

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED MARCH 24, 2025 ROBERTA HARBACK



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A message from
Town Clerk



Ballots have been mailed to everyone
who requested a vote by mail ballot
If you have requested one and
have not received it please call the
Town Clerk's Office 781 341 1300

LIVE
at the Great Hall,
Town Hall
Wednesday
March 26, 2025
5:30-6:30 p.m.



Robert **Kirby**
Joseph **Mokrisky**
John **Stagnone**

Selectboard Candidates Debate

Shown live on SMAC or come by and watch!

No audience participation.

Importance of House Numbers

Firefighters and paramedics find you faster when your home is properly marked.



- Numbers need to be at least 4-inches in height and facing the street.
- Put the numbers under lighting, and use numbers with a contrasting background, so they will be visible at night.
- Be sure to use the E-911 address for the property.
- If your driveway is long, post your house number on both sides of a mailbox or sign pole at the end of the driveway near the road.
- Be sure to keep numbers visible by trimming trees and bushes.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH VISION BOARD WORKSHOP

SPONSORED BY STOUGHTON DIVERSITY INCLUSION ORGANIZATION

March 29th, 2025. 1-3pm



**STOUGHTON PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

84 Park Street Stoughton, MA

STOUGHTON TOWN HALL IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE

SENIOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

HOSTED BY TOM CALTER AND JOSEPH MOKRISKY

Learn about tax reduction options that may benefit you at our upcoming series of informational sessions. Renters and homeowners alike can find options that benefit their bottom line.

COUNCIL ON AGING

- ~~Wednesday, March 5, 11 AM - 12:30 PM~~
- ~~Thursday, March 13, 10 AM - 11:30 AM~~

AHAVATH TORAH CONGREGATION

- ~~Thursday, March 20, 11 AM - 2:00 PM~~

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Tuesday, March 25 at 6 - 7:30 PM

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Questions?

Contact Janiece Bruce at the Stoughton Council on Aging at 781-344-8882 or jbruce@stoughton-ma.gov.





It's time to register!

your dogs for their 2025 license!

Dog Licenses

Licenses are granted through the Clerk's office
at Town Hall or can be registered online.

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140, § 137 & 145B, all dog owners are required to obtain an annual license for any dog over the age of 6 months old or upon receiving their first rabies vaccination, whichever occurs first.

Please note any dog not registered by April 30th will
be charged a \$25.00 late fee.

Please visit the Clerk's page on the Town website
for additional information.
please make sure to bring your current rabies certificate.





Annual Town Election * April 8, 2025

If you want to plan to Vote by mail

for the April 8th Town Election you will need to fill out an Application either in person or online.

The State will not be sending out postcards for the Local Election.
Please visit the Town Clerk's page under Voter Information for additional details.

**Last day to apply for
Ballot by Mail
Tuesday April 1, 2025**

**Last day to register to vote
Saturday March 29, 2025**

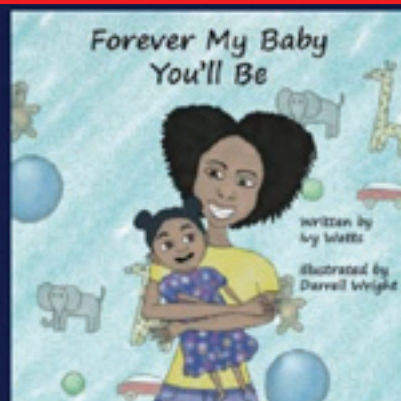
Campaign Finance Reports - Important Dates

Pre-election report- Monday March 31, 2025

Post -election Report -Thursday, May 8, 2025



STORYTIME & CRAFT



with local author Ivy Watts!

For kids ages 1-6 and their caregivers

Wednesday, March 26 at 10 am

Meet local author Ivy Watts as she reads her children's book *Forever My Baby You'll Be*. The story will be followed by a simple craft. Registration required.



Stoughton Public Library

JOURNALING WORKSHOP

*Learn the art and value of journals
"to capture the events and texture of ...
lives and find that they are extraordinary."*

Adult workshop:
~~Thursday March 20th 6:30pm~~

Teens workshop:
Tuesday March 25th 3pm

Stoughton Public Library
84 Park St., Stoughton, MA

Registration required
(Journals & Spaces are Limited)



Stoughton Residents

URGENT REQUEST – PLEASE READ

The Town of Stoughton Water Department has initiated a program to upgrade your existing water meters and meter transmitting unit (MTU) system at your home or business. There is no cost to you for any of the needed work. A 1st Notice was previously sent requesting you to call for an appointment, but at this time, we have not heard back from you to arrange your appointment for this replacement.

It is essential that you contact our installation contractor, **Mass Installation Inc. (MII)**, at **(781) 414 8042** **WITHIN 48 HOURS** of receipt of this 2nd Notice to arrange an appointment for installation. Or, go to www.MassInstallation.com/appointment to request an appointment time. MII's regular office hours are **Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.** or you may also leave a message with their 24 hour answering service. Average installation time is less than one (1) hour.

PARTICIPATION IN THE METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IS MANDATORY

If you have already made an appointment with MII or received this urgent request in error, please disregard. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the **Town of Stoughton Water Department**, (781) 344-2112. We thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

APPT. DATE: _____ TIME: _____



A mandatory town wide water meter replacement program is nearing completion.

If you have received a post card from the towns contracted installer, Mass Installation, to have your meter changed out please call them at your earliest convenience and schedule an appointment. Saturday appointments are available if necessary. I

f you need assistance in contacting Mass Installation, feel free to call the Stoughton Water Department and we will help in any way we can.

Thank you for helping us get this project done!

Mass Installation - 1-800-933-1360

Stoughton Water Department - 781-341-1300 x 9414 or x 9379

STOUGHTON RUNS TOGETHER

Mondays | 4/7-5/12 | 5:30pm-6:30pm | John W. Denison Athletic Complex

Ages: 16+ | \$50 *Includes registration to 5k on 5/17



Interested in running but need a little motivation? Join Dave Guglia for Stoughton Runs Together this spring! Using the highly successful Couch to 5k program, Dave will help you develop a training plan in preparation for the Once a Knight, Always a Knight 5k in May. Runners of all abilities are welcome to join the group!



www.Stoughtonrec.org



AUTHOR TALK

& Book Signing



Stephanie Schorow

& the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26th
6:30 PM-8:30 PM
LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM**

Sponsored by:

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SUPPORT OUR LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION, INC.

In person early voting hours
will held at the
Town Clerk's Office
as follows...

Monday, March 31st 9:00AM-4:00PM

Tuesday, April 1st 9:00AM-4:00PM

Wednesday, April 2nd 9:00AM-4:00 PM

Thursday, April 3rd 9:00AM-6:00PM

Friday, April 4th 9:00AM-12:00PM





stoughtontv.com
781-341-1708
421 Page Street, Suite 2

Verizon: Public 28 / Education 26 / Government 24
Comcast: Public 1073 (HD) 9 (SD) / Education 6 / Government 8

DID YOU KNOW THAT STOUGHTON STUDENTS PRODUCE NEWS SEGMENTS FOR SMAC?



SCAN HERE TO
WATCH THE
LATEST EPISODE
"POLAR BEARS"



**Don't Just
Watch TV
- MAKE IT! -**

Interested in
becoming a
Member of SMAC?

For more information
contact

Anya Zulawnik,
Station Manager

781-341-1708
azulawnik@stoughtontv.com

www.stoughtontv.com



Films about Women's Relationships

with Stoughton film historian Frank Mandosa

Thursday, April 3rd 6:30pm

Join us at 6:00pm in our 2nd floor Conference Room or watch from home on Zoom!***



To register, please visit or call the library at 781-344-2711
or sign up via our [Library calendar](#) or click on the date to sign up!

Registrants will receive a Zoom link via email 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" X/Twitter: @filmbuff1974 Email: silverscreenerspod@gmail.com www.frankmandosa.weebly.com

SHS SENIORS NEED YOUR HELP!

Calling any healthcare, IT, animal care, engineering, real estate, mechanics, and biology professionals...

**WANT TO REDUCE YOUR WORKLOAD?
INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY?
POSITIVELY IMPACT THE FUTURE WORKFORCE?
ALL FOR FREE?!**

Senior interns are in good academic standing. Before being released to their work site, they have obtained CareerSafe Employability Skills certifications in: Interviewing Skills, Time Management, Communication Skills, and Critical Thinking. They each have obtained their OSHA-10 credential regarding common safety and health hazards on the job. Students will attend their work site every other day during their last period of the day which is from 12:53-2:12PM until May 23rd.



PLEASE CONTACT COLLEGE AND CAREER
COUNSELOR, ASHLEY GUBA:
A_GUBA@STOUGHTONSCHOOLS.ORG



AGENDA
MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS COMMITTEE
Monday – March 24, 2025 at 7:00PM
Great Hall, 3rd Floor
10 Pearl Street
STOUGHTON, MA 02072

~ PUBLIC HEARING ~

In Person and Virtual Meeting (Online)

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 Public Hearing will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

A Public Hearing will be held by the Municipal Regulations Committee on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 7:00PM to hear and discuss the Annual 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 and internet access.

To participate in the Public Hearing with Google Meets: <https://meet.google.com/fib-awhd-vzy>

To join the Public Hearing by Phone: (US) +1 585-532-5425 PIN: 715 679 975#

Agenda items may be taken out of order at Chairperson's discretion. Votes may be taken on Recommending Articles(s) to the Annual Town Meeting.

1. Meeting Called To Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Determination of Quorum (50% +1)
4. Review and Approve Draft Meeting Minutes from Prior Meeting
5. Motion To Open Public Hearing
6. Articles to be Heard and Discussed at Public Hearing: (Votes May Be Taken On All Articles)

Article 39 – Zoning By-law: Use Table Correction

Article 40 – Floodplain, Aquifer Protection & Wetland By-law Amendments

Article 41 – Zoning Map - Zone Amendments

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

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

Article 44 – Noise By-law

Article 45 - Wetland By-law Changes

Article 46 – SEOC Bylaw

Article 47 - Town Charter Amendments

Article 48 - Senior Tax Deferral Program

Article 49 – Tax Repayment Program

Article 50 - Petitioned Article: Quiet Time Policy

7. Motion to Continue Public Hearing or Close Public Hearing
8. Discussion of Articles from Public Hearing. Votes may be taken on Recommending Articles to Town Meeting
9. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

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



NEW SESSION ADDED

Youth Golf Clinic

June 23rd-June 26th | 9AM-1PM

Ages 7-15 | \$65

REGISTRATION OPENS 3/25 AT 8:30AM

STOUGHTON RESIDENTS ONLY

WWW.STOUGHTONREC.ORG

**Program held at
Cedar Hill Golf
Course**



FREE Online Library 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

Co-sponsored by the Stoughton Public Library.

Meetings feature:

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

Meeting Schedule:

- Jan. 15: Self Assessment
- Feb. 5: Mastermind
- Feb. 19: Career Story
- Mar. 5: LinkedIn
- Mar. 19: Resumes
- Apr. 2: Using Artificial Intelligence
- Apr. 16: Cover Letters
- May 7: Networking
- May 21: Interview Strategies
- Jun. 4: Second Act Careers
- Jun. 18: Marketing Plan

Questions? Contact co-facilitator
Robert Hayes, Tewksbury Public Library
at 978-640-4490 x 205. rhayes@tewksburypl.org

Group's Purpose:

- For people 50 & older looking for a new job/career direction
- Create a new job search tool kit
- More than 50 members found new jobs in 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.





TOWN OF STOUGHTON
MASSACHUSETTS
02072
PLANNING BOARD

TOWN HALL
10 PEARL STREET
TELEPHONE: (781) 341-1300
FAX: (781) 341-1086

PLANNING BOARD AGENDA
THURSDAY, March 27, 2025 AT 6:30PM
FITZPATRICK ROOM, 10 PEARL ST, 1ST FLOOR
STOUGHTON, MA 02072
& 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 both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

To Join via Google Meets: meet.google.com/itu-yxdg-yzq

Phone: 1-720-526-2656

Pin: 240 015 096#

Note: Items may be taken out of order.

6:30PM

1. **Chairman's Comments**
2. **SP23-002 – Mixed-Use Development – Atkinson Avenue Extension** – Minor modification request.
3. **Stoughton Redevelopment Authority** – Discussion on the need for a zoning bylaw to allow Senior Developments within the Town.
4. A **CONTINUED** public hearing public hearing will be held on the petition for Site Plan Review (SP24-006) located at **120 Stockwell Drive** (Assessors Map 92 Lots 22 & 24) in an I (Industrial) Zoning District. The applicant Costco Wholesale Corporation, 45940 Horseshoe Drive, Sterling, VA 20166, represented by Kevin Gaughan, Esq., Goulston & Storrs PC, One Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109 for Site Plan Review under Section 10.6.2 for a members-only fuel facility consists of a free-standing canopy, equipment enclosure, "clerk in the loop" enclosure, and twelve (12) dispensers providing twenty-four (24) fueling positions. **Continued from 7/11/24, 9/26/24, 10/17/24, 11/14/24, & 2/13/25.**
5. A **CONTINUED** public hearing will be held on the petition of the applicant/property owner Zoppo Associates, LLC, for a Site Plan Review (SP25-004) under Section 10.6 for a contractor's yard at the rear of the existing building, with the addition of a combination of paved and gravel outdoor storage areas, removal of the two existing detention ponds & replace with an underground drainage system, installation of retaining walls & screen fencing, and modifications to the existing landscape planting areas. The applicant is represented by Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors. The property is located on the **1150 Turnpike Street**, Stoughton MA 02072, (Assessors Map 81, Lot 59) in the Industrial (I) Zoning District. **Continued from 2/27/25**
6. A **NEW** public hearing will be held on the petition of the applicant/property owner Richard Piazza for Suburban Electric Contracting, Inc, for a Site Plan Review (SP25-006) under Section 10.6 to construct a 6,995 +/- SF industrial office/contractor bay building with 16 parking spaces, landscaping and stormwater drainage system. The applicant is represented by Strong Point Engineering Solutions, LLC, West Bridgewater, MA. The property is located on the **271 Canton Street Stoughton** MA 02072, (Assessors Map 43, Lot 118) in the Industrial (I) Zoning District.
7. **General Business**
 - Meeting Minutes
8. **Other Business**
9. **Adjournment**

BEAUTIFICATION OF STOUGHTON



TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 12th 2025

LOOKING FOR SPONSORS!

We're seeking businesses and organizations to help support a cleaner community by sponsoring this year's town-wide clean-up event. Sponsors will have their logos printed on event t-shirts and be featured on social media. Last year, over 12 local businesses and organizations stepped up to make a difference.

Join us in making an even bigger impact this year!

Interested or want more info? Email alehane@stoughton-ma.gov

Can't sponsor but want to participate in the clean up? Register now at www.StoughtonRec.org

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. 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



Thomas Calter
Town Manager