

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Monday Sept. 30, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.

Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor & virtually with 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 both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

To Join via Google Meets: vfx-uzqz-awt
PHONE: 786-540-4107
PIN: 685 189 103#

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. 7:30 p.m. **OPEN SESSION**
Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. 7:35 p.m. Select Board Comments
3. 7:40 p.m. Town Manager Comments
4. 7:45 p.m. Citizens' Comments
5. 7:50 p.m. 2025 Special Town Meeting Warrant
- Close the Warrant (Votes may be taken)
6. 8:30 p.m. To discuss and authorize to close and paydown outstanding debt under the \$50,000 threshold as allowed by M.G.L. Ch. 44 section 2D (Votes may be taken) Elizabeth Zaleski
Finance Director
7. 8:40 p.m. Continuation of Hearing from September 4, 2024:
Application for Water Abatement Hearing - Anny Bautista,
854 Washington Street Anny Bautista
8. 8:50 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meetings of September 17, 2024
 - b. Approval of adhere masonry veneer, thermal insulation, door hardware, fire protection specialties and plumbing manufacturers pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30, section 39M(b)
 - c. Memorial Square Dedication for Edward T. Horan Sr.
9. 9:00 p.m. **Executive Session:**
 - a. Executive session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(3)) - To discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating or litigating position of the Board and the Chair so declares

Town of Stoughton

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www.stoughton-ma.gov

FY25 2024-2025 Snow Plowing Operations Tentative Schedule of Proceedings

Dear Snow Plowing Contractors

In preparation for the upcoming winter season, the Town of Stoughton will begin the solicitation for on-call snow plowing services.

In order to keep the contractors informed, the Procurement Department has put together this tentative schedule of proceedings in regards to significant dates.

As in the past winter seasons, the number of the pieces of snow plowing equipment contracted will be determined by the Department of Public Works Superintendent. Snow Plowing services are on call and as needed solely under the direction of the DPW Superintendent to supplement the Towns equipment. The DPW Superintendent does not guarantee a need for services. In cases of emergency conditions, the Town may add on additional pieces of equipment to be used.

Tentative Date Schedule:

September 23, 2024 10:00am	Snow Plowing Operations documents available by emailing a request to: bids@stoughton-ma.gov or by picking up documents at the Town Hall 3 rd Floor Procurement Dept 10 Pearl Street Stoughton, MA 02072
October 7 th , 2024 12:00pm	Questions due in regards to snow plowing operations
October 14 th , 2024	Addenda issued (if necessary)
November 7 th , 2024	In order to assign routes for contracted snow plowers <u>Complete Snow Plowing packages</u> will be accepted any time <u>before</u> November 7 th , 2024. Incomplete packages received will not be forwarded to the DPW Superintendent.

Best regards



Fran Bruttaniti
Procurement Officer

Cc Paul Giffune



STOUGHTON'S HOMETOWN OLYMPIAN

FREDERICK RICHARD



KEY TO THE TOWN PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

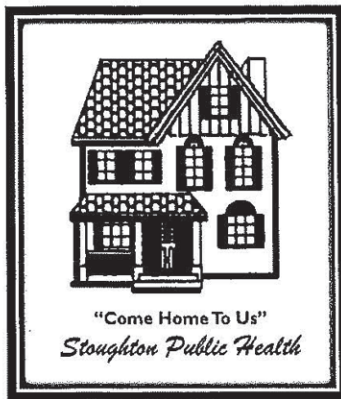
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, DOORS OPEN @ 11 AM

STOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



LET'S FLIP WITH FRED!

- We invite residents to welcome Frederick home from the Olympics with a VIP escort and awards presentation
- Listen to Frederick and his family speak about their journey to the Olympic Games
- Representatives honor Frederick and present him with a key to the Town
- Enter to win tickets to "Gold Over America" at TD Garden. Merchandise for sale before presentation
- No admission charge. Please arrive early and note this is not a meet and greet event



STOUGHTON PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOC.& VISITING NURSES

Will be sponsoring the following:

FLU CLINIC for Adults ages 18 and over



WHEN: Thursday October 3rd 9a.m-10:30 & 2-3:30 p.m

WHERE: SENIOR CENTER @ 110 ROCKLAND STREET STOUGHTON, MA

**High Dose Vaccine for people 65 and older will be available
while supplies last.**

- Please bring your insurance card. We will bill your insurance and there will be **NO COPAY**
 - No individual will be denied a flu shot regardless of insurance coverage.

*If you are unable to attend this clinic and have difficulty leaving your home please contact our
office to schedule a nurse to come to you*

781-344-7011



Stoughton Public Health Association does not discriminate in its programs or services.



*STOUGHTON PUBLIC HEALTH
ASSOCIATION & VNA*

HEALTH FAIR

OCTOBER 24, 2024
10 AM – 2 PM

STOUGHTON SENIOR CENTER
110 ROCKLAND STREET
STOUGHTON, MA

Stoughton Public Health Assoc. & VNA is hosting a health fair for the community. Informative presentations and vendors will be available with a wealth of material regarding living a healthy life. Join us for this fun and useful event.

**All Welcome to
Attend**

Guest Speakers

Vendors

Refreshments

Raffles

Entertainment

Therapy Dogs

Health Screenings

**Stoughton Public
Health Assoc. &
VNA**

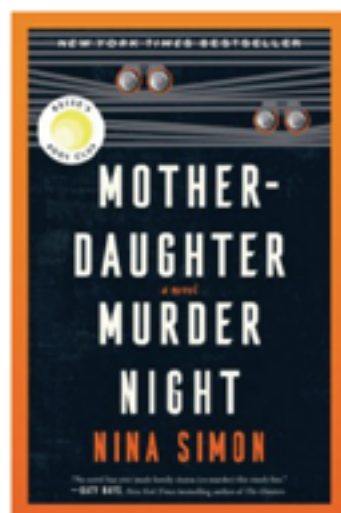
**10 Pearl Street
Stoughton, MA**

781-344-7011





Virtual Book Club



Wednesday, October 9th
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

This is a live Zoom event and
registration is required.



STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

NEW ENGLAND TALES OF HORROR AND SUSPENSE

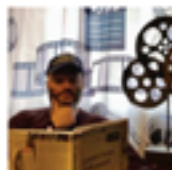
SPEND HALLOWEEN NIGHT WITH STOUGHTON FILM HISTORIAN FRANK MANDOSA...IF YOU DARE!



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31st
6:30 PM - 8:15 PM ON ZOOM**

Please visit <https://www.stoughton.org/595/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: @filmbuff1974 Email: silverscreenerspod@gmail.com www.frankmandosa.weebly.com



**SAVE
THE DATE**

Stoughton's Autumn Advantage: Small Business Event

Grow Your Business through Public Contracting

The Town of Stoughton and the Operational Services Division – the state agency that manages the Commonwealth's Statewide Contracts – are pleased to host an event for local businesses to learn about working with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



Stoughton Town Hall

10 Pearl Street, Stoughton, MA 02072

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Drop-In Format 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Four Reasons You Should Attend

1. Attend an OSD Training Workshop: Overview of Statewide Contracts and COMMBUYS: 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.
2. Learn about certification opportunities from the Supplier Diversity Office: 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.
3. Meet with Chamber of Commerce representatives to learn about available programs and ways to market your business.
4. Learn more about contractor certification for public bidding from the Division of Capital Asset and Management (DCAMM)

Register ▶▶

Send questions to OSD-Events@mass.gov



One Ashburton Place, Suite 1608 | Boston, MA 02108 | 617-720-3300 | www.mass.gov/osd

Zoning Board of Appeals

Amended Agenda

*Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 7:30PM
Virtually & In Person Town Hall
3rd floor Yaitanes Room*

In accordance with Governor Healey's, signed into law on March 29, 2023 a further extension granted certain pandemic-related authorizations related to public boards and town meeting to March 31, 2025, this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

To join via Google Meets: meet.google.com/bwx-bjhm-aff or Phone 1 401-379-3946 PIN: 809 336 053#

Case No. and Date Filed	Property Address	Relief Requested	Public Hearing Status	Decision Deadline
Case 4314 Filed July 19, 2024	101 Nickerson Drive Glenn Rupp	Appeal – Building Commissioner's Notice of Violation letter	Hearing is scheduled for September 5, 2024 @ 7:30 pm Cont'd to October 3, 2024 @ 7:30pm	Decision must be filed into Town Clerk's Office 90 days from close of public hearing
Case 4319 Filed August 30, 2024	174 Walnut Street Frederick Gamble	Variance – To construct a front door portico on an existing nonconforming concrete slab	Hearing is scheduled for October 3, 2024 @ 7:30pm	Decision must be filed into Town Clerk's Office by December 7, 2024

DELIBERATIONS – PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - CAN BE TAKEN UP ANY TIME DURING SCHEDULED MEETING

- * MINUTES
- * CORRESPONDENCE
- * EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY
- * MAY BE TAKEN UP ANY TIME DURING PUBLIC MEETING

Upcoming Election Information:

In person Early Voting at Town Clerk's Office:
October 19, 2024 - November 1, 2024

State/Presidential Election:
Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Additional Voter Information Links:

Elections Division:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/elections-and-voting.htm>

Vote by Mail:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voting-information/vote-by-mail.htm>

Absentee Voting:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voting-information/absentee-voting.htm>

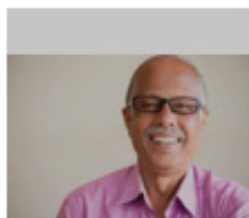
How to Register to Vote

: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voter-resources/registering-to-vote.htm>

Political Parties & Designations:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voting-information/political-parties-and-designations.htm>





FREE Online Library 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

Meeting Features:

Topical Presentations
Interactive Workshops
Expert Guest Speakers
Access To Hiring Managers
Networking Opportunities
Coaching Guidance

Meeting Schedule:

Aug. 7: Self Assessment
Aug. 21: Career Story
Sept. 4: LinkedIn
Sept. 18: Resumes
Oct. 2: Cover Letters/Using AI
Oct. 16: Thinking Outside the Box
Nov. 6: Networking
Nov. 20: Interview Strategies
Dec. 4: Interview Practice
Dec. 18: Marketing Plan

Group's Purpose:

For people 50 & older looking
for a new job/career direction.
Create a new job search tool kit.
35 members found new jobs in
the first 6 months of 2024.



Facilitated by
Deborah Hope, MBA,
Professional Coach

Where: All meetings are via Zoom
When: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
9:30am to 11:30am.
Informal Networking: 9am to 9:30am
and 11:30am to noon. Register below.
www.tinyurl.com/library50plusjobseekers

Questions? Contact co-facilitator Robert Hayes at
978-640-4490 x 205 or rhayes@tewksburypl.org.

Co-sponsored by
The Stoughton Public Library.

Arts and Humanity Grant Opportunity

Stoughton Cultural Council Grant Opportunity:
Grant applications are currently being sought and
accepted until October 16, 2024.

**Please note the following funding priorities
stipulated below.**

Stoughton Cultural Council 2024-2025 Funding
Priorities

- Events that occur in Stoughton (or a neighboring town)
- Events that have set dates confirmed with Stoughton venues (include written confirmation from the specified venue/s)
- Events that involve Stoughton residents in meaningful roles (i.e. local artists, performers, etc)
- Applications that include detailed plans with a strong focus on increasing participation from Stoughton residents

For more information and to submit an application,
click on the link:

<https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/>

Deadline for Submissions:
October 16th



Here is another friendly reminder

A large, full black trash bag is centered in the image. It has a gathered top with three loops. Overlaid on the bag is white text. The text is arranged in a central column, with the first line being the largest and boldest. The subsequent lines are smaller and less bold. The bag is set against a plain white background.

**ALL trash/recycling
MUST be curbside by 7am
on your scheduled day.**

Even if your trash is typically picked up
later in the day.

This rule has always been in place because
sometimes with construction or
emergencies we need to change the
order of the routes.

Please pass this information along to
anyone not on the internet.

It will be posted on the
town website as well.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Maj Jong Mondays

12 to 3



SCRABBLE



Wednesdays
12-3

Stoughton Council on Aging
(781) 344-8882 • 110 Rockland Street

Special Town Meeting

starting on

Monday, November 18, 2024 - Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

As of today, September 29, 2024 there are 15 articles.
The number of Articles may change up and until the Warrant is closed on Monday evening.

**The Committees
(Intergovernmental Relations, Municipal Operations
and Municipal Regulations)
are scheduled to meet for a Joint Public Hearing on
Monday, October 7 (Great Hall)
and if needed, Tuesday, October 15 (Fitzpatrick Room).**

Both of these meetings will be a hybrid (in person and online) meeting.

Check the Agendas for the specific details.

**The Finance Committee
will begin holding Public Hearings on
Wednesday, October 9 and Thursday, October 10, 2024.**

The Finance Committee Public Hearings are scheduled to meet in person.

Please check the agendas for locations of these and other
Finance Committee Public Hearings.

The Virtual Table for the Special Town Meeting 2024 has been created and is available at
<https://www.stoughton.org/1756/Special-Town-Meeting-2024>

Currently there are just two documents in it at this time; the Draft Warrant and the Article Summary.

During the months of October and November, please continue to check this Virtual Table for updates, documents and motions as we get closer to the timeframe of the Special Town Meeting in November.

Best Regards, Bob Mullen, Town Moderator

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

