

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED MAY 7, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday May 7, 2024 • 9:00 a.m.

Virtually via 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 virtually via Google Meets.

OFFICE OF
THE TOWN CLERK

To Join via Google Meets: cpi-vkup-ggr
PHONE: 413-679-1510
PIN: 641 055 486#

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. 9:00 a.m. **OPEN SESSION**
Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. 9:05 a.m. To set a special election date on June 11, 2024 regarding proposition 2 ½ ballot question for school building project (Votes may be taken)
3. 9:10 a.m. To consider rescinding the vote of February 6, 2024 which states "discontinue use of the Accuvote Voting Machines effective on April 30, 2024 and to begin using Election Systems & Software a/k/a ES & S DS200 Voting Machines effective as of August 28, 2024" (Votes may be taken)



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Tuesday May 7, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

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

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To Join via Google Meets: gjc-qdwm-wnw
PHONE: 304-900-3808
PIN: 904 084 428#

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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. 7:30 p.m. **Continuance of Public Hearing from 04/23/2024:**
Renewal Cable License for Verizon New England
Atty. William Soloman
6. **Public Hearing(s) a., b., c., d, e. and f.:**
 - 6.a. 7:50 p.m. a. National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. joint pole petition - Project #30861104 West Street
Rummah Himat
 - 6.b. 8:00 p.m. b. National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. joint pole petition - Project #30900087 Tosca Drive
 - 6.c. 8:10 p.m. c. National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. joint pole petition - Project #27359884 Central Street
 - 6.d. 8:20 p.m. d. National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. joint pole petition - Project #27359884 Canton Street

- 6.e. 8:30 p.m. e. National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. joint pole
6.f. 8:40 p.m. petition - Project #27359884 Tosca Drive
f. National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. joint pole
petition - Project #27359884 Central Street
7. 8:50 p.m. Waiver Request under Section XXXI of the Town of Stoughton Isaac Remy
Select Board Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Regulations - The
Kanvis Events LLC, 603 Washington St. (Votes may be taken)
8. 9:05 p.m. Application for a Trailblazer Sign at the Intersection of Central Karen DeLuca
Street and Route 128 - D.E. Foods, LLC dba Kentucky Fried Representative
Chicken, 265 Washington Street (Votes may be taken)
9. 9:15 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of April
23, 2024 and April 24, 2024
b. Application for 1-Day Alcoholic Beverage License -
June 1, 2024 - First Parish Stoughton, 790 Washington
St.
c. Acceptance of \$213,586 donation from the Stanton
Foundation for the Capen-Reynolds Dog Park
d. Acceptance of donation up to \$30,000 from the
Stoughton Conservation Commission -
Capen-Reynolds Endowment Fund - for the
Capen-Reynolds Dog Park and Community Garden
e. Agreement between the Town of Stoughton and the
Local 1512 International Association of Firefighters



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The Town will start its

Meter Replacement Program

May 2024

So keep an eye out for the notices from
Mass Installation to schedule your change out



Water
Department



Town of Stoughton

Hometown Heroes Banner Program



Stoughton is proud to honor our Servicemen and Women with the Hometown Heroes Program; and are pleased to announce the banners are now being placed throughout our center and main streets.

The names of our Veterans that will have banners displayed are listed below:



In June, an event will be held in the Great Hall displaying all of the Veterans photos and a map showing the location of the banners. Detailed information on this event will be posted in the Town Crier and on the Veterans Services page in the coming weeks.

Thank you Veterans for your Service

Simeon J.A. Bergeron
Bradford Burns
Karl W. Bushenfeldt Jr.
Mary Catalano
Harold Catalano
Patrick F. Catalano Jr.
Chet Collins
Allison Conlon
William H. Coulter
Joseph R. Cleary Sr.
Alan C. Crombie
Clifford Cyr
Paul S. Czerwonka
Joseph P. DeVito

Fred Dimond
Albert N. DiStefano
Norman L. Everett
Joseph Fustolo
Katherine Flynn-McFadden
Francis P. Gambrazzio Sr.
Gary R. Guest
John J. Hart
Donald G. Interrante
Vity J. Kundrot
Michael E. LaFleur
Paul Landry
Charles "Chuck" Large
Alfred Leoffler

Charles T. Leonard
Roy F. Leonard
Jackson Macomber
Paul McEchron
Rudy Medeiros
Victor C. Melendy
Cleveland a. Natola
Francis X. Noe
Vincent F. Noe
David Painten
James G. Panacy
John G. Panacy
Pasquale V. Pascarelli
Anthony E. Polillio

Walt A. Randolph Jr.
Leo F. Reilly
Dennis P. Roux
Alfred J. Sargent
David Sears
Joseph Shainis
Scott W. Tracey
John J. Shea
Evelyn (Suba) Shea
William E. Smith
James Tanzi
Robert M. Watson

Town of Stoughton Veterans Services

10 Pearl Street, Stoughton MA 02072

To contact us, please email or call:

bturner@stoughton-ma.gov or sjohnson@stoughton-ma.gov

781-341-1300 ext 9220 or 9221



Wildflower Seed Bombs

Made by

Girl Scout Daisy Troop 84490

Our troop made these wildflower seed bombs to add more flowers around Stoughton and we want to share them with you. The balls are made of clay, soil, and seeds.



**Just toss them in your yard and watch
the wildflowers grow!**



While supplies last,
pick up a free bag from
this bin outside:

**Stoughton Recreation
Department**

**15 Pleasant St.
Stoughton, MA.**



Chippable Brush Days

every Saturday in the month of May from 8am to 3pm

Saturday May 11th • 8-3

Saturday May 18th • 8-3

Saturday May 25th • 8-3

1240 Washington St

across from Canton Fence



TAKE OUR SURVEY



Stoughton wants to
become more accessible,
and it needs your help!
Share your experiences in
an online survey.

You can find the
survey at this link:
rb.gy/irsphw or by
scanning the QR code



If you need assistance in completing this survey or would
like to request an alternative format, please contact Marcia
Birmingham at marcia.birmingham@umb.edu.



Town of
STOUGHTON
MASSACHUSETTS

2024 Annual Town Meeting Session Calendar

All 2024 Annual Town Meeting sessions will be held in person in the
Stoughton High School auditorium located at 232 Pearl Street

Sign-in starts at 6:30 p.m. ~ Opening Gavel 7:00 p.m.

Open Meeting Law prohibit Town Boards meeting while Town Meeting is in session.

FACE MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

May				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 ATM 1 ST Session		8 ATM 2 ND Session		
13 ATM 3 RD Session		15 ATM 4 TH Session		
20 ATM 5 TH Session (If Needed)		22 ATM 6 TH Session (If Needed)		
		29 ATM 7 TH Session (If Needed)		

**NOTE: A Special Town Meeting Will Be Held Within the
Annual Town Meeting**

ORGANIZATIONAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE ON
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 202 AT 7:00 PM
O'DONNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
211 CUSHING STREET

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

A SOUTH SHORE CAMERA CLUB PHOTOTOUR

The ultimate staycation. Tour the world from the comfort of your own library!

ALASKA

with
Carol Smith



THURSDAY, MAY 9th
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Registration recommended

Click on the date above or visit
<https://www.stoughton.org/55/Attend>
to sign up.



STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

JACK NICHOLSON:

with Stoughton film historian Frank Mandosa.

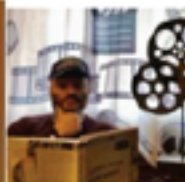
A look at the film career of one of the most iconic actors of his generation.



THURSDAY, MAY 16th
6:30 PM - 8:15 PM ON ZOOM

Please visit <https://www.stoughton.org/596/Attend> to sign up.

A Zoom link will be sent 1 day prior to the program.



High school English & Film teacher Frank Mandosa gives talks on a wide variety of film-related topics & has 2 movie podcasts, Silver Screeners (host) & Movies Across the Pod (co-host). Facebook movie group: "Silver Screeners" Twitter: @Minbu11974 Email: silverscreenerspod@gmail.com www.frankmandosa.weebly.com

PAINT NIGHT

with Melissa of *Beeble Art Center*

Friday, 5/17 | 5-7 pm | Ages 18+ | \$25

Recreation Department, 15 Pleasant St

Pre-registration required



WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG



TURN SPOILS TO SOIL WITH

CURBSIDE COMPOST



Pre-register to start a compost route in Stoughton



The first 90
signups will get a

**FREE
STARTER KIT**

courtesy of
the town



**Reduce Your
Waste by 30%**

PRE-REGISTER AT [BLACKEARTHCOMPOST.COM](https://blackearthcompost.com)



COMPOST ALL FOOD SCRAPS



FREE BAG OF COMPOST

WEEKLY PICK UP PLANS

\$20.99 / MONTH OR

\$114.99 / 6 MONTHS

THE PRICE LOWERS FOR ALL
WHEN 400 HOUSEHOLDS ENROLL

MUSEUM & PARK PASSES

FREE
WITH YOUR
LIBRARY CARD!



Passes for free or discounted museum and park admission are available to adult OCLN card holders in good standing.

Reserve Online or Call
Stoughton.org/library
781-344-2711

Stoughton Council on Aging

110 Rockland Street, Stoughton, MA



Wednesday, May 15th
10AM-1PM



Town of Stoughton Hydrant Flushing

TOWN WIDE

Water Main Flushing Program starting on Monday April 29, 2024 continuing through June 7, 2024

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

Welcome to the Town Manager's Office!

On December 12, 2022 I was honored to begin my career in Stoughton. After enjoying a successful career in business, as a State Legislator and as a Town Administrator, I've taken on this challenge with eyes wide open. From a career of professional experiences, successes and mistakes, I join the Town well prepared to meet the challenges, and leverage the opportunities before us. It's hard to believe that almost 3 months have already passed. I apologize for not reaching out sooner. I want you to know that I am true and committed to several core values.

First, you can always expect transactional honesty from me. I will respectfully say what I mean and mean what I say. Second, I am committed to openness and full transparency. Secrets, hidden agendas and old grievances will not play any part in my decision making process nor, will they eat up the valuable time needed to do this job properly. Third, you can always expect me to use prudent fiscal judgement. We have real financial challenges and clear solutions which will require your understanding and support. I am not promising a "Rose Garden". I am promising however, that within three years, the Town of Stoughton will stand on a strong financial footing.

We have some challenges that are among my top priorities. As Stoughton looks forward to its 300th Anniversary, it's important to understand that our infrastructure is old and has been neglected for decades. We seldom appreciate the value of clean running water and efficient waste management until those services are interrupted or lost. We all share 112 miles of Stoughton roads. Only 24.1 miles require minimal or no maintenance. As we develop a long-term infrastructure plan, we need to coordinate the replacement of 100 year old water and waste water distribution lines with the pavement of those roads. We need to replace water meters that are not properly recording water consumption. This may appear to be getting into the weeds. However, the condition of our water and sewer lines, town buildings, and town roads is beneath the standard you deserve. Meeting those challenges is among my top priorities. Meeting you and hearing your views will be among my greatest joys!

In closing, I want you to know that openness, transparency and constituent service are among my core values. Those values served me well as a business executive, business owner, legislator and municipal leader. Your confidence in Stoughton town government is needed in order for us to move our common agenda forward. I ask that you stay in touch, stay involved, share your thoughts and make your voice heard.

Respectfully,

Thomas J. Calter

