

# Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JUNE 16, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



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# Selectboard Agenda

Joint with Stoughton Redevelopment Authority  
**Tuesday June 17, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor**  
**& virtually with Google Meets**

In accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, which extends the Governor's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 20," until June 30, 2027, this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

**To Join via Google Meets: yhb-aatn-xra**  
**PHONE: 208-856-8148**  
**PIN: 399 409 768#**

The meeting will be recorded by SMAC cable television and broadcast live and may be livestreamed at [www.stoughtontv.org](http://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. 7:30 p.m. **OPEN SESSION**  
**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**
2. 7:35 p.m. Presenting Citation to Mark Snyder
3. 7:40 p.m. Interviews to the Stoughton Redevelopment Authority and Appointment
  - Robert Kirby
  - Natasha Parker
  - Johna Rosenblatt
4. 8:00 p.m. **Town Boards and Committees Appointments**

**Board of Assessors (2 Vacancies)**

Francis Bruttaniti - incumbent

**Brockton Area Transit Representative (1 Vacancy)**

Joseph Mokrisky - incumbent

**Constables (7 Vacancies)**

Michael Beaudette – incumbent

Tory Singletary

**Council on Aging (2 Vacancies)**

Kiran S. Majmudar

Paul Rosenblatt

Mary Ellen Soares – incumbent

**Cultural Council (5 Vacancies)**

Brian Butler – incumbent

Kyna Hu

Diane Shemtov – incumbent

Martin West - incumbent

**Energy Sustainability Committee (3 Vacancies)**

David Billo – incumbent

Nathan Cleveland – incumbent

Arthur Rigor da Eva

Marie Montima

**Library Trustees (2 Vacancies)**

David Lambert – incumbent

Sheila Osborne - incumbent

**Metropolitan Area Planning Council (1 Vacancy)**

Debra Roberts - incumbent

**Open Space Committee (3 Vacancies)**

Fran Bruttaniti – incumbent

Gerry McDonald - incumbent

Jasmine Tanguay - incumbent

**Planning Board (1 Vacancy)**

Paul Demusz – incumbent

**Zoning Board of Appeals (1 Vacancy)**

Sherman Epro - incumbent

Marie Montima

**Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate (5 Vacancies)**

none

**300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (2 Vacancies)**

Marie Montima

Jennifer Sears

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|-----|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 5.  | 8:45 p.m. | To approve transfer of \$1,142,000 from the MWRA Capital Infrastructure Fund to Project 10806 Article 26 Annual Town Meeting May 6, 2024 – Votes may be taken                                    | Keith Nastasia<br>Elizabeth Zaleski |
| 6.  | 8:50 p.m. | To consider the donation of surplus vehicle 2005 International Ambulance - Votes may be taken  |                                     |
| 7.  | 9:00 p.m. | Town Vehicle Use Policy - Proposed amendments to be voted (Final version to be on the July 1, 2025 Consent Agenda)   | Tom Calter<br>Town Manager          |
| 8.  | 9:10 p.m. | Policy for Consideration for a Veteran's Memorial Square Dedication - Proposed amendments to be voted (Final version to be on the July 1, 2025 Consent Agenda)                                   | Tom Calter<br>Town Manager          |
| 9.  | 9:20 p.m. | Select Board Comments  |                                     |
| 10. | 9:25 p.m. | Town Manager Comments  |                                     |
| 11. | 9:30 p.m. | Citizens' Comments   |                                     |
| 12. | 9:35 p.m. | <b>Executive Session:</b><br>Executive Session, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2), to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel; Town Manager. |                                     |



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# Come join us at this year's 2025 Juneteenth celebration.

## This year's theme: A Day of Recognition: Forgotten Female Veterans!

Throughout the years women played a significant role in our country's defense. Listen to 'Courage Under Fire' by Brigadier General Andrea Gayle-Bennett DMSc, PA-C, Deputy Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Service and hear the experiences of other female veterans who helped to shape America's future. We will pay tribute to our forgotten female WWII troop Six Triple Eight, the only U.S. Women's Army Corps unit of color, and their contributions to the United States.

Live performances include Stoughton High School's Jazz Combo, the Mean River Blues Band, and X-CLUSIVe Step Dancers.

Other activities include Youth Olympics for ages under 12, gaming for teens and tweens, and Mind, Body & Service breakout sessions by the Red Cross, professional massage therapist, a yoga instructor and more. Food and drinks will be offered through the services of food trucks and vendors.

Let's celebrate 2025 Juneteenth and honor those who sacrificed for us!

Regards,  
SEOC Members and Juneteenth Committee Members



The Town of Stoughton Presents

# JUNETEENTH 2025

## A Day of Recognition: Forgotten Female Veterans

### Courage Under Fire:

**Andrea Gayle-Bennett DMSc, PA-C**

Deputy Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services

**Stoughton High School**

232 Pearl St, Stoughton, MA 02072

**June 19th, 2025 • 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

### Interactive programs:

- Mind, Body, and Service Sessions
- X-CLUSIVe Step Dancers
- Gaming for teens/tweens
- Youth Olympics
- Stoughton High School's Jazz Combo
- Brockton High School's JROTC Color Guard
- The Mean River Blues Band
- Local Vendors

Event attendance is **free** and all are welcome!

Presented by the Juneteenth Committee:

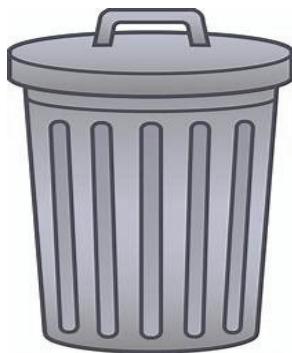
Debra Roberts, Chair • Bettye Sabree, Vice Chair

Christine Iacobucci • Janet Crimmins • Teresa Dolloff

Michael Hardman • Pat Yanikoski • Sharon Johnson • Brian Turner  
Stoughton Equal Opportunity Committee Members (SEOC)



No  
trash/recycle  
will be picked up on  
Thursday June 19th  
Juneteenth



Thursday trash/recycle  
will be picked up  
Friday June 20

Friday trash/recycle will be  
picked up on Monday June 23



**Please have it curbside by 7 A.M.**

# PAINT POURING

W/ WANITA



TUESDAY, JUNE 24  
2:30-4:30PM



STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
84 PARK STREET  
STOUGHTON, MA 02072  
781-344-2711



# DIY AXOLOTL SLIME

THURSDAY, JUNE 27  
2:30PM

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STOUGHTON, MA 02072  
781-344-2711



# Stoughton Equal Opportunity Committee Town Survey

## There is a 'U' in Stoughton but is there a YOU?

The Stoughton Equal Opportunity Committee (SEOC) would love to know whether you feel a sense of belonging in the community. Please help us in our mission to make Stoughton a more welcoming place by answering these few questions.

Our goal is to collect feedback from the community about what is working or how things can be improved. To complete the survey, please scan the QR code. Please feel free to share the survey with family, friends and neighbors.

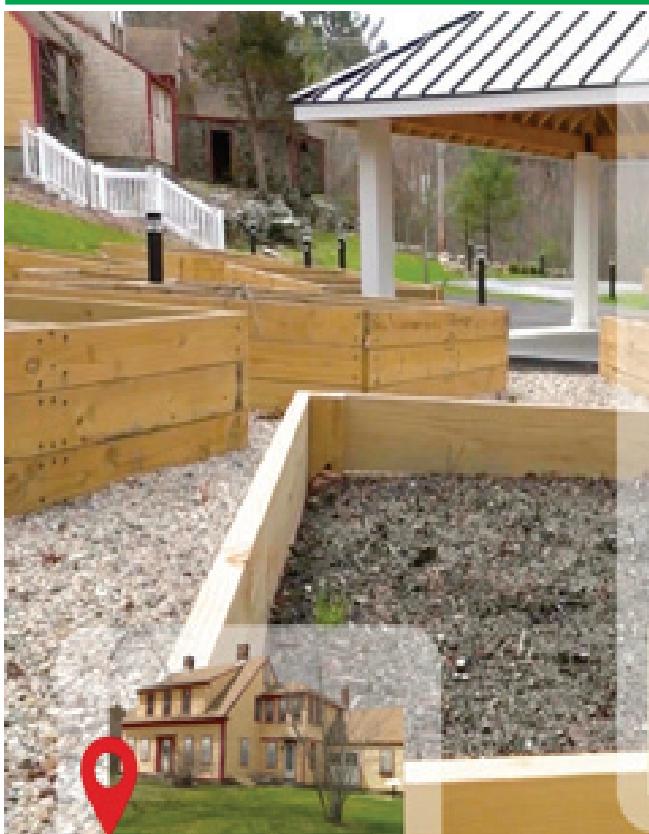
**The survey will be open until September.**

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact:  
Stoughton Equal Opportunity Committee at [beheard@stoughton-ma.gov](mailto:beheard@stoughton-ma.gov).

Access the survey here:



or visit <https://forms.gle/LEaht3CQuHHCfjE7A>



Behind the Capen-Reynold's House



The Stoughton Community Garden at the Capen - Reynolds Farm is owned by the Town of Stoughton.

There are 37 raised garden beds, (4 feet wide by 8 feet long) available for Stoughton residents to use by fee for one planting season.

Gardening season begins April 15 and ends November 15

Please visit the Town Clerk's office for additional details.

## DIY RAINBOW BATH BOMBS FOR TEENS

TUESDAY, JUNE 17  
3:00PM



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# Summer PE

9:00AM - 11:00AM

JULY 21-24

HALLORAN PARK

AGES: 7-13

JOIN COACH KEVIN FOR FUN AND ACTIVE OUTDOOR GAMES LIKE CAPTURE THE FLAG, ULTIMATE FOOTBALL, KICKBALL, TAG, AND MORE! KIDS WILL ALSO GET THE CHANCE TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN GAMES OR SKILLS TO PRACTICE. THE FOCUS IS ON HAVING FUN, STAYING ACTIVE, BUILDING TEAMWORK, AND SHOWING GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.

WEATHER PERMITTING.



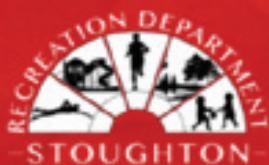
SIGN UP TODAY AT [WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG](http://WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG)

# **SUMMER STREET HOCKEY CLINIC**

**MONDAY-THURS 8/18-8/21 | \$45  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM | AGES 6-14  
HALLORAN PARK**



**Do you love hockey but don't know how to skate on ice? Or just love the sport? Join us for a street hockey clinic! The program is open to individuals ages 6-14 and we welcome all skill levels. We will rotate through stations each focusing on an individual skill and every day will end with an organized street hockey game. No equipment required, just sneakers and a water bottle. The program will be run by trainer and coach Jay Thebado**



**WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID WALSH  
FOR BEING ELECTED TO HIS 1ST TERM  
ON THE SMAC BOARD!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PETER BROWN  
FOR BEING ELECTED TO HIS 2ND TERM  
ON THE SMAC BOARD!**

**THANK YOU TO DAVID LURIE  
FOR SERVING A TWO-YEAR TERM  
ON THE SMAC BOARD!**

Stoughton Lions Club

# Summer Concert Series '25

Thursdays  
Halloran Park | FREE!

**7/10** Puddlefish 6-8pm

**7/17** Wiley Brothers 6-8pm

**7/24** The Corvairs 6-8pm

**8/7** The Standards 5:30-7:30 pm

**8/14** Easy Access Band 5:30-7:30pm

**8/21** The Jesse Liam Band 5:30-7:30pm

**Donations to the Lion's Club are welcome!**

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Stoughton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency



# Congratulations

## STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025!



Watch the Stoughton High School  
Graduation Ceremony



Scan QR code to watch on YouTube or  
go to SMAC's website to access our  
Video on Demand feature



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421 Page Street, Suite 2

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Comcast: Public 9 / Education 6 / Government 8  
[www.stoughtontv.com](http://www.stoughtontv.com)

## GOURMET ON A BUDGET TEAM CHALLENGE

JUNE 26TH | 5:15pm | \$25 | Ages 17+

Join Season 4 & Season 12 Masterchef  
contestant Malcolm Green for a team  
challenge to celebrate the year!

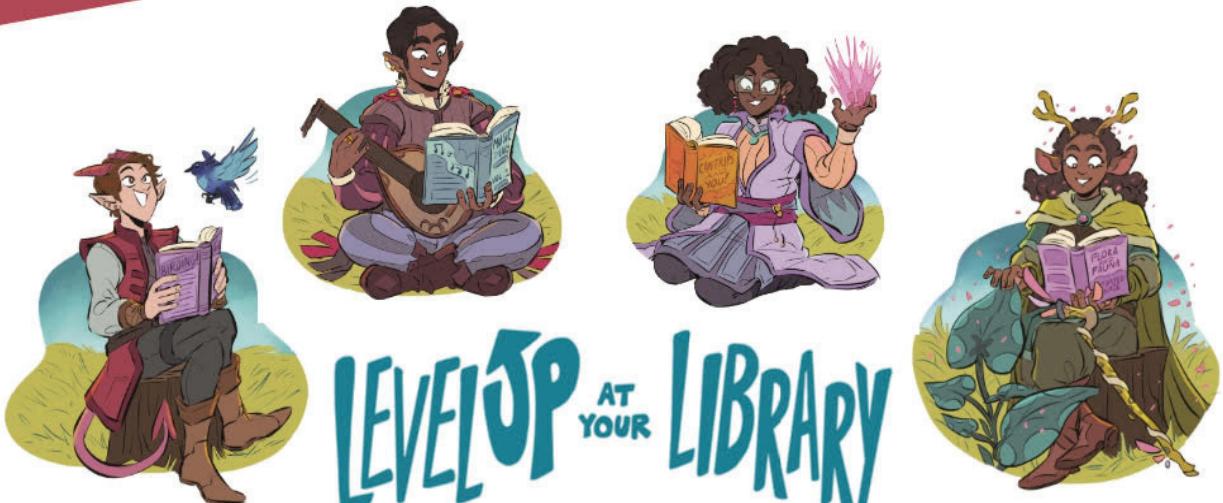


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# Stoughton Public Library 2025

## TEEN SUMMER READING

### EVENTS & GUIDELINES



## LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY

JUNE 2 - AUGUST 15

### - Event Guidelines -

All programs require registration. You can register on our website, or by calling the library at 781-344-2711. Registration will begin for all programs on June 2nd, 2025 at 9am, except for the Stand Alone D&D sessions which will begin on July 7th.

All of our programs are at the Stoughton Public Library unless otherwise noted.

### - Program Guidelines -

Teen Summer Reading is available to those in grades 6-12. The minutes a teen reads will be entered into Beanstack, an online reading log accessible from the library website, which will allow participants to read and complete in challenges to earn raffle tickets for prizes. Books which are read for school can be counted both for the school and the public library summer reading program.

For students in the Stoughton schools who participate via Beanstack, we will share their name and grade with the School system to let them know they participated in the Summer Reading Program.

Sign up today!

<https://stoughtonlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>



The Massachusetts Statewide Summer Library Program is funded by the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Stoughton Public Library and SOLA.



## SUMMER READING KICKOFF EVENT



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25  
3:00-6:00PM**

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
84 PARK STREET  
STOUGHTON, MA 02072  
781-344-2711



# AMES POND BEACHFRONT

June 27, 2025- August 17, 2025 10:00 am  
- 5:00 pm

1000 Highland St. Stoughton MA

**WE ARE NOW CASHLESS!**

Passes can be purchased online or at the gate with a credit card

### DAY PASSES

Child (2-17) - Resident \$3 | Non-res \$5

Adult (18-55) - Resident \$5 | Non-res \$8

Senior (55+) - \$3

Available for purchase at the gate. Children under 2 are free

### SEASON PASSES

Family (up to 5 members) - Res \$75 | Non-res \$95

Child (2-17) - Resident \$20 | Non-res \$30

Adult (18-55) - Resident \$30 | Non-res \$40

Senior (55+) - \$5

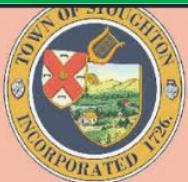
Season passes available for purchase or pick-up 5/19-6/26 during business hours at the Recreation Department, 15 Pleasant St Mon-Wed 8:30-4:30 pm, Thurs 8:30-7 pm, Fri 8:30-12 pm

Season passes and day passes available for purchase 6/27-8/17 at the beachfront entrance 10 am - 5 pm

Day passes are only available at the gate. Passes purchased require proof of residency for resident rate. The Recreation Department reserves the right to void any season pass used inappropriately or if the pass holder's behavior deems it necessary.

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## Stoughton Town Hall

**ATTENTION**

Beginning June 15:  
Front Door Entry Only

**Other entry points will be locked to  
non-employees. You may still exit  
through any door.**

*This operating adjustment was advised by our Security Consultants.*

Summer at SPL



## Storytime at Halloran Park

Thursdays & Saturdays at 10

for kids

Located at 91 Pierce St.  
In the event of rain, Thursdays this event  
will be at the library & Saturdays it will be  
cancelled.



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For more events visit <https://www.stoughton.org/Library>

## Anime / Manga Club for Teens



Enjoy manga, anime, and fun activities!



Wednesday, June 18 @ 3pm



Stoughton Public Library  
164 Park Street I  
Stoughton, MA

# STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025

THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL WILL BE AN EARLY RELEASE DAY

EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE:

- SHS / OMS - 7:35AM - 11:32AM
- ELEMENTARY - 8:30AM - 12:20PM

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED



LAST DAY FOR PRESCHOOL

**TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025**



THE LAST DAY IS A REGULAR  
TUESDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE  
JONES EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

**The deadline to register for bus transportation**

for next school year is coming up. Tuesday, June 17, 2025 is the last day to sign up. The registration form is available on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Students entering grades K-12 are eligible to apply.

Please note that all payments are also due by June 17. If you have registered, but not submitted a payment by the June 17 deadline, your child's application will not be processed for a seat on the bus.

The cost to ride the bus is \$375 per student with a family cap of \$750.



# 2025 Message to the Citizens of Stoughton

Should residents have questions, comments, or concerns that relate to the Town of Stoughton, they can contact Communications Coordinator Kelsey Lynch at [klynch@stoughton-ma.gov](mailto:klynch@stoughton-ma.gov) or 781-341-1300 ex. 9514. She will discuss your issue with the Town Manager and respond accordingly.

Greetings Stoughton Citizens,

I am pleased to provide a report summarizing the condition of Stoughton's financial affairs. Following a six-month process in the FY26 Operating Budget's creation, I want to provide you with an executive summary. On May 5, 2025, we will present the proposed budget for Town Meeting consideration and vote. Should you have any questions regarding the FY26 Operating Budget, I invite you to contact me at 781 344 1300 ex. 9211.

The FY26 budget process began on October 15, 2024 with the budget committee's recommendation of guidelines to the Select Board. With the Select Board's input, Mr. Marc Tisdelle created a schedule from October 24, 2024 to the Annual Town Meeting. On December 30, 2024, in strict compliance with the Select Board's budget guidelines, the School Committee voted in a 3.8% budget increase for the School Department's FY26 operating budget. The Select Board also voted in a 3.37% budget increase for the municipal departments' operating budget. The total Select Board FY26 budget is \$139,956,816, which is a 3.59% increase over FY25. As required by Charter, the consolidated Town FY26 operating budget was transmitted to the Finance Committee on January 21, 2025. Since its submission, we have responded to many requests for information from residents, Finance Committee members, and Town Meeting Representatives. We appreciate the caliber of collaboration between all stakeholders.

I would like to share a few highlights from the FY26 operating budget.

- We had a 7-year plan to stop the use of free cash and one-time funds to balance our operating budget. Now, in year two of that 7-year plan, we balanced the budget without use of free cash or one-time funds. I am grateful to the Budget Team for their efforts toward resource consolidation and more effective technology use in our efforts to reduce expenses while maintaining services.
- In accordance with DOR guidelines, local receipts are conservatively estimated at 90% of FY24 actuals. The Moody's Bonding Agency commended the Town of Stoughton's conservative budgeting methods.
- The Department of Education, DESE, determined the Stoughton School Foundation budget to be \$65,412,011. Stoughton net school spending is \$22,756,152. Therefore, the Town's total financial support of its schools is \$88,168,163. This education investment represents 63% of the Town's total budget. We should all be proud of this commitment to our town's children and future.
- Through position consolidation and technology utilization, the Municipal Department's FY26 budget includes 4.47 fewer full-time-equivalent (FTE) employees than FY25 and 18.67 fewer FTE employees than FY24.
- As stated, there is no free cash used in the FY26 operating budget. On February 7, 2025 the Town of Stoughton's "free cash" of \$12,722,449 was certified by the Mass Department of Revenue's Division of Local Services.
- Cost of living adjustments of 3% were budgeted for employees not subject to collectively bargained agreements.
- The employee health insurance trust fund is solvent and budgeted at a 3.7% increase in FY26.
- General liability insurance is budgeted at a 10% increase.
- Merit increases are budgeted for employees who consistently exceed expectations. Market comparisons are provided in the budget book. I want to note that, on average, it is 10-20% more expensive to replace a high-performing employee than to increase their salary.

- Wages are adjusted for employees who consistently meet expectations but are paid below market or who are impacted by systemic pay parity inequities.
- Because of job consolidation and effective technology use, water and sewer rates are budgeted at FY25 rates.
- \$500,000 of rubbish and solid waste operational savings allowed us to maintain FY25 rates.
- The VNA Enterprise Fund's current operating structure is not financially sustainable. Strategic planning is necessary to determine its organizational viability. In the next six months we will seek public input on a new strategic approach to reduce costs, increase revenue, and elevate the level of service to Stoughton citizens.
- A budget account in our HR department was created to pay for a yet-to-be-ratified labor contract.
- The FY26 Operating Budget includes a fund balance of \$18,421,000 across five stabilization accounts, a balance never achieved in Stoughton's history. The decision to build our savings reserves is made in recognition of today's uncertain economic times. This is an achievement of which Stoughton residents should be proud. This level of financial stability differentiates our town from similar-sized municipalities across the Commonwealth.

In response to decades of challenges and deficiencies in the town's balance sheet, we completely restructured our Finance and Accounting Department. We recruited a seasoned Finance Manager with Forensic Accounting expertise, as well as two certified municipal accountants well versed in policy and procedure development. Their combined exemplary efforts cleaned up the past while preparing staff to work more effectively in the future. Though training is well underway, the Forensic Accounting project will require another 12 to 18 months to complete.

A considerable portion of the \$12.7 million in certified free cash was realized by closing old balance sheet accounts. Our Finance and Accounting staff's work, in collaboration with Assessing and Treasury, is truly remarkable. Under Elizabeth Zaleski's leadership, the town is compliant with municipal finance and taxation laws. Our entire accounting staff is on a first name basis with the Division of Local Services, the external support team of the Department of Revenue. We frequently interact, including a visit in February where they congratulated our team on a job well done.

I am extremely proud of this team and grateful for their achievements. Stoughton now stands on a strong financial footing. Impressive economic development, smart growth, and a conservative budgeting strategy combine to ensure a bright financial future.

Please note several changes to the FY26 operating budget's structure. Under Mr. Tisdelle's leadership the format was simplified and enhanced. Our expectation is that with greater clarity and documentation budget examination will be more transparent, allowing for greater financial understanding and management control.

As the nation, Commonwealth, and municipalities face uncertain socioeconomic times, the Town of Stoughton is prepared for whatever may come. Every member of your town government is committed to our citizens' welfare. On behalf of town employees, I pledge to you that we will always do what is best for the Town of Stoughton and its residents. We are both honored and proud to contribute to this wonderful community.

Thank you,



Thomas J. Calter,  
Town Manager

