

White's Mill Pond Dam breach studied

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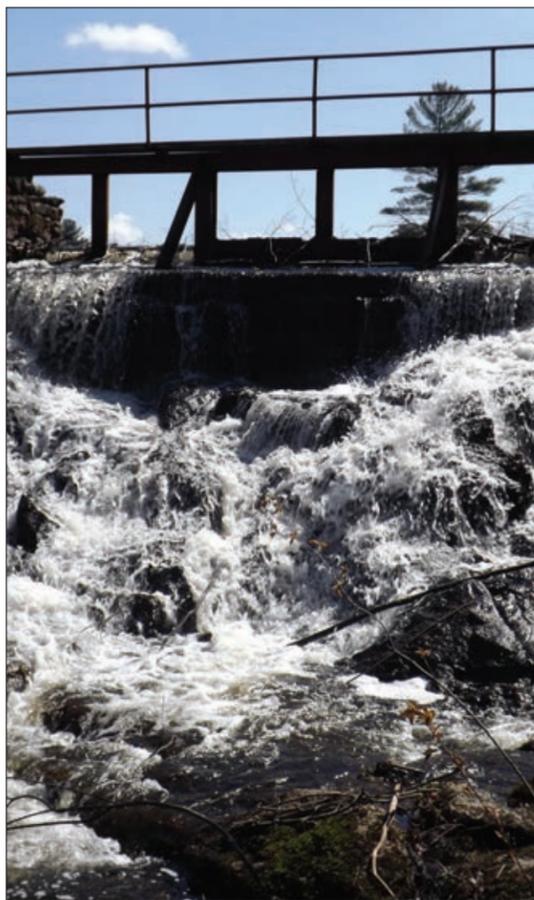
A study is currently underway to determine the most feasible course for breaching the White's Mill Pond Dam off Mill Street. The structure has been deemed a high-hazard dam by both state and private engineers.

The dam is owned by the Mill Farm Initiative, an adjunct of Brandywine Farms, owned by John and Amelia Giovanoni. The study is being funded by a \$250,000 grant Mill Farm received from the state's Dam and Seawall Repair and Removal Program, overseen by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Awarding of the grant was announced in January.

According to project consultant Tom Balf, of Cooperstown Environmental of Andover, GZA recently completed "a survey and a bathymetric survey of White's Mill Pond and the stream associated with the dam, and they'll be taking that information and looking at the feasibility" of a breach.

"They'll be looking at what's involved in breaching the dam," said Balf, "what's the best way to do it, how large must the breach be? They'll also model the ecological restoration so there is a return to a riverine environment rather than a pond environment; what that will it look like?"

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Greg Vine photo

Water flows freely over the spillway at the White's Mill Pond Dam following the removal of accumulated debris. An engineering study is currently underway to determine the best way for breaching the dam, which has been deemed in poor condition by both state and private engineers.

Lack of contests depresses election turnout

What if they gave an election and nobody came? One could be forgiven for asking that question when it comes to Monday's annual town election. With no contested seats on the ballot, only 223 people managed to make their way to the polls, accounting for just under 4 percent of Winchendon's registered voters.

Results of the balloting is as follows:

Selectman (two 3-year seats): Pct. 1: Barbara Anderson 62; Michael Barbaro 46; blanks 46; write-ins, Rick Lucier 5, various 5. Pct. 2: Anderson 38; Barbaro 27; blanks 20; write-ins, David Romanowski 1, Rick Lucier 1, various 1. Pct. 3: Anderson 81; Barbaro 52; blanks 53; write-ins, Romanowski 2, Lucier 4, various 2. Town-wide total: Anderson 181; Barbaro 125; blanks 119; write-ins, Romanowski 3, Lucier 10, various 8.

School Committee (two 3-year seats): Pct. 1: Felicia Nurmsen 55; Roann Demanche 46; blanks 60; write-ins, various 3; Pct. 2: Nurmsen 32; Demanche 36; blanks 20; Pct. 3: Nurmsen 79; Demanche 52;

blanks 61; write-ins, various 2. Town-wide total: Nurmsen 166; Demanche 134; blanks 141; write-ins 5.

School Committee (one 2-year seat): Pct. 1: Gregory Vine 69; blanks 13; Pct. 2: Vine 41; blanks 3; Pct. 3: Vine 74; blanks 23. Town-wide total: Vine 184; blanks 39.

Board of Health (two 3-year seats): Pct. 1: Lionel Cloutier 69; blanks 89; write-ins, Keith Kent 3, various 3; Pct. 2: Cloutier 40; blanks 46; write-ins, Jason Gauthier 1, various 1; Pct. 3: Cloutier 83; blanks 102; write-ins, Gauthier 4, Kent 4, various 1. Town-wide total: Cloutier 192; blanks 237; write-ins, Gauthier 5, Kent 7, various 5.

Winchendon Housing Authority (one 5-year seat): Pct. 1: Les Goodrich 75; blanks 7; Pct. 2: Goodrich 40; blanks 4; Pct. 3: Goodrich 89; blanks 7; write-ins, various 1. Town-wide total: Goodrich 204; blanks 18; write-ins, various 1.

Since Keith Kent garnered the largest number of write-in votes in the race for Board of Health he will assume one of the two seats that needed to be filled.

Community Choir delights local music lovers



Greg Vine photos

Sorana Scarlat plays the harp at Sunday's performance by the Greater Gardner Community Choir.

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Anyone who thinks you must travel to Boston to hear a beautiful performance of captivating choral arrangements had better think again. The Greater Gardner Community Choir, under the direction of Diane Cushing and Shannon Leighton, delighted a rapt audience Sunday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church with its performance of Dan Forrest's moving *Requiem for the Living*.

The requiem was presented in five movements. The first two included Introit - Kyrie and Vanitas Vanitatum (Vanity of Vanities).

The third, Agnus Dei (Lamb of God), featured solos by choir members Jacob Bump and Betsy Fiedler.

The fourth movement, Sanctus (Holy), was followed by Lux Aeterna (Eternal Light), featuring soloists Shannon Leighton and Sharon Pollit.

Following intermission, the audience was treated to a performance by Youth Choir and Chamber Choir. Selections included *Ubi Caritas* by Maurice Durufle, *Norwegian Alleluia* by Kim Andre Arnesen, Gwyneth Walker's *I Will be Earth, Sweet Molly* and *Friends* by Gwyneth Walker, arranged by Milton Ager, and *Sahayta* by Ben Allaway.

Members of the choir, who are from surrounding communities

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Photos courtesy Winchendon Fire Department

A red "X" has been placed on this building at the corner of Jackson and Franklin avenues, indicating it is an unsafe building. The "X" warns firefighters and other first responders against entering the

WFD tagging unsafe buildings

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The Winchendon Fire Department has started tagging unsafe and unoccupied buildings around town with a red "X." The designation warns firefighters and other first responders against entering a building in the event of a fire.

As of deadline, buildings that have been marked include: 212 Central St., the former RHI Building; 154 Mill St. and 155 Mill Circle, the former White's Mill, currently owned by the Mill Farm Initiative; 273 and 283 Lincoln Avenue Extension, both former manufacturing businesses, and; a former manufacturing buildings at the corner of Jackson and Franklin avenues.

Deputy Fire Chief Ricci Ruschioni said, when all is said and done, as many as two dozen buildings in Winchendon could receive the designation.

"It doesn't mean they're marked for demolition," said Building Inspector Geoff Newton, "it just means that - in the event of a fire - firefighters should fight it from



A red "X" adorns the White's Mill in Winchendon Springs. The designation indicates the structure is an unsafe building that should not be entered by firefighters or other first responders in the event of a fire.

outside the building."

Buildings receiving the red "X" were chosen in consultation between Newton and Fire Chief Tom Smith.

"Obviously, if we receive word that someone's in one of these buildings, we'll do what we can," said Deputy Fire Chief Ricci Ruschioni. "But our firefighters shouldn't take any unnecessary risks. One property owner asked how he's supposed to sell the property if there's an 'X' on it, but it doesn't mean the building is condemned, it means it's unsafe. We have to take the safety of our firefighters, and other first responders, very seriously."

Smith's getting ready for Spring Bash

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

"We just want to thank the town for all the support the people here have shown us."

That, said Allie Catlin, is the reason Smith's Country Cheese is mounting another event sure to please lovers of - as their promotional material says - "yummy food, great drinks, live music"; and - of course - fabulous cheese.

Sunday, May 20 has actually been set aside for two events open to folks from all around the region.

Things get started at 9 a.m. with Cheese Chase, a 5-K fun run/walk to raise funds for Winchendon's police and fire departments. The cost is \$25. Those interested can register online at smithscountrycheese.com or in person the day of the event. Participants will receive

a tee shirt, a Smith's Country Cheese ka-bob, and, for those 21 and older, a glass of Moon Hill beer. As of Monday of this week, 164 runners and walkers had signed up.

Moon Hill is brewed by the Gardner Ale House.

In addition to Moon Hill, race sponsors include Not Just Produced, Cumberland

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WEEKLY QUOTE

I love Mickey Mouse more than any woman I have ever known.

Walt Disney

End of year events queuing up

Save the Date! Alumni Softball game – Friday, June 1st. Murdock graduates of any age are welcome to play. Prior experience playing baseball/softball is NOT required. Come have some fun! Please email me at polcari@outlook.com or call/text 978-257-5671 to register to play. No fee! Concessions available. T-shirts available for \$10 but must be pre-ordered by May 27.

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forming as well as the middle school chorus, the high school chorus and the Chamber Singers. Selections from the musical “Chicago” as well as pop favorites from artists such as Journey, Imagine Dragons, and several others will be performed. The Middle School students will also be displaying their artwork (each middle school student will have at least one piece of artwork displayed) under the direction of Mark Lore.

Chorus and Band Concert this Wednesday at 6:00 in the Murdock Auditorium. The combined middle school and high school band will be per-

forming as well as the middle school chorus, the high school chorus and the Chamber Singers. Selections from the musical “Chicago” as well as pop favorites from artists such as Journey, Imagine Dragons, and several others will be performed. The Middle School students will also be displaying their artwork (each middle school student will have at least one piece of artwork displayed) under the direction of Mark Lore.

Excellence by the National Association of Student Councils, for the fourth consecutive year! Murdock is one of only 243 high schools in the country to receive this award! On May 4th, 8 Student Council members attended the Central District Regional meeting in North Brookfield. Cassidy Stadfeld was elected Central District secretary and Nicole Lemire was appointed the Spring Conference chair. The Spring Conference will be hosted by Murdock in April, 2019. Congratulations!!

Key Club News - Students will be selling candy-grams (Hershey kisses with written messages) to be delivered to seniors on Class Day. Key

Club members will be assisting Memorial School students on Fun Day, June 13th. They also may be assisting with the Smith Country Cheese 5K Run on May 20th.

Saturday, 5/19 – Town Wide Yard Sale and Science Department plant sale – on the Murdock Middle High School grounds. Come look for some new (old) treasures for your home!

Saturday, 5/19 – Bottle/Can Drive – Bring your returnable bottles and cans to the Rite Aid parking lot!

Thank you to the following students for their participation in various school and community committees: Nicole Lemire – School

Committee, Jack Polcari – Assistant Principal Search Committee, Amber Wood and Austin Fontaine – School Council.

Upcoming events at Murdock:

Today (5/11) – JV Softball – 3:30

Tuesday (5/15) – Scholars Dinner (by invitation) – 6:00

MS Baseball/Softball – 3:30

Thursday (5/17) – Varsity Baseball/Softball – 3:30

Friday (5/18) – Varsity Baseball – 3:30

Please visit www.mwlma.org for a complete schedule of all home and away track, baseball and softball meets/games.

Senate passes credit protection bill in wake of Equifax breach

BOSTON — Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and the Massachusetts State Senate voted to pass a bill designed to protect the personal information of consumers in the case of data breaches, like the one seen at Equifax, and provide free credit freezes for all consumers.

The bill, S.2455, *An Act relative to consumer protection from security breaches*, helps all consumers protect their sensitive information before, during, and after a security breach in several ways: providing for free credit freezes for all consumers and creating an online “one stop shop” portal so consumers can freeze and unfreeze their credit at all three main bureaus (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion) in one place; providing five years of free credit monitoring for consumers whose information was part

of a credit reporting agency data breach, and empowering consumers to know when and why their consumer reports are being pulled by requiring that any company attempting to pull a consumer’s report must first obtain consent.

“If you have had your identity stolen or your credit compromised because of a data breach you know how devastating that can be,” Senator Gobi said. “This bill will help to put the pieces back together and then put in place protections for your credit information.”

The legislation allows increased oversight from Attorney General Maura Healey’s office, which recently filed a lawsuit against Equifax. The Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation will create a process requiring companies to certify that they

maintain a consumer information security program as required by existing Massachusetts law.

“We all have been affected by the Equifax breach and it feels like a massive betrayal. Millions of Americans don’t know who might now have access to their personal information and what they might do with it. Equifax must accept responsibility and compensate consumers for its lack of security, and all credit reporting agencies and companies must take swift action to prevent future breaches,” said bill sponsor and Senate Chair of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Barbara L’Italien. “Today we took the next step toward action to fix this situation. I’m so proud of our collaboration on a bill that sends out a clear message

that Massachusetts is serious when it comes to protecting consumers, especially seniors, low-income residents, and other vulnerable populations who are hit the hardest by situations like these.”

“Credit reporting agencies should be working for the American consumer. But recent data breaches and security leaks have demonstrated a repeated failure in due diligence,” said Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester). “This bill gives individuals more control over their personal data, and will provide essential consumer protections for Massachusetts residents. This legislation will serve as a model for other states, and I commend Senator L’Italien for her leadership on this issue.”

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“Their goal on a regulatory or technical matter is to breach the dam,” he continued, “and there can still be some portion of a smaller dam left to make sure the water level of White’s Mill Pond will never be more than six feet. If there’s a dam and there’s more than six feet of water then it falls under the jurisdiction of the state.”

“So, this is being driven,” said Balf, “by the state’s interest in addressing a poor condition, high hazard dam, and the state’s interest in restoring a natural flow of water. The ecological restoration, obviously, is still dammed at Lake Monomonac. It’s premature to say right now, but I don’t believe there will be any impact on that water supply.”

Balf said maintaining the level of

White’s Mill Pond at or below six feet will have to take into account the annual lowering of the level of Lake Monomonac each fall and the re-filling of the lake each spring.

“The feasibility study is slated to be done – a fair draft, we hope – by the end of June,” Balf said. “As part of that feasibility study, they will look at environmental impacts. Really, what the greater focus is on is the change from an impoundment to a riverine environment, and what are the benefits or potential benefits of ecologically restoring the natural flow.”

Once the feasibility study is completed, said Balf, “There’s the whole public process, which will involve public meetings and certainly reaching out to potential stakeholders. There aren’t a lot, but some have a home on White’s Mill Pond, and it should be a benefit, truthfully, to the people living down-

stream in terms of the flow there. So, there will be a public process and an opportunity to ask further questions and get more information.”

Another question that needs to be answered, according to Balf, is whether a breach would require deconstruction of a part of the dam wall itself and, if so, what impact that might have on the historical nature the structure. That, he said, could lead to discussions with the town’s Historical Commission.

Balf said that GZA has participated in a number of dam breaches and expressed confidence in their expertise.

In terms of recent work at the dam, WildTree Construction was hired to remove a large amount of debris that had accumulated on both the pond and stream sides of the dam’s spillway. At last check, the spillway appeared clear and water was flowing freely.

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TICKET AUCTION
The Ipswich Tenant Council will hold a ticket auction with a huge number of items at the Ipswich Community Building, 108 Ipswich Drive on Saturday, May 19 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

CUB SCOUT INFO
On Tuesday, May 22 Family Scouting of Winchendon and Cub Scout Pack 193 will host an information night at Toy Town Elementary School. Anyone wanting to learn more about Scouting is encouraged to attend.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
The annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Strawberry Festival is scheduled Friday through Sunday, June 15-17 at the church, 52 Spruce St. This is the annual summer kick off festival. Father’s Day Weekend so it’s easy to remember. Starts Friday night, all day Saturday, ending with Father’s Day Breakfast on Sunday morning. Lots of food, family, & fun. Stay tune as more information becomes available.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CONWAY, SC — Approximately 1,183 students were eligible to walk in Coastal Carolina University’s graduation exercises, held on campus at the HTC Student Recreation Center and Convocation Center in three separate ceremonies May 4-5. Head football coach Joe Moglia was the commencement speaker, and 12 students were recognized with the President’s Award for earning a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade point average. Among those students who graduated: Kristopher Kodys from Templeton, earning a Bachelor of Science in business administration in marketing.

WESTFIELD — Fifty Westfield State University students were inducted into the Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society at a campus ceremony, held on April 18. Alpha Phi Sigma recognizes and promotes academic excellence of students in the criminal justice field, both undergraduate as well as graduate. Among the inductees was Antonia Dorais of Winchendon, a senior majoring in psychology and criminal justice.

ANNUAL SALE
The annual yard sale by the Lashua family is scheduled Saturday, May 19 at 117 School St., Rindge from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. This is always one of the sales most popular with folks, and lots to choose from; don’t miss it.

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Friday May 18

DINNER & CONCERT: Spaghetti and meatball dinner served with tossed salad and bread with assorted handheld desserts will be served from 5-6:30p.m. at the United Parish, 39 Front St. There is no set price, but donations are appreciated! The Needhams will be performing at 7pm. Free admittance, but good will offering is accepted!

Saturday, May 19

OWC: Operation Winchendon Cares - Remembering Our Current Military - to be held on Saturday, May 19, at the American Legion Post 193 on School Street, Winchendon from 9-11 a.m. For updates please visit our Facebook page or our website www.winchendoncares.com.

TICKET AUCTION: The Ipswich Tenant Council will hold a ticket auction with a huge number of items at the Ipswich Community Building, 108 Ipswich Drive on Saturday, May 19 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday, May 20

CHEESE CHASE: Smith's Country Cheese is sponsoring a 5K charity run-walk to benefit the Winchendon police

and fire departments. \$20 entry fee now, price increases after April 1. Route will begin and end at picturesque Otter River Road location; visit runsignup.com.

Thursday, May 24

MARKET IS OPEN! Toy Town Outdoor Market open for the season. Produce, baked goods, crafts and more! Thursday's 4-7 p.m. and Saturday's 10 a.m.-1 p.m. next to the bike path parking lot at the corner of Rt. 12 and Rt. 202, Winchendon.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

THURSDAYS & SATURDAY MARKET IS OPEN! Toy Town Outdoor Market open for the season. Produce, baked goods, crafts and more! Thursday's 4-7 p.m. and Saturday's 10 a.m.-1 p.m. next to the bike path parking lot at the corner of Rt. 12 and Rt. 202, Winchendon.

SUNDAYS INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON: The Indivisible Winchendon group meets every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. to discuss and organize creative, effective resistance to the Trump administration over

the long term. We are liberal/progressive but non-partisan. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/381174492262359/>

MONDAY LEGO CLUB: Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. hosts a Lego Club for kids aged six-12, 3:30-4:30 p.m. every Monday afternoon the library is open. Show off your creative side. More information about this and other programs by calling (978) 297-0300 or visit townofwinchendon.com/bealsmemoriallibrary.

TUESDAY WINCHENDON NA MEETING: Hosted by UUCW and led by Winchendon residents, in collaboration with the Central Massachusetts area/New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous. This is an open meeting with general discussion and support, for anyone who is in recovery or wants to be. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who might be interested in, or benefit from, a meeting. We're working hard to get the word out! At the UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St, downstairs in the parish hall. Begins at 6:30 p.m.

LEARN: Computer classes for adults are offered on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Beals Memorial Library and are open to adults ages 18 and older.

CRAFT FOR ADULTS: On Tuesday nights at 6:30 Beals Memorial Library

has an adult craft hour providing a place to meet and do crafts. People bring in things they are working on, and can get help on knitting, crocheting, quilting and discuss different ideas.

TINY TOTS PLAYGROUP: on Tuesday 10-11 at Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. for toddlers aged 0-4. Songs, rhymes and sharing.

WEDNESDAY

BINGO! Hyde Park residents hold bingo in the community hall every Wednesday night beginning at 6 p.m. It's inexpensive, just two cards for 5¢, and the community is invited! Anyone over the age of 50 is welcome to join in. We'd love to have more players.

BINGO 2! Old Murdock Senior Center hosts Bingo on Wednesday afternoons at 12:15 p.m.

KIWANIS: the Kiwanis of Winchendon meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Carriage House Restaurant. Come be part of the service club that concentrates on helping local children with the Backpack Program at the public elementary schools, the Recycle-A-Bike program, Breakfast with Santa and yes, the Family Fun Day with the Massachusetts state level chili cook off every summer. We need your help. Stop in any Wednesday, we'd love to meet you!

Recipients to be honored at annual dinner

Jim Bellina is the 2018 Citizen of the Year. Bellina, President & CEO of the Greater Gardner Chamber, announced in early March that he will be leaving the organization to move to Pennsylvania with his wife to be closer to their son who has ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. The awards selection committee was in a unique position this year as they chose to recognize and honor Jim's accomplishments over eight years of service to the Chamber and the greater Gardner region. Bellina's tenure at the Chamber began in the spring of 2010, during a particularly challenging economic time as the area was reeling from the recession.

From a very young age, Jim learned the necessary job skills and work ethic needed to be successful in business and in life. Jim is a veteran in the US Navy. He attended graduate school while working full-time and raising his young family. A Newark, New Jersey native, Bellina's vast business experience ranges from working in his father's furrier business as a child to large corporations including Johnson & Johnson, Block Drug, Sinar Bron Imaging as well as a stint as a business consultant.

Jim continues to work tirelessly to build positive business relationships with the membership and community. Through the years, Jim has gained the reputation as the "voice of reason", and is well respected for his intrinsic ability to be impartial with regards to business & political issues.

An extremely humble person, Jim shies away from taking credit for the growth and economic stability of the Chamber, and instead lauds the dedication and commitment of the Board of Directors, staff and the incredible work ethic and perseverance of the businesses and community as whole.

Norman Wironen, is the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Wironen has operated businesses in Gardner for more than 54 years. Norm joined the family business, Wironen Inc., where he worked for 26 years. In the late 1990s Norm became a financial advisor for Edward Jones and opened

a branch in Gardner. While building his own clientele, Norm helped launch the careers of six Edward Jones financial advisors. Norm has been active in the community throughout his professional career, serving on numerous Boards and committees including the Knowlton Foundation for the Elderly, Gardner Square Two, GFA Federal Credit Union, Heywood Hospital, Heywood Library, and United Way to name a few.

In addition to his stellar career and volunteer activities, Norm is devoted to his family and relishes the accomplishments of his two daughters, Jenn and Michelle, and six grandchildren. He is most grateful for his wife and life partner, Christine who has supported him in all his endeavors.

Wachusett Brewing Company will be recognized as Business of the Year. The company was founded in 1994 by three college buddies. CEO Ned LaFortune saw the opportunity to tap into the growing tourism industry in the region. Over the last year, Wachusett Brewery has undergone a major expansion with the opening of a 4,000 square foot outdoor brew yard in June 2017 and a 3,000 square-foot indoor tap room and brew yard which opened in December of the same year. In the outdoor space, guests are able to visit the brewery, buy a pint, grab a bite to eat from the food truck and relax while listening to a wide variety of music. The retro airstream bar remains the centerpiece of the indoor space fitted with tables and chairs and seating for 125 guests. Thick wooden beams from an old dairy barn in Westminister line the room, giving a cozy, rustic feel.

Wachusett Brewing Company is the second largest packaging brewer in Massachusetts and was one of the top 10 fastest growing craft breweries in the US in 2016, experiencing double digit growth, producing 56,000 barrels in 2016 and about 70,000 in 2017. A privately held business, Wachusett Brewing employs about 75 workers.

James and Maureen Gallant, owners of Priscilla Candy Shop are Businesspersons of the Year. For 82 years, Priscilla Candy has been an

institution in Gardner. The company was founded by Charlie Stephano, Maureen's grandfather, in 1936. In 1983, Charlie handed over the reins to Pete and Ginny (Stephano) Trudel. They carried on the candy-making tradition through 2006, passing the recipes and the store on to the third generation; daughter, Maureen and her husband Jimmy Gallant. A second retail location was opened in downtown Concord, Massachusetts. A few years ago, Josh Stephano joined the team making it the fourth generation. They credit Josh with reinvigorating the business with new ideas and pushing Priscilla to be even better.

In addition to managing two stores, Maureen and Jimmy are active in the community donating their time to many organizations including the Chamber, Gardner Square Two, Inc, the Gardner High School Principals Advisory Board, The Gardner High School Booster Club, Little League, Pop Warner, and innumerable volunteer activities at Sacred Heart and Gardner High School.

GAAMHA, Inc. will receive the Community Improvement award. In May 2016, GAAMHA, Inc. acquired the property at 297-301 Central St. with a vision to renovate the vacant and crumbling building and transform it into a beacon of hope in the midst of an opioid and substance misuse crisis taking place in our region. The project was completed in August 2017 and includes 12 studio apartments where tenants can have a place to call their own, receive case management services, and go about their lives while living in a place they know is free from drugs and alcohol. In addition, GAAMHA worked with A.E.D. Foundation to lease one of the commercial units in the building to create the new downtown location for Alyssa's Place: Peer Recovery and Resource Center.

The Women's Circle of Giving will receive the Sybil Arguijo Community

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EDITORIAL

Learning the ropes

When we see someone being trained at the cash register, or a new teller at the bank, we often scurry to another queue because we know this is going to take a while.

There's a bit of exasperation in the air around the person, even if the one doing the training is being uber-patient, is doing all the right methods for show, tell then do...we just know if we get in that line and get to that place, the newbie is going to go to pieces on us.

We have a hard time, most of us, remembering when we were ever in that position ourselves. Not knowing if we were doing the right steps, if we had missed something important, if we were going to blow up something if we hit the wrong keys...

Especially since often the trainee is usually young. Just learning. First job... maybe second.

Were we EVER that young?

We just need to remember one basic fact.

No one is born knowing everything... how to do everything...how to be an expert on every topic.

Everyone is a beginner at something at some point.

So we've ALL been there.

All of us.

We think of this as we are trying to train new people ourselves. Some are

better than others. Some have a lot to learn but are eager and willing. Some think the job is a challenge. Some think it is just a way to make a bit of extra money and they can do it so why not.

But other than that "eager and willing" bit right there? None of it is going to get our newspaper where it needs to be.

Every town deserves a good source of local news, that's the motto, that's the goal. And we are super fortunate to have some really, really, really good people on the job in several cases.

But we too have beginners.

We have had some who couldn't do it; some who just didn't ever find the right niche. We can sympathize but we can't take the time while our people who depend on the newspaper wait for gears to mesh.

They need us now. The news is happening now.

So with all that said, we are going to ask for a boon. If it is a new person, say hi, answer any questions they ask, and understand there is a learning curve. We do understand, we are as eager as everyone else to have the best possible version of ourselves out there, accurate, interesting, up to date, with information you can use.

It might just take a bit longer in the queue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Flag Program: saluting all veterans

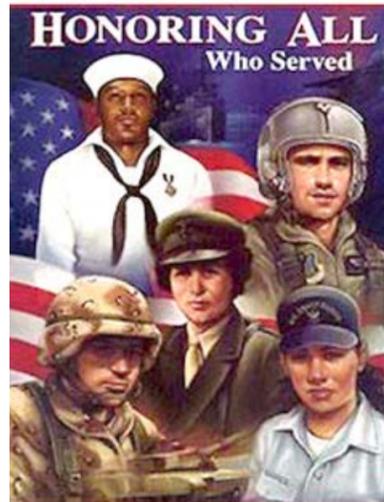
To the Editor:

The Winchendon Toy Town Partnership Committee in partnership with the Eugene M. Connor Post #193 American Legion is expanding the number of American Flags flying on telephone poles this year.

Flags will be added on School Street from the VFW Park down to where they flew last year meeting at Clyde (The Horse) Park. Additional flags will be added from the Spring Street Bridge along Spring Street down to two poles past the new parking lot of the Bike Trail. There will be a total of 120 flags now flying on poles on two of the main highways entering Winchendon. Additionally banners will be installed on the lamp poles of the Spring Street Bridge and Glenallan Bridge, copy of banner is with this letter and includes the words: Winchendon Honors All Active Military and Veterans Who Cross This Bridge.

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"For the United States to be a global leader, we have to have a very tight relationship with Europe. And we've held that relationship since 1949 when we established the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, NATO."
- Gen. Wesley Clark (Ret.)

More than one historian has said Americans should thank God that Franklin D. Roosevelt was in the White House when

World War II broke. Others have added we should also thank God he picked Harry Truman to be his vice-president in 1944, a decision that had a profound impact on the history of the world.

Now, I must admit that I believe in dumb luck more than I do in Providential chess playing, but the point is well taken.

Not only the United States, but the world at large, should count itself lucky that an ailing FDR picked a former haberdasher from Missouri to succeed him in the event of his death. And that's just the way things played out.

Thankfully, Truman and his advisers realized that America

could not withdraw from the world as it had following World War I. They realized that a strong, involved America working with its allies, while transforming former foes into steadfast friends, was the best way to block the spread of Soviet communism. In the long run, not only did our close cooperation with western Europe stem what had been a rising tide of communism, it led eventually to the collapse of the Soviet Union and the complete discrediting of that severely flawed ideology.

It may no longer be the U.S.S.R., but we see before us a resurgent Russia, led by a man bent on fracturing the western alliance and restoring the

Soviet empire. Unfortunately, he is being aided and abetted by, of all people, an American president.

President Trump's decision Tuesday to violate the Iran nuclear deal - or Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, as it's officially known - put one more crack in the alliance that has held the west together since the Truman administration. Despite the pleadings of France, Germany, and Great Britain to abide by the pact, Trump backed out.

Was the deal perfect? Certainly not. Should the signatories have considered reconvening to address issues left unaddressed in the original document? Certainly.

We should note that Trump made his decision without any provocation. He did not, could not, cite a single violation of the agreement by Iran. He did cite Iran's support of groups like Hamas and Hezbollah as one reason for his decision, but that is a peripheral issue; an important one, but not central to the issue of Iran's development of nuclear weapons.

Let's just state the facts as plainly as possible: Donald Trump pulled out of the deal for one reason and one reason only; it was negotiated and signed by Barack Obama. It's no secret that Trump's driving ambition - his *raison d'être*

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Particularly poor timing

I had the flu. In April. Yeah, yeah, I know. People don't get the flu in April. Well, they did this year and not just me.

A couple Saturday nights ago, the Heywood ER diagnosed three cases of the flu in just a few hours, citing the lingering winter as the culprit. Fortunately in my case, it's been the non-contagious B version but that didn't make me feel any better. As many of you know, the flu is exhausting and it's not like you can pop a pill. You have to wait it out.

That isn't easy for anyone and it's especially not easy for those of us who are not exactly model patients. Granted, having the flu ranks pretty low on my long list of medical issues but in the midst of it, it sure feels like the worst thing imag-

inable.

On the other hand, it has enabled me to barely pay attention to most news cycles but what I have seen has been increasingly disheartening. Beyond disheartening. When the news about New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman broke on Monday, it makes me sick if any of it is true. You don't treat people the way Schneiderman is alleged to have done. That said, the first reaction from people like Don Jr. and Kellyanne Conway, the latter of whom was actually once upon a time pretty respected in conventional GOP circles, was to gleefully cry "Gotcha", and try to play it to political advantage.

Yes, that was their first reaction. Their very first reaction.



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Not about the alleged victims. Not a word. I understand there is no decency from these people and it's obviously more than a bit ironic that they instantly attack Schneiderman, whom they already loathed, while continuing to defend a certain other alleged predator.

The bigger issue, though is this - what has happened to decency? Politics has always been rough - I came of age in a

big city Democratic machine but I saw more acts of compassion and kindness from supposedly hard-edged pols than I can count and I see nothing resembling that here. The reaction of the First Kid and Conway speak volumes about the depth to which public discourse has sunk. You can thank them and those like them for that.

Decency and kindness should, must transcend party lines and political ideology. I do not understand why we have national "leadership" which models that behavior every day. What is wrong with him? What is wrong with those with whom he surrounds himself? Those really aren't rhetorical questions. Leaders should lead with dignity, compassion and empathy.

Those of you who failed to vote in '16 - this is also on you. You bear some degree of responsibility for allowing such a despicable crew anywhere near the levers of power. You'd better start repenting this fall. We're better than we look and our "leaders" certainly do not represent how most of us behave but nonetheless, they are the ones in charge for now. Don't sit home November 6.

Finally this - I want to thank the bazillion or so social media and other comments about Dessa, the shar-pei who has taken over our house. Yes, she's adorable. Yes, she brightens our lives. Yes, she most definitely rescued us, as pets tend to do. Thanks again. See you next week.

Mother's Day: financial gifts for your adult children

Mother's Day is almost here. If you're a mother with grown children, you might receive flowers, candy, dinner invitations or some other type of pleasant recognition. However, you might find that you can get more enjoyment from the holiday by giving, rather than receiving. The longest-lasting gifts may be financial ones - so here are a few moves to consider:

Contribute to your child's IRA. If your children have earned income, they are eligible to contribute to an IRA, which offers tax benefits and an almost unlimited array of investment options. You can't contribute directly to another person's IRA, but you can write your child a check for that purpose. This could be a valuable gift, as many people can't afford to contribute the maximum yearly amount, which, in 2018, is \$5,500, or \$6,500 for those 50 or older.

Give gifts of stock.

You know your children pretty well, so you should be familiar with the products they buy. Why not give them some shares of stock in the companies that make these products? Your children will probably enjoy being "owners" of these companies, and if they weren't that familiar with how the financial markets work, having these shares in their possession may greatly expand their knowledge and lead to an even greater interest in investing.

Donate to a charity in your child's name. You might want to donate to a charitable organization that your child supports. In years past, such a donation might have earned you a tax deduction, but the new tax laws, which include



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a much higher standard deduction, may keep many people from itemizing. Still, it's possible for a charitable gift to provide you with a tax benefit, depending on your age. If you're 70 1/2 or older, you must start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, but by moving the withdrawal directly to a qualified charitable group, the money won't count as part of your adjusted gross income, so, in effect, you can get a tax break from your generosity.

Review your estate strategy. Like virtually all parents, you'd probably like to be able to leave some type of legacy to your children, and possibly your grandchildren, too. So, if you haven't already started working on your

estate strategy, consider using Mother's Day as a launching point. At the very least, you'll want to write your will, but you may need much more than that, such as a living trust, a durable power of attorney and other documents. And don't forget to change the beneficiary designations on your life insurance and retirement accounts if you've experienced a major life change, such as divorce or remarriage. These designations are powerful and can even supersede whatever instructions you might have left in your will. As you can guess, estate planning can be complex, so you almost certainly will want to work with a legal professional to get your arrangements in order.

Mother's Day is a good opportunity for your children to show their love

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Collector profile: Bryce Vautour

There are many things I enjoy about being an antique auctioneer. There's the satisfaction that comes when items sell well for a consignor. I like looking through an estate and seeing if there are any great finds.



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I also enjoy meeting with collectors and learning more about the things that people collect and why they collect them. It is always nice when I meet younger collectors who are enthused about antiques and collectibles. I recently had the pleasure of meeting a young collector who showed me some of the things he collects.

Bryce Vautour is 9 years old and enrolled in the third grade at North Brookfield Elementary School. Besides antiques, he enjoys taking part in Boy Scouts. His parents are Jesse and Angela and he has a younger sister, Gina.

Family outings often focus on helping Bryce expand his collection. He gets a \$20 allowance when he goes to yard sales. The family also goes to the Brimfield Antiques Show so Bryce can

treasure hunt there, after school of course.

His interest started when his father dug up a labeled car part in the yard. Although he likes it, he told me that he didn't have to pay anything for it so selling it at some point for \$10 would be a nice profit for him.

Bryce has an interest in cars and his grandfather gave him a car emblem. He has some oil cans from his excursions to Brimfield. He estimates that he has license plates from around 20 states and at least one foreign country. He also enjoys learning about the automotive industry and has recently been reading about Henry Ford.

He has some other things that he is proud of in his collection. His father bought Bryce some currency on Craigslist that had been taped together by a G.I. A World War II soldier had several foreign and American notes signed by his fellow soldiers. Bryce also has a number of bottles, including a 1968 Coca Cola bottle. He showed me where he

had found a mark on the bottom of the bottle dating it to 1968.

He has a family friend who mentors him and helps him research his finds. He also watches television shows like "American Pickers" where he learns more about antiques.

Some collectors like the pieces they collect to be perfect. Bryce doesn't mind a little wear and usage on his pieces, like he sees on "American Pickers."

He has some tips for other collectors. Be aware of reproductions and negotiate when you can. He thinks that people may be more willing to give him a price break because of his age.

If a nine year old who is interested in antiques comes to your yard sale, consider giving him a discount too. He will only have \$20 in his pocket and he is eager to expand the nice collection he has started.

If you have an interesting collection that you'd like to share with our readers, please contact me.

Our online only auction of robots and space toys ends on May 16. Preview for the Weymouth, MA online auction takes place on May 19, with bidding ending on May 23rd. Our live antique



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Veterans legislation expands benefits

BOSTON—The Massachusetts Senate unanimously passed "The Brave Act" – new legislation that will expand benefits and increase access to a range of services for veterans, active-duty military and their families, Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) announced.

Understanding the sacrifice that military personnel and their families make not only while on active duty, but also after returning home, the Massachusetts Legislature has consistently provided a continuum of major veteran legislation to help with those who sacrifice the most for our freedoms.

Included in the bill is an amendment, filed by Senator Gobi, which would create the Massachusetts Veterans and Warriors to Agriculture Program Fund. The fund would be administered by the Department of Agricultural Resources to integrate veterans into the field of agriculture

and support veterans currently working in agriculture. The program will address training, employment, income, productivity, and retention of veterans in agricultural work.

"As the daughter of a veteran and vice chair of the committee I fully support initiatives that assist Veterans and their families," said Senator Gobi. "I appreciate the support of my colleagues in adopting my amendment to establish a Veteran and Warriors to Agriculture program, to help transition from the battlefield to agricultural fields."

On the recognition front, the legislation designates the 5th day of April as Gold Star Wives Day and the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mothers and Families Day and directs cities and towns to designate reserved parking for veterans at all city and town halls.

The bill also grants paid military leave for those called to duty by the armed forces for

up to 40 days for training and operation purposes.

To help ease the costs of housing, the legislation changes the requirement for veterans to receive property tax exemptions from residing in the Commonwealth for five years down to two years. It also increases the amount a veteran can earn on their property tax exemption for volunteering in their city or town.

The BRAVE Act increases the burial expense paid by commonwealth from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for indigent veterans to receive to adequately provide for a dignified funeral. It also exempts any veterans who receive annuities for service to their country from income calculations when applying for state programs or services.

The bill also addresses the following by:

- Addressing emergency medical transportation reimbursements;
- Revising Veteran Court

Diversion programs;

Updating the veteran bonus program at the State Treasurer's Office, and;

Provides several studies and analysis regarding higher education, incarcerated veterans, and National Guard recognition.

The BRAVE Act, which now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration, is the legislature's latest effort to support veterans, military members and their families.

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– is to undo anything and everything done by his predecessor. If it damages U.S. credibility and drives wedges between us and our longtime allies, so be it.

This is not a one-off. Trump has distanced us from our European friends by withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accord, criticizing NATO, supporting the break-up of the European Union via his

support for Brexit, and espousing the imposition of stiff, totally unnecessary trade tariffs.

It's hard to believe that the greatest risk to the alliance that has maintain relative global stability for seven decades comes from the very nation that created it. Every president from Roosevelt to Regan must be spinning in their graves.

Trump's chicken hawk National Security Adviser John Bolton, who pushed for with-

drawal from the Iran deal and who has been calling for military action against Iran since at least 2011, apparently won't be happy until American blood is once again being spilled in the Middle East – this time in Iran.

If that time should come, and it well may, don't be surprised if those nations who supported us during Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom – our European allies – decide to sit this one out.



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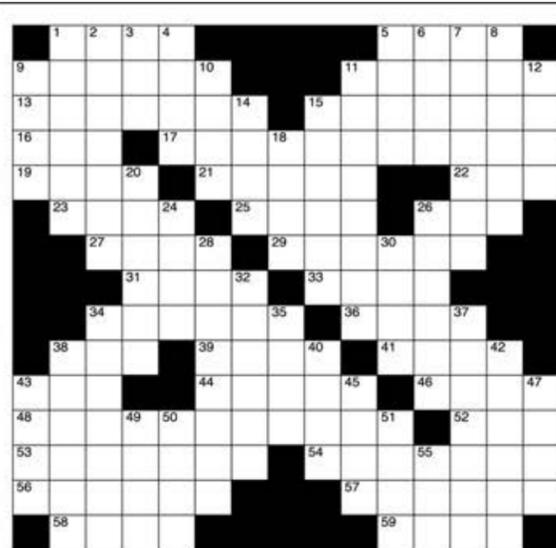
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ANSWER:



CLUES ACROSS

- As fast as can be done
- WC's
- Religious retreat
- Warfare
- One you wouldn't expect
- Disease-causing microorganisms
- For each
- Grammatical term
- One point east of southeast
- ___ Dern, actress
- Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
- Shampoo
- Scale drawing of a structure
- An enclosure for confining livestock
- Goat-like mammal
- Cigar
- Appear
- "Westworld" actress ___ Rachel Wood
- Leaked through
- The highest adult male singing voice
- Musical group ___ Soundsystem
- Aurochs
- Crazy (Spanish)
- Swiss river
- Strains
- Frock
- Found in most body tissues
- Cool!
- Reasons behind
- Christian recluse
- Removes
- Repents
- Energy
- Tailless amphibian

CLUES DOWN

- Not awake
- Type of dessert
- They ___
- Retired Coast Guard admiral
- Gene positions
- Exclude
- One who is bound
- Where drinks are served
- Small vipers
- Blackbird
- Adventurer
- Shade
- A way to gain
- A salt or ester of boric acid
- Monetary units
- Removed
- "My country, tis of ___"
- Horses
- Drives back by force
- Bold, impudent behavior
- Rates
- Types of nerves in males
- A ridge of sand created by the wind
- Wind instrument
- Pakistani city
- Dry or withered
- Delivered a speech
- Peak
- Small waterbird
- Days falling in mid-month
- Elvis' daughter
- Flat and smooth
- Dallas Cowboys great Leon
- What cows say



POLICE LOG

Editor's Note: The information contained in this police log was obtained through public documents kept by the police department, and is considered to be the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

12:24 a.m.: ambulance (Hale Street), transported; 12:24-2:43 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:17 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 7:17 a.m.: accident (Brooks Road), report taken; 7:20 a.m.: burglar alarm (Toy Town Lane), false alarm; 11:34 a.m.: mv stop (Forristall Road), verbal warning; 12:52 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 3:46 p.m.: fire/mutual aid (Cushing Academy), call canceled; 3:49 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), advised officer; 4:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Elm Street), referred to ACO; 5:10 p.m.: FD call (Pearl Drive), services rendered; 5:11 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), unable to locate; 5:16 p.m.: animal abuse (Front Street), referred to ACO; 5:52 p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), transported; 6:01 p.m.: keep the peace (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 6:02 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 6:03 p.m.: accident (Central Street) referred; 6:41 p.m.: drug/narcotics violation (Central Street), unable to locate; 7:10 p.m.: DPW call (Murdock Avenue), referred; 7:14 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), verbal warning; 7:29 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), message delivered; 7:38 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street), unable to locate; 9:41 p.m.: keep the peace (Pearl Drive), canceled; 11:28 p.m.: building checked, secure.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

12:00-2:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:14 a.m.: summons service (Pearl Drive), served; 8:25 a.m.: summons service (Pearl Street), served; 8:27 a.m.: summons service (Webster Street), served; 9:06 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 9:41 a.m.: assist other agency (Front Street), services rendered; 9:59 a.m.: illegal burn (North Street), extinguished; 10:25 a.m.: sex offender registration (Walnut Street), assisted; 11:32 a.m.: info/general (Whitney Street), spoken to; 12:08 p.m.: repossession of mv (Elmwood Road), info taken; 12:24 p.m.: investigation (West Street), info taken; 12:31 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 12:36 p.m.: larceny (West Monomac Road), info taken; 1:13 p.m.:

sex offender registration (Glenallan Street), assisted; 1:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), canceled; 3:10 p.m.: disturbance/fight (Hall Street), Michael C. Tambollo, 31, domestic assault and battery, arrest; 4:02 p.m.: burglar alarm (Old County Road), canceled; 5:30 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville Road), verbal warning; 5:51 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 5:58 p.m.: larceny (Central Street), spoken to; 6:03 p.m.: mv stop (Jackson Avenue), citation issued; 6:20 p.m.: property found (Central Street), brought to station; 6:23 p.m.: intoxicated (Main Street), no cause for complaint; 8:33 p.m.: intoxicated person (Hill Street), spoken to; 9:33 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), no cause; 10:28 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), written warning; 11:11 p.m.: keep the peace (Hall Street), assisted; 11:26 p.m.: noise complaint (Mechanic Street), spoken to.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

12:21 a.m.: building check, secure; 12:40 a.m.: officer wanted (Walnut Street), report taken; 1:22 a.m.: noise complaint (Central Street), spoken to; 3:14-3:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:44 a.m.: disturbance (Walnut Street), advised officer; 3:45 a.m.: info/general (Walnut Street), advised officer; 5:58 a.m.: disabled mv (School Street), report taken; 7:32 a.m.: sex offender registration (Glenallan Street), assisted; 12:16 p.m.: suspicious person (Central Street), unable to locate; 12:29 p.m.: harassment (Teel Road), report taken; 1:13 p.m.: private property town (School Street), referred; 1:16 p.m.: transport (Juniper Street); 2:11 p.m.: trespassing (Maple Street), report taken; 2:23 p.m.: intoxicated person (Juniper Street), protective custody; 3:08 p.m.: missing person (Ready Drive), report taken; 4:10 p.m.: ambulance (Linden Street), transported; 5:01 p.m.: illegal dumping (Lakeview Drive), spoken to; 7:23 p.m.: unwanted party (Baldwinville State Road), advised to contact police if returns; 7:33 p.m.: fire alarm (Gardner Road), accidental; 8:10 p.m.: attempt to serve warrant (Royalston Road North), Dustin A. Couture, 24, 10 Royalston Road North, Winchendon, arrest based on warrant; 8:30 p.m.: animal complaint (Phyllis Road), referred to ACO; 9:00 p.m.: property found (Pleasant Street), returned to owner; 9:16 p.m.: fire alarm (Central Street), assisted; 9:48 p.m.: intoxicated person (Walnut Street), spoken to; 9:59 p.m.: building check, secure; 10:06 p.m.: suspicious mv (Glenallan Street), spoken to.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

1:00-2:18 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:39 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pleasant Street), secure; 2:52-3:13 a.m.:

buildings checked, secure; 7:19 a.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Road), assisted; 7:53 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), secure; 8:01 a.m.: investigation (Mason Street), report taken; 8:14 a.m.: mv stop (West Street), verbal warning; 8:26 a.m.: property lost (Goodrich Drive), info taken; 8:50 a.m.: investigation (River Street), spoken to; 10:41 a.m.: assist other agency (Hall Street); 10:44 a.m.: summons service (Spring Street), unable to serve; 11:56 a.m.: fire/mv (Spring Service), no service necessary; 12:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Prospect Street), referred to ACO; 12:11 p.m.: hazardous material spill (River Street), spoken to; 12:47 p.m.: suspicious person (Maple Street), spoken to; 2:59 .m.: burglary/b&e (Grove Street), report taken; 3:15 p.m.: assist citizen (Hall Street); 3:19 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 3:45 p.m.: suspicious/other (Ash Street), report taken; 4:21 a.m.: accident (Harvard Street), report taken; 6:15 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), verbal warning; 6:40 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (Linden Street), report taken; 7:29 p.m.: traffic hazard (Mill Glen Road), removed; 7:30 p.m.: 911 hang up (Baldwinville Road), secure; 8:14 p.m.: welfare check/general (Glenallan Street), secure; 9:04 p.m.: smoke (Mill Glen Road), referred; 11:04 p.m.: erratic operation (Central Street), Dylan William Leary, 364 Central Street, #4, Winchendon, op w/suspended license, open container of alcohol in mv, report taken; 11:38 p.m.: disabled mv (Central Street), assisted; 11:53 p.m.: ambulance (Sibley Road), transported.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

1:20 a.m.: tree down (Forristall Road), referred; 2:14 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), secure; 2:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:36 a.m.: unwanted party (School Street), report taken; 2:44 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:50 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), written warning; 3:04 a.m.: welfare check/general (Central Street), secure; 4:07 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), secured bldg.; 8:34 a.m.: burglar alarm (Toy Town Lane), false alarm; 8:42 a.m.: b&e/mv (Clark Road), report taken; 9:09 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 11:12 a.m.: harassment (Spring Street), report taken; 11:15 a.m.: DPW call (West Street), referred; 11:21 a.m.: accident (Oak Street), report taken; 11:45 a.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), Alyssa M. Chalke, 30, 13 Mill Glen Road, Winchendon, op w/ suspended license/subsequent offense, miscellaneous equipment violations, citation issued; 1:10 p.m.: hazardous material spill (Spring Street), traffic hazard removed; 1:51 p.m.: erratic operation (Beech Street), advised officer; 3:35 p.m.: property found (Glenallan Street), report

taken; 3:45 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), written warning; 4:58 p.m.: info/general (School Street), info taken; 5:28 p.m.: ambulance (Highland Street), referred; 7:22 p.m.: fight (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 7:40 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive), referred; 8:03 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street), verbal warning; 8:36 p.m.: investigation (Oak Street), report taken; 9:23 p.m.: investigation (Forristall Road), report taken; 9:39 p.m.: ATV complaint (Sibley Road), spoken to.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

1:28 a.m.: investigation (Brown Avenue), spoken to; 10:44 a.m.: disabled mv (Central Street), assisted; 10:46 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Central Street), false alarm; 10:53 a.m.: summons service (Spring Circle), served; 11:19 a.m.: threats (North Street), report taken; 2:02 p.m.: suspicious person (New Boston Road), no service necessary; 2:14 p.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), secured bldg.; 2:31 p.m.: assist other PD (River Street), services rendered; 3:04 p.m.: ambulance (Murdock Avenue), transported; 6:03 p.m.: animal complaint (River Street), returned to family; 6:28 p.m.: erratic operation (Glenallan Street), advised officer; 8:04-8:39 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 9:26 p.m.: FD call (Central Street), services rendered.

MONDAY, MAY 7

12:09-1:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:43 a.m.: ambulance (Mill Street), transported; 6:33 a.m.: officer wanted (Hill Street), report taken; 7:28 a.m.: ambulance (Alger Street), transported; 8:00 a.m.: burglar alarm (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 8:17 a.m.: suspicious person (Memorial Drive), unable to locate; 9:22 a.m.: welfare check/general (Hyde Park Drive), services rendered; 9:31 a.m.: summons service (Spruce Street), served; 9:42 a.m.: warrant of apprehension (Walnut Street), services rendered; 10:25 a.m.: ambulance (Hospital Drive), transported; 11:32 a.m. dog bite (Front Street), referred to ACO; 12:30 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Lakeview Drive), report taken; 1:00 p.m.: illegal dumping (High Street), spoken to; 1:23 p.m.: assist other PD (School Street), assisted; 2:19 p.m.: larceny (Beech Street), report taken; 2:41 p.m.: info/general (Central Street), assisted; 3:38 p.m.: noise complaint (Maynard Street), services rendered; 5:27 p.m.: FD call (Maynard Street), services rendered; 5:46 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive), services rendered; 6:46 p.m.: property found (Pearl Street), returned to owner; 7:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), spoken to; 9:30 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 11:33 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

Readers reveal their best hints and tips

Spring has finally sprung and there's no better time to utilize helpful hints and effective strategies that free up time and money. Read on for the latest collection of ideas submitted by readers.

And remember, send in your favorite tip and you could win a three course dinner for two at the Publick House! A winner is drawn each month. Good luck!

** You'll be "floored" by this reader's creative use of tiles:

More uses for Peel and Stick vinyl floor tiles: If you have some leftover Peel and Stick floor tiles from a home improvement project they can also come in handy to cover a damaged wood surface. For example, the bottom of a sink cabinet can sometimes become water-stained and ugly due to pipe leaks or condensation. Not only will the floor tiles cover-up stains but can also protect the area from further water damage. If your kitchen cabinets have seen better days you can also line the bottoms with the tiles instead of shelf paper to create a durable and easy to clean surface.

I recently used some of these self-adhesive tiles to restore the surface of my kitchen island when the finish on the veneer top started showing signs of wear. It was cheap, quick and easy and the only tools required are a utility knife and a square edge or steel ruler. They can also be removed with a heat gun if necessary just in case there any screw-ups.

Use a good quality tile like Armstrong or Trafficmaster available at Lowe's or Home Depot. Most are priced around \$1 a square foot and are quite attractive with stone, geometric or marble designs.

Cathy Buonomo
Fiskdale
**

This tip is for the birds! Feathering the nest with household waste takes repurposing to a new level.

Spring is soon approaching and I have a hint for all bird (and dog) lovers:

When grooming my shedding dog, I save the hair and put it in a suet feeder. When I hang it outside, the birds come and take the hair to line their nests for the cold weather and to incorporate into new nests for the upcoming spring. This can also be done with scrap yarn from a knitting or crocheting project. Nests will be quite colorful! Hope some people can use this hint.

Doris Kennedy
Brooklyn, CT
**

This reader's tip promotes the old adage "better safe than sorry."

Having read about another attempted robbery involving an ATM, I wanted to remind drivers of newer cars that their cars unlock (some doors) when



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I can leave my valuables inside. Stay safe, my friends!

Kathleen McClintock
North Brookfield
**

This unpublished (but timeless) tip was recently found in a desk drawer: Spray WD40 on a cloth and wipe over leather shoes and boots, then buff with a soft clean cloth to shine and make them waterproof.

Bob Bourdeau
Fiskdale
**

Ditch the itch with this reader's economical discovery!

I found this to help with poison ivy. I'm 74 years old and I get it every year, from my childhood to this day. When I get it, it lasts at least two weeks, and when I put on calamine lotion, it works just a little.

Well, last year (to make a long story short), I got it again and the only thing available was extra strength gel, it's a muscle rub for arthritis and muscle pain. I put it on my poison ivy and it soothed my poison ivy and I was able to go longer periods of time without re-applying.

I also cut down my time of having it by about three days.

It works so well. And as a matter of fact, I just got over my first encounter with poison ivy for my summer of this year. Also, I bought the muscle rub at the dollar store, and it's a lot cheaper than calamine lotion or anything else on the market!

Dorothy Walsh
Uxbridge
**

This girl loves hair scrunchies - and shares NEW uses for the versatile hair ties (as well as a few other genius ideas):

On my last few flights I kept a hair scrunchie on my wrist, many purposes such as pull my hair back, but the dirtiest place on an airplane is the handle in the restroom so I could use the scrunchie as a barrier. They come in handy for the buttons on water fountains when traveling. Just wash out and dry quickly with soap in the restroom and lasted for the entire trip

On that note, those fundraiser rubber bracelets (for causes) make a great jar opener in a hurry. Place band around jar lid and twist.

At the gym, my earphones no longer tangle, I use a pipe cleaner (soft) and wrap my wires from earbuds into thirds and gently wrap the pipe cleaner the length of the cords (twist gently) and it unfold nicely every time and fits well into my gym bag.

Viola Bramel
Northbridge
**

Reader Question:

Please send in your best tips for this reader:

Q: How can I keep ladybugs out of my house?" They seem to be squeezing in around the window frames.

(Editor: A quick scan of the internet suggests sealing up entrances and treating areas of entry (or infestation with ladybug deterrents. Here are few natural ones to try:

Mix camphor and menthol oils in a spray bottle, add water and spray where ladybugs congregate. Or try placing net bags filled with dried cloves in such areas. Lastly, spray citrus oils (mixed with water) to spaces where they enter.

Any more ideas readers?

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Viola Bramel of Northbridge. Her name was drawn for a three course Dinner for Two at the Publick House Inn in Sturbridge. She submitted the scrunchies tip above.

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Win Dinner for Two

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! c/o Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn!

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Gerald T. Flavell, 82

TOWNSEND — Gerald T. Flavell, age 82, of 70 Dudley Road, formerly of Winchendon, died Friday evening, May 4, 2018 in St. Mary's Healthcare, Worcester, with his family at his side.



He was born in Whitman, Massachusetts on September 12, 1935, son of the late William and Ruth (Evans) Flavell and grew up on Cape Cod. During high school, Gerry enlisted in the United States Air Force to serve in the Korean War. Gerry lived in Winchendon for several years until moving to Townsend eight years ago.

Gerry had worked two jobs for many years. He worked as a machinist at Mohawk Wire and Cable and later at DEK in Gardner until his retirement. He also worked for many years as a charter bus driver for Wilson Bus Lines in East Templeton. Gerry

enjoyed motorcycling, boating, fishing, going to flea markets and antique car shows.

He leaves two daughters, Karen E. Cormier and her husband Gerard of Ashby and Lisa M. Paquet and her husband Stephen also of Ashby; a sister, Mary Hawthorne of Presque Isle, ME; his beloved soulmate, Charlotte Murphy of Townsend; five grandchildren, five great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews and close friends. He was preceded in death by two brothers, John Flavell and David Flavell.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 1 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, 1 School Street, Townsend. There are no calling hours.

A private burial, with military honors, will be held in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Healthcare Activities Fund, 39 Queen St., Worcester, MA 01605.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon is directing arrangements.

Kim L. Babineau, 64

FRYEBURG ME — Kim L. Babineau, age 64, of Fryeburg, Maine passed away May 2, 2018.



Born in Leominster March 30, 1954, she graduated from Leominster High School in 1972, and studied nursing for a time before moving to McCall, Idaho to start a family. She worked for the last 22 years at the White Mountain Hotel and Resort. She loved her work and her family there and made so many amazing friends.

She leaves behind her partner of 22 years, Andrew Clear, whom she loved completely. She loved being his biggest cheerleader, confidant, and friend. They made each other laugh, whether walking their dogs, or playing with their granddaughters. They chose to be in love with one another every day. They were so blessed to have such a deep commitment. To Andrew, she was the most amazing woman.

Her pride and joy were her granddaughters, Harper Greenblatt and Darby Potter, who brought light and love to her, and with whom she shared an unbreakable bond. She played the best games, told the funniest stories, gave the warmest hugs and sweetest kisses. There was no one else that could make a more delicious Tomato soup, or who could tickle their backs longer than their "Nanny Kim". There could also be no one else that will watch over them the way she will.

Kim also leaves behind her two children Hannah Babineau and Biff Babineau, along with their father Jeffrey Babineau, and their spouses

Derek Potter and Erin Baldwin and Harper's father, Joshua Greenblatt. Always a loving mother and their constant supporter, she gave them the strength and confidence to grow and make their mark on this world. She always loved their friends and made her home a home for all. They will miss her immensely and remember her daily.

She also leaves behind her brother Richard Kelly, of Winchendon, who truly made her happy and made her laugh like only a brother could, numerous nieces and nephews, as well as a community of friends that loved her deeply.

She was predeceased by her sister Margret Titolo.

The first thing anyone noticed about Kim, was her radiant smile. It certainly lit up the room. She was kind and generous and would do anything for anyone. Her family asks that when you think of Kim, remember her with a smile of your own, and help make this world a little brighter the way she always did.

A memorial gathering at the White Mountain Hotel and Resort on West Side Road, North Conway, NH 03860, will be held Monday May 14 from 12 until 3pm. Immediate family will gather at a later date for a private remembrance. This is a time and place to share stories and memories about Kim and remember the love and happiness she gave to all of us. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Harvest Hills Animal shelter in honor of her loving care of her dogs Sage, Ruby, Thunder and Princess. Arrangements are under the care of Wood Funeral Home, 9 Warren St., Fryeburg. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.woodfuneralhome.org.

John H. 'Jack' Elliott, 71

WENDELL — John H. "Jack" Elliott, age 71, of Locke Hill Road, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at Athol Hospital after being stricken ill.

Born in Winchendon on December 6, 1946, he was a son of John and Patricia (Olson) Elliott.

Jack enlisted in the United States Army on March 25, 1966 and served during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged on March 24, 1969.

A substance abuse counselor, Jack was instrumental with establishing the Recovery House in Orange along with Judge John Merrigan.

Jack had a great sense of humor and enjoyed motorcycles.

Survivors include his beloved wife,

Donna Elliott; a daughter, Paula Barnes; a son, Thomas Barnes; grandchildren, Paul Fisher, William Fisher, Tyler Fisher, Kaitlyn Barnes, and Ryan Barnes; great-grandchildren, Jace Fisher, Jaylah Fisher, Aubrianna Fisher and Aubrey Swan-Fisher; sisters, Joan Bousquet, Jean Murphy and Karen Kagan; brothers, David "Mooch" Elliott and Carl Elliott; and many nephews and nieces.

Jack was predeceased by his parents. There are no calling hours.

Services and interment with military honors will be private at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon.

Witty's Funeral Home, 158 South Main St., Orange, is directing the arrangements. You may offer your sympathy online at www.wittysfuneralhome.com

Richard W. 'Dick' Esancy

PEMBROKE — Richard W. "Dick" Esancy of Pembroke, died May 2, 2018. Dick grew up in Boston, graduating from Boston English High School and UMass-Boston.



He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era and went on to have a successful career in accounting as the proud owner of Pentax Accounting and Tax Services.

Dick was active in the Free Masons and was garnered many honors in Blue Lodge, York Rite and Scottish Rite as well as the Shriners. In 2017, he received his 33rd degree.

He enjoyed driving "big rigs", was a huge Boston sports fan, and loved the music of the '50s on, but his favorite pastime was spending time with family, especially his beloved grandchildren. His passing leaves an enormous void in so many lives.

He was the beloved husband of Janet

"Jan" (Gettemy) Esancy of Pembroke and the late Arlene (Wigley) Esancy; devoted father of Deana M. Ward and her husband Derek of Rhode Island, Lynn E. Ahola and her husband Kevin of Winchendon and Richard W. Esancy Jr. and his fiancé Andrea Quinn of Rockland; loving brother of Karen Esancy and the late Carol Sloan Perry and David Esancy; cherished grandfather of Jillian, Ryan, Richard III "Ricky", Anthony and Jake. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend the visiting hours in the McDonald Keohane Funeral Home, at 809 Main Street (Rte. 18 opp. So. Shore Hospital), South Weymouth. Funeral service was celebrated in the funeral home on Tuesday. Burial in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Abington.

In loving memory of Dick, donations may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children

2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences or call 781-335-0045.

Sandra A. Higgins, 72

WINCHENDON — Sandra A. Higgins, age 72, of 15 Sibley Road, died peacefully at her residence Saturday morning, May 5, 2018, with her family at her side.

She was born in Winchendon on February 18, 1946. Her mother was Ruby Perron and fathers were Alfred LeBlanc and Charles Tielinen.

A lifelong resident of Winchendon, Sandy worked many years ago as a stitcher at the former Collier-Keyworth Company. She enjoyed playing bingo and Keno and listening to country music.

She leaves her husband of 52 years, Theodore L. Higgins and a son, Scott A. Higgins of Winchendon; her brothers

and sisters, Nancy Thompson of Troy, NH, Brenda Fontaine of Phillipston, Darlene LeBlanc of Green Acres, FL, Donna Morse of York, ME and Richard LeBlanc of Fitzwilliam, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Joan Putnam and Linda Smith and a brother, Linwood LaPointe.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 10 in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan Street, Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to GVNA Hospice, 34 Pearly Lane, Gardner, MA 01440.

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Service Award. Founded in 2014 by a group of women business leaders it has grown to a gathering of over 150 women interested in making a difference in the Greater Gardner area by assisting local non-profit organizations to improve the quality of life for women, children and families. At each meeting, two local non-profit organizations are represented by their respective nominating members who provide a brief presentation. The women present cast a vote, and provide a \$50 donation to the chosen organization.

Since its inception, the women of the Circle of Giving have donated over \$94,000.00 to various local non-profit agencies

An Unsung Hero Award will be presented to Dawn Casavant. Casavant is vice president of development, a role that leverages her skills as a successful fundraiser and crusader of community health to develop and expand funding

sources for all Heywood Healthcare programs and services. Dawn has her finger on the pulse of community service activities in the greater Gardner region, keeping the Chamber advised of the efforts of area organizations. Dawn is also an advocate for food insecure children and families. She spearheads the Weekend Back Food Program so children in our schools have the food they need. She is a Board member for the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce and an active Rotarian. Casavant is also a recipient of the Community Builder Hammer Award, the Bridge Builder Award, Good Fellowship Award and Rotarian of the Year Award.

Joseph Guercio, president of Colonial Cooperative Bank will receive the Leadership Recognition Award. Guercio was originally hired in 2011 at Colonial Cooperative Bank as the senior loan officer after 20 years as senior lender at Clinton Savings Bank. When the position of president opened up, Joe had the background and experience necessary to deal with the difficult

situation of handling "troubled assets" while also dealing with an overall weak economy and increased regulations many small banks were experiencing. While building the image and strength of the bank, Guercio also dedicated his time to the community serving as President of the Gardner Rotary Club.

Katie Young will receive a Municipal Recognition award. Young took on the daunting task of organizing the Hubbardston 250th Anniversary Celebration. The daylong celebration was held in June 2017 and included a parade featuring over 50 groups followed by a fair on the recreational field and a spectacular fireworks display in the evening. The initial planning for the celebration got off to a shaky start with several committees trying to bring the event to fruition. In the fall of 2016, Young took on the challenge and along with help from Karen Butland, was the driving force behind the program. Through the tireless efforts of Young, the 250th Celebration was a huge success and brought forth a sense of com-

munity and pride for the residents of the town.

Bellina commented "It is always a privilege to recognize the businesses, institutions and people that demonstrate why the greater Gardner area is such a desirable place to live and work. Congratulations to all of our honorees, they are true leaders and they represent the best of our communities."

The awards recipients were honored at the Chamber's annual meeting and awards recognition dinner to be held on Wednesday, May 9 at the Colonial Hotel, 625 Betty Spring Road, Gardner. Event sponsors include Advanced Cable Ties, Athol Savings Bank, C.M. Chartier Contracting, Coleman Assembly & Packaging, Fidelity Bank, GAAMHA, Inc., GFA Federal Credit Union, Heywood HealthCare, Insurance Center of New England, Mount Wachusett Community College, State Representative Jon Zlotnik, 101 Mini Storage, The Colonial Hotel, Competitive Edge Marketing & Design and Travers Printing.

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Devils seeking second win:



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A Blue Devil takes a mighty cut.



The Blue Devil first baseman makes an easy out.

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

After losing three games, the Murdock Blue Devils picked up their first win of the season last Thursday defeating David Prouty 5-0.

The following day the Devil's traveled to Ayer-Shirley and losing 7-5 as the Panthers swept the season series.

Murdock was back in action on Monday afternoon taking on the Tahanto Stags at home. The Stags would hand the Devil's their fifth loss of the season in a 7-1 victory.

Tahanto opened the game with a lead off single to get a base runner on first. Jack Polcari, who was called upon to be the starter, got the next batter to ground out as Mitch Charland gobbled up a ground ball and threw it to first

for the first out of the inning. Later in the first inning the Stags would bring across their first run of the game to take a 1-0 lead.

Polcari picked up two of his four strikeouts on the afternoon in the first inning on back to back strikeouts to end the top half of the first.

The pitcher for the Stags has a quick one, two, three, inning getting Polcari and Charland to strikeout and Alec Barrows to fly out.

Polcari had a rough second inning as he gave up three walks and three runs as the Stags went up 4-0.

Sam Drake would reach first in the bottom of the second, reaching on a walk and would reach second base on a wild pitch later in the inning. Zach Richards would strikeout to end the

inning, leaving Drake in scoring position.

As the second inning came to a close the Stags would remain up 4-0.

Tahanto would pick up a fifth run in the third to take a 5-0 lead and would remain that way until the bottom of the fourth when Tony Wolski brought in Alec Barrows on a sacrifice fly to right and getting on the board trailing 5-1.

Richards, who came on to pitch in the fourth and fifth innings, would give up two runs to the Stags in the fifth as Tahanto took a 7-1 lead and would go on to that for a final score.

Polcari pitched three innings-four strikeouts, four hits, five runs, and three walks. Richards pitched two

innings-one strikeout, three hits, and two runs. Wolski pitched two innings-one strikeout and one hit.

Offensively Austin Barrows went (2for3-two doubles), Alec Barrows (1for2-single), Sam Drake(walk), and Wolski (0for2-sac-fly RBI).

The Devils were back in action Wednesday when they hosted West Boylston at home and yesterday facing Tahanto away, and are also back in action this afternoon at Maynard.

Monday the Devils travel to Gansett looking to split the season series, Tuesday at Parker School, then return home Thursday and Friday hosting Nashoba Tech and Mahar as the Devils look for more wins on the season.

Softball takes win over Narragansett 2-1

BY SUE POLCARI
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The varsity softball team has been on an upward trend, winning their past four games which began with a victory over rival Narragansett on May 2.

Narragansett was first on the board when their first batter was walked and later scored.

Strong defense by both teams kept the score 1-0 in favor of the

Warriors until the bottom of the fourth inning when Maria Polcari and Molly Murphy hit back to back singles, followed by a Jocelyn Garner sacrifice fly which plated both Polcari and Murphy.

That was all the scoring that would occur, as Murdock held Narragansett scoreless through the remaining two innings, resulting in a 2-1 win.

Emily Smith pitched a strong game, striking out 5, walking 1

and allowing only 4 hits.

The Lady Devils were back in action the next day with a decisive 16-0, 4 ½ inning mercy rule routing of Quaboag. The Murdock bats were on fire as everyone in the line-up had at least one hit.

Emily Kiberd-Pervier went 3 for 4 with three runs scored while Meghan Knight had a perfect 3 for 3 day with one run scored.

Another close and well

played contest occurred at Ayer Shirley on May 4. Murdock scored single runs in each of the first three innings, holding Ayer-Shirley scoreless until the fifth inning when the home team tallied twice and threatened to tie things up in the 7th. Murdock's defense again held strong to defeat Ayer-Shirley 3-2. Garner (single, double) and Knight (single, single) each went 2 for 3 at the plate.

Monday's game versus

Tahanto also ended in a mercy rule victory of 14-0, highlighted by Molly Murphy's 6th inning 3 run home run over the center field fence. Murphy went 3 for 5 at the plate, with 7 RBI's. Smith, once again, pitched a complete game for the win.

Murdock's record was 6-4 as of this writing with games scheduled for Wednesday and Friday.

Go Blue Devils!!!

PLAY BALL!!!!!!

Winchendon Little League started play this week and games are currently being played all at Bentley Field while renovations continue at the American Legion fields.

Greg Vine photos



This youngster is waiting for a little action in left field Tuesday night.



Waiting on the pitch.



There's a lot of waiting in baseball...but you gotta be ready.



A line up of some of the smallest players not one bit diminished in enthusiasm!



This hurler from Jaffrey delivers the pitch.

SPORTS

The changes have not all been good ones

The highest level of thoroughbred horse racing in America is in trouble. Serious trouble, and it reflects the economic inequality impacting the rest of society. Actually, racing is in trouble, period. Let me explain.

When Justify won last Saturday's Kentucky Derby in his fourth start and became the first horse to win the Derby without running as a two year old since Apollo in, yes, 1882 (136 years ago), he lived up to his advance billing as a potential superstar. There's no questioning his ability. If he stays healthy, he may very well sweep the Triple Crown.

But here's the problem. If he does, we'll probably get to see him just a time or two afterwards, as was the case with American Pharoah three years ago. AP made three starts after ending a 37-year Triple Crown drought and then was whisked off to stud where he has "covered" several hundred mares. His first foals will reach

the racetrack next year.

Both AP and Justify are trained by Bob Baffert who, combined with Todd Pletcher and Chad Brown, condition somewhere in the neighborhood of 500-600 horses. These guys are likely to often dominate the Triple Crown series based on volume alone, which is disheartening enough (you don't see small operations win the Derby anymore) but their classic winners don't seem to stick around which in turn is no way to grow new fans. That's because there's relatively no economic incentive to continue to race them. Insurance is prohibitive and prospective stud fees are impossible to ignore.

And yet. Most of these horses seem to be owned by folks who are, in a word, loaded. It'd be nice, though naïve to expect it, if they let their stars thrill us a little more.

Breeding for speed and a quick buck rather than soundness is killing the game. Of the three Triple Crown win-



TALKING SPORTS

JERRY CARTON

ners of the '70s (racing's golden decade), Secretariat had to be retired after his three year old season to satisfy the tax man, but Seattle Slew and Affirmed not only continued their careers, they even ran against each other. These days, it's rare to see a horse who wins even one of the classics hang around, California Chrome being a notable exception.

Of course, I admit to having a lot of issues with the way racing is structured today. Horses used to be owned and raced primarily by families. The racetracks, at least the ones I hung out at in Maryland and Delaware, were in fact family. Today, I know people who

are members of large syndicates but I wonder how many of those people have ever seen a mare foal, or seen a foal 10 minutes after birth, or can go see "their" horses every day if they so choose or have any personal connection with their horses at all. To me, they might as well have invested in tech stocks. You're just an investor and maybe that's fine for them but that sure doesn't make you a horseperson by any stretch of the imagination.

Yes, that does make me sound like the proverbial get-off-my-lawn whiny old person, but when my family got in the business 50 or so years ago, racing was a far healthier sport. Saturday afternoons would see 35-40-45,000 fans at the New York tracks. In Maryland, there'd be some 20-25,000 on an average Saturday. Even outside our own barns we'd develop favorites because they'd run all the time. Horses barely run these days. Kelso, a five time Horse of the Year from 1960-64

ran 63 times. Forego a decade later made 57 starts. Ah, you say, but they were geldings. True. Secretariat though, ran 21 times in 15 months. Seattle Slew made 17 starts in a career derailed 10 months by illness. Affirmed raced 29 times. You get the idea. Fans have no horses to whom they can develop long term attachments. That's a problem in an age where attention spans can be measured in nano seconds anyway.

There's a TV network devoted to racing but the on-air commentators seem to spend more time selling betting angles and products than telling horse stories. Post times overlap way too often. All these are fixable but that's for another column. In the meantime, enjoy Justify while you can. The problems of the industry shouldn't prevent us from being awed by prospective greatness even if that greatness is like a fast disappearing comet streaking across the racing sky.

TWO ASTONISHING CAPTURES

Series one of the photos captures Marie Polcari sliding in safe at home, the umpire carefully eyeing just where feet are placed to make certain the runner is the one on base; while series two finds Polcari as the catcher, and in a perfect sequence, also carefully watched by the umpire, the runner is the loser.

Jeff Millman photos



KELLEY
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for you, and you can do the same for them by helping bolster their long-term security through financial gifts and legacy planning.

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Charlotte Maschi and her very special tale about where she came from.

Mom, where do babies come from?

Every parent knows this question is bound to come up eventually. Children are curious little creatures and there is no boundary to their inquisitiveness. Each parent has a different angle when answering such questions. Some parents feel that the truth is the best approach. After all, life is messy and so is birth, it's best to just get it all out in the open. Other parents make up stories of a magical stork that carried their sweet baby in a white cotton bundle and gently dropped him or her at their doorstep. Aww how sweet. Then there are some parents, like me for instance, that try to tell the truth but the science behind procreation is just too far fetched for wee little minds. My daughter did not believe for a second that mommy met daddy, they loved each other very much and they made her, together.

Nope, she wasn't buying it. The question did not go away, she was persistent. I thought of relaying the stork tale but a flying stork leaves too many questions. Where did the stork get the baby from? How come we don't see storks flying with struggling bundles every day? Are there flight paths and regulations? Why would the stork drop it at the doorstep? Have you been outside in New England lately? It's freezing out there, no place for a newborn.

Parents, it is virtually impossible to answer all these questions adequately and to a curious child's satisfaction. But there is a solution. Make up the silliest, craziest most farfetched story you can think of. A story of their creation that is so out of the ordinary your child will be taken away by the whimsy of such a tale that the young tot may possibly go away to ponder over this new-found origin story for a long glorious while. With their imagination is ignited you may be



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KIMBERLY MASCHI

able to get some adult stuff done, that's what I call a parenting bonus.

My daughter, after not believing that she actually did grow inside my belly and sprout from my loins, asked me where I came from. This is what started the

inventive ball rolling. When I was little, I asked my father the same question. His response was prompt and always the same. He bought me at a King's yard sale for a quarter. That's it. That was the story. I was put on the front lawn of a grand castle among the knickknacks, used Tupperwares and broken electronics. The king must have been liquidating his assets and my father bought me for the low, low price of 25¢.

Boom. There you have it. That's where I came from. I of course turned this self-demoralizing aspect of being so cheap at such a young age into; well obviously I was a princess and it must have been a magical quarter because goodness me I was a star and obviously worth all the gold in the kingdom. So, I told my daughter this and she laughed as I laughed. But that didn't get me out of the initial query. Where had she come from? As we sat surrounded by shelves of books I saw one book about dragons. You came from a dragon I told her. She sat up, her eyes wide and hungry. Oh yeah, now this makes sense to her. Of course, she came from a dragon, it was so simple! Here is the story I told my four-year-old daughter Charlotte.

Once upon a time, me and your dad were out walking in the mountains. We turned a corner and saw a big dark cave where a rumbling sound shook the rocks and smoke billowed out the top like a volcano.

Your father and I held hands and walked into the cave together. We ventured deep into the abyss and soon stumbled upon a great sleeping dragon. The dragon was guarding three eggs. A

green egg, a red egg and a blue egg.

Your father wanted the green egg, and I wanted the red egg so we split apart and each went after our own eggs. The dragon would stir and stretch and we would run and hide behind rocks and boulders afraid for our lives.

But there was something special about those eggs. We would creep and crawl until I reached my egg and your dad reached his. We were about to pick them up when the blue egg in the middle started to shake. Any time we went to pick up one of the other eggs that blue egg would begin to jump and shiver. So, your dad and I decided that the blue egg wanted us so we were going to take it home.

We both picked up the egg because it was so heavy and we had to carry it away together.

As we stepped away from the warmth of the dragons' belly were heard a big yawn and a grumpy snort. The dragon was awake! She saw that we were taking an egg and she roared and growled. We ran away as fast as we could all while holding onto our precious blue egg. The dragon breathed fire and even though our tushies got toasty we made it out of the cave. We rolled head over heels down a lush green hill for miles until your dad, me and the blue dragons egg rested at the bottom. As the egg rolled to a stop it started to shake and shiver; quake and quiver. Little cracks started to form on the surface of the egg and soon bigger cracks appeared.

Something inside was trying desperately to get out. All of the sudden a small fist punched through the shell followed by a foot and another little foot and finally there was Charlotte, little baby Charlotte who came from a fierce and beautiful dragon.

This story is the one my daughter believes; her mom and dad stole her from a dragon. She came from an egg the shade of her favorite color and punched her way out. Her parents got their booties burnt from the dragons' breath which just makes that story all



Kim Maschi photos

the more believable since they are both so clumsy. She tells anyone who will listen that she came from a dragon, and they believe her because she is both fiery and intense.

Sometimes kids don't want to know the truth, or just want something more than the truth. Reality can be boring and they will have plenty of tedious truth to come as they grow.

Next time your child asks a question, play to their imagination, let them wonder and explore. Give them a story that will soar their soul and kindle their imagination.

Charlotte is not the only dragon baby out there. After all, there were two other eggs and many more caves to discover.

SMITH'S

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Farms of Winchendon, McDonald's of Winchendon, Powell Stone & Gravel, More Strength & Fitness, Hardwick Winery, Agronomy Farm Vineyard, Say Cheese! Food Truck, Gabby's Pizza, Cristo's Pizza, Hearne Realty, Massachusetts Cheese Guild, Athol Savings Bank, Clark Memorial YMCA, Leaktite, Drudi Design, Workers Credit Union, Mathieu Ford, Roamin' Pizza, and The Farm at Baptist Common. Catlin said support of the sponsors will make it possible for all proceeds to go to Winchendon's police and firefighters.

Farm Fest, which runs until 5 p.m., will offer a little something for everyone.

Food vendors participating include the Say Cheese food trailer from

Worcester, Waltham deli Moody's, Schultz Farm of Rutland, Baldwinville's The Farm at Baptist Common, and Roamin' Pizza of Leominster.

Wineries on hand will be Agronomy Farm Vineyard of Oakham and Hardwick Winery.

In addition to Moon Hill, other breweries offering beer and ale will include the Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company and Flying Dreams Brewery, both based in Worcester.

Pony rides, courtesy of Winchendon's own Animal Craze, and a bouncy house will be available to entertain the kids.

The farm's recently-renovated gift shop will also be open.

Catlin said this seemed like a good time to mount an event of this kind.

"We wanted to follow up on what we've been able to do well," she said, having organized two

similar, successful events in 2017. "There are things like this happening in the fall all the time. Well, people are also looking for things to do in the spring, so we decided 'why not?'"

Smith's Country Cheese currently boasts a farm that is home to some 200 cows, whose milk produces approximately 3,200 pounds of cheese each week. Smith's specializes in gouda, cheddar, and Havarti, with smoked gouda being their biggest seller. Catlin says the farm will soon be producing farmer's cheese which, she says, is similar to goat cheese, "just not as tangy."

Allie and her husband Jake, along with her brother-in-law Mike and his wife Leah, bought Smith's Country Cheese about two years ago, when the Smith family, after several decades in the business, decided it was time to sell.

"It's been a lot of hard



Greg Vine photos

The recently expanded gift shop will be open during Smith Country Cheese's Farm Fest on Sunday, May 20. Festivities kick off at 9 a.m. with Cheese Chase, a 5-K run to raise funds for the Winchendon police and fire departments. The event, which includes vendors, music, and entertainment for the kids, runs until 5 p.m.

work, but it really has been worth it," she said. "And the community has just another way for us to say, 'thank you.'"

CHOIR

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including Winchendon, were:

Sopranos: Sally Berry, Anita Comier, Karen Couturier, Anne Ekberg, Betsy Fiedler, Kristina Gemborys, Laura Guibault, Janet James, Lyn Lambert, Hazel LeBlanc, Mary Mallard, Mary

Mathieu, Peg Miller, Sharon Pollitt, Sylvia Sandridge, Lorraine Thibeault, Judy Wallace, and Ellen Zibailo.

Altos: Helen Anctil, Theresa Baleno, Jacob Bump, Diane Coburn, Andrea Colyer, Karen Cove, Cherri Girouard, Joyce Green, Alison Komenda, Jennifer Landry, Shannon Leighton, Kathie MacKenzie, Diane Mammone, Karen Mercier, Cecilia Olds, Kathy Orsak,

Betty Paulino, Jean Popik, Anne Quinn, Nancy Rogan, Ruth Rojcewicz, Gretchen Schlier, and Sylvia Setevdemio.

Tenors: Richard Coburn, Phil Comier, Ted Cushing, Susan Frugoli, Karen Lenthall, Robert Tuttle, David Wiest, and Alan Womer.

Basses: Joe Adshade, John Bennard, Evan Ehmman, David Ladeau, Paul Maier, Don Miller, David Schlier, and

Bruce Wallace. Youth: Maddison Coburn, Julia Feeley, Abby Graves, Max Hendrickson, Selah Hendrikson, Anthony Kleber, Sofie Leighton, and Eleya Troche.

Accompanist: Ted Cushing. The concert was supported in part through a grant from the Winchendon Cultural Council.



Percussionist Michael Day mans his drums while members of the Greater Gardner Community Choir sing during the performance Sunday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.



Members of the Greater Gardner Community Choir.



LEGALS

TOWN OF WINCHENDON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING May 21, 2018

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Winchendon, in the County of Worcester,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Winchendon qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the MURDOCK MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 3 Memorial Drive, off Elmwood Road in said Winchendon on

**MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

REPORTS AND COMMITTEES (majority vote required)

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the reports of the Finance Committee, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Passover

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$80,000 to Water System Maintenance for cost related to the removal of the abandoned water tank on High Street, Tax Map 8A-0-10, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$63,000 to the Winchendon School Department for cost related to the remediation of lead in the water lines of the Winchendon schools, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-0-1 Recommend

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 4 of the November 13, 2017 Town Meeting Warrant approving the use of available cash for the reconstruction of sidewalks on Central and Grove Streets in the amount of \$50,000, (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places designated by the bylaws of the town of Winchendon fourteen days at least before the time of holding such meeting and by mailing a copy of this warrant to each household in Winchendon in which a registered voter resides or by publication of the same in a newspaper of local distribution as required by said bylaws.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of said warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and seal this 23rd day of April 2018.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 21, 2018**

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Winchendon, in the County of Worcester,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Winchendon qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the MURDOCK MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 3 Memorial Drive, off Elmwood Road in said Winchendon on

**MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

REPORTS AND COMMITTEES (majority vote required)

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Finance Committee, the annual report of the Selectmen and of any other officers or committees required to report to the Town, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to choose all other Town officers or committees that may be required or deemed necessary to the Town for the ensuing year and give any instructions to same, or to any other town officer or officers, and to discharge any committees which have completed their duties, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

USUAL AND CUSTOMARY FINANCIAL ARTICLES (majority vote required)

SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF ARTICLE

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from other available funds the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for the Senior Tax Work-off Program, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE ARTICLES

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from other available funds the sum of \$18,000 as a grant to the non-profit, Community Action Committee, Inc., 273 Central Street, Winchendon, in consideration of the numerous services provided to the Town, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

USE OF STABILIZATION FUND (two-thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$94,060.09 for the purpose of funding the supplemental reserve that is mandated by the deficit legislation, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-1 Recommend

USUAL AND CUSTOMARY GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ARTICLE (majority vote required)

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from other available funds the sum of \$14,624,653 for the operating budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article) (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-1 Recommend

Town of Winchendon Summary of Other Available Funds FY19	
Cemetery Trust	\$ 3,152
Title V Liens Redemption	\$ 16,254
Infrastructure Investment Fund	\$ 69,645
TOTAL OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 89,051

ARTICLE 6 DETAIL OF APPROPRIATIONS					
	2018 APPROVED BUDGET	2018 EXPENDED BUDGET - DEC	2019 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 1,529,193	\$ 612,219	\$ 1,451,197	\$ (77,996)	-5.10%
TOTAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 1,529,193	\$ 612,219	\$ 1,451,197	\$ (77,996)	-5.10%
YMCA	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL TOWN ARTICLES	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.00%
SELECTMEN	\$ 14,740	\$ 3,639	\$ 14,740	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14,740	\$ 3,639	\$ 14,740	\$ -	0.00%
TOWN MANAGER	\$ 254,448	\$ 101,833	\$ 234,737	\$ (19,711)	-7.75%
PERSONNEL	\$ 32,400	\$ 11,576	\$ 32,600	\$ 200	0.62%
EXPENSES	\$ 286,848	\$ 113,409	\$ 267,337	\$ (19,511)	-6.80%
FINANCE COMMITTEE	\$ 1,000	\$ 325	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
PERSONNEL	\$ 253,852	\$ 274	\$ 179,860	\$ (73,992)	-29.15%
EXPENSES	\$ 254,852	\$ 599	\$ 180,860	\$ (73,992)	-29.03%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 254,852	\$ 599	\$ 180,860	\$ (73,992)	-29.03%
ACCOUNTING	\$ 138,188	\$ 63,185	\$ 148,404	\$ 10,216	7.39%
PERSONNEL	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 500	\$ (7,500)	-93.75%
EXPENSES	\$ 146,188	\$ 70,685	\$ 148,904	\$ 2,716	1.86%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 146,188	\$ 70,685	\$ 148,904	\$ 2,716	1.86%
ASSESSOR	\$ 91,122	\$ 50,939	\$ 93,647	\$ 2,525	2.77%
EXPENSES	\$ 91,122	\$ 50,939	\$ 93,647	\$ 2,525	2.77%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 91,122	\$ 50,939	\$ 93,647	\$ 2,525	2.77%
COLLECTOR / TREASURER	\$ 146,839	\$ 68,116	\$ 154,733	\$ 7,914	5.39%
PERSONNEL	\$ 67,110	\$ 23,127	\$ 67,110	\$ -	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 213,949	\$ 93,243	\$ 221,863	\$ 7,914	3.70%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 213,949	\$ 93,243	\$ 221,863	\$ 7,914	3.70%
LEGAL EXPENSE	\$ 45,000	\$ 13,917	\$ 45,000	\$ -	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 45,000	\$ 13,917	\$ 45,000	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 45,000	\$ 13,917	\$ 45,000	\$ -	0.00%

ARTICLE 6 DETAIL OF APPROPRIATIONS					
	2018 APPROVED BUDGET	2018 EXPENDED BUDGET - DEC	2019 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 74,674	\$ 43,217	\$ 65,100	\$ (9,574)	-12.82%
EXPENSES	\$ 74,674	\$ 43,217	\$ 65,100	\$ (9,574)	-12.82%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 74,674	\$ 43,217	\$ 65,100	\$ (9,574)	-12.82%
TECHNOLOGY	\$ 68,000	\$ 31,412	\$ 69,421	\$ 1,421	2.09%
PERSONNEL	\$ 37,126	\$ 30,223	\$ 20,500	\$ (16,626)	-44.78%
EXPENSES	\$ 105,126	\$ 61,635	\$ 89,921	\$ (15,205)	-14.46%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 105,126	\$ 61,635	\$ 89,921	\$ (15,205)	-14.46%
COMMUNICATIONS COM	\$ 46,287	\$ 10,532	\$ 47,500	\$ 1,213	2.62%
EXPENSES	\$ 46,287	\$ 10,532	\$ 47,500	\$ 1,213	2.62%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 46,287	\$ 10,532	\$ 47,500	\$ 1,213	2.62%
TOWN CLERK	\$ 106,527	\$ 49,108	\$ 109,934	\$ 3,407	3.20%
PERSONNEL	\$ 4,890	\$ 2,699	\$ 5,615	\$ 725	14.83%
EXPENSES	\$ 111,417	\$ 51,807	\$ 115,549	\$ 4,132	3.71%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 111,417	\$ 51,807	\$ 115,549	\$ 4,132	3.71%
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	\$ 1,690	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,690	\$ -	0.00%
PERSONNEL	\$ 16,135	\$ 1,861	\$ 32,655	\$ 16,500	102.14%
EXPENSES	\$ 17,845	\$ 2,941	\$ 34,345	\$ 16,500	92.46%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 17,845	\$ 2,941	\$ 34,345	\$ 16,500	92.46%
CONSERVATION	\$ 15,706	\$ 7,540	\$ 16,038	\$ 332	2.11%
PERSONNEL	\$ 475	\$ 275	\$ 481	\$ 6	1.26%
EXPENSES	\$ 16,181	\$ 7,815	\$ 16,519	\$ 338	2.09%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 16,181	\$ 7,815	\$ 16,519	\$ 338	2.09%
PLANNING BOARD	\$ 2,750	\$ 450	\$ 2,750	\$ -	0.00%
PERSONNEL	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,182	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 7,750	\$ 1,632	\$ 7,750	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 7,750	\$ 1,632	\$ 7,750	\$ -	0.00%
ZONING BOARD	\$ 1,400	\$ -	\$ 1,400	\$ -	0.00%
PERSONNEL	\$ 550	\$ 63	\$ 550	\$ -	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 1,950	\$ 63	\$ 1,950	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 1,950	\$ 63	\$ 1,950	\$ -	0.00%
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$ 110,100	\$ 41,955	\$ 115,858	\$ 5,758	5.23%
PERSONNEL	\$ 6,950	\$ 1,231	\$ 6,450	\$ (500)	-7.19%
EXPENSES	\$ 117,050	\$ 42,286	\$ 122,308	\$ 5,258	4.49%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 117,050	\$ 42,286	\$ 122,308	\$ 5,258	4.49%
TOWN HALL	\$ 31,226	\$ 13,903	\$ 32,285	\$ 1,059	3.39%
PERSONNEL	\$ 85,492	\$ 23,922	\$ 82,056	\$ (3,436)	-4.02%
EXPENSES	\$ 116,718	\$ 37,825	\$ 114,341	\$ (2,377)	-2.04%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 116,718	\$ 37,825	\$ 114,341	\$ (2,377)	-2.04%

ARTICLE 6 DETAIL OF APPROPRIATIONS					
	2018 APPROVED BUDGET	2018 EXPENDED BUDGET - DEC	2019 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
POLICE	\$ 1,167,000	\$ 597,258	\$ 1,229,152	\$ 62,152	5.33%
PERSONNEL	\$ 163,380	\$ 81,174	\$ 158,766	\$ (4,614)	-2.82%
EXPENSES	\$ 1,330,380	\$ 678,432	\$ 1,387,918	\$ 57,538	4.32%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 1,330,380	\$ 678,432	\$ 1,387,918	\$ 57,538	4.32%
DISPATCH	\$ 228,654	\$ 109,204	\$ 239,746	\$ 11,092	4.85%
PERSONNEL	\$ 2,200	\$ 574	\$ 2,200	\$ -	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 230,854	\$ 109,778	\$ 241,946	\$ 11,092	4.80%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 230,854	\$ 109,778	\$ 241,946	\$ 11,092	4.80%
FIRE	\$ 768,711	\$ 375,218	\$ 870,520	\$ 101,809	13.24%
PERSONNEL	\$ 119,681	\$ 38,043	\$ 133,746	\$ 14,065	11.75%
EXPENSES	\$ 888,392	\$ 413,261	\$ 1,004,266	\$ 115,874	13.04%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 888,392	\$ 413,261	\$ 1,004,266	\$ 115,874	13.04%
AMBULANCE	\$ 17,000	\$ 9,662	\$ 17,500	\$ 500	2.94%
PERSONNEL	\$ 22,662	\$ 42,407	\$ 107,750	\$ 15,088	162.82%
EXPENSES	\$ 109,662	\$ 52,069	\$ 125,250	\$ 15,588	14.21%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 109,662	\$ 52,069	\$ 125,250	\$ 15,588	14.21%
LAND USE	\$ 100,960	\$ 44,441	\$ 105,981	\$ 5,021	4.97%
PERSONNEL	\$ 4,650	\$ 1,196	\$ 6,115	\$ 1,465	31.51%
EXPENSES	\$ 105,610	\$ 45,637	\$ 112,096	\$ 6,486	6.14%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 105,610	\$ 45,637	\$ 112,096	\$ 6,486	6.14%
EMERG MGMT	\$ 2,548	\$ 91	\$ 2,548	\$ -	0.00%
PERSONNEL	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,750	\$ -	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$ 4,298	\$ 1,091	\$ 4,298	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 4,298	\$ 1,091	\$ 4,298	\$ -	0.00%
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 800	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,600	\$ (2,400)	-300.00%
PERSONNEL	\$ 50,158	\$ 22,508	\$ 50,653	\$ 495	0.99%
EXPENSES	\$ 50,958	\$ 22,508	\$ 53,053	\$ 2,095	4.11%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 50,958	\$ 22,508	\$ 53,053	\$ 2,095	4.11%
DPW ADMIN	\$ 145,753	\$ 70,435	\$ 148,532	\$ 2,779	1.91%
PERSONNEL	\$ 11,000	\$ 200	\$ 21,100	\$ 10,100	91.82%
EXPENSES	\$ 156,753	\$ 70,635	\$ 169,632	\$ 12,879	8.22%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 156,753	\$ 70,635	\$ 169,632	\$ 12,879	8.22%
DPW HIGHWAY	\$ 213,734	\$ 81,734	\$ 250,605	\$ 36,871	17.25%
PERSONNEL	\$ 176,489	\$ 78,719	\$ 148,800	\$ (27,689)	-15.69%
EXPENSES	\$ 390,223	\$ 160,453	\$ 399,405	\$ 9,182	2.35%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 390,223	\$ 160,453	\$ 399,405	\$ 9,182	2.35%
DPW FLEET MAINT	\$ 97,494	\$ 46,553	\$ 98,497	\$ 1,003	1.03%
PERSONNEL	\$ 117,900	\$ 40,365	\$ 109,257	\$ (8,643)	-7.33%
EXPENSES	\$ 215,394	\$ 86,918	\$ 207,754	\$ (7,640)	-3.55%
TOTAL PERSONNEL & EXPENSES	\$ 215,394	\$ 86,918	\$ 207,754	\$ (7,640)	-3.55%
DPW SNOW & ICE	\$ 60,000	\$ 11,915	\$ 60,000	\$ -	0.00%
PERSONNEL	\$ 150,000	\$ 71,541			



LEGALS

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ANNUAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT ARTICLE

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$929,176 to fund the Town's assessment for its share of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO PILOT AGREEMENT FOR SOLAR ARRAY

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes ("PILOT") pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, or any other enabling authority, with an annual payment amount of \$11,000 per megawatt and an annual payment escalator of 2 ½ percent, and upon terms and conditions as the Board shall deem in the best interest of the Town, for personal property associated with a solar photovoltaic facility having a proposed nameplate capacity of approximately 3.15 megawatts on a parcel of privately-owned land (Map 2, Lot 65) located off of Lincoln Avenue Extension upon which such facility is to be located, and to take all actions necessary to implement such agreement; or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes ("PILOT") pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, or any other enabling authority, with an annual payment amount of \$11,000 per megawatt and an annual payment escalator of 2 ½ percent, and upon terms and conditions as the Board shall deem in the best interest of the Town, for personal property associated with a solar photovoltaic facility having a proposed nameplate capacity of approximately 4.89 megawatts on a parcel of privately-owned land (Map 2, Lot 15) located off of Lincoln Avenue Extension upon which such facility is to be located, and to take all actions necessary to implement such agreement; or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes ("PILOT") pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, or any other enabling authority, in the amount of \$11,000 per megawatt, and upon terms and conditions as the Board shall deem in the best interest of the Town, for personal property associated with a solar photovoltaic facility having a proposed nameplate

capacity of approximately 4.97 megawatts on a parcel of privately-owned land (Map 5C4, Lot 29) located off of Ash and Spring Streets (Winchendon School) upon which such facility is to be located, and to take all actions necessary to implement such agreement; or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes ("PILOT") pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, or any other enabling authority, with an annual payment amount of \$12,000 per megawatt and an annual payment escalator of 2 ½ percent, and upon terms and conditions as the Board shall deem in the best interest of the Town, for personal property associated with a solar photovoltaic facility having a proposed nameplate capacity of approximately 4.95 megawatts on a parcel of privately-owned land (Map 13, Lot 61) located at 38 Happy Hollow Road upon which such facility is to be located, and to take all actions necessary to implement such agreement; or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes ("PILOT") pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, or any other enabling authority, with an annual payment amount of \$12,000 per megawatt and an annual payment escalator of 2 ½ percent, and upon terms and conditions as the Board shall deem in the best interest of the Town, for personal property associated with a solar photovoltaic facility having a proposed nameplate capacity of approximately 5 megawatts on a parcel of privately-owned land (Map 12, Lot 49) located at 135 Gardner Road upon which such facility is to be located, and to take all actions necessary to implement such agreement; or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-0-1 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

REQUEST TO SELL/TRADE TOWN PROPERTY

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the Town-owned property located on High Street, and shown as Assessors Map 8A3 Parcel 10, for such consideration, including acquisition of other land in addition to or in lieu of a cash payment, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate, and to authorize the Board to acquire any such land by purchase, gift, or eminent domain or in exchange for the Town-owned property, and for such purposes as the Board deems in the best interest of the Town and to take such additional action as may be needed to effectuate the purposes of this vote, including but not limited to execution of instruments and documents to convey and/or accept real property; and further, to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for such purposes; or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

BOARD AND COMMISSION PETITIONS

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to approve changes to Article 24 of the Town Bylaws titled Recreation Commission, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 24

RECREATION COMMISSION (June 12, 2000)

- (A) There shall be a Recreation Commission [the Commission] consisting of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. One (1) member shall be a student in good standing from the Murdock Middle School, and one (1) member shall be a student in good standing from the Murdock High School.
 - (B) The terms shall be for three years and so arranged that the term of as nearly an equal number as is possible shall expire each year.
 - (C) Upon the completion of these original terms, each member shall serve for three years.
 - (D) Student members shall be appointed annually.
2. The Commission acts in an advisory capacity in matters pertaining to public recreation, makes annual budget recommendations, and assists in planning a recreation program to stimulate public interest, shall be responsible for the formulation of Town Recreation Policy which, at a minimum, shall address the following issues:

a. Facilities and Maintenance

b. Recreation Programs

c. Long Range Planning

3. The stated primary function of the Commission is to expand and enhance the recreation opportunities for the residents of Winchendon. (A) The Commission shall have charge of all playgrounds, parks, and other recreation facilities owned by the Town of Winchendon, which are not under the control of the School Department.

(B) The Commission and the School Department shall cooperate so that the optimum use may be made of all of the Town's recreation facilities.

4. The Commission shall establish such reasonable fees for use of any recreation facilities and programs as it deems to be consistent with established Recreation Policy.

The Commission shall submit to the Town Manager its recommendations for an annual budget. (submitted by the Recreation Committee)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend

CITIZEN PETITIONS

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town of Winchendon will fund an Earth Day Initiative: To set aside \$2,500 into a revolving account to fund Earth Day cleanup. To review every five (5) years and to transfer any unused funds to the Parks and Recreation Committee to be used for any upgrades to Parks or as maintenance of the Town bike paths or any other recreational needs. To begin with the Fiscal 2019 budget. To be implemented annually by the Board of Health. (submitted by Citizen Petition)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-1 Recommend

LOCAL OPTION RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA EXCISE TAX

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c. 64N Section 3 and impose a local sales tax upon the sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the Town at a rate of 3% of the total sales price received by the marijuana retailer as consideration for the sale of marijuana or marijuana products, said excise to take effect on the first day of the calendar quarter commencing at least thirty days after such vote of Town Meeting. (submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 4-2 Recommend

ADOPT ADDITION TO TOWN BYLAWS

LIMITATION OF NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will amend the General Bylaws to limit the number of recreational marijuana retail establishments located within the Town by adding the following Bylaw:

ARTICLE 40 - Limitation on Number of Recreational Marijuana Retail Establishments

Preamble

M.G.L. c.94G does not require a vote of the voters to approve any limitation on the number of recreational marijuana establishments that is at or above the number of medical marijuana treatment centers registered to operate in the municipality or equal to or greater than 20% of the licenses issued for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises. Currently, there are seven (7) licenses issued for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in Winchendon.

Limitation

No more than three (3) recreational marijuana retail establishments shall be permitted to be located in the Town of Winchendon. Licensing Authority shall be the Board of Selectmen. (submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-0-1 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 4-2 Recommend

ZONING BYLAW ARTICLES

ARTICLE 22

1. Delete section 6.12, TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS, and replace with a new section 6.12 entitled MEDICAL/ ADULT USE MARIJUANA FACILITIES AND THE MEDICAL/ADULT USE MARIJUANA RETAIL OVERLAY DISTRICT and further to amend the Table of Contents to rename Section 6.12, "Medical/Adult Use Marijuana Facilities and the Medical/Adult Use Marijuana Retail Overlay District."

Article 6.12 Medical/Adult Use Marijuana Facilities and the Medical/Adult Use Marijuana Retail Overlay District

1. Purpose.

- To provide for the limited establishment of Medical/Adult Use Marijuana Facilities (collectively, known hereafter as Marijuana Facilities) in appropriate places for such use and under conditions in accordance with Chapter 334 of the Acts of 2016, entitled, "Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act", as amended by Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, "An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Marijuana", and all regulations which have or may be issued by the Department of Public Health ("DPH") and the Cannabis Control Commission ("CCC"), including, but not limited to 105 CMR 725.00, et seq. and 935 CMR 500.00, et seq.
- To minimize the adverse impacts of Marijuana Facilities on adjacent properties, residential neighborhoods, schools and other places where children congregate, and other land uses potentially incompatible with Marijuana Facilities.
- To regulate the siting, design, placement, safety, monitoring, modification, and removal of Marijuana Facilities.
- To limit the overall number Marijuana Facilities in the Town of Winchendon to what is essential to serve the public convenience and necessity.

2. Applicability.

- The commercial cultivation, production, processing, assembly, packaging, retail or wholesale sale, trade, distribution or dispensing of Marijuana for Medical Use or Adult Use is prohibited unless licensed by all applicable Massachusetts licensing authorities and permitted as a Marijuana Facility under this Bylaw.
- No Marijuana Facility shall be established except in compliance with the provisions set forth herein.
- If any provision of this Section or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this Section and to this end the provisions of this Section are severable.

3. Administration

3.1 The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) and shall also conduct Site Plan Review for an applicant for a Marijuana Facility.

3.2 A special permit is required for all Marijuana Facilities.

4. Definitions.

Any term not specifically defined herein shall have the meaning as defined in 105 CMR 725.00 and 935 CMR 500.00 as such regulations may from time to time be amended.

Designated contact persons – Any and all persons whose names appear on the Special Permit and Formal Site Plan Approval Applications as the applicant's designee.

Independent Testing Laboratory - An entity licensed to test marijuana and marijuana products.

Locked Area - An area equipped with locks or other security devices, which is accessible only to consumers 21 years of age or older, employees or owners of a Marijuana Facility or agents thereof, registered qualifying patients that are 18 years or older, or care givers.

Marijuana – The same substance defined as "marihuana" or "marijuana" under Chapter 94C and 94G of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Marijuana cultivator - An entity licensed to cultivate, process and package marijuana, and to transfer marijuana to other Marijuana Facilities, but not to consumers.

Marijuana for Adult Use – Marijuana that is regulated by 925 CMR 500.00 and cultivated, processed, manufactured, transported or sold for recreational purposes for individuals 21 years of age or older.

Marijuana Facility – A commercial marijuana cultivator, independent testing laboratory, product manufacturer, research facility, transporter, retailer, or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business, including a Marijuana Treatment Center.

Marijuana for Medical Use – Marijuana that is regulated by 105 CMR 725.00 and designated and restricted for use by, and for the benefit of, Qualifying Patients in the treatment of Debilitating Medical Conditions.

Marijuana product manufacturer - An entity licensed to obtain, manufacture, process and package marijuana and Marijuana products and to transfer these products to other Marijuana Facilities, but not to consumers.

Marijuana products - Products that have been manufactured and contain marijuana or an extract from marijuana, including, but not limited to concentrated forms of marijuana and products composed of marijuana and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption, including edible products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils and tinctures.

Marijuana retailer - An entity licensed to purchase and transport marijuana and marijuana products from Marijuana Facilities and to, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to Marijuana Facilities and to consumers.

Medical Marijuana Treatment Center – An entity register under 105 CMR 725.100 that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes, transfers, transports, sells distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana for medical use, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers.

Non-Medical Marijuana - Any marijuana that is NOT regulated by 105 CMR 725.00 and designated and restricted for use by, and for the benefit of, Qualifying Patients in the treatment of Debilitating Medical Conditions.

5. Eligible Locations for Marijuana Facilities.

5.1 Non-Retail Marijuana Facilities which shall include marijuana cultivator, product manufacturer, independent testing laboratory, research facility, transporter of marijuana and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers engaged in any of the above-listed non-retail uses may be permitted in certain zoning districts pursuant to a Special Permit and Site Plan Approval as set forth in the Zoning Bylaw Article 5.2.8, Use Regulations.

5.2 Adult Use/Medical Marijuana Facilities Retail Overlay District

5.2.1 Establishment

The Medical/Adult Use Marijuana Facilities Retail Overlay District (the "MFROD") is hereby established and is identified on the Town of Winchendon Zoning Map. The boundaries of the MFROD are shown on the Zoning Map on file with the Town Clerk.

Within the MFROD, all requirements of the underlying zoning district remain in effect, except where these regulations provide an alternative to such requirements. Land within the MFROD may be used for adult use marijuana retailers and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers engaged only in the dispensing of medical use-marijuana for retail sale, in which case the requirements set forth in this section shall apply; or a use allowed in the underlying district, in which case the requirements of the underlying district shall apply. If the provisions of the MFROD are silent on a zoning regulation, the requirements of the underlying district shall apply. If the provisions of the MFROD conflict with the requirements of the underlying district, the requirements of the MFROD shall control. A Medical Marijuana Treatment Center that is proposing to operate all of the uses permitted under its license in a single location will be permitted only on sites located within the MFROD.

6. Application Requirements for all Marijuana Facilities.

6.1 All Marijuana Facilities shall be subject to the application requirements set forth in Rules and Regulations for the Review and Approval of Site Plans and Site Development in Winchendon, Ma. for Formal Site Plan Review.

6.1.2 In addition to the application requirements set forth in the Regulations for Site Plan Review, a special permit/site plan application for a Marijuana Facility shall also include the following:

- a statement from the Applicant, setting forth the following information:
 - the name and address of each owner of the Facility;
 - the source of all marijuana that will be sold or distributed at the Marijuana Facility, if applicable;
 - the source of all marijuana that will be cultivated, processed, and/or packaged at the Marijuana Facility, if applicable;
 - the quantity of marijuana that will be cultivated, processed, packaged, sold and/or distributed at the Marijuana Facility; and

Plans must show all proposed security measures for the Marijuana Facility, including lighting and alarms, to ensure the safety of persons and to protect the premises from theft.

(b) If the Applicant is a non-profit organization, a copy of its Articles of Organization, a current Certificate of Legal Existence from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the most recent annual report; if the Applicant is a for-profit corporate entity, a copy of its Articles of Incorporation or equivalent documents, a current Certificate of Legal Existence from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the most recent annual report; if the Applicant is a public agency:

- Copies of all licenses issued by the CCC or DPH, and any materials submitted to these entities by the Applicant for purposes of seeking licensing.
- A detailed floor plan of the premises of the proposed Marijuana Facility that identifies the square footage available and describes the functional areas of the facility, along with a deed, lease, purchase and sale agreement or other legally-binding document for the site of the proposed Marijuana Facility;
- The resume(s) of the Applicant, including company history, references, and relevant experience, where applicable;

6.2 Additional Requirements

6.2.1 Use Requirements

(a) No marijuana shall be smoked, eaten, or otherwise consumed or ingested on the premises of any Marijuana Facility absent a positive vote by ballot question presented to the voters of the city or town at a biennial state election pursuant to G.L. c.94G, §3(b). The prohibition on on-site consumption shall also include private social clubs or any other establishment which allows for social consumption of marijuana or marijuana products on the premises, regardless of whether the product is sold to consumers on site.

(b) Marijuana Facilities shall provide the Special Permit Granting Authority and all abutters located within 500 feet of the Marijuana Facility with the name, phone number and email address of an on-site community relations staff person to whom one can provide notice if there are operating problems associated with the establishment.

(c) The hour of operation of Retail Marijuana Facilities shall be set by the Special Permit Granting Authority.

6.2.2 Limitation on number of Retail Marijuana Facilities – No more than three (3) Adult Use Marijuana Retailers and no more than one (1) Medical Marijuana Treatment Center retail dispensary shall be permitted to be located in the Town of Winchendon.

6.2.3 Locational and Physical Requirements

All aspects of a Marijuana Facility relative to the acquisition, cultivation, possession, processing, sales, distribution, dispensing, or administration of marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials must take place at a fixed location within a fully enclosed building and shall not be visible from the exterior of the building.

No outside storage of marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials is permitted.

(a) No Retail Marijuana Facility shall have a gross floor area accessible to patients or customers which is in excess of 2,500 square feet. Space which is dedicated to administration or operations and is accessible only to employees of the Retail Marijuana Facility shall not be included in this limitation.

(b) In the R80 District all Marijuana Facilities shall be subject to siting on a parcel no less than 5 acres. In addition, all Marijuana Facilities in the R80 district shall be subject to double the setback distance requirements to those outlined in Article 7.2 of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaws.

6.2.4 All Marijuana Facilities shall provide adequate ventilation such that the application of pesticides shall be performed in compliance with M.G.L. c. 132B and the regulations promulgated at 333 CMR 2.00 through 333 CMR 14.00.

No use shall be allowed at a Marijuana Facility which creates a nuisance to abutters or to the surrounding area, or which creates any hazard, including but not limited to, fire, explosion, fumes, gas, smoke, odors, obnoxious dust, vapors, offensive sound or vibration, flashes, glare, objectionable effluent or electrical interference, which may impair the normal use and peaceful enjoyment of any property, structure or dwelling in the area.

6.2.5 Buffer. No Marijuana Facility shall be located within 500 feet of any of the following pre-existing uses:

- any public or private school providing education in kindergarten or grades 1 through 12;
- any drug or alcohol rehabilitation facility;
- any correctional facility, half-way house, or similar facility; or
- any playground or athletic fields, recreational facilities, youth centers such as a YMCA, and parking areas for the bike path, or similar facility in which children commonly congregate.

6.2.6. The distance specified above shall be measured by a straight line from the point of the front door for which the proposed Marijuana facility is to be located to the property line of the facility in question.

6.2.7. No Marijuana Facility shall be located inside a building containing residential units, including transient housing such as motels and dormitories, or inside a movable or mobile structure such as a van or truck.

6.2.8 Signage for Marijuana Facilities will be subject to the Town of Winchendon Zoning Bylaw Article 9 and the provisions for marketing set forth in 935 CMR 500.105 (4).

7. Reporting Requirements

7.1 All Special Permit holders for uses under this section shall provide the Police Department, Fire Department, Building Commissioner, Board of Health, and Special Permit Granting Authority with the names, phone numbers, mailing and email addresses of all management staff and key-holders, including a minimum of two (2) operators or managers of the facilities identified as designated contact persons to whom notice should be made if there are operating problems associated with any use under this section. All such contact information shall be updated as needed to keep it current and accurate.

7.2 The designated contact persons shall notify the Police Department, Fire Department, Building Commissioner, Board of Health and Special Permit Granting Authority in writing a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to any change in ownership or management of a facility regulated under this section.

7.3 All Marijuana Facilities shall file an annual report with the Special Permit Granting Authority and owner or operations manager for the Marijuana Facility shall appear before said Authority to present the report no later than January 31st of each year, providing a copy of all current applicable state licenses to demonstrate continued compliance with the conditions of the Special Permit.

7.4 Within twenty-four hours of contact by a municipal official concerning the operation of a Marijuana Facility, the designated contact persons shall be required to respond by phone or email to any such inquiry.

8. Transfer/Discontinuance of Use

8.1 A Special Permit granted under this Section is non-transferable and shall have a term limited to the duration of the applicant's ownership or leasing of the premises as a Marijuana Facility.

8.2 Any Marijuana Facility permitted under this section shall be required to remove all material, plants, equipment and other paraphernalia upon registration or licensure revocation, expiration, termination, relocation to a new site or any other cessation of operation as regulated by the CCC or DHP in compliance with applicable state regulations.

9. Outside Consultants and Review Fees.

9.1 An outside consultant review escrow deposit shall accompany the Application for special permit. The escrow for review fees is intended to cover the Planning Board's potential cost of hiring consultants to review the Applicant's compliance with the special permit requirements under this Bylaw to include provisions set forth in Section 6.2.2 of the Winchendon Planning Board Site Plan Rules and Regulations and may include legal counsel. The initial escrow deposit amount shall be set by the Special Permit Granting Authority on a case-by-case basis, when such consultants or counsel are deemed necessary. Any unexpended monies in the escrow account will be returned to the applicant only after all obligations are satisfied. Failure to fulfill escrow requirements may render an Application incomplete and be considered sufficient grounds for its denial.

9.2 The Applicant may appeal the selection of a consultant(s) whose fees are to be paid from the escrow deposit to the Board of Selectmen. The grounds for such an appeal shall be limited to claims that the consultant selected has a conflict of interest or does not possess the minimum required qualifications. The minimum qualifications shall consist of either an educational degree in or related to the field at issue or three or more years of practice in the field at issue or a related field. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 53G, the required time limits for action upon the Application by the Special Permit Granting Authority shall be extended by the duration of the appeal. If no decision is made by the Board of Selectmen within one month following the filing of the appeal, the Special Permit Granting Authority's selection shall stand.

9.3 The escrow deposit shall be deposited in a special account established by the Town Treasurer pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 53G. Funds from the special account shall be administered in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, § 53G, and may be expended only for the purposes described above.

10. Findings.

- The Special Permit Authority shall not issue a special permit for a Marijuana Facility unless it finds that:
 - the Facility is designed to minimize any adverse visual impacts on abutters and other parties in interest, as defined in G.L. c. 40A, §11;
 - the Facility has received a provisional certificate of registration or provisional license from the appropriate licensing authority and is in compliance with all applicable state laws and regulations;
 - the applicant has provided a copy of a signed Host Agreement with the Town of Winchendon, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 94G;
 - the applicant has provided adequate security measures to protect the health and safety of the public, and that the storage and/or location of cultivation of marijuana is adequately secured in an enclosed, locked area;
 - the applicant has adequately addressed issues of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, circulation, parking and queuing, especially during peak periods at the facility.



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11. *Waiver.*
The Planning Board may, in its discretion, may waive or modify any of the requirements set forth in this section, if the Board determines that such a waiver does not derogate from the purpose of this bylaw, and is in the public interest.

12. *Violations.*
Any violation of this Section shall be grounds for revocation of a special permit issued under this Section.

Or act in relation thereto: (submitted by the Planning Board)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend **FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-1 Recommend**
PLANNING BOARD: 3-0-1 Recommend

ARTICLE 23

To amend the TOWN OF WINCHENDON ZONING MAP to include a new overlay titled: Medical/Adult Use Marijuana Facilities Retail Overlay District (the "MIFROD"). See Attached Zoning Map

Or act in relation thereto: (submitted by the Planning Board)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend **FINANCE COMMITTEE: 4-2 Recommend**
PLANNING BOARD: 4-0 Recommend

ARTICLE 24

To amend ARTICLE 5 USE TABLE to add a new Section entitled 5.2.8 *Principal Use Category - Special Uses*, providing new line item A with the following description: *A. Non-retail Marijuana Facilities. Non-retail Marijuana Facilities are subject to the provisions set forth in Art. 6.12. The uses addressed above will be allowed by Special Permit in the following Zoning Districts: Residential -80 (R80 with restrictions as defined in note 14), Commercial-1 (C1), Commercial-2 (C2), Industrial (I), and Planned Development (PD); and further prohibited in the following Zoning Districts: Residential -40 (R40), and Residential-10 (R10).*

Article 5 USE TABLE

Article 5.2.8

Special Uses	R80	R40	R10	C1	C2	I	PD
				Hwy Comm.	Nbhd Bus.		
A. Non-retail Marijuana Facilities. Non-retail Marijuana Facilities are subject to the provisions set forth in Art. 6.12.	SP*	N	N	SP	SP	SP	SP

* see note 14(submitted by the Planning Board)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend **FINANCE COMMITTEE: 4-2 Recommend**
PLANNING BOARD: 4-0 Recommend

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places designated by the bylaws of the town of Winchendon seven days at least before the time of holding such meeting and by mailing a copy of this warrant to each household in Winchendon in which a registered voter resides or by publication of the same in a newspaper of local distribution as required by said bylaws.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of said warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and seal this 23rd day of April 2018.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

- Barbara Anderson, Chair
- Audrey LaBrie, Vice Chair
- Michael Barbaro
- Austin Cyganiewicz
- Charles Husselbee

May 11, 2017

Legal Notice

Winchendon Conservation Commission

85 Cardinal Lane; Assessor's Map 8A-2, Lot 22

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 17th, 2018 at 7:05 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Elly Hunter for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 85 Cardinal Lane; Assessor's Map 8A-2, Lot 22. The project entails the construction of an above-ground swimming pool. The hearing will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-5402.

May 11, 2018

**LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Daniel J. Berube and Samantha J. Berube to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Ally Bank, dated October 25, 2012 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49960, Page 208 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Ally Bank to Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC dated October 5, 2015 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54425, Page 361, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 10-12 School Square, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on June 11, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF WINCHENDON, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE WESTERLY LINE OF SCHOOL SQUARE AT A POINT THIRTY-TWO (32) FEET, SOUTH 40 DEGREES EAST FROM THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE DWELLING HOUSE ON THE LOT CONVEYED;
THENCE NORTH 72 DEGREES WEST, ONE HUNDRED TEN +1- (110+7-) FEET TO A CORNER;

THENCE NORTH 13 DEGREES EAST, EIGHTY-SIX (86) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE CENTER OF A PASSWAY TO LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF CLARENCE A. BROOKS;

THENCE EASTERLY ON SAID BROOKS LAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE (123) FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SCHOOL SQUARE;

THENCE SOUTH 22 DEGREES 30' WEST, AND IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF SCHOOL SQUARE, SEVENTY-EIGHT (78) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

BEING SHOWN ON A PLAN ENTITLED "COMPILED PLAN OF LAND PREPARED FOR RICHARD L. MORIN, ET UX, WINCHENDON, MA., SCALE: 1" = 20 FEET, NOVEMBER 4, 1977,. MICHAEL L. SZOC, SURVEYOR" RECORDED WITH WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 445, PLAN 61.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO AND WITH THE BENEFIT OF EASEMENTS, TAKINGS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD INSOFAR AS THE SAME ARE NOW IN FORCE AND APPLICABLE.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36452, Page 16.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Berube, Daniel J. and Samantha J.,
16-025057
May 11, 2018
May 18, 2018
May 25, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Natasha N. Jones to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC, dated April 30, 2010 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45744, Page 112 as affected by a modification agreement recorded with said records at Book 52639, Page 145, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated March 13, 2013 and recorded with said Registry on March 25, 2013 at Book 50631 Page 61, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on June 5, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 93 WOODLAWN STREET, WINCHENDON, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

EXHIBIT 'A'
The land in Winchendon bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a stake and stones at the southwesterly corner of the lot, on the *westerly side of Woodlawn Street; Thence, northerly on line of said Woodlawn Street 57.75 feet, more or less, to a stake and stones;

Thence, easterly by land now or formerly of Robert Ahola et ux 233.47 feet to a stake and stones by the wall; Thence, southerly by the wall 57.75 feet, more or less to a stake and stones;

Thence westerly 233.47 feet, more or less, by Eastern Avenue to the place of beginning.

Containing 13,476 square feet, more or less.

Being shown on 'Compiled Plan of Land prepared for James A. O'Brien et ux in Winchendon, Mass.' Scale: 1 inch =30 feet - October 15, 1981 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 7370, Page 87.

Subject to restrictions of record. On information and belief, *property commences at a stake and stones at the southwesterly corner of the lot, on the easterly side of Woodlawn Street. It is believed that the Plan Book reference is incorrect and should be, 'Plan recorded in Plan Book 492, Plan 22'. Under and Subject to any existing covenants, easements, encroachments, conditions, restrictions, and agreements affecting the property.

Together with all and singular the improvements, ways, streets, alleys, passages, water, watercourses, right, liberties, privileges, hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoever hereto

belonging or in anywise appertaining and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of the said Grantor in law, equity-, or otherwise howsoever, of and to the same and every part thereof.

For Mortgagors' title see deed recorded herewith. B45744 P110

For consideration paid, the signors of the mortgage to which this Exhibit is attached, (the Mortgage) hereby release any and all rights of homestead in and to the mortgaged premises as against the holder of the Mortgage. It is agreed that arty such Homestead shall not have any-effect upon the Mortgage and to the extent such Homestead is legally enforceable, shall be subordinated and junior to said Mortgage in every respect.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 45744, Page 110.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
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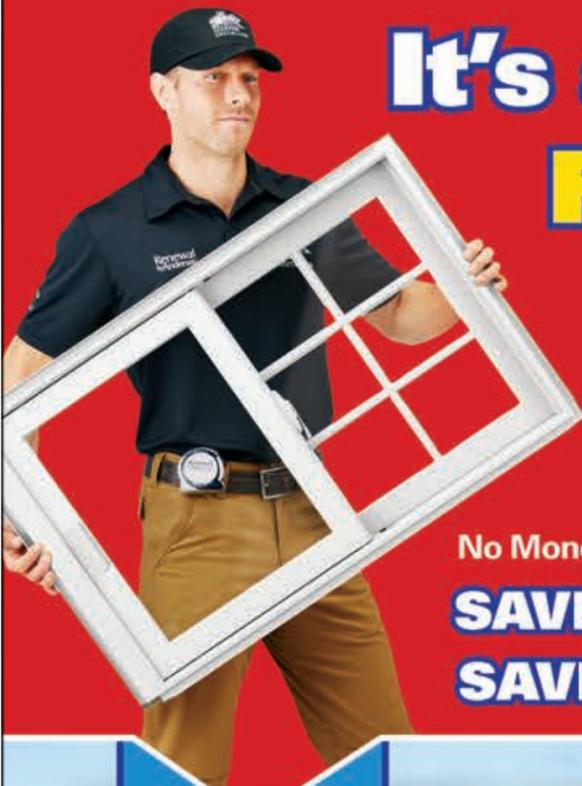
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