

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JANUARY 16, 2023 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday January 17, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

Joint meeting with Stoughton Redevelopment Authority

and Community Preservation Committee

Great Hall Town Hall • 10 Pearl Street 3rd floor
and virtually with Google Meets

In accordance with Governor Baker's declaration of June 16th, 2021 granting certain pandemic-related authorizations related to public board and town meetings and recently extended until March 31, 2023, this meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually via Google Meets.

To Join via Google Meets: meet.google.com/iys-xyye-uuw

PHONE: 706-873-1194

PIN: 938 159 169#

The meeting may 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 live broadcast or livestreaming is unsuccessful. Times are approximate and items may be taken out of order at the Chair's discretion.

1. 7:00 p.m. OPEN SESSION - Call to Order
& Pledge of Allegiance
2. 7:05 p.m. Select Board Comments
3. 7:10 p.m. Town Manager Comments
4. 7:15 p.m. Citizen Comments
5. 7:20 p.m. Joint Meeting with:
300 Anniversary Committee
Discuss Committee Structure Outline
6. 7:30 p.m. FY 2024 Operating and Capital Budget
(Continue discussion)
 - 2024 Annual Town Meeting Articles
 - Budget MasterPublic Hearing (a.)
7. 7:55 p.m. Common Victualler Application
a. Smack Pizza, Inc., dba Neko's Pizza of New York
111 Sharon Street

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TOWN CLERK

8. 8:05 p.m. Personnel Bylaws Change
- Stoughton's Personnel By-law: The Case for Change
- Revised Consolidated Personnel By-Law
Atty. Jack Dolan, Deanna Chatako & Tracy Pereira, HR
9. 8:20 p.m. Joint Meeting with:
Stoughton Redevelopment Authority and Community Preservation Committee and the Planning Board
- Discuss Train Depot; best use multi-purpose center
- Discuss Armory; best uses
- Action Plan Development - Need for a sub-group
Mark Zamanian, Chair RDA and CPC, Daniel Kelly, Planning Board Chairman
10. 9:20 p.m. FY 2024 Operating and Capital Budget
(Continue discussion)
- 2024 Annual Town Meeting Articles
- Budget Master
- Consent Agenda
11. 9:40 p.m. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of;
December 2, 2022 and December 13, 2022



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proudly presents a Zoom Series:

Civics for Adults

With Donna L. Cohen, M.L.I.S, M.Ed, www.civictinker.info

Moderated by Joseph Feaster, Jr., Esq., SMAC Community Forum Host

Free, but pre-registration required.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/civicsadults3>



**Feb 15, 2023
7 pm**

**Workshop 3:
Beyond Voting:
Elections and
Campaign Financing**



Topics to be discussed

- Right to vote?
- Voter suppression / election subversion
- Election 2024 issues
- Redistricting / gerrymandering
- Alternative voting systems
- Campaign financing / contribution tracking



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Veteran & Spouses Coffee Hour

MONDAY 1/30

10-11:30 AM

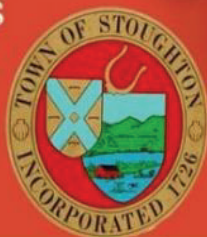
RECREATION DEPARTMENT, 15 PLEASANT ST

All are welcome!

Connect with other Veterans
in town, their families, and
meet with Director of
Veteran's Services Sean
Butrica to learn how
Stoughton's Veteran's
Services can
best serve you



Stoughton Veterans' Services
can assist Veterans and their
families as they navigate
services and support



STOUGHTON RECREATION



WINTER 2023 PROGRAM GUIDE

~~After School Art Club with Molly~~ *NEW ages!*

~~Tuesdays 1/17-2/7 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Grades 1-4~~

~~Location: Recreation Department | \$35~~

After-School Art and Nature with Mass Audubon

~~Monday 1/23-5/22 | 3:30-5:00 pm | Ages 8-13 | FREE!~~

~~Location: Recreation Department~~

Chess Wizards - February Vacation *NEW!*

Tuesday-Friday 2/21-2/24 | 9 am - 12 pm | Grades 1-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$180

Craft & Play with Molly

Wednesdays 1/25-2/15 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 2-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$25

~~Swimming Lessons with Molly~~ *NEW price!*

~~Tuesday 2/14 | 3:30-4:30 | Ages 6-11 | \$15~~

~~Thursday 3/9 | 3:30-5:00 | Ages 6-11 | \$15~~

Dance with Me with Starline Academy

Thursdays 1/19-2/16 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 1.5-3 years

Location: Starline Academy, 45 Monk St | \$70

Early Thursday Open Rec with Molly and Matt

Thursday 3/2 | 12-4 pm | Grades 5-10

Location: Recreation Department | \$5

EasyFit Exercise with Mary

Tuesdays & Fridays 1/10-4/14 | 10:30-11:30 am

Location: Stoughton VFW | \$2 per class

Gourmet on a Budget with Malcolm

Steak Dinner: Thursday 1/19 | 5:00-6:30 | Ages 16+

Location: Recreation Department | \$40

Hands-On Art with Molly *NEW!*

Tuesdays 2/28-3/21 | 3:30-4:30 | Grades 2-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$40

Holiday Story & Craft with Molly

Valentine's Day: Monday 2/13 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 2-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$5

Intro to Painting with Molly *NEW!*

Wednesdays 1/25-2/15 | 3:30-4:30 | Ages 9-13

Location: Recreation Department | \$35

Kids Ceramics & Crafts with Laurice

Wednesday 3/1-3/22 | 3:30-4:30 | Ages 9-13

Location: Recreation Department | \$45

~~Kids Night Out with Rec Staff~~

~~Friday 2/10 | 6-10 pm | Ages 6-12~~

~~Location: Recreation Department | \$10~~

Little Ballerinas with Starline Academy

Thursdays 1/19-2/16 | 11-11:45 am | Ages 3-5 years

Location: Starline Academy, 45 Monk St | \$70

Mass Audubon Lecture Series

~~Owls of MA | 1/11 | 11 am | Ages 18+~~

Love is in the Air | 2/15 | 11 am | Ages 18+

Maple Sugaring | 3/22 | 11 am | Ages 18+

Spring in MA | 4/12 | 11 am | Ages 18+

Location: Recreation Department | FREE!

MAXX Monsters with Coach Mike *NEW ages!*

Tuesdays 1/17-2/14 | 6-7 pm | Ages 8-11 | \$65

Location: MAXX Training Gym **One spot left!**

~~Family Time with Molly and Winnie~~

~~Tuesdays 1/24-2/14 | 4-5 pm | Ages 3-5~~

~~Location: Recreation Department | \$25~~

Winter Watercolor Wreath Workshop with Laurice

Thursday 1/26 | 5:30-6:30 pm | Ages 16+

Location: Recreation Department | \$15

To sign up or for more info, visit
www.StoughtonRec.org

All dates, times and locations are subject to change. For the most up to date info, please visit our website or contact the office recreation@stoughton-ma.gov or 781-341-1300 x9244. Prices listed are for Stoughton residents, non-resident rates may apply.

Hazard Mitigation Plan - Public Meeting

Posted on: January 12, 2023 - 4:29pm

Join the towns of Abington, Easton, East Bridgewater, and Stoughton to discuss and add your input to the update of the joint Hazard Mitigation Plan!

This effort relies on stakeholder and public input to develop strategies that will be most effective to mitigate natural hazards, reduce vulnerability and adapt to our changing climate. The results of the planning process will inform future town spending on natural hazard mitigation, risk reduction, and climate resilience.

The virtual Public Meeting for the Hazard Mitigation Plan will be held on Zoom on January 17, 2023, from 6 PM to 8 PM, please see the link below to join the meeting.

Topic: Public Meeting: Abington, East Bridgewater, Easton, and Stoughton Hazard Mitigation Plan

Time: Jan 17, 2023 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81341004415?pwd=S1BoWk5JTDFsNDliakJMU01rVjZ0UT09>



Planning Board

The Stoughton Planning Board's primary responsibility is to administer the Subdivision Control Law pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 in order to ensure the public safety, interest and welfare of the residents of the Town of Stoughton. The Board conducts meetings and public hearings in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws to review subdivision plans as well as applications for Site Plan Approval and Special Permits. The Board also reviews applications for Approval Not Required (ANR) plans.

Another major responsibility of the Planning Board is to consider and prepare amendments to the Town of Stoughton's Zoning Bylaws. They conduct public hearings on these amendments that are submitted to the Board by way of Town staff, other municipal boards or committees or citizen petition pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, §5. The Planning Board is also responsible for updating the Town's Master Plan. The Master Plan was last revised in 2015. Lastly, the Planning Board conducts studies on topics such as economic development, housing, transportation and zoning.

Town Planner:

The Town Planner acts as technical staff to the Planning Board by assisting applicants through the application and permitting process, conducting reviews of application materials and the preparation and posting of meeting agendas. The Town Planner is also responsible for working on long-range planning initiatives in conjunction with the Planning Board and the Economic Development Director such as Zoning By-Law amendments, updating and implementing the goals and objectives of comprehensive planning documents such as the Master Plan and the Downtown Economic Development Plan which may include the preparation of grant applications to various State agencies.

Meetings:

The Planning Board regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00PM. Additional meetings are scheduled as required. Check the Town Clerk's office and the Town meeting calendar for specific meeting schedules.

Town of Stoughton



300 Anniversary Committee Volunteers Needed

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON STOUGHTON'S

300 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Your town government depends on participation by citizens who serve on Boards and Committees. Applications for appointment to the *Stoughton 300 Year Anniversary Celebration* are now being accepted in the Select Board office, 10 Pearl Street, 3rd Floor -Stoughton MA 02072. Applications are available on the Select Board webpage at www.stoughton.org/select-board or by calling the Select Board office at 781-341-1300, ext. 9212. Applicants will be interviewed at a future Select Board meeting. Positions are voluntary.

For general questions, please contact the Select Board office: 781-341-1300 Ext. 9212 or by email at dleblanc@stoughton-ma.gov.

Debra Roberts

Select Board Chair

Stoughton Council on Aging



Valentine's Cookie Decorating

with Nana's Sweet Treats

Wednesday, February 8, 2023
12:00 P.M.

Pre-registration and payment is required at sign-up.

EARLY PHOTOGRAPHY IN STOUGHTON—PART 2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD AT 6:30PM

LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM & ON ZOOM



PRESENTED BY JOHN CARABATSOS
DIGITAL ARCHIVIST, STOUGHTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Carabatsos, the Digital Archivist of the Stoughton Historical Society and creator of the Facebook site, [Stoughton Massachusetts Scrapbook-Photos & Memories](#), has worked extensively restoring historically important photographs for much of the last decade. John will present pictures taken by Stoughton photographers between 1900 and 1927, with a special focus on George Gerard and Stoughton family scrapbooks such as the Capen-Reynolds, whose pictures grace several of the Town's Memorial Booklets.

Visit the Event Calendar at www.stoughton.org/library
to register and to get the Zoom link.



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Charcuterie Board Making Class

with Gather and Graze

Thursday, February 9, 2023 • 2 P.M.



Join us at the Stoughton COA as we host Sean from Gather and Graze Charcuterie Boards, for a fun and delicious class where you will create your very own charcuterie board!

Learn tips and ideas on how to make the perfect snacking board to enjoy for yourself or to wow guests at your next get-together.

Everything you need to build your board is supplied and you will take your creation home to enjoy!

Class is \$20. Space is limited so please pre-register at the COA.

Payment is due at time of sign up.

Please call 781-344-8882 for more information.

Stoughton Council on Aging

We will be picking up trees
on your recycle day
for the month of January.

The tree must be bare..



Stoughton Public Works Department

**The
Stoughton
Redevelopment
Authority
has a new website at
Stoughtonredevelopment.org**

Stoughton Redevelopment Authority

7 Pearl Street Stoughton, MA 02072 • 781-341-1300 ext 9299

Mark Zamanian • Andrew Ward • Reggie Nunnally • Roberta Harback • Forrest Lindwall
Chair Vice Chair Treasurer State Appointee



INTRO TO PAINTING

Wednesdays 1/25-2/15 | Ages 9-13 | \$40

Recreation Department, 15 Pleasant St

Join us for a fun class on the basics of painting! Express yourself using multiple types and styles of paint like water colors or abstract painting. Enjoy some time for art and relaxation and create a beautiful painting by the end of the program! If your child is into art, this class is for them!

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From the office of Tom Calter, Town Manager

Statement from Town Manager,

Thomas J. Calter

in response to

Finance Committee Chair, Vaughan Enokian:



Fiscal 2023 Real Estate Tax Bill Error

I understand that there is some sort of error on the most recent tax bills sent out.

Do you have any information on what is going on with the error?

How did this error happen?

The Real Estate Property Tax bills for Fiscal 2023 that were mailed on December 31, 2022 displayed Fiscal 2022 assessed values in error, instead of Fiscal 2023 assessed values. This error will be rectified by producing and issuing a new bill. Any payments previously made will still be applied.

**** Please note that Personal Property Tax bills were not affected.**

Is the error higher or lower than what the bills should be?

In most cases the new and corrected Fiscal 2023 Real Estate Property tax bills will be higher.

Does this change the due dates of property taxes?

Yes, Fiscal 2023 Real Estate Property Tax bills for 3rd and 4th quarter will now have a due date of May 1, 2023. Personal Property Tax bills will remain due on February 1st and May 1, 2023.

Is the error percentage based or a flat rate off?

Neither, this issue was the wrong assessed values.

How much is the total of all the bills off?

The incorrect bill underestimated the tax liability by approximately \$7.12 million.

Is this error based on assessing?

As your Town Manager, I am accountable for the efficient operations of all departments. We have identified the cause of the error, taken action to correct it and instituted a management control system to ensure that it does not happen again.

How does this affect people that have their tax bill paid through a mortgage company?

If your mortgage company is typically notified by the Town, they will be notified of the corrected amount.

If they typically request that you provide them with a bill, you will need to provide them the corrected one.

When will corrected tax bills be received by taxpayers?

We anticipate that the corrected bill will be issued shortly. This has not been finalized yet and we will provide more details as they are available.

I apologize for the confusion this error may have caused. I assure you that we take these matters very seriously and will always endeavor to do quality work. Most importantly, I am committed to full transparency especially when we fall short of our own quality standards.

Please feel free to contact the Assessor and/or Treasurer/Collector if you have any additional questions.

Finally, I would like to thank Vaughan Enokian for asking all the right questions.