Funding request for fire station design denied

BY JASON BLEU
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CHARLTON – Efforts to construct a new fire station in Charlton hit another snag during the May 17 annual town meeting failing to earn enough support to appropriate monies for designing a new fire station facility.

The concept of building a new fire department facility was first introduced at the May 2021 annual town meeting, with several selectmen most talk about topics in Charlton over the past five years. Voters deciding twice, including during the 2020, November election, to delay a proposed $8.3 mil- lion public safety building that would have housed both a fire department and a police department. The unused funding for that initia- tive was reserved during the May 17 town meeting through Warrant Article 13. At the beginning of 2021, a new Fire Station Design Committee was formed to plan a building a small-scale fire station with several areas focused towards being able to complete the project in the near future. The May 17 meeting and a new Warrant Article 14 propose allocating $47,000 to complete the design of the new facility. Conceptual work had previ- ously been completed and presented at meetings of the Board of Selectmen and the $874,000 would have been used to complete the designs for presentation to the pub- lic in the fall. The article got off to a rocky start with an initial vote of 15 to 18 in favor of the funding, however, despite having the major- ity in favor of the funding, the meeting did not reach the two-thirds majority threshold required to pass the project. The meeting did successfully bring forward for reconsider- ation resulting in a larger discussion of the future of the project including input from emergency officials who discussed that this new project is a completely new proposal separate from the previous public safety build- ing.

“This is for a fire station only and it is a redesign, a reduction of the capital cost of building based on the vote last year,” Fire Chief Knap needed to make sure that 40 or 50 people support our proposal. The people against the public safety building, so we went back to the town and asked for a fire station only.”

Captain Rob Barton, the chair of the Fire Station Design Committee, explained that the concept was a fire station only facility built on the same plot of land as the previous building which floated previously earmarked for the public safety build- ing but with a much smaller footprint and omitting the space for the town hall.

The vote result of 42-20 was un- derstandable to town officials and town representatives negotiated a plan that is simple, but we have to make sure we take care of the people from the town at the same level of service and also provide and sufficient value,” said Golas. “There’s not a whole lot in terms of capital costs. All of that stuff would be the same in size and layout. The thing we need to figure out is how we get that from grants. If Congress approves the budget, $4.1 million for the Bay Path Regional Vocational School District and $14.1 million for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District. While the Bay Path number can line with their initial request to the town, the Dudley Charlton Regional School District was able to provide a much larger request to the town. Both officials and town representatives negotiated a plan that was a compromise that we worked diligently with the school to come up with this number. That was a very key milestone in the budget process. The people voted against the public safety building, so we went back to the town and asked for a fire station only.”

In addition, the project would be designed to create a long-lasting public safety building that would have a fire station, police department, and a new town hall.

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Bay Path students induced into the National Technical Honor Society

Bay Path students were recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). The NTHS is the largest national honor society for career and technical students. The NTHS recognizes students who work exemplary in their pursuits and who strive to be leaders in their careers. The students who are inducted into the NTHS are selected based on their academic excellence and their commitment to their career field.

The ceremony was held at Bay Path University on May 2, 2021.

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Resilience of QCC’s Class of 2021 celebrated at Commencement ceremony

WORCESTER — On May 21, Quinsigamond Community College celebrated the end of the year and its 58th commencement ceremony, awarding 1,332 graduates as it celebrated its 58th graduating class. QCC hosted the ceremony at the back-up of College President Dr. Donald W. Descy, who described the sense of pride he felt witnessing the 1,332 graduates completing their dreams of a college education, and expressed his hope they would continue to serve the community for a better future.

“Students will be amazed by our students — your strength, determination, and perseverance,” Descy said. “You should be proud of your accomplishments. Many of you juggled work, family responsibilities, and pursuing your dreams. And all of you have the ability to persevere in the most tumultuous times we’ve found ourselves in a nation, “to see, hear and every one of you is living history, but more importantly, you are making history”

Commencement Speaker Maya Rockeymoore Cummings, PhD., a nationally recognized social justice activist and advocate for the rights of women, is an example of the obstacles they have faced and overcome to achieve their goals.

“Your resilience is a testament to all of you that student will face even in academics,” she said. “Not every student type about certain people based on categories. Your success and failure based on stereotypes or a category, they say. ‘You determine your success, and you will be successful in spite of those stereotypes or categories.’

Quinsigamond has given you the tools, resources, and a platform to learn. Whatever comes next, you can be sure that the skills you have taken to further your education and growth will develop your knowledge and insight,” she said.

“Many students,” she said, “mentioned and Student Speaker Arminda Khalid described the importance of networks and shared, “You can learn to use your degree to become a better version of yourself.”

Carolee E. Santiago, PhD., commissio- of Higher Education said that after the last year’s unique challenges, these newest graduates are ready to face the in the higher education landscape.

“We are learning. We are learning from the years in which that we will be the college experiences in the future. Teaching and learning will never be the same. We saw black and learn students who were disproportionate to COVID-19 and did not return to school last fall because their families are so closely related that family income and family health needs first,” she said.

In October 2020 and we have college educated students to fill the jobs that were left unfilled when a for your future,” she said, “and we can be proud of the graduates that draw from the College’s experience and leadership ship in life.

If you can carry on, know that there is nothing you cannot accomplish in the times you’ve proven yourself and succeeded,” she said.

“Remember graduates of the Class of 2021 and the next generations. QCC is a place to thrive in a learning and living environment that is living history, but more importantly, you are making history”

As you practice your next chapter,” she said. “Even though I don’t know you personally, I would like to hear from you because I know what it took for you to get to this point in your life. If you are interested in hearing your next chapter,” she said.

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Emilia and Joanna

Age 12 and 14

Registration #41545

State begins to lift COVID-19 restrictions

BY KEVIN CLAUSING

REGION — In a major step toward restoring normalcy, officials recently announced the imminent lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. Last week, the Baker-Polito Administration lifted remaining COVID-19 restrictions globally. Massachusetts is on track to meet its goal of fully eliminating all restrictions by the end of June, officials are confident that restrictions can be safely lifted. The Commonwealth’s face-covering mandate will remain in effect until May 22. The Department of Public Health (DPH) will continue to issue advisory guidance consistent with the latest data and research.

Said Cummings, addressing the biases that have drawn on that resilience for the rest of their lives.

There is a word for this toughness and it’s resilience. I don’t use that term lightly, those with knowledge in order to continue learning and moving forward. This is why I am grateful to be here to tell you:

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To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 877-846-8723 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place in your heart.
Baseball x Fashion, the first exhibition to explore this history in a systematic way, opens on June 25 at the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) through June 18, 2022. In June 2021, the museum has been little scholarly attention due to the ubiquity of the American baseball jersey and the significance of its role in self-expression. While the basic form of the jersey has remained consistent through time, the design itself has evolved, seeking to pick up on and reflect the cultural moment at hand.

The exhibition, which will remain on view through Saturday, Sept. 12, is accompanied by a catalogue that traces the development of the jersey from the 1840s to the present day, exploring its formative experiences and the many moments of inspiration that have shaped its design.

The exhibition is organized by Catalogue raisonné, which specializes in the history of American decorative art, and it is supported by the Contemporary Art Fund, Ruth and John Adam, Jr. Exhibition Endowment, and an anonymous donor. This special publication, The Iconic Jersey: Baseball Uniforms and Everyday Style from 1849 to the Present, is available from the museum store.

The WAM's recent exhibition, The Iconic Jersey, explores the history of baseball uniforms and their impact on wider national culture. The exhibition, which is on view through September 12, includes a range of items, from the first baseball uniform worn in 1849 to the latest designs worn on and off the field. The catalogue accompanying the exhibition, which is available for purchase at the museum store, explores the evolution of the baseball jersey and its role in defining who we are and how we look at the world.

The exhibition is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and it is free to the public. The museum is located at 50 North电工, and it can be reached by selecting the door to the jersey's incorporation in mainstream fashion. This phenomenon has led to collaborations between designers and professional sports teams, with influential collections by designers such as Ice Cube, Notorious B.I.G., and Ciara. The show will feature several images, including a piece from the 1990s that was inspired by the civil rights movement and another from the 2000s that incorporated influences from the NFL.

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GWCF marks a year of continued commitment to Central Massachusetts

WORCESTER — Greater Worcester Community Foundation announced the winners of the 16th and 17th annual Renaissance Awards during the Foundation’s annual meeting, which was held virtually. With the 2020 award not being presented due to the global pandemic, two awards were announced at this year’s event. The Renaissance Award winners are Ash Vu Sawyer, Executive Director of the Southeast Asian Community Alliance for Mental Health, and Ernie Floyd, Founder of Unity Radio. The Greater Worcester Community Foundation also released its 2020 financial report and elected new directors and corporators.

Ash Vu Sawyer (2022 winner) is a tremendous resource for Worcester’s Asian American community. As Executive Director of Worcester’s Southeast Asian Coalition of Mental Health, Sawyer works to preserve the vibrancy of their cultural heritage here in Central Massachusetts. Established in 2001, SEACMA has developed a strong reputation among members of the cultural community and with the organization’s partners in the community at large for being a trusted resource of first resort to help guide and aid the Asian population in Worcester. Since 2013, SEACMA has received over 10 grants and recognitions for their work. With passion, strength and resilience, Sawyer has provided an opportunity for all Asian Americans to achieve their goals and dreams while preserving their heritage.

Established in 2001, SEACMA has provided critical assistance to Southeast Asian immigrants to guide and aid the Asian population in preserving their heritage. For Floyd, there is power to be found when you are provided with the right platforms and tools to make your voices heard.

“Although the pandemic has taught us anything it’s that we at the Foundation have a responsibility to continue to support the needs of the community. It begins by highlighting some of the tremendous people making a real difference,” said Carolyn Stosper, interim President & CEO of the Foundation. “We are proud to honor Ernie and Ash Vu as Renaissance Award recipients. From giving a voice to our younger generations, to providing the necessary resources our immigrant community needs to thrive, their work in Central Massachusetts has proven to be not only impactful, but also inspiring. Worcester is growing at an incredible speed. It’s up to us and it’s up to our community leaders to continue this growth equitably.”

The Renaissance Award is a cash prize of $1,500 which the Foundation continues to make this prize possible for city and community relations. Prior to his current role, he served as Worcester’s deputy mayor where he brought a wide array of cultural and civic constituencies to the council of the city - most notably the inter-
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Tips to Keep Cool (naturally!)

The warm weather seems to drag on longer, requiring a longer list of strategies to keep cool. As the season heats up, here are a few tips that you may find helpful.

**Plant a Tree:**
Trees are not only beautiful but also provide shade and cooling benefits. They can help reduce the heat penetration through walls and windows, making your home cooler. For best results, plant trees and shrubs against the south or west sides of your house. This can help cool your house by up to 20°F, or more if the east and west sides of your home are shaded.

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**Tips for raised bed and elevated gardening**

- **Water and your garden:** Watering correctly is very important to the success of your garden. Make sure to water your garden at the right times and in the right amount. Over-watering can cause the roots to rot, while under-watering can cause the plants to wilt. Watering deeply and less frequently is generally better for plant health. Use a watering can, hose, or drip irrigation system to ensure even water distribution. Water in the morning to help prevent disease and fungal growth.

- **Fertilizer and soil:** Use organic fertilizers to encourage healthy soil and plant growth. Avoid using synthetic fertilizers, which can harm the environment and deplete soil nutrients. Mix in organic matter like compost or well-rotted manure to improve soil structure and health.

- **Pest control:** Keep an eye out for common garden pests such as aphids, caterpillars, and slugs. Use natural pest control methods like attracting beneficial insects, using neem oil, or spraying with a homemade solution of baking soda and water. Avoid using strong chemicals that can harm beneficial insects and pollinators.

- **Gardening season:** The growing season in Massachusetts varies depending on the location, soil type, and climate. Generally, the growing season begins in late April and continues through mid-October. Choose plants that are appropriate for your growing zone and soil type.:

- **Getting the most out of your elevated garden by spacing plants just the right amount to match their mature size.**

- **Increasing growing success and reducing maintenance:** When planning your garden, choose plants that are compatible and have similar water and nutrient needs. Space plants according to the mature size of each plant to prevent overcrowding and encourage healthy growth. Use raised beds or containers to create a more controlled growing environment and reduce the need for frequent transplanting. Watering correctly is very important to the success of your garden. Make sure to water your garden at the right times and in the right amount. Over-watering can cause the roots to rot, while under-watering can cause the plants to wilt. Watering deeply and less frequently is generally better for plant health. Use a watering can, hose, or drip irrigation system to ensure even water distribution. Water in the morning to help prevent disease and fungal growth.

- **Media:** Using a combination of organic and inorganic media can improve soil structure and water retention. Mix in organic matter like compost or well-rotted manure to improve soil structure and health. Avoid using heavy metals like lead or copper in containers or raised beds.

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- **Pruning and deadheading:** Prune flowers and fruits regularly to encourage new growth and prevent disease. Remove spent flowers and fruits to prevent seed production and encourage healthy new growth. Keep an eye out for leaves that appear yellow, wilted, or brown. These may be signs of disease or nutrient deficiencies.

- **Soil management:** Maintain healthy soil by adding organic matter like compost or well-rotted manure. Avoid using synthetic fertilizers, which can harm the environment and deplete soil nutrients. Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses to conserve water and reduce runoff. Keep an eye out for soil pests like grubs or nematodes, which can damage plants. Use organic pest control methods like attracting beneficial insects, using neem oil, or spraying with a homemade solution of baking soda and water.

- **Vegetables:** Some vegetables grow better in containers or raised beds than in the ground. Examples include tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers. Use containers or raised beds to provide adequate space and support for these plants. Water regularly and keep an eye out for pests like tomato hornworms or aphids. Use organic pest control methods like attracting beneficial insects, using neem oil, or spraying with a homemade solution of baking soda and water.

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- **Growing season:** The growing season in Massachusetts varies depending on the location, soil type, and climate. Generally, the growing season begins in late April and continues through mid-October. Choose plants that are appropriate for your growing zone and soil type.
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SOUThBRIDGE—formerly of Oklahoma—Daniel S. Cote, 42, died Monday, May 24, 2021 at home after a short illness due to a courageous battle with ALS.

Dan is survived by his wife, who he married in 2001, Melissa R. (Benway) Cote; his parents, Leo H. and Margaret Cote of Southbridge; his step-mother Brenda Cote; his brother David Cote; and his twin step-siblings, Rebekah Cote and Bethany Cote. Dan was predeceased by his step-father Brenda Cote. His grandfather, Robert David R. Cote, sister Nicole Cote and his twin stepsisters, Rebekah Cote and Bethany Cote.

Dan went to school in Southbridge and then continued his education at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, North Adams, MA, where he was part of a “buddy system” for helping students in need.

Dan was a three-sport athlete in high school and college. He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

Dan was a member of the Southbridge Fire Department and a 3rd Degree Mason in Benway Lodge. He was a 2001 graduate of Springfield College with a degree in Fire Service Administration.

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**Fitchburg State University announces 2021 graduates**

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**Cameron Lanier of Charlton receives award for Outstanding Achievement in General Business from Nichols College**

**Manchester — Cameron Lanier of Charlton receives the award for Outstanding Achievement in General Business at the Nichols College class of 2021 convocation ceremony held on May 3. Cameron Lanier of Charlton College is the son of Michael Whitney of Uxbridge and Chelsea Krasnecky of Charlton.**

**SNHU announces Winter Dean’s List**

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**What can and cannot be composted**

Avoid gardners know that compost can add vital nutrients to soil used in the garden. The fact that compost is so versatile and nutrient-dense may not even be the most admirable quality. Made from items used in and around the house, compost costs just about nothing to produce. The raw materials that make up compost can come from organic waste, which can be disposed of in your garbage can or compost pile. These include those from animals and pets, such as food scraps, animal food, and bedding. In addition, compost can be made from human waste, such as food scraps, paper, and yard trimmings. Compost is relatively easy to make, and there are scores of materials that can be put to use in compost. But is it just a win-win for the environment? There are some items that cannot be used in compost.

### Should not be used in compost

#### Biodegradable and non-biodegradable items

- These are items like plastic, glass, aluminum, and metal. Powell says that composting these materials is a waste of energy and resources. In addition, these materials can take up to 1000 years to decompose and can add to the difficulty of composting. These materials are not meant to be composted.

- In addition, some items that are not biodegradable can also be composted, such as items like paper, metal, and wood. These materials are not meant to be composted, and if they are, they can pose a health risk.

#### Not recommended for composting

- Items that are not recommended for composting include items like meat, bones, grease, yard trimmings, and yard waste. These items can be composted, but they should not be the primary focus of your composting efforts.

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Please continue to support these and all of your local businesses. Our next ABC’s of the Seasons will be our Summer Edition, coming out on July 30.

Thank you to all the ABC businesses and to those who completed our puzzle! If you would like a letter for our next ABC Page, please contact your sales representative to see what is available.

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