



# TOWN OF STOUGHTON

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To the Residents of Stoughton,

Over the past several years I committed to informing Stoughton residents of the coming municipal waste crisis facing our country, state and town. Diminished capacity, closed landfills, retired incinerators, and a lack of newly-built facilities contribute to this issue.

This morning I was informed that one of our rubbish trucks waited for three hours in line to offload at SEMASS. A senior executive informed me that their facility accepted municipal waste from competitors who closed temporarily due to infrastructure and mechanical failures. This minor disruption is a major indicator of the future of refuse disposal in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which is ill-equipped to manage the sheer volume of trash. Decreased capacity necessitates greater reliance upon out-of-state facilities. Failure to plan for the future will almost certainly impact the future cost and quality of waste management services in Stoughton.

Please know that we are closely monitoring market changes and analyzing available options for use in the coming years. It is not my intention to disrupt the status quo in Stoughton, but I know that it is my responsibility to plan for the future.

I committed to addressing the big issues facing the Town of Stoughton and to share with residents all of the data available to me. It is my plan to conduct informational sessions this autumn so that all residents are fully informed both of our challenges and opportunities.

Thank you,

Tom Calter

Stoughton Town Manager