

Stoughton Town Crier

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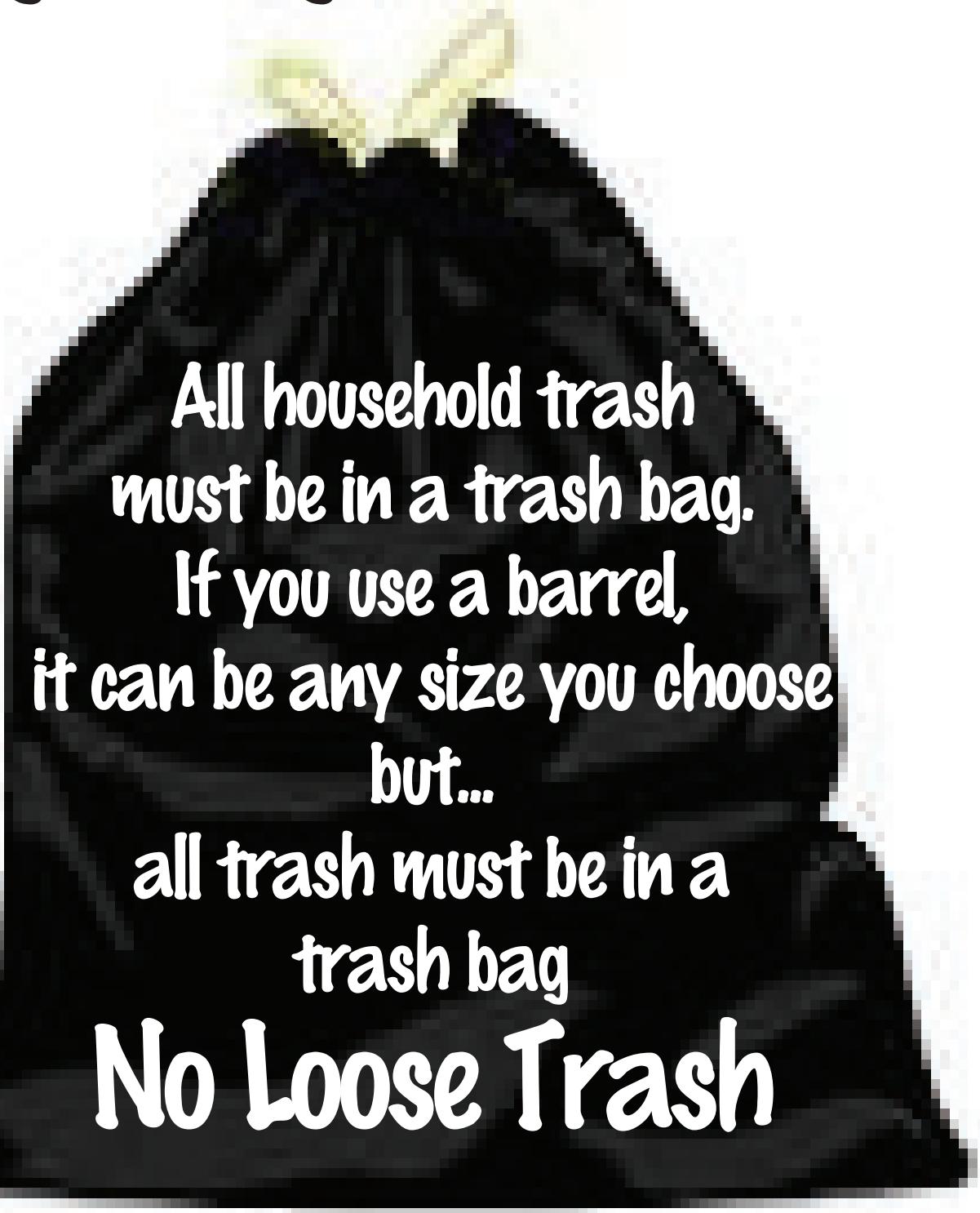
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My name is April Lehane and I am the new Program Administrator in charge of the Solid Waste Program at the Department of Public Works. My job is to educate the town about the new regulations beginning October 1st as well as scheduling the Bulky Item Pickups. I can be reached via email at alehane@stoughton-ma.gov or by phone at 781 344-2112 x9410



Clarification Post Regarding Trash Barrels



All household trash
must be in a trash bag.
If you use a barrel,
it can be any size you choose
but...
all trash must be in a
trash bag

No Loose Trash



Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday October 3, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor

& virtually with Google Meets

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To Join via Google Meets: meet.google.com/cnb-rhmy-zwv
PHONE: 205-649-0134
PIN: 889 057 521#

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.	Select Board Comments	
3.	7:15 p.m.	Town Manager Comments	
4.	7:25 p.m.	Citizens' Comments	
5.	7:35 p.m.	Review Town Meeting warrant motions	Brian Winner Town Counsel
6.	7:50 p.m.	To consider the option to purchase property located at 1515 West St. in Stoughton pursuant to M.G.L. c. 61B (Votes may be taken)	
7.	8:00 p.m.	Presentation on Water Meters Program and Security System (Votes may be taken)	Tom Calter Town Manager Phil McNulty Water Superintendent

8.	8:20 p.m.	Hearing: Abatement Application/Request for a Hearing Marie Paul, 101 Duggan Street	Marie Paul
9.	8:30 p.m.	Interviews for the Veterans' Service Officer finalists (Votes may be taken) - Patrick Johnson - Patrick L. Manning - Brian Turner	Tom Calter Town Manager
10.	8:50 p.m.	Consent Agenda: a. Water Connection Application - JFD Corporation - 1001 Washington St. b. Water Connection Application - Shovel Towne Classic Homes, LLC - 1389 West St. c. Application for Change of Manager - TGI Fridays, Inc d/b/a TGI Friday's, 2 Hawes Way d. Application for Change of Manager - Mormax Corporation d/b/a BJ's Wholesale Club, 901 Technology Center Drive e. Application for Common Victualler License Amendment - Smack Pizza Inc., 111 Sharon St. f. Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes g. Acceptance of FY25 Formula Grant	James DiStefano Rick Pucillo Derwin Tucker Caitlyn Fians Nadeem Salameh Janice Bruce Adm. Director COA



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AGENDA

Committee on Finance and Taxation
Joint meeting with the Selectboard
Tuesday , October 3, 2023 at 7PM

Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor • 10 Pearl St. Stoughton

Agenda items may be taken out of order at the Chairs' discretion

1. Meeting Called to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Water Meter Project Presentation and Discussion

4. Joint Cost Policy Presentation and Discussion

5. Adjourn

-Votes may be taken-

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



GUIDED SOUND MEDITATION AT GLEN ECHO PARK

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

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

Pre-registration required, sign up on our website at

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

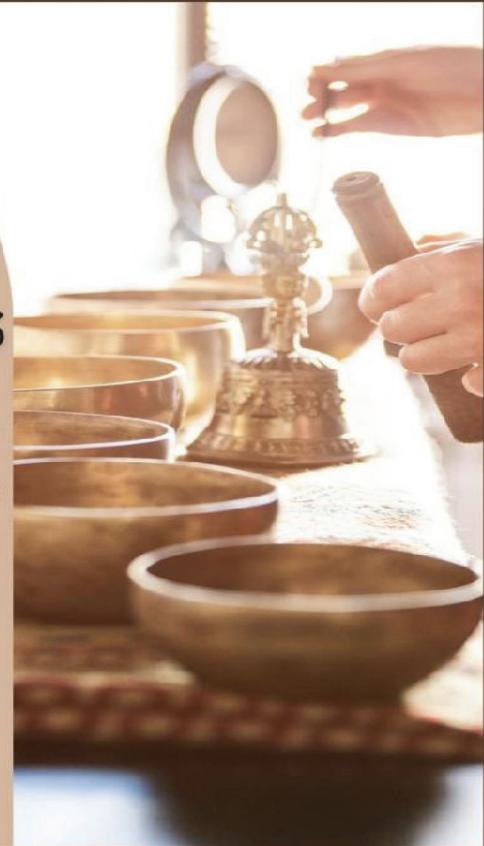


GUIDED SOUND JOURNEY: CHAKRA MEDITATION SERIES

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

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

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

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

A Public Hearing will be held by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7:00PM to discuss the Special Town Meeting Articles listed below.

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

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

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

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

Article 9 ADA Projects

Article 10 Purchase of 30 Porter Street Property for Town Parking

Article 11 Solid Waste By Law

Article 16 Roadway Resurfacing

Article 17 Water Main Upgrades and Improvements

Article 18 Property Located at 760 Washington Street

Article 19 Property Located at 797-809 Washington Street

Article 21 Municipal Charges Lien

6. Any other matters relating to FY2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

7. Motion to Close Public Hearing

8. Discussion and/or Recommendations of the above Articles by Intergovernmental Relations Committee to the Special Town Meeting. Votes may be taken.

9. Adjournment

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

TOWN OF STOUGHTON



Community Preservation Committee NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

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

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

Fitzpatrick Room, Stoughton Town Hall

Also online at: meet.google.com/yhu-zffe-aae

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

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

Mark Zamanian, Chairperson
Stoughton Community Preservation Committee

YOGA AT GLEN ECHO

WEDNESDAYS, 10/4-10/25

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

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



www.StoughtonRec.org

AGENDA

Committee on Finance and Taxation
Wednesday , October 4, 2023 at 7PM
Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor • 10 Pearl St. Stoughton

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held by the Committee on Finance and Taxation on October 4, 2023 to discuss the Special Fall Town Meeting Articles.
Agenda Items may be taken out of order at the Chairman's discretion

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to Open Public Hearing
4. Article 6 – Supplement Fiscal Year 2024 Departmental Budgets
5. Article 7 – Deposit to Stabilization Fund
6. Article 8 – Unpaid Bills
7. Article 9 – ADA Projects
8. Article 12 – Emergency Medical Services Life Safety Equipment (Fire Department)
9. Article 10 – Purchase of 30 Porter Street Property for Town Parking
10. Article 18 – Property Located at 760 Washington Street
11. Article 19 – Property Located at 797-809 Washington Street
12. Article 23 – Revolving Fund from Surplus Equipment
13. Motion to Continue or Close Public Hearing
14. Any other matters relating to FY24, FY23, or FY25 Budget, and November Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles
15. Adjourn

-Votes may be taken-

**TOWN OF STOUGHTON
MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Thursday, October 5, 2023 – 7:00pm

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

In Person and Virtual Meeting (Online)

PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

Article 11 Solid Waste By Law

Article 13 Rezoning Amendment

Article 18 Property Located at 760 Washington Street

Article 19 Property Located at 797-809 Washington Street

Article 20 Clean Streets By Law

Article 21 Municipal Charges Lien

Article 23 Revolving Fund from Surplus Equipment

6. Any other matters relating to FY2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles
7. Motion to Close Public Hearing
8. Discussion and/or Recommendations of the above Articles by Municipal Regulations Committee to the Special Town Meeting. Votes may be taken.
9. Adjournment

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AGENDA

Committee on Finance and Taxation

Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7PM

Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor • 10 Pearl St. Stoughton

Agenda items may be taken out of order at the chairs' discretion

1. Meeting Called to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Minutes of August 16, 2023 (votes may be taken)

4. Any matters relating to FY24, FY23, or FY25 Budget, and November Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles (votes may be taken)

5. Adjourn

-Votes may be taken-

Stoughton Quilter's Craft Sale and Quilt Show

Thursday, October 12, 2023

At the Stoughton Council on Aging

110 Rockland Street, Stoughton, MA

11:00 AM - 12:30 P.M.



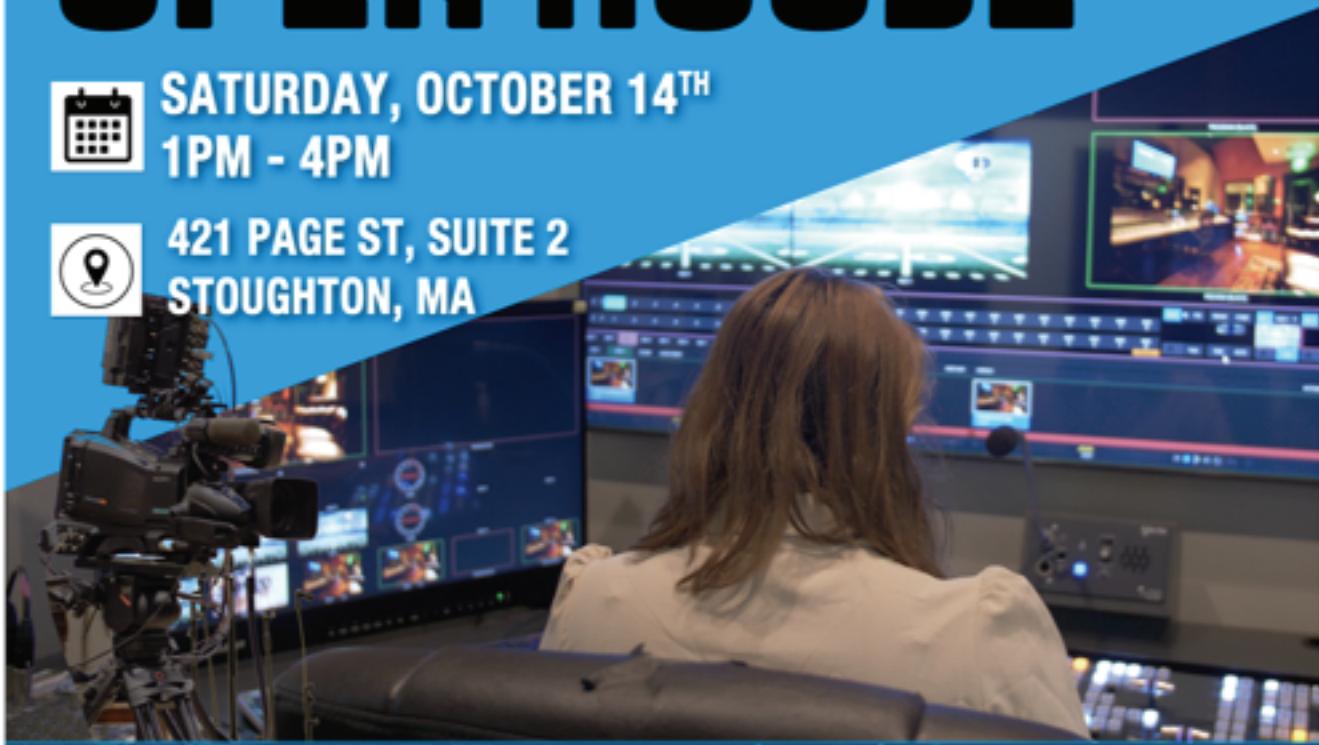
STOUGHTON MEDIA ACCESS CORPORATION OPEN HOUSE



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
1PM - 4PM



421 PAGE ST, SUITE 2
STOUGHTON, MA



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

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



Town of Stoughton Hydrant Flushing

The Town of Stoughton Public Works Department
will be conducting a

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

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

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

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



Stoughton Water Department

Philip A. McNulty, P.E., Superintendent

**TOWN OF STOUGHTON
MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 7:00pm**

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

PUBLIC HEARING

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A Public Hearing will be held by the Municipal Operations Committee on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00PM to discuss the Special Town Meeting Articles listed below.

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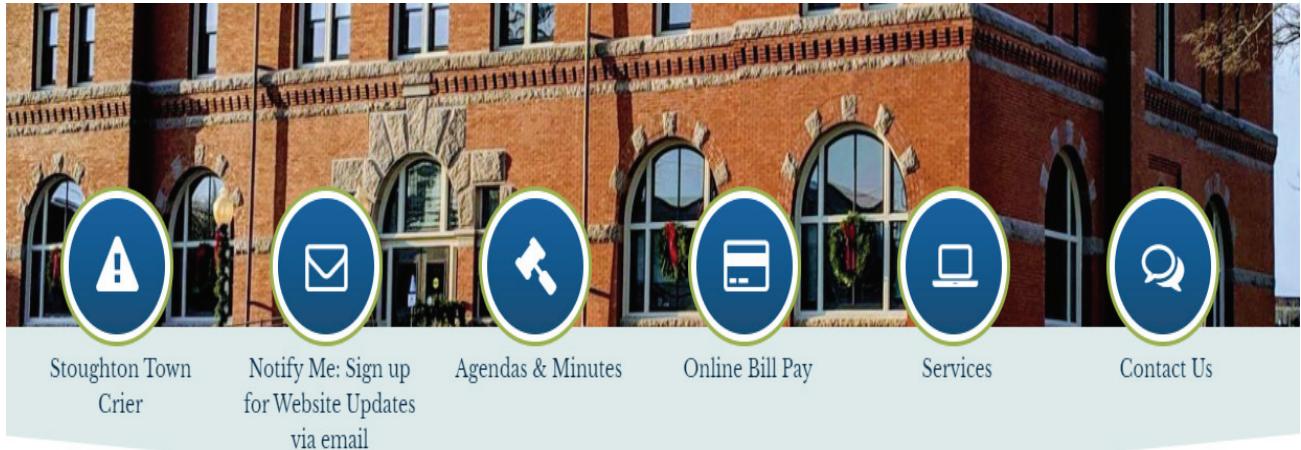
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3. Election of 2023 Committee Chairperson, Secretary and Officers
4. Motion to Open Public Hearing
5. **ARTICLES (Votes May Be Taken On All Articles)**
 - Article 9 ADA Projects
 - Article 10 Purchase of 30 Porter Street Property for Town Parking
 - Article 12 Emergency Medical Services Life Safety Equipment (Fire Department)
 - Article 14 Truck Public Works
 - Article 15 Fire Alarm System Upgrades at Cedar Hill
 - Article 16 Roadway Resurfacing
 - Article 17 Water Main Upgrades and Improvements
 - Article 18 Property Located at 760 Washington Street
 - Article 19 Property Located at 797-809 Washington Street
 - Article 21 Municipal Charges Lien
 - Article 22 Implementing a Town of Stoughton Communication Program
 - Article 23 Revolving Fund from Surplus Equipment
6. Any other matters relating to FY2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles
7. Motion to Close Public Hearing
8. Discussion and/or Recommendations of the above Articles by Municipal Operations Committee to the Special Town Meeting. Votes may be taken.
9. Adjournment

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Town of Stoughton Residents Stay Informed



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STOUGHTON ENERGY PROGRAM ANNOUNCES NEW RATES

STOUGHTON, MA – The Town of Stoughton has signed a thirty-six month contract with its current supplier, Direct Energy. Beginning with the November 2023 meter reads, the Stoughton Community Choice Power Supply Program will have a new rate of \$0.14340 per kWh. The Program will continue to offer its optional 100 percent green product, derived from National Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), at \$0.14490 per kWh.

For Stoughton residents and businesses who are enrolled in the Town's standard product, the current rate of \$0.12400 per kWh will expire with the November 2023 meter reads and the new rate of \$0.14340 per kWh will take effect. This represents an increase of \$12 per month on the supply side of the bill given average usage of 600 kWh. However, this new rate is 21 percent lower than National Grid's recently announced Residential Basic Service rate of \$0.18213 per kWh. Residents can expect to see an average savings of \$23 per month for the months of November 2023 through July 2024*. Eversource's rates will change on January 1, 2024 and should be known in late-November. Historically, Eversource's winter rates have been higher than their summer rates.

“It is good to see that the Program is able to provide relief to our residents on their electric bills this winter,” said Thomas Calter, Stoughton Town Manager. “The Program's goal is to lock in a competitive price that provides savings now and that will provide stability for the next three years.”

“We initiated the program in order to save Stoughton residents and small businesses money on their electric bills,” said Pamela McCarthy, Economic Development Director. “It has proven especially valuable during this time of high inflation when everything seems to cost more.”

Stoughton originally launched its electricity program in January 2018 in effort to develop an energy program that would be stable and affordable. From inception through June 2023, the Program has saved residents and small businesses over \$1.6 million in electricity costs as compared to Basic Service.

It is important to note that no action will be required by individual consumers. This change will be seen on the December 2023 bills. All accounts currently enrolled in the Program will see the new rate under the “Supply Services” section of their monthly bill.

Those currently enrolled in Stoughton's standard product will continue to be enrolled in the standard product, but at the new rate, and those currently enrolled in the optional green product will continue to be enrolled in the optional green product, also at the new rate.

The Stoughton Community Choice Power Supply Program has no fees or charges. However, anyone switching from a contract with a third-party supplier may be subject to penalties or early termination fees charged by that supplier. Ratepayers should verify terms before switching.

Basic Service rates change twice a year or more, depending on rate class. As a result, the aggregation rate may not always be lower than the Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings over the life of the program against Basic Service. However, such savings and future savings cannot be guaranteed.

National Grid has several programs to help income-eligible families and customers needing special assistance meet their energy needs. To learn more visit nationalgridus.com/MA-Home/Bill-Help/Payment-Assistance-Programs.

Eversource customers who meet certain means criteria can qualify to receive a discount on their electric bills. To learn more, please visit eversource.com/content/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance/discount-rate.

Residents may also visit colonialpowergroup.com/stoughton or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1 to learn more about Stoughton's Community Choice Power Supply Program, to opt-in or opt-out, or to change your current product selection.

**Normally, the term would be through April 2024 but this is a transition term. The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities issued an Order on September 1, 2023 that requires National Grid change its residential and small business Basic Service periods to February through July and August through January. This is expected to mitigate large seasonal changes in Basic Service electricity supply prices and differences across electric distribution companies. [See mass.gov/news/dpu-orders-schedule-changes-to-basic-service-rates.]*



ABOUT COLONIAL POWER GROUP: *Based in Marlborough, Mass., Colonial Power Group is the leading aggregation-consulting firm in Massachusetts. Colonial Power has been working with local governments since 2002 in the design, implementation and management of municipal aggregation programs.*

**Thomas
Calter
Town
Manager**

