

Stoughton Town Crier

TOWN OF STOUGHTON UPDATED JANUARY 30, 2023 ROBERTA HARBACK



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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday January 31, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

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/rjp-bbdf-eqp

PHONE: 929-256-1264

PIN: 792 018 012#

The meeting may be recorded by SMAC cable television and broadcast live and may be live-streamed 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 live-streaming is unsuccessful. Times are approximate and items may be taken out of order at the Chair's discretion.

1. 7:30 p.m. OPEN SESSION - Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. 7:35 p.m. Select Board Comments
3. 7:40 p.m. Town Manager Comments
4. 7:45 p.m. Citizen Comments

CONSENT AGENDA a. - e.

5. 7:50 p.m. Approval of Open Session Minutes Meeting of:
 - a. October 27, 2022, December 19, 2022, December 27, 2022, January 3, 2023 January 10, 2023, January 17, 2023
 - b. Agreement between Town of Stoughton and the Stoughton Public Works
 - c. Milton CAT Sewer Easement Agreement - Revised

d. Utility, Use & Access Easement Approval - Map 78 Lot 3

e. Confirmatory Order of Taking - Bergeron Way

6. 8:05 Stoughton 300 Anniversary Committee Applicant
Scotty Santos

7. 8:15 Open the Warrant - Votes may be taken

8. 9:00 Reconsideration of Prior vote on Requirement Placement on
Stoughton Youth Baseball Application to CPAC

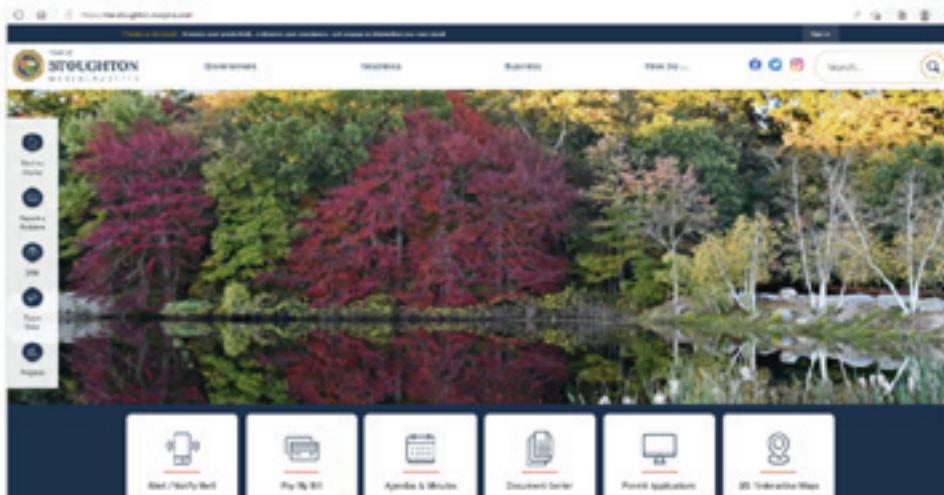
9. 9:10 Policy Regarding Use of Town Flag Pole
- Flag Pole Policy - Prohibited
- Flag Pole Use Policy - With Limitations

10. 9:20 All Alcohol Beverage Licenses - Proposed Variance
- Entertain a Motion to Include a Variance
- Language for the Motion
- Votes may be taken

11. 9:35 Discuss the Select Board's Operational FY24 Budget
- Votes may be taken



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The Town of Stoughton is preparing to launch a new and improved municipal website during the month of February. Users will see not only a familiar, but improved website after going through a redesign and upgrade process with CivicPlus (a leading government website provider).

Some new features we feel you will be excited about are:

- Service-based navigation with an emphasis on service delivery and ease of use (along with a new clean design that is both visually appealing and functional)
- Calendar functionality which allows citizens to stay informed about the scheduling of important local events, including public meetings, classes, activities, community events, and other valuable opportunities for engagement
- Embedded Social Media (Facebook) – located on our front page for those who do not have Facebook accounts
- Online Job Application functionality
- Dedicated landing pages for Police, Fire, DPW, Library and Recreation
- An online “Report a Problem” form that allows users to report service requests, such as a pothole, streetlight outage, sewer issue, and more...
- Alert Center – this functionality allows us to alert citizens with time sensitive information and instructions using multiple channels, including the website homepage, social media and email
- Enhanced search functionality site-wide that allows staff to review what users are searching for and revise the site structure to continually improve the user experience
- News and page subscription options for residents to stay informed of all municipal updates
- Document Center – This will serve as a single, conveniently accessible repository for all forms, documents, and files citizens routinely require so they can self-service many of their municipal requests (without the need to walk into an office or place a phone call)
- The Agenda Center allows for the storing, sharing, and searching of public meetings and agendas and enables citizens to remain informed and engaged in public policy and local issues



Planning For Medicare- Presentation for those approaching Medicare Eligibility Thursday, February 9, 5:30 P.M.

Join us for a presentation and discussion led by a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts representative that is geared towards individuals approaching Medicare Eligibility. Topics to be covered will include health insurance information outside of employer-sponsored coverage, such as explanation of Medicare, the Medicare enrollment timeline, Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans and programs available to early retirees, and COBRA. This is a great presentation if you are still working but thinking about the future and your healthcare.

Thursday, February 9 at 5:30 P.M.

This is a free program. Please call 781-344-8882
for more information and to pre-register.
Pre-registration is required.

Van/Bus Driver Wanted Part-time



VAN/BUS DRIVER COUNCIL ON AGING

Town of Stoughton

The Town of Stoughton is seeking experienced individuals to fill one part-time/supplemental Van/Bus Driver position for the Stoughton Council on Aging. The maximum hours for this part time position is 19 hours/week.

Duties and responsibilities

The duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to: Operating COA vans; picking up/transporting elderly and handicapped residents of the Town; supporting the operations of the Council on Aging services; and all other related work as required.

Applicant must possess a High School Degree or equivalent, a current MA license and a clean driving record. **Preferred:** CPR and first aid training, drivers training certificate. All applicants must be able to pass a criminal background or CORI check and a pre-employment physical including a PEPCAS test and a drug test.

Starting Salary: \$18.64/Hr.

Applications may be obtained and will be accepted until the positions are filled at: Department of Human Resources, 10 Pearl Street, Stoughton, MA 02072 AA/EOE.

The Town of Stoughton is committed to the ongoing pursuit of strategic diversity initiatives that help to position diversity, equity, and inclusion as central to municipal and community-wide excellence in the town. In doing so, Stoughton strives for a town culture and environment that fosters a true sense of belonging for all and provides opportunity for everyone to participate equally and fully in the town, communities, and neighborhoods.

*"The Town of Stoughton is an **Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer** and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender or gender identity, familial status, disability, ancestry, age, marital status, public assistance status, sexual orientation, veteran history/military status or genetic information."*

Stoughton Council on Aging



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Taste of Israel -

Experience The Middle East

Monday, February 27, 2023 12:30 P.M.

You read about Israel in the news all the time, but what is it really like to be there? Find out about the history and culture of the Holy Land through a special one hour tour of the land, people and food. Enjoy a sampling of authentic Israeli food, beverages will be provided. Class facilitated by Therapy Gardens.

Tickets are \$3 • Space is limited.

Pre-registration is necessary and payment is due at time of sign up.

"Come Home To Us!"



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

Stoughton Public Health Association's mission is to deliver quality care to all individuals within our community, and neighboring communities, with respect to professionalism and confidentiality.

Janiece Bruce, RN
Administrator/Director

(781) 344-7011

**OASIS & STOUGHTON
PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENT:**



**REGISTER
HERE**



Prevention Book Discussions

**THE ADDICTION INOCULATION
BY JESSICA LEAHY**

With the book as a guide, we will discuss practical tips for parents for preventing youth alcohol and other drug use.

**Didn't read it? No problem.
We will summarize and have a discussion.**

**In Person at the library or over ZOOM:
Thursdays, 7pm - 2/9; 3/9; 4/13 & 5/11
Join once or join them all!**

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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proudly presents a Zoom Series:

Civics for Adults

With Donna L. Cohen, M.L.I.S, M.Ed, www.civicthinker.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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Legal Notice
INVITATION TO BID
Fire Station One - New Construction Project

The Town of Stoughton, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from pre-qualified and approved General Bidders and pre-qualified and approved Filed Sub-Bidders for construction activities related to the Stoughton Fire Station One Project, located at 400 Prospect Street. The project includes the construction of a new two-story fire station of approximately 25,500 square feet, including related site utilities and improvements, and a new access drive from Prospect Street. The new building will include apparatus vehicle and maintenance spaces and related storage and support spaces, workspace/work stations, and living quarters for first responders.

The preliminary estimated project construction cost is approximately \$18,000,000.
DCAMM Certification is required

Bid Forms and Contract Documents shall be available online at www.Projectdog.com beginning on January 25, 2023 Project Code 853227

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Stoughton Town Hall 3rd Floor Great Hall 10 Pearl Street Stoughton on February 1, 2023 11:00 am

Bidders that have been pre-qualified for this project and only those for have been approved may submit. This project is being bid electronically through Project Dog, Project Code 853227

Electronic Bids will be received for General Contractor Bids until 2:00pm on March 8, 2023
Electronic Bids will be received for the Filed Sub Bids until 2:00pm on Feb 22, 2023

Prequalified Filed Sub-Bidders are eligible to submit bids for the following categories in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149, section 44F, which are described by the Specification sections indicated: Masonry, Miscellaneous Metals, Waterproofing/Damp/Caulking, Roofing, Tile, Acoustical Ceilings, Resilient Flooring, Painting, *Elevators (*Elevators not prequalified), Fire Protection, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical

The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive any minor deviation from a statutory requirement and to reject any or all General Contractors or Filed Sub-Bids if it determines that such contractors or sub bids do not represent the contractor or sub bids of a person competent to perform the work as specified; or that less than three such Sub-Bids are received and the prices are not reasonable for acceptance without further competition; or if such Sub-Bid is not one which conforms with Chapter 149, Sections 44A through 44J inclusive, of the General Laws as amended; or if such General Contractors or Sub-Bid is on a form not completely filled in, or is incomplete, conditional or obscure, or contains an addition not called for; provided, however, that the failure of the Awarding Authority to reject such a General Contractor or Sub-Bid within such period shall not validate such a bid nor preclude the Awarding Authority from subsequently rejecting it.

Fran Bruttaniti, Procurement Officer



Stoughton Public Works Curbside Trash Pickup



DO

DO's and DON'Ts of Curbside Trash Pickup

- Have trash/recycling curbside at 7AM on scheduled day, not before 4PM previous day.
- Trash must be bagged (no larger than 32-gallon barrel size) – no loose trash.



DON'T

No cleanouts – household trash only

The following items cannot be disposed of curbside:

- Yard waste
- Textiles
- Porcelain materials (toilets, sinks, etc.)
- Construction debris
- Motor parts
- Hazardous waste – oils, acids, batteries
- Tires

Please do not place the following items at curbside until you call the DPW Office at (781) 344-2112 to schedule a pickup or you can drop off these items at the DPW Headquarters located at 950 Central Street.

- Tube Televisions
- White Goods such as
- Appliances
- Refrigerators
- Washing machines, dryers
- Air conditioners
- Household metal and wood items
- Mattresses and Box springs



Please scan the QR code above for additional information or call the DPW office at (781) 344-2112 if you have additional questions.

Let's Keep our Neighborhoods Clean!



**The Singing
Grandpops
Musical
Performance
and
Luncheon
Thursday,**

**February 23, 2023
11:30A.M.**

This fun musical group from the Retired Men's Club of Arlington will perform after a light luncheon.

Menu includes choice of two-Chicken Salad, Egg Salad or Tuna Salad Finger Sandwiches and includes chips, dessert and beverages.

Lunch is at 11:30 A.M. Show starts at 12:30 P.M.

All are welcome! Tickets are \$5.

Pre-registration and payment is required at sign up.

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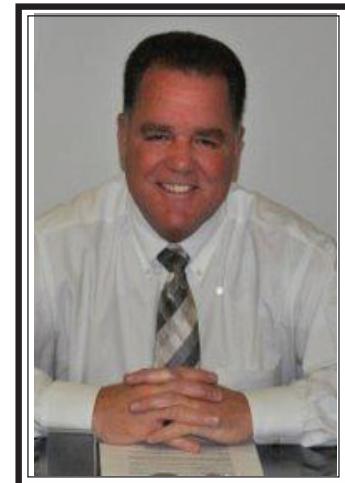
From the office of Tom Calter, Town Manager

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 1 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.