

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED MARCH 5, 2024 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Presidential Primary Election

**Tuesday,
March 5, 2024**

***All Precincts will be
open from 7AM-8PM***



Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday March 5, 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/htf-ijhx-vny

PHONE: 662-510-4362

PIN: 292 074 843#

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. Department Head Mid-year Presentations:
 - Engineering/Development Services
 - Economic Development
 - Cedar Hill
 - Water/Sewer
3. 8:00 p.m. To establish special account for Hometown Heroes Banner Program donations (Votes may be taken) Sharon Johnson
Veterans Services
4. 8:10 p.m. To expand a no parking regulation at Campanelli Parkway and Shuman Ave. (Votes may be taken) Sgt. O'Connor
5. 8:25 p.m. Update on Fire Station project Pomroy
Associates, LLC
6. 8:45 p.m. **Hearing:**
Water Abatement Application/Request for a Hearing - R&D Landscaping, Inc., 250 Pearl Street (Votes may be taken) Fernando Rego
7. 9:00 p.m. To discuss M.G.L. Ch. 138 § 34 violation - KN, LLC d/b/a Andrade Liquors, 280 Washington Street Joseph Mokrisky
8. 9:15 p.m. Lucius Clapp Memorial building contract renewal Joseph Mokrisky
9. 9:30 p.m. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of February 6, 2024
 - b. To accept a donation of \$2,000 from American Legion Post 89 for the Hometown Heroes Banner Program

**AGENDA
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Monday - March 4, 2024 – at 7:00PM
Yaitanes Room, 3rd Floor
10 Pearl Street Stoughton, MA 02072**

~ PUBLIC HEARING ~

In Person and Virtual Meeting (Online)

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A Public Hearing will be held by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee on Monday, March 4, 2024 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/vfm-xrsc-cyi>

To join the Public Hearing by Phone: (US) +1 475-329-8049 PIN: 666 876 113#

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 3 - Accept and Contract Funds for Town Roads

Article 4 - Apply for and Accept Federal/State Funding

Article 18 – Community Preservation Committee FY2025 Budget/ Report

Article 19 – Appropriate Funds from the Fiscal 2025 Operating Budget to OPEB

Article 29 – Intersection Improvements Design - Plain and West Street Intersection

Article 30 - Canton & School Street Intersection Improvements Design

Article 33 - Properties located at 760 Washington Street (Map 54, Lot 285) & Off Rose Street (Map 54, Lot 180)

Article 37 – Hebrew Senior Life Affordable Senior Housing - Project Support Funds

Article 40 – Stoughton Youth Baseball Field Improvements

Article 44 - Climate Action Plan Committee Consultant

Article 49 - Civil Service Revocation

Article 52 - Sidewalks on Turnpike Street from Central Street to Park Street - Design (Petitioned Article)

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 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.

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

AGENDA

Committee on Finance and Taxation

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 7PM

Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor • 10 Pearl St. Stoughton

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held by the Committee on Finance and Taxation on March 6, 2024 to discuss the FY25 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 15 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET (FY25)
EDUCATION BUDGETS
 - a. Stoughton Public Schools
 - b. Southeastern Regional High School
 - c. Norfolk County Agricultural High School

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

5. Article 16 – Supplemental Fiscal Year 2024 Departmental Budgets
6. Article 34 - School Safety – Vestibules: \$90,000
7. Article 35 – School Safety – Lining and Marking of Parking Lots: \$55,000
8. Article 36 – School Safety – Security Audit: \$20,000
9. Any other matters relating to FY25 or FY24 Budget and Town Meeting Warrant Articles
10. Motion to Continue Public Hearing
11. Adjourn

-Votes may be taken-

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AGENDA

Committee on Finance and Taxation

Thursday , March 7 2024 at 7PM

Great Hall Town Hall 3rd floor • 10 Pearl St. Stoughton

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held by the Committee on Finance and Taxation on March 7, 2024 to discuss the FY25 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

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

4. Article 18 – Community Preservation Committee FY2025 Budget/Report
5. Article 37 – Hebrew Senior Life Affordable Senior Housing – Project Support Funds: \$2,300,000
6. Article 38 – Renovation of Town-Owned Barn on West Street: \$230,000
7. Article 39 – Historic Signage – Group 2: \$17,000
8. Article 40 – Stoughton Youth Baseball Field Improvements: \$241,000
9. Article 41 – Renovation of Marks Field, Construction Phase: \$518,000
10. Article 42 – Stoughton Motel Conversion: \$250,000
11. Article 43 – Bird Street Conservation Area Entryway Improvements: \$110,000
12. Any other matters relating to FY25 or FY24 Budget and Town Meeting Warrant Articles
13. Motion to Continue Public Hearing
14. Adjourn

-Votes may be taken-

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Stoughton Selectboard Candidates Forum

Monday, March 11th 7pm

Register for Zoom: bit.ly/Stoughton2024

Watch Live or a Rebroadcast
on SMAC on Comcast 8/Verizon 24
stoughtontv.com and lwvss.org



LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF SHARON-STOUGHTON

lwvss.org

election day:
April 2, 2024



**Do you have questions for
the candidates?
Add them to your registration form**





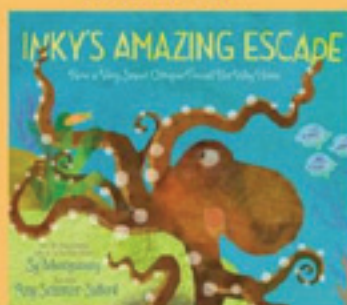
STOUGHTON READS TOGETHER

A community read initiative which serves as a catalyst for bringing people together to express ideas that will spark conversation, discussion and relationships.

This Year's selection:



Children's selection:



For a full listing of events please visit
www.stoughton.org/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>

Municipal Operations Committee

Monday March 11, 2024 at 7PM

Yaitanes Room, 3rd Floor Town Hall

PUBLIC HEARING

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Article 20 - Public Works and Facilities Capital

Article 21 - Town Buildings and Facilities Maintenance and Upgrades

Article 22 - Police Department Capital

Article 23 - Fire Department Capital

Article 24 - Sewer Capital – Inflow and Infiltration

Article 25 – Water and Sewer Department Capital

Article 26 - Pratt's Court Water Treatment Improvements

Article 27 - Cedar Hill Capital

Article 28 - Town Pond Management Program

Article 29 – Intersection Improvements Design – Plain and West Street Intersection

Article 30 – Canton & School Street Intersection Improvements Design

Article 31 – Cedar Hill Drainage and Parking Improvements

Article 32 – Police Station Expansion and Renovation Design

Article 36 – School Safety – Security Audit

Article 38 – Renovation of Town-Owned Barn On West Street

Article 39 – Historic Signage – Group 2

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Articles to be Heard and Discussed at Public Hearing: (Votes May Be Taken On All Articles)

Article 43 - Bird Street Conservation Area Entryway Improvements

Article 49 - Civil Service Revocation

Article 50 - Accept MGL Chapter 41, Section 110A

Article 51 - Single-Serving Drinking Water Plastic Bottle Reduction Bylaw (Petitioned Article)

**Article 52 - Sidewalks on Turnpike Street from Central Street to Park Street –Design
(Petitioned Article)**

Article 54 – Columbus Day name changed to Indigenous Peoples Day (Petitioned Article)

- 7. Motion to Continue Public Hearing or Close Public Hearing**
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Municipal Operations Committee Monday March 11, 2024 at 7PM Yaitanes Room, 3rd Floor Town Hall PUBLIC HEARING



Virtual Pajama Storytime

March 5th, 6:30 pm

Join Ms. Amy for bedtime stories & songs!
Wear pjs and bring a stuffed friend!
Registration required to receive the Zoom link.



Stoughton
Public Library

Stoughton Public Library

84 Park St., Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072
781-344-2711

Stoughton High School's
College & Career Center Presents:

Post - Secondary Planning Knight

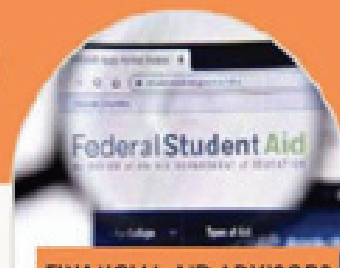
WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 6
6 - 8 PM

with



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
COUNSELORS

and



FINANCIAL AID ADVISORS

ALL GRADES AND FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

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.





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!



Stoughton Public Library

84 Park St.
Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072 | 781-344-2711
www.stoughtonlibrary.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. 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

