

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED AUGUST 21, 2023 ROBERTA HARBACK



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MOVIES ON THE GREEN

AT CEDAR HILL GOLF COURSE, 1137 PARK ST IN STOUGHTON

~~AUGUST 15TH~~ POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER

NOW AUGUST 22ND: WALL-E

Bring your blankets and join us for a FREE
movie on the green at Cedar Hill Golf Course.
Movies start at dusk, no registration required



This program is supported in part by a grant from the Stoughton Cultural Council,
a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency

Special Town Meeting Notice

The Select Board voted to hold the Special Town Meeting on November 6, 2023.

The Town Moderator was present at that meeting and concurred.

Below you will find a revised Town Meeting schedule whereby the

Warrant is open now and will close on September 5, 2023.

You will also note that there is a very tight calendar leading up to November 6th.

I want to thank in advance the Finance Committee, the Moderator and the Standing Committees for working within this tight schedule.

With the recent announcement of Bill Rowe's retirement, this November 6th Town Meeting will provide staff the time needed to close the Calendar year on time.

Petitioned Articles are to be submitted directly to the Town Clerk in word format.

Do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions,

Tom Calter, Town Manager

August 16, 2023

Special Town Meeting - November 6, 2023

August 15, 2023	Open Warrant
September 5, 2023	Close Warrant
September 7, 2023	Warrant to Moderator/Rules Committee
September 7, 2023	Preliminary Warrant To Fincom
September 7, 2023	Warrant to Counsel for Motions
September 18, 2023	Hearings for Standing Committees should be in process
October 10, 2023	Hearings/Votes for Standing Committees should be complete
October 11, 2023	All recommendations/votes must be submitted by for insertion
October 13, 2023	Report to Print (4 days required)
October 19, 2023	Reports delivered by Printer, pack, sort and get ready for mailing
October 20, 2023	Reports in the Mail

SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Town of Stoughton

Planning Board Agenda

Thursday...August 24 ...7:00 PM...Great Hall Town Hall

The Stoughton Planning Board will meet on Thursday, August 24th at 7:00 P.M., at the Stoughton Town Hall, Great Hall, 3rd Floor, Stoughton, MA relative to the following agenda item for the purpose of receiving public comments.

Note: Items may be taken out of order.

7:00PM

1. Chairman's Comments

2. Form A – ANR Plan – 1158-1185, 1219 Turnpike Street & 9 & 45 Maple Street – Map 93, Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 & 17.
3. Minor Site Plan Modification Request – 11 Evans Drive; Map 43, Lot 58 – The applicant, David Greenblatt, request to add a basketball court to the approved site plan.
4. Minor Site Plan Modification Request – 1334-1366 Park Street, Map 86, Lot 65 – The Applicant, Panera Bread, request a modification of the dumpster enclosure and landscaping to the approved site plan.
5. A **CONTINUED** public hearing will be held on the petition of the applicant Louis Assisted Living, LLC and owner Yolande Louis, 36 Lunda Street, Waltham, MA 02451, represented by Terrence P. Morris, Esq., 57 Elm Road, Newton, MA 02460, for Site Plan Approval under Section 10.6, "Site Plan Approval," of the Town of Stoughton Zoning Bylaws; for the proposed building renovation to create a 13 Bed Assisted Living Facility and the construction of 16 parking spaces to be located at 239 Pleasant Street (Assessors Map 067 Lot 301), in an RU (Residential Urban) Zoning District.
6. A **CONTINUED** public hearing will be held on the petition of the applicant 84 Lumber, c/o James Zaunic, 1019 Route 5A, Eighty-Four, PA 15330. Represented by J.K. Holmgren Engineering, LLC, 1024 Pearl St., Brocton, MA 02021 for Site Plan Approval under Section 10.6, "Site Plan Approval," of the Town of Stoughton Zoning Bylaws, for the proposed development of an approximate 6,825 sf industrial Building including a parking area for 11 cars located at 0 Page Street (Assessors Map 094 Lots 027 & 028) in an I(Industrial) Zoning District.

7. A **CONTINUED** public hearing will be held on the petition of the applicant Best Price Signs and Printing Corp, 244 Liberty Street, Suite 8, Brockton, MA 02301 and the owner Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal, 710 Turnpike Street, Stoughton, MA 02072 for a Special Permit under Section 6.2.7, "Special Permit" of the Town of Stoughton Zoning Bylaws to install a sign in such a way that will exceed the maximum allowable size on the property located at 710 Turnpike Street (further identified on Assessors Map 91 Lot 2) located in the Residential-Suburban B (RB) zoning district.
8. A **NEW** public hearing will be held on the petition of the applicant T.W Conroy LLC, c/o Conroy Development Corp. 104 Page Street, Suite 2, Stoughton, MA 02072, represented by Highpoint Engineering, Dedham Executive Center, 980 Washington Street, Suite 216, Dedham, MA 02026, for Special Permit under Section 6.1.6 and 6.1.9 Off-street Parking and Loading Requirements for a reduction in parking request, Site Plan Review under Section 10.6.2 for the proposed development of 6,800 sf of new building area consisting of 34 Movable Additional Self Storage Units, waiver request to Section 10.6.5 Development Impact Report, project located at 104 Page Street (Assessors Map 104 Lot 004) in an HB (Highway Business) Zoning District.
9. A **NEW** public hearing will be held on the petition of the applicant Milton Real Properties of MA, LLC., 100 Quarry Drive, Milford, MA 01757, represented by Bowdoin Construction, 220 Reservoir Street, Needham, MA 02494, for Special Permit under Section 6.2.4 Signs Permitted in the "I" District to increase the pylon sign height to 100-feet tall; Minor Site Plan Review under Section 10.6.2 to modify the approved site plan. The proposed modification is to install cape cod berm and pre-cast curbing instead of the approved granite curbing. The project is located at 207 Page Street (Assessors Map 94 Lot 43) in an I (Industrial) Zoning District.
10. General Business
 - Meeting Minutes
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment

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STOUGHTON RECREATION



FALL 2023 PROGRAM GUIDE

After-School Art Club with Molly

Tuesdays 9/19-10/10 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Grades K-4

Tuesdays 10/17-11/7 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Grades 4-7

Location: Recreation Department | \$25

Craft & Play with Molly

Wednesdays 9/20-10/11 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 2-5

Location: Recreation Department | \$25

Tiny Tykes Soccer with Challenger Sports

Sundays 9/10-10/15 | 9-9:45, 10-10:45, 11-11:45

Ages 2-5 | \$100

Location: Halloran Park

Open Play with Felicia

Mondays 9/18-10/16 | 10-11:30 am | Ages 2-4

Location: Recreation Department | \$25

Tumble Time with Molly and Winny

Tuesdays 11/14-12/5 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 3-5 | \$25

Location: Recreation Department

Little Sports Stars with Rec Staff

Tuesdays 9/19-10/10 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 3-5

Location: Halloran Park | \$25

Halloween Craft & Story with Molly

Tuesday 10/24 | 10-10:45 am | Ages 2-5 | \$10

Location: Recreation Department

Kids Night Out with Rec Staff

Friday 10/20 | 5-9 pm | Ages 6-12 | \$10

Location: Recreation Department

Maxx Monsters with Coach Mike

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9/26-10/24

Ages 4-7 5-5:45 pm,

Ages 8-12 6-7 pm

Location: Maxx Training Center

Golf Clinic with Matt

Tuesdays 9/19-10/10 | 3:30-4:30pm | Ages 9-15 |

\$25 Location: Cedar Hill Golf Course

Kids Ceramics & Crafts with Laurice

Wednesdays 10/4-10/25 | 3:30pm - 4:30 pm | \$45

Location: Recreation Department | Ages 8-15

Culinary Creations with Matt and Molly

Thursday 9/28 | 4:30-5:30 pm | Ages 6-11

Location: Recreation Department | \$15

After-School Art and Nature with Mass Audubon

Tuesdays 11/14-12/12 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Ages 8-14

Location: Recreation Department | Free!

Pumpkin Carving with Rec Staff

Thursday 10/26 | 4:30-6 pm | Ages 6-12

Tuesday 10/24 | 3:30-5pm | Ages 12-15

Location: Recreation Department | \$20

Slime Workshop with Molly

Thursday | 4:30-5:30 pm | Ages 6-12

Location: Recreation Department | \$10

Fall Archery with On the Mark Archery

Sundays: Session I- 9/10-10/1 | 3-4 pm | Grades 4+

Session II- 10/15-11/5 | 3-4pm | Grades 4+

Location: Canton Pequitside Farm | \$165

Tie Dye Workshop with Rec Staff

Wednesday 9/20 | 3:30-4:30 pm | Ages 7-14 | \$10

Location: Recreation Department

Teen Chefs with Molly

Thursday 9/14 | 4:30-6 pm | Ages 11-16 | \$15

Location: Recreation Department

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.

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FALL 2023 PROGRAM GUIDE

Family Nature Walk with Mass Audubon

Sunday 10/29 | 1pm | Ages: All | FREE

Location: Bradley Lessa Memorial Playground

CPR/First Aid

Thursday 11/16 | 5-7 pm | Ages 16+

\$75 | Location: Recreation Department

Family Nature Walk with Mass Audubon

Sunday | 1pm | Ages: All | FREE

Location: Bradley Lessa Memorial Playground

Gourmet on a Budget with Malcolm

Thursday 9/12 | 5:30-7:00 | Ages 16+

Thursday 9/21 | 5:30-7:00 | Ages 16+

Location: Recreation Department | \$40

Pottery Wheel Workshop with Beeble Art Studios

Friday 10/6 | 5-8 pm | Ages 16+ | \$65

Location: Recreation Department

Holiday Boxwood Wreath Workshop with Laurice

Thursday 12/7 | 5:30-7 pm | \$30

Location: Recreation Department



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FOOD TRUCKS
VENDOR TENTS
TOUCH-A-TRUCK
FACE PAINTER
BALLOON ARTIST
& MORE!**

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Stoughton Disability Committee



Two keyboards for individuals who have difficulty seeing the keys on a typical keyboard have been donated by the Disabilities Commission to the Stoughton library. The keys are back lit and have a larger print than a standard keyboard. Ask the librarians to find the location of the keyboards.



A "Free Wheel" wheelchair adapter has been donated by the Disabilities Commission to the Stoughton Recreation Department. This additional wheel attaches to the front of a manual wheelchair, making it more stable on uneven surfaces. It can be borrowed by individuals wanting to explore the Story Book trail, Glen Echo park or other trails around town. Contact the Recreation Department for information on how to borrow this adapter.

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

September Arts & Crafts for Adults

**Thursday,
September 7th
6:00pm**



**Watercolor
Painting Class
with Wanita**

**Wednesday,
September 13th
2:00pm**



**Jewelry Making
with Sheralee**

**Basic Jewelry
Making Techniques
+ Simple Earrings**

Registration is required for these small, in-demand classes.

Visit our website at www.stoughton.org/library

& click on 'Attend' to reach our Event Calendar and to register.

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE DURING THE DAY PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM.

Arts & Crafts for Adults programs
are generously sponsored by SOLA.

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Public Library**

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023 AT 10:30 AM

Lifting Spirits Miniature Therapy Horses with The Stoughton COA and Rec. Department

Public · Event by Stoughton MA Coa

Halloran Park

Final Summer Concert this Sunday

Don't miss out!

Stoughton Lion's Club Summer Concert Series

Sundays 5-7 pm - FREE!

Gibbons Elementary School Soccer Fields
235 Morton St



~~8/13 Puddlefish~~

~~8/20 It Is What It Is~~

8/27 The Joe Kidd Band



Donations to the Lion's Club are welcome!

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Stoughton Town Moderator is seeking appointments

The Stoughton Town Moderator is seeking volunteers for the following appointments:

Committee on Finance and Taxation

Three Appointments Available. Appointments are for a three-year term. No member of the Committee on Finance and Taxation shall serve more than a total of nine years.

Charter Review Committee

One Appointment Available and You Must Be a Town Meeting Representative (Term of Appointment is Two Years)

Town Meeting Standing Committees

One Appointment Per Committee and You Must Be a Town Meeting Representative:

Intergovernmental Relations (Term of Appointment is One Year)

Municipal Operations Committee (Term of Appointment is One Year)

Municipal Regulations Committee (Term of Appointment is One Year)

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Deadline to apply for all appointments is Friday, September 1, 2023 at 12:00PM. Please send current Resume and Letter of Interest to the Town Moderator's email address: bmullen@stoughton-ma.gov or via regular mail to Town Moderator, c/o Town Clerk's Office, 10 Pearl Street, Stoughton, MA 02072

Bob Mullen, Stoughton Town Moderator

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

SOUTH SHORE CAMERA CLUB PHOTOTOUR

***THE ULTIMATE STAYCATION:
TOUR THE WORLD FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN LIBRARY!***

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 28TH
6:30PM**



Mt. Cook, New Zealand



'12 Apostles', Great Ocean Drive, Australia

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND WITH JOE MAGRI



Uluru/ Ayers Rock, Australia

Please visit our Event Calendar at www.stoughton.org/library to sign up!



Stoughton Public Library

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781-344-2711**

www.stoughton.org/261/library

STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2023 - 2024 CALENDAR

JULY 2023

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Significant Dates
No School Days

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023

- Sep 4 - Labor Day
- Sep 5 - School Opens for all Unit A Staff Pre-K-12
- Sep 6 - First Day for all Students Grades 1-12
- Sep 7 - First Day for Preschool and Kindergarten

OCTOBER 2023

Oct 9 - Columbus Day

NOVEMBER 2023

- Nov 7 - Professional Dev. Day
- Nov 10 - Veteran's Day-observed
- Nov 22 - Early Release
- Nov 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 2023

- Dec 22 - Early Release
- Dec 25 - Jan 1 Vacation

JANUARY 2024

- Jan 1 - New Year's Day
- Jan 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FEBRUARY 2024

Feb 19 - 23 Vacation

APRIL 2024

Apr 15 - 19 Vacation

MAY 2024

May 27 - Memorial Day

JUNE 2024

- Jun 6 - Graduation
- Jun 14 - Last Day (180 student days)
- Jun 19 - Juneteenth
- Jun 24- Last Day (5 Snow Days)

Early Release Dates

- Sep 21, 2023 Mar 7, 2024
- Oct 19, 2023 Apr 4, 2024
- Dec 7, 2023 May 2, 2024
- Jan 18, 2024 Jun 6, 2024

Last Day of school

Early Release Hours

- Elementary 8:30 - 12:20 / SHS & OMS 7:35 - 11:32
- Preschool 8:30 - 11:00 / No p.m. sessions

Office Hours

- Regular Hours: 8:00 - 4:00
- Summer and School Vacations: 8:00 - 3:00

As referenced in SC Policy JHE. The following days are exempt from testing and homework:

- Yom Kippur - Sep 25, 2023
- Good Friday - Mar 29, 2024

JANUARY 2024

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MAY 2024

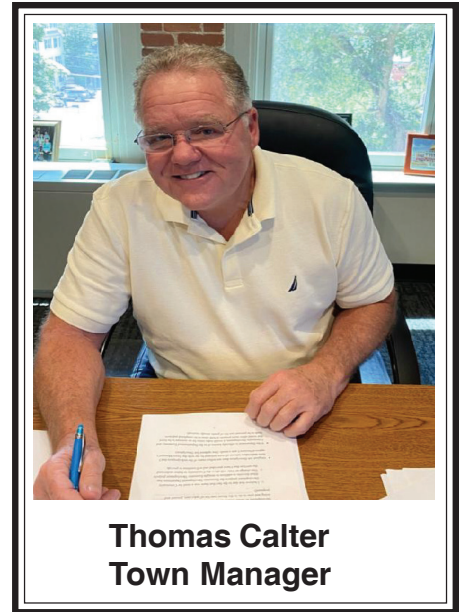
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Fiscal Year 2024 Objectives

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024



1. Centralized Purchasing

The objective is to reduce Vendor costs by 10% through negotiation, Contract management, Vendor relations and improved materials management.

2. Comprehensive Financial Policy

Establish a comprehensive financial policy and system of management control which formulizes our financial structure, reduces risk, increases free cash, strengthen our bond rating, reduces the cost of borrowing and eliminates the use of free cash in balancing our operating budget.

3. Net Zero FTE's

With better use of technology and information systems, maintain FY25 employee headcount at FY24 level.

4. Stabilization Fund

Increase the Town's Stabilization Fund to a minimum of 20%, as required for communities with a double AA bond rating.

5. Policy Manual

Build a functioning Policy manual to be maintained online which will provide all employees guidance with respect to Standard Operating procedures. ("SOP's")

6. Unutilized Equipment

Conduct a September equipment Auction. Sell, trade or scrap unutilized surplus equipment. Terminate insurance coverage and registration expense.

7. Tax Title Takings

Make meaningful progress in tax title takings. Return taken properties to the tax base.

8. Senior Housing

Develop and implement a plan for increasing affordable Senior Housing Units.

9. Regional 911

Adopt Reg 911. Reduce dispatch operating budget by \$600,000. Invest between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 in State funding to make Stoughton a leader in EMS technology.

10. Exit Civil Service

By achieving this objective, we will improve Labor Relations, remove poor performers, recruit highly qualified employees and improve overall performance of the Town's workforce.

11. Trash & Recycling Recycling Transfer Station

Complete site selection and facility design. Develop project Budget and present to Town Meeting. Begin permitting process and finalize Capital Plan.

12. Continued Professional Development

Every employee will engage in a form of professional development in FY24. Training shall include but will not be limited to skills training, certification, licensure and internal training in Town accounting software system. In addition, Department Heads will become trained in the use of progressive discipline requirements, Project Management.

13. Town Wide Beautification

It is our primary objective to beautify the Town by improving inspectional services, enforcing the new solid waste guidelines and by enhancing public spaces with landscaping and continuous maintenance.

14. Community Center

We will continue to seek grant funding for maintenance and repair of the Train Station. It is our goal to host the first public event at the Community Center in FY24.

15. Transparency and Communication

Several measures will be taken in FY24 to improve transparency and communication with residents and Town Meeting members. Those measures include investment in the Town Website, Electronic billboards at DPW and Town Hall, frequent public Information Sessions, Monthly emails to Town Meeting members, On line permitting and improved Department Head quarterly reports.

16. Town Infrastructure

Our goal is to plan and promote further investment in water and sewer underground infrastructure which promotes economic expansion. Further, reconstruction and resurfacing of Town roads will be coordinated with underground projects. Articles will be presented at the Special Town Meeting so that services are coordinated in time for the following construction season.

17. Collaboration with School System

After years of a them vs. us relationship, we plan to work closely and collaborating with the new Superintendent and the School Committee in support of common goals and objectives.

18. Water Meters

Completing the water meter project in FY24 will increase revenues and reduce expenses. Further, we will save substantial time by eliminating the current billing system and converting all Water/Sewer financial activity to Munis. Meter readings will be done remotely and leaks will be detected immediately.

19. Fire Department

Complete construction of the new Fire Station on time and budget. Leave Civil Service. Coordinate the transition to Regional 911.

20. Solid Waste

Implement Solid Waste plan. Explore more advanced methods of Waste Management and source reduction. Engage the DPW staff in Town's beautification objective, #13.

21. Water

Anticipate, plan and react to the upcoming federal PFAS Regulations.

