

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED MARCH 13, 2023 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday March 14, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

Stoughton Public Library

84 Park St • Conference Rm 2nd fl

The meeting will be recorded by SMAC cable television. 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. Times are approximate and items may be taken out of order at the Chair's discretion.

1. 6:00 p.m. **OPEN SESSION - Call to Order**
& Pledge of Allegiance
2. 6:05 p.m. Select Board Comments
3. 6:15 p.m. Town Manager Comments
4. 6:25 p.m. Citizens' Comments
5. 6:35 p.m. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes
Meeting of Feb. 28, 2023 and March 7, 2023
 - b. Stoughton Public Health Association -
Annual Evaluation and Policies
 - c. Consider Release of Executive Session
Minutes Meeting of April 26, 2022
6. 6:45 p.m. Fire Station Project Presentation
7. 7:30 p.m. Discussion Code of Conduct - votes may be taken
8. 7:50 p.m. FY24 Budget Addbacks

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Associates

Tom Calter
Town Manager

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Town Manager

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OFFICE OF
TOWN CLERK

OPEN PLAYGROUND

Ages 6-14

Dates: 7/5/23-8/11/23 weekly

Hours: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

with extended day available until 4:00 pm

Location: South Elementary School

**Just \$115 per week
for residents!**

**EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT!!**

15% OFF

if you sign up for the entire session
from March 9th- April 9th.

PRE-PLAYGROUND

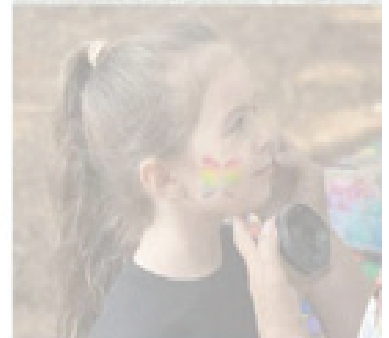
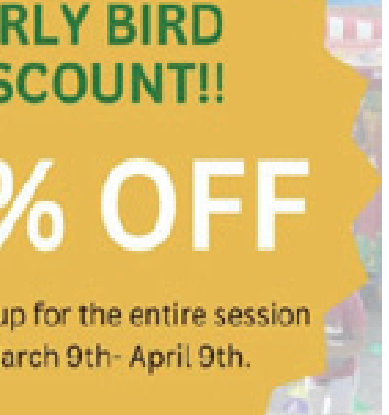
Ages 4-5

Dates: 7/5/23-8/11/23 weekly

Hours: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Location: South Elementary School

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“COME HOME TO US!”



Who we are: We are your town nurses providing compassionate, skilled services to our patients with a small town feel. The Stoughton Public Health Association and Visiting Nurses is owned and operated by the Town of Stoughton. We are a non-profit agency and have been Medicare Certified since 1966.

Our Mission: Stoughton Public Health Association's mission is to deliver quality care to all individuals within our Community and neighboring communities (Stoughton, Avon, Canton, Easton, Sharon, Randolph and Brockton) with respect, professionalism and confidentiality.

When do you need homecare services? Have you recently been hospitalized? Have you had a change in your medical condition? Have you had surgery recently? Does your doctor believe that it is medically necessary for you to receive skilled services in your home? These are all examples of situations when you may benefit from skilled homecare. If you and your physician feel that you could benefit from homecare services, please ask for us by name: [Stoughton Public Health Association and Visiting Nurses - 781-344-7011](tel:781-344-7011).

The Services We Provide Our agency provides Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Medical Social Worker services.

Who pays for these services: Let's talk insurance. We currently accept the following insurances:
• Medicare • Harvard Pilgrim Health Plans • HPI • Tufts Senior Plans • United Health (select plans)
• Aetna-Medicare Advantage Plans • GIC Unicare

Public Health: Stoughton Public Health Association also offers Public Health services to residents of Stoughton. Some of our programs include, but are not limited to the following:

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| • <i>Weekly Blood Pressure Clinic</i>
(Thurs. 10:30am @ COA) | • <i>Vaccine Clinics</i>
(Seasonally) | • <i>Converse with a Nurse</i>
(Call or Visit our office Thurs. 4:30 – 6:30) |
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Stoughton Public Health Assoc. & Visiting Nurses
10 Pearl Street (second floor of Town Hall) Stoughton, MA 02072
Tel: 781-344-7011

AGENDA
MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
Monday – March 13, 2023 at 7:00PM
STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
84 PARK STREET, TRAINING ROOM, 2ND FLOOR
STOUGHTON, MA 02072

~ PUBLIC HEARING ~

In Person and Virtual Meeting (Online)

A Public Hearing will be held by the Municipal Operations Committee on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00PM to discuss the Annual Town Meeting Articles listed below.

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To participate in the Public Hearing with Google Meets: <https://meet.google.com/kkx-soav-udw>

To join the Public Hearing By Phone: (US): +1 413-779-5349 PIN: 787 076 710#

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 Meetings**
- 5. Motion To Open Public Hearing**
- 6. Articles to be Heard and Discussed at Public Hearing:**

Article 28 – Capen Reynolds Dog Park and Community Gardens

Article 33 – Preservation of Town of Stoughton Vital Records

Article 34 - Cedar Hill Golf Course Renovations

Article 36 - Parking and Trailhead Construction At Atkinson Ave Ext.

Article 42 –Public Works Capital Equipment Purchases

Article 43 – Town Buildings and Facilities Maintenance and Upgrades

Article 44 - Police Station Locker Room Upgrades

Article 45 - Roadway Resurfacing

Article 46 – Extraordinary Repairs to Fleet

Article 47 - Datacenter Infrastructure Upgrade Project

Article 48 - Police Capital

Article 49 - Fire Capital

Article 50 - Municipal Small Equipment and Maintenance Purchases for Cedar Hill

Article 51 - New Voting Machines

Article 52 – Residential Meters

Article 53 - Pratts Court Water Treatment Upgrades

Article 54 - Phase 5 Water Main Upgrades and Improvements

Article 55 - Sewer Capital – Inflow and Infiltration

Article 56 – Town Lake Management Program

Article 59 – Tosca Drive, Central Street and Canton Street Intersection Improvements

Article 61 – Acceptance of Kelsey Drive Sewer Pump Station as Public

Article 62 - Electronic Permitting Software

- 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.

STOUGHTON RECREATION



SPRING & SUMMER 2023 PROGRAM GUIDE

Little Ballerinas

Thursdays 4/27-5/25 | 11-11:45 am | Ages 3-5 | \$70
Location: Starline Academy for the Performing Arts

Tiny Tykes Soccer

Sundays 4/30-6/4 | 9 am, 10 am, & 11 am | Ages 2-5
Location: Halloran Park | \$100

Craft and Play

Wednesdays 4/26-5/17 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 2-5
Location: Recreation Department | \$25

Spring Story & Craft

Tuesday 4/4 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 2-5 | \$5
Location: Recreation Department

Little Sports Stars

Tuesdays 4/25-5/16 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 3-5
Location: Halloran Park | \$25

Mini Knights Lacrosse

4/13-5/11 | 4:30-5:15 pm | Ages 4-6
Location: Halloran Park | \$30

Earth Day Workshop *New!*

Wednesday 4/19 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 5-12 | Free!
Location: Cedar Hill Golf Course

Kids Night Out

Friday 5/19 | 5-9 pm | Ages 6-12 | \$10
Location: Recreation Department

After-School Art Club *New ages!*

Wednesdays 4/26-5/17 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Grades K-4
Location: Recreation Department | \$25

Chess Wizards *New!*

M-F 6/26-6/30 | 9 am - 12 pm | Grades 1-5
Location: Recreation Department

Culinary Creations

Thursday 4/6 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Ages 6-11
Wednesday 5/24 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Ages 6-11
Location: Recreation Department | \$15

Art and Nature with Mass Audubon

Mondays 1/23-5/22 | 3:30-5 pm | Ages 8-13
Location: Recreation Department | Free!

Digital Animation

Tuesdays 4/4-5/16 | 4-5 pm | Grades 3-8
Location: Recreation Department | \$135

Street Hockey Clinic

T-Th 4/18-4/20 | 9:30-11 am | Ages 6-14 | \$25
Location: Gibbons School Basketball Courts

Kids Cooking Bootcamp

T-Th 4/18-4/20 | 1-4 pm | Grades 4-7
Location: Recreation Department | \$50

April Vacation Archery

T-Fri 4/18-4/21 | 3-4 pm | Grades 4-7
Location: Canton Pequotside Farm | \$165

Golf Clinic

Tuesdays 5/2-5/23 | 3:30-4:30 | Ages 10-15 | \$20
Location: Cedar Hill Golf Course

Teen Chefs

Chicken Alfredo | Thursday 3/30 | 3:30-5 pm | Ages 11-16
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.

STOUGHTON RECREATION



SPRING & SUMMER 2023 PROGRAM GUIDE

Mass Audubon Lecture Series

Spring in MA | Wednesday 4/12 | 11 am | Ages 18+
Location: Recreation Department | FREE!

EasyFit Exercise with Mary

Tuesdays & Fridays 1/10-4/14 | 10:30-11:30 am
Location: Stoughton VFW or Halloran Park | \$3 per class

Ceramics Workshop for Adults **New!**

Thursday 5/11 | 5:30-6:45 pm | \$10
Location: Recreation Department

Family Owl Prowl

Wednesday 4/5 | 5:30-7 pm | Free!
Location: Bradley Lessa Memorial Playground

Intro to Fly Fishing

Thursday 4/6 | 5:30-7 pm | Free!
Location: Recreation Department

CPR/AED & First Aid

Thursday 5/25 | 5:30-7 pm | \$50
Location: Recreation Department

Gourmet on a Budget with Malcolm

Thursday 3/23 | 5:00-6:30 | Ages 16+
Thursday 4/13 | 5:00-6:30 | Ages 16+
Location: Recreation Department | \$40

Pickleball

Thursdays 4/27-5/25 | 10:30-12 pm | \$25
Location: Halloran Park Basketball Courts

SUMMER 2023

Open Playground Summer Program

7/5-8/11 | 8:30 am-2:30 pm
Extended day until 4 pm available!
Ages 6-14 | \$115 weekly
Location: South Elementary School

Pre Playground Summer Program

7/5-8/11 | 8:30 am-2:30 pm
Ages 4-5 | \$100 weekly
Location: South Elementary School

Golf Clinic

M-F 7/17-7/21 | 9-12 pm | Ages 7-15 | \$45
M-F 7/24-7/28 | 9-12 pm | Ages 7-15 | \$45
Location: Cedar Hill Golf Course

Street Hockey Clinic

M-Th 7/10-7/13 | 9:30-11 am | Ages 6-14 | \$30
Location: Gibbons School Basketball Courts

Family Fishing Clinic with Mass Fish & Wildlife

Thursday 7/27 | 5:00 pm | \$5 per family
Location: Ames Pond Causeway

Movies on the Green

8/8 and 8/15 at Cedar Hill Golf Course

Ames Pond passes and swim lesson info coming in May!

DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!

www.StoughtonRec.org

New programs added regularly!

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NOW HIRING



**Counselors, Lifeguards and
Gate Guards for summer
seasonal employment!**

Visit our website for an application

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AGENDA

Committee on Finance and Taxation Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7PM

School Committee Conference Rm at Stoughton Public Schools District Office • 31 Pierce St **PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing will be held by the Committee on Finance and Taxation on March 15, 2023 to discuss the FY24 Town Budget and Annual Town Meeting Articles.

Agenda items may be taken out of order at the Chairman's discretion

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to Open Public Hearing
4. ARTICLE 26 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET (FY24)
 - a. Town Manager
 - b. Human Resources
 - c. Procurement
 - d. Central Purchasing
 - e. Assessor
 - f. Town Clerk
 - g. Town Treasurer/Collector
 - h. Historical Commission
 - i. Select Board
 - j. Information Technologies (IT)
 - k. Town Counsel
 - l. Auditing and Analytics
5. ARTICLE 26 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET (FY24)
 - JOINT EXPENSES
 - a. Debt Service (Excluded)
 - b. Debt Service
 - c. Health Insurance/Medicare Taxes
 - d. Town Wide Expenses and Insurance
 - e. Unemployment
 - f. Retirement
 - g. Transfers Out
 - h.. Crossing Guards
 - i. School Resource Officers
 - j. Benefits Management
 - k. Public Health Subsidy
 - l. Cedar Hill Subsidy
 - m. Sewer Fund Subsidy
 - n. Any Other Joint Cost Matters

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

6. Article 3 - Accept and Contract Funds for Town Roads
7. Article 4 - Apply for and Accept Federal/State Funding
8. Article 5 - Disposal of Town Property
9. Article 13 - Reauthorization of Revolving Funds
10. Article 14 - Collective Bargaining - Dispatchers Union
11. Article 15 - Collective Bargaining - Fire Union
12. Article 16 - Collective Bargaining - Library
13. Article 17 - Collective Bargaining - Police Patrol Union
14. Article 18 - Collective Bargaining - Police Superior Officers
15. Article 19 - Collective Bargaining - SPAEA
16. Article 20 - Collective Bargaining -THEA
17. Article 21 - Supplemental Fiscal Year 2023 Departmental Budgets
18. Article 47 - Datacenter Infrastructure Upgrade Project
19. Article 51 - New Voting Machines
20. Any other matters relating to FY24 or FY23 Budget and Town Meeting Warrant Articles
21. Motion to Continue Public Hearing
22. Adjourn

-Votes may be taken-

AGENDA

Committee on Finance and Taxation

Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 7PM

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at Stoughton Public Schools District Office • 31 Pierce St

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2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to Open Public Hearing
4. TOWN BUDGET – PUBLIC HEALTH (FY24)
5. Article 8 – Public Health Association Enterprise Fund Budget (FY24)
6. ARTICLE 26 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET (FY24)
 - a. Library
 - b. Veteran Services
 - c. Recreation & Youth
 - d. Community Events
 - e. Council on Aging
 - f. Substance Abuse Prevention
 - g. Health & Human Services
 - h. Commission on Disabilities

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

7. ARTICLE 41 – Accept Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause Twenty-second G (Veterans Tax Exemptions)
8. ARTICLE 26 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET (FY24)
PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE
 - a. Police
 - b. Animal Control
 - c. Central Dispatch

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

9. Article 48 – POLICE CAPITAL
 - a. Police Station Upgrades: 75,000
 - b. Cruisers: \$220,000
10. ARTICLE 26 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET (FY24)
PUBLIC SAFETY - FIRE AND RESCUE
 - a. Fire and Rescue

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

11. Article 49 – FIRE CAPITAL
 - a. CAD Software: \$55,000
 - b. Command Vehicles: \$170,000
 - c. Firefighting Protective Gear: \$70,000
 - d. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus: \$225,000
12. Any other matters relating to FY24 or FY23 Budget and Town Meeting Warrant Articles
12. Motion to Continue Public Hearing
13. Adjourn

-Votes may be taken-



Stoughton, Massachusetts Historical Society

**A PERSONAL CONVERSATION
IN MRS. WASHINGTON'S BEDCHAMBER**
is delivered in first person (Sandy Spector IS Martha Washington, as if it were 1784): Spend time with Mrs. Washington as she completes dressing for her day in this interactive and informative program. During the time together, Mrs. Washington will share news of her family, and how the current events that her husband is so deeply involved in impacts her family and her developing nation. You will learn about the clothing and what has happened in her life thus far. Followed by Q&A with Mrs. Washington. No admissions charge, but donations appreciated. Light refreshments. Come join us!

March 19 at 2:00 pm

Stoughton Historical Society at 6 Park St.

Save the Date

COMMUNITY FORUM

April 1 @ 10am -11:30am

at the Stoughton High School Auditorium



The New Elementary School

Feasibility Study

HOSTED BY:

South Elementary School Building Committee
in conjunction with

Vertex Project Management & DRA Architects

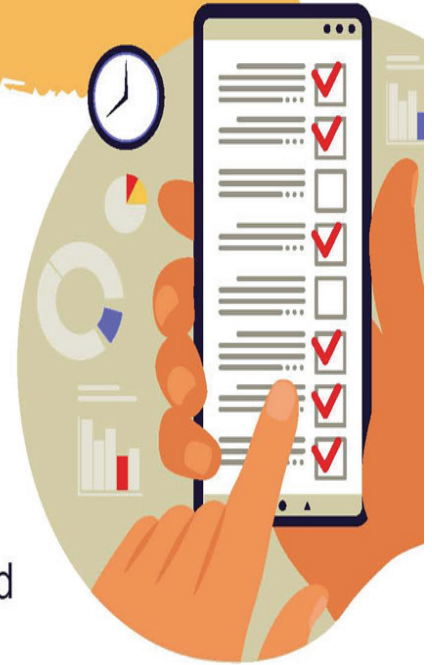


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ONLINE PARENT SURVEY

PARENTS, your feedback is
VALUABLE and **EFFECTIVE** in
preventing youth substance use.



The OASIS Coalition has developed a survey to understand what resources would be most helpful to Stoughton parents and caregivers (like you) so that you can continue to support Stoughton youth in making healthy decisions.

This survey should only take about 5 minutes. Every question in the survey is optional and your participation is completely voluntary. All surveys are anonymous.



Thank you for your help!



For more information
visit Stoughton OASIS:
www.stoughtonoasis.org
Facebook :STOUGHTONOASIS

**SCAN the CODE
or visit:**

<https://tinyurl.com/4puxycc5>

A Celtic Celebration:
Songs and Stories for the
season with Storyteller
Davis Bates
Wednesday, March 15,
12:30 P.M.



The Stoughton Council on Aging will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the impending arrival of spring by presenting a performance by Parents' Choice Award winning performing Davis Bates, Entitled A Celtic Celebration.

The program will involve the audience in a variety of cultural traditions. It will include traditional songs and tales from Ireland, Scotland and Wales, sea songs and chanteys, ghost stories and family tales. There will also be plenty of sing-alongs, a short lesson in how to play music with spoons from a kitchen drawer, and an appearance by an Irish dancing wooden dog named Bingo.

The performance will take place at 12:30 pm, following light refreshments at noon, at the Stoughton Senior Center on Wednesday, March 15. For more information & lunch reservation please call (781) 341-8882. This performance is funded by a grant from the Stoughton Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass. Cultural Council.

Stoughton Council on Aging

AGENDA
MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS COMMITTEE
Monday – March 20, 2023 at 7:00PM
STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
84 PARK STREET, TRAINING ROOM, 2ND FLOOR
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~ PUBLIC HEARING ~

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Article 13 – Reauthorization of Revolving Funds

Article 37 – Acquisition of Property off Benson Road

Article 39 – Consolidate Personnel By-Law

Article 40 – Charter Amendment

Article 41 – Accept Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause Twenty-second G (Veterans Tax Exemptions)

Article 59 – Tosca Drive, Central St and Canton St Intersection Improvements

Article 70 – Funding Approval Sunset

Article 71 – Climate Action Plan Committee

Article 72 – Speed Limit Change to 25mph

Article 73 – Charter Change

Article 74 – Adopt Financial Policy Change

- 7. Motion to Continue Public Hearing or Close Public Hearing**
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Wooden Sign Project

OH FOR PEEP SAKE

with Karen Shore of Life Expressions Décor

Thursday, March 23, 4P.M.



Stoughton Council on Aging

Stoughton
CANDIDATES FORUM
Monday, March 27th 7pm

Register for Zoom: bit.ly/Stoughton2023

Watch Live or a Rebroadcast
on SMAC on Comcast 98/Verizon 24
stoughtontv.com and lwgss.org

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF SHARON-STOUGHTON

lwgss.org

election day:
April 4, 2023



To the Citizen of Stoughton,

Summarized below are scheduled Public Information Sessions and Public Hearings. As promised, the Select Board is fully committed to open communication and full transparency. Because we face many real challenges, it's important that we all understand the full scope of those challenges and our plan to address all of them. Information is key to prudent decision-making, lasting trust, and confidence in your Government. We look forward to your participation and engagement.



Tom Calter • Town Mgr

Tom Calter Town Manager

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.– Library Community Room
Select Board Meeting “All Boards, Committees and Employees are invited.**

**Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. – Great Hall“Public information meeting –
Fire Station“General Public Questions & Answers**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. – Great Hall
Presentation to Select Board – 4 Year Capital Plan**

**Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. – Great Hall
Public information meeting – Regional 911 General Public Questions & Answers**

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. – Great Hall
Public Information meeting – 4 Year Capital Plan“General Public Questions & Answers**

**Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. – Great Hall
Public Information Meeting - Water/sewer/solid waste
General Public Questions & Answers**

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. – Great Hall
Select Board Public Hearing – Water/sewer/solid waste**

**Monday, April 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. – Great Hall
Town Meeting members public information meeting on Town budget**

**Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. – Great Hall
Town Meeting members public information meeting on Town Meeting warrant**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.- Great Hall
Select Board Discussion – Management Restructure**