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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF STOUGHTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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OFFICE OF
THE TOWN CLERK
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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 FIFTH DAY of MAY, 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 - Election

HELD TUESDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

From 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

To Choose, By Ballot, The Following Town Offices:

Select Board:	One to be elected for a term of three years.
School Committee:	Two to be elected for a term of three years.
Redevelopment Authority:	One to be elected for a term of two years.
Town Moderator:	One to be elected for a term of two years.

TOWN MEETING REPRESENTATIVES:

PRECINCT 1	Seven to be elected for a term of three years
	Four to be elected for a term of two years
	Six to be elected for a term of one year
PRECINCT 2	Seven to be elected for a term of three years
	Two to be elected for a term of two years
	One to be elected for a term of one year
PRECINCT 3	Seven to be elected for a term of three years
PRECINCT 4	Seven to be elected for a term of three years
PRECINCT 5	Seven to be elected for a term of three years
	One to be elected for a term of one year

PRECINCT 6	Seven to be elected for a term of three years Two to be elected for a term of two years Three to be elected for a term of one year
PRECINCT 7	Seven to be elected for a term of three years Two to be elected for a term of two years Four to be elected for a term of one year
PRECINCT 8	Eight to be elected for a term of three years Three to be elected for a term of one year

Article 2 - Receive Reports

To see if the Town will vote to receive the reports of any Boards or Town Officers or of any other duly established commission, council, or authority of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
 Date: February 4, 2025
 Estimated Cost: None

Article 3 - Accept and Contract Funds for Town Roads

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allocated or to be allocated by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction, and improvements of Town roads; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
 Date: February 4, 2025
 Estimated Cost: Amounts granted to the Town by the General Court may vary from year to year.

Article 4 - Apply for and Accept Federal/State Funding

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept any federal and/or State funding or grants that are or may become available to the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
 Date: February 4, 2025
 Estimated Cost: None in particular, varies by grant and project

Article 5 - Disposal of Town Property

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, and/or its designee, to dispose by auction or otherwise Town-owned property in accordance with G.L. c.30B; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: None in particular, varies from year to year.

Article 6 - Cedar Hill Enterprise Fund Budget

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, Section §53F½ to raise and to appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury, if any, and/or borrow a sufficient sum of money to fund the Cedar Hill Golf Course for Fiscal Year 2026; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$ 502,126.25

Article 7 – Public Health Association Enterprise Fund Budget

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, Section §53F ½ to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, and/or borrow a sufficient sum of money to fund of Stoughton Public Health Association for Fiscal Year 2026; or take any other action relative thereto:

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$ 1,004,453.17

Article 8 – Sewer Department Enterprise Fund Budget

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provision of G.L. c.44, Section §53F ½ to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, and/or borrow a sufficient sum of money to fund the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2026; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$ 9,716,193.56

Article 9 – Water Department Enterprise Fund Budget

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53F ½ to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, and/or borrow a sufficient sum of money to fund the Water Department for Fiscal Year 2026; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$ 6,197,836.00

Article 10 - Cable Public Access Enterprise Fund - Appropriate for FY26 Cable Costs

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 fund the Cable Public Access Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2026; or take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$ 498,771.00

Article 11 – Reauthorization of Revolving Funds

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, §53E½, as most recently amended, to establish fiscal year limitations on expenditures from the revolving funds established by the General Bylaws, Section 42, Revolving Funds, with such limitations to remain applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year until such time as they are later amended, and to carry forward any monies remaining in such funds from year to year unless otherwise transferred by Town Meeting and to modify the spending limit for Compost Bin/ Rain Barrel Fund and Recreation Fund as set forth in the chart below.

Fund	Spending Limit
Council on Aging	\$50,000
Recreation	\$200,000 \$250,000
Geographic Information Systems	\$15,000
Youth Commission	\$50,000
Community Events	\$10,000
Conservation Commission	\$50,000
Board of Health	\$120,000
Stormwater	\$50,000
Compost Bin/ Rain Barrel	\$2,300 \$5,000

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$0

Article 12 - Fund CBA for Stoughton Library Staff Union

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 Library Staff Union, Local 4928 (MLSA), AFT, AFL-CIO, 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 Library operating budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: Per MOA

Article 13 - Fund the CBA for Town Hall Employee Association Union

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 Town Hall Employee Association Union, 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 applicable department operating budgets; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: Per MOA

Article 14 – General Fund Operating Budget

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and support and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, for the maintenance and support of the several departments of the Town and for any other usual or necessary Town charges for the Fiscal Year 2026; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
FY26 (Select Board): \$139,956,816.26

Article 15 – Unpaid Bills

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: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$ TBD

Article 16 – Supplemental Fiscal year 2025 Departmental Budgets

To see if the Town will vote to transfer available funds in the Treasury, if any, a sufficient sum of money to supplement FY25 departmental budgets or fund previously approved articles; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$ TBD

Article 17 – Sunset Clause Article Closeout & Extensions

Will the Town vote to extend the Sunset Clause end date as allowed in the Sunset Bylaw adopted as Article 70 at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting and / or any amendments, revisions, or replacements relative thereto as requested by Department Heads or take any relative action thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Project	Department	Town Meeting Date	Description	Current Balance	Extension requested
10583	SEWER	May-22	10583 A21 ATM 05/22 WASH/ATKIN	\$27,731.37	6/30/27
10424	FACILITIES	October-20	10424 A9E STM 10/20 DPW PARKING LOT	\$206,600.00	6/30/27
10495	ENGINEERING	May-21	10495 A24 ATM 05/21 LAKE MANAGEMENT	\$5,715.00	6/30/27
10587	ENGINEERING	May-22	10587 A27 ATM 05/22 BIRD ST TRAIL	\$53,920.00	6/30/28
10058	CPC	May-15	CAPEN REYNOLDS RECREATION FACILITY	\$118,000	6/30/27

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$ N/A

Article 18 - Create Capital Stabilization Account (General Fund, non-enterprise)

To see if Town will vote to accept the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation to a Capital Stabilization fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: N/A

Article 19 - Deposit to the Capital Stabilization Account (General Fund, non-enterprise)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from overlay surplus, (certified as excess by the Board of Assessors, pursuant to Section 25 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws,) or transfer from other available funds to be added to the Capital Stabilization Fund, both in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$TBD

Article 20 - Deposit to the Fire Apparatus Stabilization Account

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from overlay surplus, (certified as excess by the Board of Assessors, pursuant to Section 25 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws,) or transfer from other available funds to be added to the Fire Apparatus Stabilization Fund, both in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$TBD

Article 21 - Rescind Unauthorized & Unissued Borrowings

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 #	Town Meeting Date	Description	Amount to Rescind
55	6/6/2011	Land Acquisition (Glen Echo)	\$73,500
7	11/23/2015	Muddy Pond Replacement Well & Facility	\$105,000
S1	5/2/2016	High School Building Project (Exempt)	\$5,023,325
20	5/14/2018	Traffic Study	\$40,000
27D	5/13/2019	Police Station Building Repairs and Grounds	\$48,999.29
36	5/13/2019	Dawe Elementary School Storm water Runoff	\$28,594
34	5/15/2019	Park Street Sewer Planning	\$191,861
17	10/21/2020	Pratts Court Well Testing & Replacement	\$15,000
22	5/11/2022	Water Main Upgrades & Improvements	\$682
Total			\$5,526,961.29

Inserted by:

Select Board

Date:

February 4, 2025

Estimated Costs:

N/A

Article 22 - Five Year Revaluation of all properties in Town

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to be expended to defray a portion towards the expenses of the FY2027 Five-Year Revaluation of all properties in the town, as required by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue; or take any action in relation thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Note: The Department of Revenue requires that the Board of Assessors revalue all real and personal properties in Town once every five years. The next revaluation will be in FY2027. The total cost of this revaluation in FY2027 is estimated to be \$200,000. This article (if approved) will pay a sum of money towards this FY2027 revaluation.

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Board of Assessors
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$200,000

Article 23 - Sewer Department Capital

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 capital for the Sewer Department; or take any other action relative thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Item #1: Inflow and Infiltration Program	\$450,000
Item #2: Sewer System Hydraulic Model	\$200,000

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$650,000

Article 24 - Water Department Capital

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 capital for the Water Department; or take any other action relative thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Item #1: Watermain Improvements (Phase 6)	\$1,500,000
Item #2: Goddard Well PFAS Design	\$300,000
Item #3: Backhoe	\$160,000

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$1,960,000

Article 25 - Information Technology Capital

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 capital for the Information Technology Department; or take any other action relative thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Item #1: Network Switches	\$80,000
Item #2: Firewall Replacement	\$71,000

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$151,000

Article 26 - Public Works and Facilities Capital

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 capital for the Public Works and Facilities Departments; or take any other action relative thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Item #1: Unforeseen Building/ Facility Maintenance	\$75,000
Item #2: Used Bucket Truck (DPW)	\$60,000
Item #3: 15 Passenger Van (Recreation)	\$60,000
Item #4: Record Storage (Clerks)	\$25,000
Item #5: Town Hall Safety Audit	\$75,000

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$295,000

Article 27 - Police Department Capital

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 capital for the Police Department; or take any other action relative thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Item #1: Livescan Fingerprint Machine	\$22,000
Item #2: Cruisers (3 marked, 1 unmarked)	\$256,000

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$278,000

Article 28 - Fire Department Capital - Ladder Truck

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 Ladder Truck for the Fire Department; or take any other action relative thereto effective fiscal year 2025. Delivery is estimated by June 30th 2029.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$2,250,000

Article 29 - Cedar Hill Capital

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, and/or borrow, or fund from retained earnings, a sufficient sum of money to purchase capital for the Cedar Hill Golf Course; and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised from or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Item #1: Bunker Rake	\$32,000
Item #2: Fairway Mower	\$70,000
Item #3: Multi Purpose Vehicle	\$56,000
Item #4: Unforeseen Building Maintenance	\$25,000

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$183,000

Article 30 - School Department Capital

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 capital for the School Department; or take any other action relative thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Item #1: Firewall Replacement	\$168,338
Item #2: Wireless Access Points	\$461,388
Item #3: Redistricting Study	\$90,000

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$719,726

Article 31 - Open Space and Recreation Plan - Update

To see if the Town will vote to, raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds a sufficient sum of money to contract for professional services to update the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan and to authorize the Open Space Committee, together with the Town Manager and/or Select Board as may be appropriate, to apply for and accept any grants available therefor to reduce the costs thereof; or take any other action relative thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Open Space Committee
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$70,000

Article 32 - Septic Betterment Program Funding

To authorize the Board of Health to continue to participate in the Septic Betterment Program and to see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money through the State Revolving Loan Program for the purpose of financing the repair, replacement and/ or upgrade of septic systems and sewer connections, or take any other action relative thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Board of Health
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$400,000

Article 33 - Town Hall Traffic, Parking, Pocket Park and Landscape Improvements

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, borrow, or fund, pursuant to GL c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act and/or general borrowing, a sum of money to fund the construction of the traffic, parking, pocket park and landscape improvements to the Town Hall property (Map 54, Lot 221 & 217) and abutting roadways or take any other action relative thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$1,200,000

Note: CPC voted unanimously to fund the items associated with the pocket park for \$820,000. The town has applied for a grant to fund a portion of the other work in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. The remaining costs would be funded by free cash.

Article 34 – Police Station Expansion and Renovation Design

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, if any, or borrow a sum of money for the preparation of design documents for the construction, equipping and furnishing of an expansion and renovation of the existing Police Station, located at 26 Rose Street (Assessors' Property ID 054 175 0), including but not limited to professional engineering/architectural and owner's project manager services, plans for demolition and removal of the existing building(s) or portions thereof, and site preparation, including any required testing and/or investigations, and all other incidental and related expenses; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any agreements, including contracts for terms in excess of three years, and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of the vote taken hereunder; or take any action related thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$675,000

Article 35 – Community Preservation Committee FY2026 Budget/ Report

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report and recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee, including to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2026 estimated annual revenues; a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2026 and to reserve for the future appropriation a sum of money for open space, including land for recreational use, historic resources, and community housing and further, to Preservation Projects of purposes; all as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee; or take any other action relative thereto;

Notes: This is the annual article to fund the CPA budget, as prepared by the Town Finance Director, and presented every year. The budget includes the FY2026 Tax surcharge of \$1,007,640 and the State match of \$150,000.

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Community Preservation Committee
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$1,157,640

Article 36 – Glen Echo Pavillion and Benches

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 support the design, permitting and construction of a new pavilion, permanent benches, fences and other related equipment at Glen Echo Park, Assessors Map 070, Parcel 104, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Community Preservation Committee
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$180,000

Article 37 - Stoughton Depot Rehabilitation: Payment of Previously Authorized Bonding

To see if the Town will transfer, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, the Community Preservation Act, the sum of \$310,867.88 to clear the FY25 deficit in expenditures related to Munis Project #10060, Rehabilitation of the Stoughton Depot Building located at 45 Wyman Street, Assessors Map 054, Parcel 442.

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Community Preservation Committee
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$310,867.88

Explanation: This project (#10060) was originally approved by Town Meeting in 2015 as a borrowing article in the amount of \$350,000. The town took out a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) to cover the expenditures of this project. A bond was issued in October of 2019 in the amount of \$21,000 and a Bond Premium of \$9,000 was applied to this project. Total expenditures were \$340,867.88 creating the above referenced deficit.

In FY 2023 the Town Accountant informed the Community Preservation Committee that we would have to begin paying principal and interest on the remaining balance of the BAN (\$320,000.00), which had not yet been bonded due to uncertainty about the eventual use of the property. The CPC approved payment of the BAN in full and included \$320,000.00 in the FY 2024 Budget for this purpose. The Committee also submitted a separate article to authorize the town to pay the BAN. We were advised that the separate article was redundant, and it was withdrawn.

The Director of Finance requested that the CPC submit this article to authorize the transfer of funds needed to clear the deficit. The source account and the destination account are both CPA Fund accounts.

Article 38 – Closeouts of Prior Appropriations - CPC

To see if the Town will vote to close the following articles and return funding to said accounts as listed below, or take any other action relative thereto effective fiscal year 2025:

Community Preservation Act appropriations to be closed:

<u>FUND; DEPT; PROJECT; ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION; Project Balance; DISPOSITION</u>
5040; CPA; 10292; ATM 5/19 Rehab Fire Station #1; \$111,449.15; Return to CPA Historic
5040; CPA; 10444; STM 10/20 RR Depot Restoration; \$0; N/A
5040; CPA; 10445; STM 10/20 Glen Echo Rec Fac; \$5,121.05; Return to CPA Historic
5040; CPA; 10501; ATM 5/21 Restoration of Fire Eng; \$2,357.81;* Return to CPA Historic
5040; CPA; 10589; ATM 5/22 West St Barn Evaluation; \$2,000.00; Return to CPA Historic
5040; CPA; 10701; ATM 5/23 Cedar Hill Tee Boxes; \$212.99; Return to CPA Undesig.
TOTAL: \$121,141.00

**Note that the total on #10501 may be lower after payment of one final invoice. Because the scope of an article may be reduced but not expanded, the higher number will be inserted in the article, unless new information is received prior to the printing of the warrant.*

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Community Preservation Committee
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$0

Article 39 – Zoning By-law: Use Table Correction

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Stoughton Zoning Bylaw November 18, 2015 as amended through May 15, 2024, Section 3.1.4, Table of Use Regulations as set forth below, with text to be inserted shown in bold underline, and text to be deleted shown in bold ~~strikethrough~~, or take any other action relative thereto.

Section 3.1.4 - TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS

Principal Uses	Residential					Business			Industrial	
	R-M	R-U	R-C	R-B	R-A	GB	NB	HB	I	I2
B. COMMUNITY AND EXEMPT FACILITIES										-
10. Town Refuse Transfer Station provided that it not be located within an Aquifer Protection Area	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	<u>NY</u>
13. Child care center or school aged child care program	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<u>NY</u>
E. WHOLESALE, TRANSPORTATION AND INDUSTRIAL										-
10. Heliport, subject to the design criteria and standards of the Federal Aviation Administration as published in "Heliport Design Guide" November 1969, or any later revision thereto	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	BA	Y	<u>NY</u>
18. Waste Disposal Facilities including incinerators, transfer stations and resource recovery facilities	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	<u>BAY</u>	<u>NY</u>
19. Hazardous Waste Facilities for the storage, treatment, dewatering, refining, incinerating, reclamation, stabilization, solidification, disposal of hazardous wastes	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	<u>NY</u>	<u>NY</u>
21. Radioactive Waste Disposal for the collection, treatment, storage, burial, incineration, or disposal of radioactive waste, including but not limited to wastes classified as low-level radioactive waste	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	<u>NY</u>	<u>NY</u>

Inserted by: Select Board

Requested by: Planning Board

Date: February 4, 2025

Estimated Costs: \$0

Article 40 – Zoning By-law: Floodplain, Aquifer Protection & Wetland Zoning Bylaw Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Chapter 200 of the Town of Stoughton's Zoning Bylaws as set forth in a document entitled "2025 Proposed Floodplain, Aquifer Protection & Wetland Zoning Bylaw Amendment" on file with the Town Clerk's office, and included in the appendix hereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board

Requested by: Planning Board

Date: February 4, 2025

Estimated Costs: \$0

Article 41 - Zoning Map - Zone Amendments

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Stoughton Zoning Bylaw and the Zoning Map as amended through May 15, 2024 by rezoning the following:

- A. To rezone the portions of 2341 & 2351 Central Street as identified on Assessors Map 3, Lots 111 & 112 currently zoned GB (General Business) Zone to rezone to RC (Residential-Suburban C) Zone; to rezone the portion of 36 Bay as identified on Assessors Map 3, Lot 108 currently zoned RC (Residential-Suburban C) Zone to rezone to GB (General Business) Zone; to rezone the portions of 87, 90, & 120 Sharon Street as identified on Assessors Map 3, Lots 120, 121, 122 & 130 of currently zoned RC (Residential-Suburban C) Zone to rezone to GB (General Business) Zone as shown in Figure 1.
- B. To rezone the portions of 35 & 38 Phillips Street as identified on Assessors Map 56, Lots 178 & 182 currently zoned RC (Residential-Suburban C) Zone to rezone to RU (Residential-Urban) Zone as shown in Figure 2
- C. To rezone the portions of 720 Park Street & 17 Fourth Street as identified on Assessors Map 76, Lots 80 & 82 currently zoned I (Industrial) Zone to rezone to GB (General Business) Zone; and the portion of 17 Fourth Street as identified on Assessors Map 76, Lot 80 currently zoned RB (Residential-Suburban B) Zone to rezone to GB (General Business) Zone as shown in Figure 3

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 15, 2024: or take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Planning Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$0

Article 42 – Zoning By-law: Accessory Dwelling Units Bylaw

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Chapter 200 of the Town of Stoughton's Zoning Bylaws as set forth in a document entitled "2025 Proposed Accessory Dwelling Units Zoning Bylaw" on file with the Town Clerk's office, and included in the appendix hereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Planning Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$0

Article 43 – Zoning By-law: Short Term Rental Bylaw

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Chapter 200 of the Town of Stoughton's Zoning Bylaws-as set forth in a document entitled "2025 Proposed Short Term Rental Zoning Bylaw" on file with the Town Clerk's office, and included in the appendix hereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Planning Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$0

Article 44 - Noise By-law

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's By-Laws, by adding a new Chapter 137, entitled "Noise," and a new Chapter 266, entitled "Engine Braking," as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

§ 137 Noise

§ 137-1. Purpose:

Excessive noise is a serious hazard to the public health and welfare, safety, and quality of life; and the people of the Town of Stoughton have a right to an environment free from excessive noise that may jeopardize their health or welfare or safety or degrade their quality of life; now, therefore, it is the purpose of this to prevent excessive noise which may jeopardize the health and welfare or safety of the Town's citizens or degrade the quality of life.

§ 137-2. Definitions:

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and implementation of this chapter:

Noise Injury: Any sound that endangers the safety of, or could cause injury to the health of, humans, or endangers or injures personal or real property.

Electronic Device: Any radio, tape recorder, television, CD, stereo, public address system, loud speaker, amplified musical instrument including a hand held device, and any other electronic noise producing equipment.

Leaf Blower: Any portable machine used to blow leaves, dirt and other debris off or across lawns, sidewalks, driveways, and other horizontal surfaces.

Noise Pollution: Sound that is plainly audible in any public place at a distance of 25 feet or more in any direction or so as to annoy or disturb the reasonable quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any dwelling, hotel, hospital, or other type of residence, or in any office, or of any persons in the vicinity of any such person in or on the public sidewalks, ways or other public places.

§ 137-3. Scope and Exemptions:

This chapter shall not apply to the emission of sound for the purpose of alerting persons to the existence of an emergency or to the emission of sound in the performance of emergency work or in training exercises related to emergency activities, and in the performance of public safety activities. Noncommercial public speaking and public assembly activities as guaranteed by state and federal constitutions shall be exempt from the operation of this policy.

§ 137-4. Restrictions:

A. On nights beginning on Sunday through Thursday at 10:00 PM until 7:00 AM the following morning and on nights beginning on Friday, Saturday and on Federal Holidays at 11:00 PM until 7:00 AM, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons occupying or having charge of any building or premises or any part thereof, or any vehicle in the Town, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons being present in or about any building, dwelling, premises, shelter, boat or conveyance or any part thereof, to cause, create, suffer or allow any unnecessary, loud, excessive or unusual noises in operation of any speaker, radio, phonograph or other mechanical or electronic sound-making device or instrument, or reproducing device, or in the playing of any band, orchestra, musician, or group of musicians, or in the use of any device to amplify the aforesaid, or the making of loud outcries, exclamations or other loud or boisterous noises, or loud and boisterous singing by any person or groups of persons, or in the use of any device to amplify the aforesaid noises where the noise is plainly audible at a distance of 150 feet from the building, structure, vehicle or premises in which or from which it is produced. The fact that the noise is plainly audible at a distance of 150 feet from the vehicle or premises from which it originates shall constitute *prima facie* evidence of a violation of this policy.

Additionally, no person owning, leasing or controlling the operation of any Electronic Device shall willfully or negligently permit the establishment or condition of Noise Injury. In public spaces, the existence of Noise Injury is to be judged to occur at any location a passerby might reasonably occupy. When the offending noise source is located on private property, Noise Injury judgments shall be made at the property line within which the offending source is located. Any and all decibel levels of sound caused by playing non-electrified musical instruments, except drums, between 7:00 AM and 10:00 PM on Sundays through Thursdays and between 7:00 AM and 11:00 PM on Fridays, Saturdays and Federal Holidays shall be exempt from this chapter.

B. Every day from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM, no person shall operate a leaf blower, power tool, power equipment, construction tool, heavy machinery or vehicles, perform tree or grass cutting or trimming, or perform construction, demolition, excavation, loading or unloading, machine work, carpentry, chiseling, blasting or similar activities in such a manner that creates Noise Pollution. Any person seeking to emit noise in such a manner as prohibited in this paragraph may request permission to do so for a specific place and period of time from the Select Board.

§ 137-5. Enforcement:

The enforcing officials shall be the Building Commissioner or his/her designee and any police officer in the Town of Stoughton, who shall enforce against violations of said sections by non-criminal disposition pursuant to the authority and procedure of G.L. c. 40, § 21D. Unless otherwise specified, fines for violations of this chapter shall be:

(1). For the first offense: \$100.

- (2). For the second offense: \$200.
- (3). For the third and subsequent offenses: \$300.

Notwithstanding the forgoing, the enforcing officials may, in addition to or in the alternative, enforce this section through civil or criminal enforcement as may be warranted.

Article XII Engine Braking

§ 266-81

The use of engine brakes, so called, shall be prohibited on all public ways in the Town of Stoughton. Engine (“Jake”) braking is allowed in emergency situations and to avoid injury, or an accident, and the truck driver may use that claim as an affirmative defense if ticketed for violating this section.

Violations of this section shall be enforced by the Stoughton Police Department by the issuance of a civil citation with a fine not to exceed \$300 per violation and shall be disposed of as a noncriminal disposition under MGL c. 40, § 21D.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$0

Article 45 - Wetland By-law Changes

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Chapter 191 of the Town of Stoughton’s General Bylaws entitled “Wetlands Protection;” as set forth in a document entitled “2025 Proposed Amendments to Wetlands Protection Bylaw” on file with the Town Clerk’s office, and included in the appendix hereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Conservation Commission
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$0

Article 46 - Stoughton Equal Opportunity Committee By-law

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Stoughton’s General Bylaws to add a new Chapter, Chapter 44 entitled “Stoughton Equal Opportunity Commission;” as set forth in a document entitled “2025 Proposed Stoughton Equal Opportunity Commission Bylaw” on file with the Town Clerk’s office, and included in the appendix hereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Stoughton Equal Opportunity Committee
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$0

Article 47 - Charter Changes and Clarifications

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter as set forth in a document entitled “2025 Proposed Charter Amendments” on file with the Town Clerk’s office, and included in the appendix hereto, with proposed deletions shown as ‘strikeouts’ and proposed additions shown in underlined ‘redline;’ and, in accordance with G.L. c. 43B, § 10, to see if the Town will vote to place on the 2025 Annual Election Ballot, the question to read “Shall the Town amend the Town of Stoughton Town Charter as set forth in a document entitled “2025 Proposed Charter Amendments” on file with the Town Clerk’s office, and included in the appendix hereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Requested by: Charter Review Committee
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$0

Article 48 – Senior Tax Deferral Program

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5, Clause 41A(2), to adopt a higher maximum qualifying gross receipts equal to the amount of income determined by the Commissioner of Revenue for G.L. c.62, §6(K) (the senior tax “circuit breaker”) not exceeding the amount of income determined by the Commissioner of Revenue for a single person who is not a head of household, to be effective for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$0

Article 49 – Tax Repayment Program

To see if the Town will vote to accept G.L. c.59, §5, clause 57, to allow the Board of Assessors to appropriate monies for and grant property tax rebates to eligible seniors in an amount not to exceed annually the amount of the income tax credit set forth under G.L. c. 62, §6(k), the so-called “senior circuit breaker”, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by: Select Board
Date: February 4, 2025
Estimated Costs: \$0

Article 50 - Quiet Time Policy - Petitioned Article

We would like to proposed the “quiet time” from at least 10pm to 7am. “Quiet time” means No loud music or loud voices.

Petitioner: Ledso Rrapushi - 23 Broadway

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