

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED FEBRUARY 20, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday February 20, 2024 - 7:00 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: meet.google.com/jtx-duxr-ike
PHONE: 501-939-4034
PIN: 921 030 592#

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. 7:00 p.m. **OPEN SESSION**
Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. 7:05 p.m. Select Board Comments
3. 7:15 p.m. Town Manager Comments
4. 7:25 p.m. Citizens' Comments
5. **Public Hearings:**
 - 7:30 p.m. a. National Grid and Verizon New England Inc. joint pole petition - Project #30851295 Joseph Prah
 - 7:40 p.m. b. Class II License Application - Platinum Car Sales, LLC, 1873 Washington Street Onur Tekin
6. 7:50 p.m. Presentation of Stoughton Reads Together Program Chris McGhee
Library Director
7. 8:00 p.m. Hometown Heroes Program update Sharon Johnson
Veterans Services

8. 8:10 p.m. Update on Fire Station project Pomroy Associates, LLC
9. 8:40 p.m. Town Manager's FY24 Objectives update Tom Calter
Town Manager
10. 9:00 p.m. Policy regarding use of Town Flag Pole - revised (Votes may be taken)
11. 9:10 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
- a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of January 16, 2024
 - b. Road Race or Parade Application - Stoughton Youth Baseball - April 20, 2024
 - c. Approval of Warrant for Presidential Preference Primaries



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



Committee on Finance and Taxation

Two Appointments Available

Appointments are for a 3 year term.

Per the Town Charter; No member of the Committee on Finance and Taxation shall serve more than a total of 9 years.

The Moderator's expectations are that you attend Finance Committee meetings, learn about the town budget and participate in Finance Committee discussions.

The appointments are Open Until Filled.

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

FEBRUARY 21
10AM
STOUGHTON Y
FREE CHILDCARE

Grandparents raising Grandchildren **FOCUS GROUP**

Are you a grandparent or other kinship provider raising kids?

We want to talk to you! We are looking to put together a support group for grandparents and kinship caregivers.

Please join us for a discussion on how a group like that could best meet your needs!

Open to ALL

QUESTIONS?

Reach out to
Stephanie at spatton@stoughton-ma.gov
781-341-1300 x9456





Emergency Notification

«««**ALERT**»»»
Emergency Notification System
STOUGHTON

Alert Stoughton is a free service that allows Stoughton citizens to receive critical communications, such as evacuation notices or missing child alerts.

REGISTER TODAY

By visiting the Stoughton Fire Department website
(www.stoughtonfire.org)

Wednesday,
May 15th 10am-1pm



Stoughton Council on Aging

110 Rockland Street, Stoughton, MA



Alarmed at extreme weather events, melting icecaps, and rising seas?

Interested in learning how Stoughton can promote a sustainable future? Join the conversation!

The Stoughton Climate Action Plan Committee invites community residents and businesses to attend a community forum on climate change and climate solutions.

WHEN: Saturday February 24, 2024 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

WHERE: Stoughton Public Library Community Room

Featuring: Kathleen Stanley, CEM, Stoughton Energy Manager

The Climate Action Plan Committee wants to hear from you.

Please email if you will attend at: capcommittee@stoughton-ma.gov

All are welcome even without notice. Light refreshments will be provided.

BEAUTIFICATION OF STOUGHTON



TOWN-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, April 27th 8am-noon

**T-Shirts will be provided
as well as cookout after**

This will be the first of many events

Please register at

https://stoughtonma.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=30085

STOUGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

A SOUTH SHORE CAMERA CLUB PHOTOTOUR

The ultimate staycation. Tour the world from the comfort of your own library!

IRELAND

with Caryn Schneider



Safe Home,
County Sligo



Cliffs of Moher, County Clare



Follow the Path



Pointing the Way Home,
County Sligo

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Registration recommended.

Click on the date above or visit:
<https://www.stoughton.org/595/Attend> to sign up.



Classiebawn Castle, County Sligo

Teen Crafternoon Paint Party

Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:00-4:30

TEEN PAINTING WORKSHOP

Create a painting with Wenta guiding you step-by-step.



Public Event by Stoughton Public Library



New Elementary School Building Project Community Forum

Save the Date

Monday • March 4, 2024 • 7PM
Community Forum

to learn more about the
new elementary school building project



The photo above is a rendering of what the front entrance of the new elementary school building would look like at night.

Stoughton Public Library



MUSEUM PASSES

**Museum Passes are for
Stoughton Residents Only.**

**You must have a valid adult library card to
reserve or take out a museum pass.**

**Museum passes offered, admission fees and
museum hours are subject to change
without notice.**

**We strongly recommend
contacting the museum directly
to confirm admission fees,
hours and offers**



Stoughton Public Library

3 Little Birds

A Song and Story

Celebration of Bob Marley

With Stoughton Teacher Cheryl De Oliveira!

February 22nd – 2 shows

10 am and 10:45 am

Registration Required



Buildable Bridges

A STEM event with TUFTS University

Friday, February 23rd
2:00 PM

Learn how bridges are engineered.
Students will create a 3ft bridge that they
can stand on!

For ages 8-14
Registration Required



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<https://www.stoughton.org/657/library>



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Now Hiring Lifeguards!

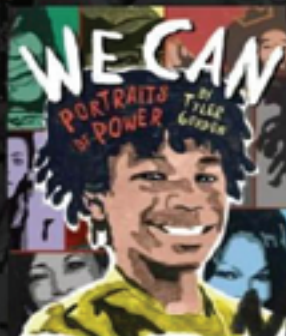
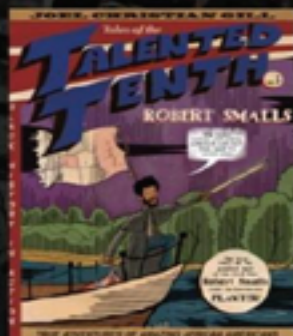
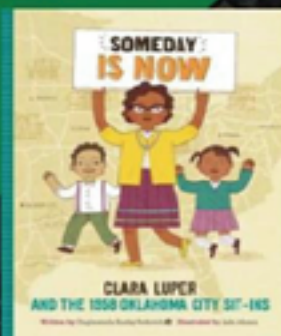
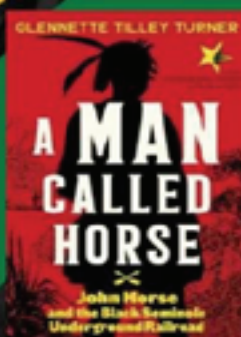


We are looking for certified or willing to become certified lifeguards for Ames Pond

Find a seasonal employee application on our website
<https://stoughtonma.myrec.com/info/dept/default.aspx>

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FOR AGES 9-12



For more recommendations, ask a librarian.



Stoughton Public Library Pajama Drive

February 1-March 15, 2024

The SPL has partnered with the Boston Bruins and Cradles to Crayons for their annual pajama drive. Please help us collect NEW pajamas sizes 0-3 months - Adult Medium so we can reach our goal of 100 pairs to benefit children in need in Massachusetts.

Thank you for your support!



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www.stoughtonlibrary.org

CAREER



FAIR

**Win!!
Prizes**

Municipalities have power!

March 7th, 2024

**Swag
Bags!!**



Stoughton High School
Starting at 12PM

**Free
Food!!**

Take part in an event full of job opportunities, career development, food & more!

- Leadership
- Engineering, Public Safety and Billing
- Informational Interviews
- Job Shadowing

Open to all highschool students.



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

