **A postmark date is not acceptable as payment made if the payment is not received in the Collector's Office or the PO Box in Medford by March 13, 2025.**

When sending payment(s) to the Lockbox address in Medford, checks, AND water, sewer, trash remittances MUST BE SENT. PLEASE do not mail checks only to the Medford address. If there is/are no remittance(s) with the check(s), the payment(s) cannot be processed and will be returned to Town Hall for processing. This will delay the payment(s) from being applied to your water, sewer, trash bill(s).

When processing a payment online through your bank's Bill Pay, you MUST include the bill number, and the year and type in the Memo field (for example, Bill #25, 2025 water, sewer, trash) so your payment will be properly applied. When paying multiple bills, you must include each bill number. If this information is not included on your check, your check may be returned to you, and interest/charges may accrue due to a late payment. **Online bank payment checks must be mailed to** Town of Stoughton PO Box 9108 Stoughton MA 02072.

The Water, Sewer, Trash bills may be paid online at [HTTPS://WWW.STOUGHTON.ORG/428/ONLINE-BILL-PAY](https://www.stoughton.org/428/online-bill-pay), at Town Hall with cash, checks and credit and debit card with a 3% fee and for your convenience, there is a secured payment drop box outside of Town Hall on Pearl St. The payment drop box is emptied two to three times a day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon, and if needed, once before leaving for the day.

All unpaid water, sewer, trash bills will accrue interest at 14% from their respective due dates, a \$15.00 demand fee will be added to the bill, and the Senior Discount will be forfeited if this quarter's balance is not paid in full.

The Collector staff members are available by phone Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Thursday from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM, and Friday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Please call 781-341-1300 X 9222 if you need your bill number(s) and or amount(s) due.



Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday March 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor & virtually with Google Meets

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, G.L.C. 30A § 20", until March 31, 2025, this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

To Join via Google Meets: bac-oez-kvg

PHONE: 315-963-9761

PIN: 608 835 447#

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. Close the Warrant for Special Town Meeting within the Annual Town Meeting (Votes may be taken)
3. 7:20 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. 30 Freeman Street Electric Easement
 - b. License agreement between the Town of Stoughton and Asplundh Construction, LLC of approximately 1.2 acres of parcel 053_166

Tune in Tonight

Monday March 10

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF MASSACHUSETTS

STOUGHTON CANDIDATE FORUM

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
★ Monday, March 10th @ 7pm ★

Offices Represented

- Redevelopment Authority
- Select Board

Register here:
<http://bit.ly/candidateforum2025>

WATCH LIVE OR A
REBROADCAST
ON COMCAST 9, 1073
OR VERIZON 28
STOUGHTONTV.COM
AND LWVSS.ORG



TOWN OF STOUGHTON
10 Pearl Street
STOUGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02072



BOARD OF
REGISTRARS

Shawn Croke
Lester Davis
Juan Fox
Rogeria Medeiros-
Kowalczykowski

February 26, 2025

Stephen Cavey, Chair
Stoughton Select Board
Ten Pearl Street
Stoughton, MA 02072

Mr. Cavey:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Registrars on February 26, 2025, the Board of Registrars voted unanimously to allow In-Person Early Voting for the April 8, 2025 Local Election.

In-Person Early Voting schedule will be as follows:

Monday, March 31 st	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday, April 1 st	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 2 nd	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday, April 3 rd	9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Friday, April 4 th	9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Please let me know if you have any questions, or need additional information. Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Rogeria Medeiros-Kowalczykowski
Town Clerk



stoughtontv.com
781-341-1708
421 Page Street, Suite 2

Verizon: Public 28 / Education 26 / Government 24
Comcast: Public 1073 (HD) 9 (SD) / Education 6 / Government 8



CANDIDATE FORUM

**You can watch the
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
CANDIDATE FORUM COVERAGE
on our YouTube channel.**

SCAN HERE TO
WATCH THE
FIRST DEBATE



**Don't Just
Watch TV
- MAKE IT! -**

Interested in
becoming a
Member of SMAC?

For more information
contact

Anya Zulawnik,
Station Manager

781-341-1708

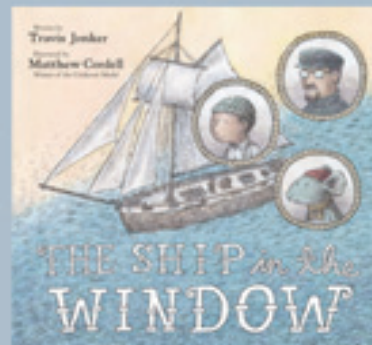
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www.stoughtontv.com



STOUGHTON READS TOGETHER 2025

FOR A FULL LIST OF PROGRAMS VISIT
WWW.STOUGHTON.ORG/LIBRARY





Annual Town Election * April 8, 2025

If you want to plan to Vote by mail

for the April 8th Town Election you will need to fill out an Application either in person or online.

The State will not be sending out postcards for the Local Election.
Please visit the Town Clerk's page under Voter Information for additional details.

**Last day to apply for
Ballot by Mail
Tuesday April 1, 2025**

**Last day to register to vote
Saturday March 29, 2025**

Campaign Finance Reports - Important Dates

Pre-election report- Monday March 31, 2025

Post -election Report -Thursday, May 8, 2025

STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

31 PIERCE STREET
STOUGHTON, MA 02072
www.stoughtonschools.org

Joseph F. Baeta, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

781-344-4000 Ext 51232
j_baeta@stoughtonschools.org

March 6, 2025

Dear Town Meeting Members, Finance Committee Members, SPS families, SPS employees and Stoughton residents:

I am writing to provide you with information about upcoming Office Hours. These Office Hours are for FY26 Budget questions and answers.

School Department Office Hours

For the purposes of transparency and direct information we will be holding FY26 Budget Office Hours during the month of March and again in April.

Office Hours will focus on the FY26 Budget with attention to the terminology and changes impacting public education as it relates to Stoughton Public Schools.

Date	Time	Location
Sat., 3/15	10:00-11:30	At Central Office, 31 Pierce Street
3/19	5:00-6:00pm	At Central Office, 31 Pierce Street
3/22	9:00-10:00am	Virtual Meeting - Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/nbp-eyyc-ycm Or dial: (US) +1 540-883-0127 PIN: 675 334 501# More phone numbers: https://tel.meet/nbp-eyyc-ycm?pin=3343772156094
3/24	4:00-5:00pm	At Central Office 31 Pierce Street
3/26	6:00-7:00pm	Virtual Meeting - Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/gjj-yuxv-ewh Or dial: (US) +1 401-646-2258 PIN: 656 923 938# More phone numbers: https://tel.meet/gjj-yuxv-ewh?pin=4179629953294

OR call my office at 781.344.4000 to schedule an appointment.

Key Terms and Changes for FY26

Foundation Budget Changes for FY26

The Student Opportunity Act (SOA) is supported by the State Legislature as part of a seven-year implementation. The SOA establishes new, higher foundation budget rates in five areas:

1. Benefits and fixed charges
2. Guidance and psychological services
3. Special education out of district tuition
4. English learners; and
5. Low-income students

For FY2026, the rates have been increased by 5/6^{ths} of the gap between the rates in FY2021—the base year used in the calculations—and the final target rates.

The Act also increased the number of tiers used for the low-income increment rates from ten to twelve. Districts with higher concentrations of low-income students benefit from higher rates. **Stoughton is one of the districts that benefits from the higher rate.**

In addition to these targeted rate increases, foundation budget categories are also increased to account for inflation. A new employee benefits inflation rate is applied to the employee benefits and fixed charges category. This is based on the enrollment-weighted, three-year average premium increase for all Group Insurance Commission plans; for FY2026 the increase is 6.13%.

An inflation rate of 1.93% is applied to all other foundation budget rates, based on the U.S. Department of Commerce's state and local government price deflator.

Statewide, foundation enrollment decreased from \$905,572 in FY2025 to \$905,254 in FY2026, a decrease of 318 students. Foundation enrollment decreased for 196 districts, while 118 districts experienced enrollment increases. **Stoughton has an increase in enrollment for the fourth consecutive year.**

Finally, the formula's minimum aid provision guarantees all districts receive at least the same amount of aid in FY2026 as they did in FY2025 plus a \$75 per pupil increase.

Low-income and Special Education Enrollment

The SOA reinstates the definition of low-income enrollment used prior to FY2017, based on 185% of the federal poverty level.

It replaces the economically disadvantaged designation (based on 133% of the federal poverty level) used from FY2017 through FY2022. For FY2026, a district's low-income enrollment is based on three eligibility categories:

- Students identified as participating in state public assistance programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC), MassHealth, and foster care; or
- Students verified as low income through a supplemental data collection process first used for Chapter 70 in FY2023; or
- Students reported by a district as homeless through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance program application.

Statewide, low-income enrollment for FY2026 is \$419,861, compared to \$415,821 in FY2025.

- **Stoughton's Low Income is at 45.4% of enrolled students.**
- **Stoughton's High Needs is at 58.5% of enrolled students.**

The SOA also provides for a phase-in of increases to the assumed in-district special education enrollment to 5% for vocational students and 4% for non-vocational students. In FY2026, these assumed rates have been increased by 5/6^{ths} of the gap to 4.97% and 3.97%, respectively.

The Foundation Budget is to multiply the number of students in thirteen (13) areas in eleven (11) functional areas.

Required Local Contributions

The aggregate wealth model that has been used to determine target local contribution requirements since FY2007 is now codified in Chapter 70 by the Act.

- For municipalities with preliminary required contributions above their targets, the effort reduction component of the formula closes 100% of the gap between their preliminary contribution and their contribution target.
- For municipalities with preliminary required contributions significantly below their targets, the formula continues to apply an additional increment to their required contribution to close a portion of the gap to their contribution target.
- Finally, pursuant to its codification in Chapter 70 by the Act, a provision introduced in the FY2020 budget specifying a minimum required local contribution of 82.5% of foundation for any city or town with a combined effort yield greater than 175% of foundation is continued in FY2026.

How Do We Get There?

There are six (6) factors that determine Chapter 70 Aid:

- **Foundation Enrollment**
 - Enrollment
 - Wage Adjustment Factor
 - Inflation
- **PLUS**
- **Local Contribution**
 - Property Value
 - Income
 - Municipal Revenue Growth Factor

The Required Local Contribution and State Aid is NET SCHOOL SPENDING (NSS). This is the minimum to comply with state law.

Reference: MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (www.doe.mass.edu).

Sincerely,


Joseph F. Baeta, Ed.D.
Superintendent

STOUGHTON RECREATION



SPRING/SUMMER 2025 PROGRAM GUIDE

ADULTS

Stoughton Runs Together with Dave Guglia **NEW!**
Mondays 4/7-5/12 | 5:30-6:30 pm | Ages 16+ | \$50
Location: Denison Athletic Complex | 5k included!

Pottery Wheel Workshop with Beeble Art Studios
Friday 5/2 | 5:00-7:00 pm | Ages 16+
Location: Recreation Department | \$75

Spring Watercolor Workshop with Laurice
Thursday 5/15 | 5:30-7 pm | Ages 16+
Location: Recreation Department | \$20

Paint Night with Beeble Art Studios
Friday 4/4 | 5:15-7 pm | Ages 16+
Location: Recreation Department | \$25

Easyfit Exercise with Mary
Tuesdays and Fridays 10:30-11:30 am | Ages 18+
Location 3/15-4/30: First United Methodist Church
Location 5/3-6/28: Halloran Park | \$3 per class

Jigsaw Wizards with Winny **NEW TIME!!**
Friday 4/18 | 6-8pm | Ages 16+
Friday 5/16 | 6-8pm | Ages 16+
Location: Recreation Department | \$15 per team

CPR and First Aid
Thursday 6/5 | 5 pm | Ages 16+
Location: Recreation Department | \$85

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Once a Knight, Always a Knight Memorial 5k Walk/Run
Saturday 5/17 | 9 am | Halloran Park | \$25
The proceeds of this race will help fund scholarships to swim lessons and summer programs for Stoughton families.

Town Wide Beautification Day with DPW
Saturday 4/12 | 8 am | Council on Aging
Join your neighbors to help clean up and beautify town!

Town of Stoughton Fireworks
Tuesday 7/1 | 9 pm | Denison Athletic Complex

July 4th Parade
Friday 7/4 | 10 am | Town Center

NOW HIRING

Join our team!! Looking for summer playground counselors!
https://stoughtonma.myrec.com/forms/5990_fillable_job_application.pdf

Return completed application to the Recreation Department,
15 Pleasant St. Stoughton MA 02072

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Ames Pond Beachfront passes available in June!

Pre-Playground
6/30-8/8 | 8:30-2:30 pm | Ages 4-5
Location: South Elementary School | \$120 weekly

Open Playground
6/30-8/8 | 8:30-2:30 pm | Entering Grades 1-6
Location: South Elementary School | \$120 weekly

After Playground (Open Playground registration required)
6/30-8/8 | 2:30-4:00 pm | Entering Grades 1-6
Location: South Elementary School | \$45 weekly

Teen Extreme **NEW!**
6/30-8/8 | 8:30-2:30 pm | Entering Grades 7-11
Location: South Elementary School | \$180 weekly

Street Hockey Clinic with Coach Jay
Mon-Thurs 7/21-7/24 | 9:30-11:00 am | Ages 7-14
Location: Halloran Park | \$45

Summer Golf Clinic with Coach Donahue
Session 1: Mon-Thurs 7/28-7/31 | 9-1 pm | Ages 7-15
Session 2: Mon-Thurs 8/4-8/7 | 9-1 pm | Ages 7-15
Location: Cedar Hill Golf Course | \$65

SOLD OUT

Family Fishing Clinic with Mass/Wildlife
Thursday 7/24 | 5:30 pm | All Ages
Location: Ames Pond Causeway | \$10 per family

Tennis Clinic with Coach Jay
Mon-Thurs 7/7-7/10 | 9:30-11:00 am | Ages 7-14
Location: Stoughton High School Tennis Courts | \$45

SOLD OUT

Baseball Clinic with Coach Kilday **NEW!**
Monday-Thurs 8/11-8/14 | 9:30 am - 12 pm | Ages 7-14
Location: Denison Athletic Complex

To sign up or for more info, visit
www.Stoughtonrec.org

All dates, times and locations are subject to change. For the most up to date info, please visit our website or contact the office
recreation@stoughton-ma.gov or 781-343-1300 x9244. Prices listed are for Stoughton residents, non-resident rates may apply.

STOUGHTON RECREATION



SPRING/SUMMER 2025 PROGRAM GUIDE

KIDS & TEENS

Craft & Play with Rec Staff

Wednesdays 3/26-4/16 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 2-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$25

Tiny Tykes Soccer with Challenger Sports

Sundays 9-9:45, 10-10:45, 11-11:45 am | 4/27-6/8

Location: Halloran Park | Ages 2-5 | \$100

Little Sports Stars with Rec Staff **NEW TIME!!**

Thursdays 5/1-5/22 | 11:15-12 pm | Ages 4-5

Location: Halloran Park | \$25

Mini Knights Lacrosse with Rec Staff

Thursdays 3:30-4:15 | 5/1-5/22 | Ages 4-6

Location: Halloran Park | \$35

Culinary Creations with Rec Staff

Wednesday 4/2 | 3-4:30 pm | Ages 6-11

Tuesday 5/20 | 3-4:30 pm | Ages 6-11

Location: Recreation Department | \$15

SOLD OUT

Kids Night Out with Rec Staff

Friday 4/11 | 5-9 pm | Ages 6-12

Location: Recreation Department | \$12

SOLD OUT

Slime Workshop with Rec Staff

Wednesday 3/26 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Ages 6-12

Tuesday 5/7 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Ages 6-12

Location: Recreation Department | \$10

SOLD OUT

Rock Climbing with Central Rock Gym Randolph **NEW!**

Session 1: Saturdays 3/29-5/3 | 11:30-1:30 PM

Session 2: Saturdays 5/10-6/14 | 11:30-1:30 PM

Ages 7-12 | \$175

Location: Central Rock Gym Randolph

Archery with On The Mark Archery

Session 1: Sundays 4/27-5/18 | 5-6 pm

Session 2: Sundays 6/1-6/22 | 5-6 pm

Grade 4-Adult | \$170

Location: Pequitside Farm, Canton

Ceramic Bunny Workshop with Rec Staff

Monday 4/14 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Ages 5-8

Wednesday 4/16 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Ages 8-12

Location: Recreation Department | \$12

SOLD OUT

Spring Golf Clinic with Matt

Tuesdays 4/8-5/6 | 3:00-4:30 pm | Ages 9-15

Mondays 5/12-6/9 | 3:00-4:30 pm | Ages 9-15

Location: Cedar Hill Golf Course | \$40

SOLD OUT

Teen Chefs with Rec Staff

Monday 3/31 | 3-4:30 pm | Ages 11-17

Wednesday 5/21 | 3-4:30 pm | Ages 11-17

Location: Recreation Department | \$15

SOLD OUT

APRIL VACATION PROGRAMS

Lego Club with Winny

Tues-Thurs 4/22-4/24 | 10-11:30 am | Grades K-3

Location: Recreation Department | \$40

Create-Your-Own Music Video with SMAC

Tues-Thurs 4/22-4/24 | 1:00-4:00 pm | Grades 5-9

Location: SMAC, 421 Page St #2, Stoughton | \$25

Street Hockey Clinic with Coach Jay

Tues-Thurs 4/22-4/24 | 9:30-11:00 am | Ages 7-14

Location: Gibbons School Basketball Court | \$45

Babysitter Training Course with SYC

Tues-Thurs 4/22-4/24 | 10 am - 12 pm (CPR Wed 10-12:30)

Location: Stoughton Youth Commission | Ages 12-18 | \$30

To sign up or for more info, visit
www.Stoughtonrec.org

All dates, times and locations are subject to change. For the most up to date info, please visit our website or contact the office recreation@stoughton-ma.gov or 781-341-1300 x9244. Prices listed are for Stoughton residents, non-resident rates may apply.

Teen Extreme is back for year 2!

A summer program tailored just for students entering grades 7-11. Join us for a blend of field trips and recreational games designed to make your summer memorable. Explore local attractions, engage in friendly games, and enjoy a variety of activities with peers. Teen Extreme will also offer CIT-like opportunities for kids interested in becoming a counselor. Teen Extreme is a fun and engaging way to spend your summer break!

Sign up at www.stoughtonrec.org

JULY 2025 TEEN EXTREME Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 30	Starland Sportsplex and Fun Center 1	Altitude Trampoline Park 2	United Skates of America 3	July 4th No Open Playground 4
Week 2 7	Castle Island 8	Central Rock Gym 9	Ames Pond 10	Xtreme Craze 11
Week 3 14	TreeTop Adventures 15	Urban Air Adventure Park 16	United Skates of America 17	TBD 18
Week 4 21	Altitude Trampoline Park 22	Dave and Busters 23	Water Wizz 24	Ames Pond 25
Week 5 28	Castle Island 29	Worcester Red Sox Game 30	United Skates of America 31	Xtreme Craze 1

Teen Extreme is our NEW summer program for those entering grades 7-10. Field trips are included in the price of the program.

Dates: 6/30/25-8/8/25

Hours: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Location: South Elementary School UPPER CAMPUS
171 Ash St, Stoughton

Register weekly or for the whole summer!

Sign up at
www.StoughtonRec.org

Contact Us:
781-341-1300 x9244
recreation@stoughton-ma.gov

AUGUST 2025

Week 6 4	Ames Pond 5	On-Site CARNIVAL 6	Field Trip to: WATER WIZZ 7	LAST DAY!! 8
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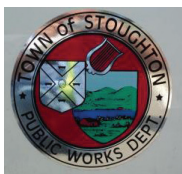


This calendar is tentative and is subject to change

Materials Currently Banned from Disposal or Transfer for Disposal in Massachusetts per MASS DEP.



- * ASPHALT PAVEMENT, BRICK AND CONCRETE- C & D FACILITY
- * CATHODE RAY TUBES- HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY
- * CLEAN GYPSUM WALLBOARD- C & D FACILITY
- * COMMERCIAL FOOD MATERIAL (LOWER THRESHOLD EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2022)
- * FERROUS AND NON-FERROUS METALS- SCRAP METAL FACILITY
- * GLASS, METAL, AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS (BOTTLES, CANS, JARS, JUGS AND TUBS)
- RECYCLE BINS
- * LEAD ACID BATTERIES- HAZARDOUS WASTE
- * LEAVES AND YARD WASTE- 100 PAGE ST ON SATURDAYS
- * MATTRESSES (EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2022)- BULK ITEM PICK UP
- * RECYCLABLE PAPER, CARDBOARD AND PAPERBOARD - RECYCLE BINS
- * TEXTILES (EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2022)- DONATE
- * TREATED AND UNTREATED WOOD AND WOOD WASTE
(BANNED FROM LANDFILLS ONLY)- C & D FACILITY
- * WHITE GOODS (LARGE APPLIANCES)- BULK ITEM PICK UP
- WHOLE TIRES (BANNED FROM LANDFILLS ONLY; SHREDDED TIRES ACCEPTABLE)
- HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY



Stoughton Public Works Department
950 Central Street

STOUGHTON TOWN HALL IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE

SENIOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

HOSTED BY TOM CALTER AND JOSEPH MOKRISKY

Learn about tax reduction options that may benefit you at our upcoming series of informational sessions. Renters and homeowners alike can find options that benefit their bottom line.

COUNCIL ON AGING

- ~~Wednesday, March 5, 11 AM - 12:30 PM~~
- Thursday, March 13, 10 AM - 11:30 AM

AHAVATH TORAH CONGREGATION

- Thursday, March 20, 11 AM - 2:00 PM

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Tuesday, March 25 at 6 - 7:30 PM

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Questions?

Contact Janiece Bruce at the Stoughton Council on Aging at 781-344-8882 or jbruce@stoughton-ma.gov.





Stoughton Public Library*84 Park Street*Stoughton, MA

MARCH MADNESS

SMASH BROS TOURNAMENT

1ST PLACE - \$20.00
2ND PLACE - \$15.00
3RD PLACE - \$10.00
GIFT CARDS

REGISTRATION BEGINS
MARCH 10 :



FOR TEENS

Practice
Tues 3/18 & Wed 3/19

Tournament
Thurs 3/20
Starts at 1PM



TEEN SILENT BOOK CLUB

Official SBC Chapter!

MARCH 13TH | AT 2:30pm



Thursday

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

84 Park Street * Stoughton, MA * 02072

781-344-2711

AGENDA

Committee on Finance and Taxation
Wednesday , March 12, 2025 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 March 12, 2025 to discuss the FY26 Town Budget and Annual 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 49 – Tax Repayment Program
5. ARTICLE 14 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET (FY26)
EDUCATION BUDGETS
 - a. Stoughton Public Schools
 - b. Southeastern Regional High School
 - c. Norfolk County Agricultural High School

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

6. Article 30 – School Department Capital
 - Item 1. Firewall Replacement: \$168,338
 - Item 2. Wireless Access Points: \$461,388
 - Item 3. Redistricting Study: \$90,000

7. Motion to Continue Public Hearing.
8. Adjourn

-Votes may be taken-

for internet access.



Stoughton Public Library

JOURNALING WORKSHOP

*Learn the art and value of journals
"to capture the events and texture of ...
lives and find that they are extraordinary."*

Adult workshop:
Thursday March 20th 6:30pm

Teens workshop:
Tuesday March 25th 3pm

Stoughton Public Library
84 Park St., Stoughton, MA

Registration required
(Journals & Spaces are Limited)



KNIT/CROCHET CIRCLE

TUES. 3/11

Starts at 2:45PM

FOR TEENS



Join us for knitting or
crocheting w/ special pop
up monthly by local artist
Becky!!

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

84 Park Street * Stoughton, MA * 02072
781-344-2711





It's time to register!

your dogs for their 2025 license!

Dog Licenses

Licenses are granted through the Clerk's office at Town Hall or can be registered online.

Please note any dog not registered by April 30th will be charged a \$25.00 late fee.

Please visit the Clerk's page on the Town website for additional information.

please make sure to bring your current rabies certificate.



A message from the Town Manger's Office

Massachusetts School Building Authority

Deborah B. Goldberg
Chair, State Treasurer

James A. MacDonald
Chief Executive Officer

Mary L. Pichetti
Executive Director / Deputy CEO

March 4, 2025

Mr. Thomas J. Calter, Town Manager
Town of Stoughton
Stoughton Town Hall
10 Pearl Street, Third Floor
Stoughton, MA 02072

Re: Town of Stoughton, South Elementary School

Dear Mr. Calter:

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") is issuing this letter in response to the letter from the Town of Stoughton (the "District") dated February 2, 2025, regarding the South Elementary School Project (the "Project"). Previously, in a letter dated August 13, 2024, the MSBA granted the District an extension of an additional 223 days beyond the initial 120-day deadline to secure local funding for the Project.

In its letter, the District references the initial extension through April 3, 2025, granted by the MSBA following the failed ballot-debt exclusion vote held on June 11, 2024, and indicates additional time, beyond April 3, 2025, is necessary due to a local error in calculating the town-by-law dictating the time between the annual election and the annual town meeting. A new date for the annual election has been established and confirmed for April 8, 2025. To provide sufficient time to certify the vote actions on April 8, 2025, the District is requesting time through April 22, 2025.

At the MSBA Board of Directors meeting on February 26, 2025, staff presented the status of the Project and its support for a total of 27 additional days, to reach April 30, 2025, for the District to conclude with its local actions and approvals to secure project funding. With this additional extension, the MSBA is requesting a letter from the District by April 30, 2025, either confirming that the revote was successful and providing a certified copy of the vote or indicating that the District would like its Statement of Interest for South Elementary School to be removed from the Capital Pipeline at the MSBA's Board of Directors meeting on June 26, 2025.

If the District is unable to secure voter approval by April 30, 2025, for the Project as authorized by the MSBA Board of Directors, the District will have to remove its current Statement of Interest and submit a new Statement of Interest and await a second invitation from the MSBA to enter the grant program. If the MSBA Board of Directors were to issue such a second invitation, the MSBA would require that the District:

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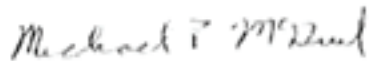
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- start the process anew, including the completion of Eligibility Period requirements and the selection processes for an owner's project manager and designer; and,
- perform a new feasibility study and schematic design for the South Elementary School without financial participation from the MSBA for these phases of the work.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Carley Belfield (Carley.Belfield@MassSchoolBuildings.org) at 617-720-4466.

Sincerely,



Michael McGurl
Director of Capital Planning

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