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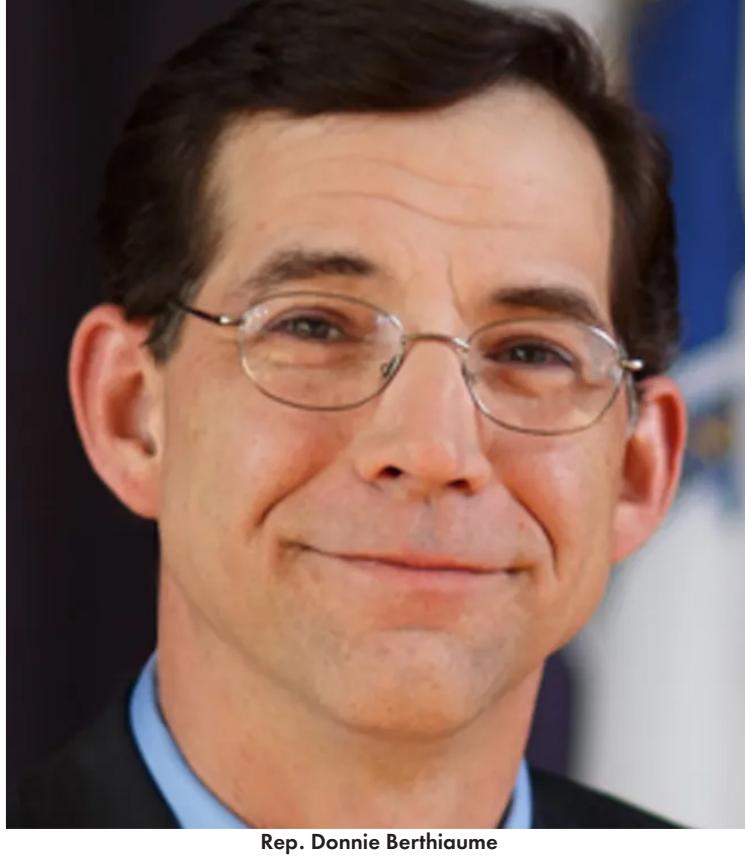
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Department of the American Legion names Berthiaume Legislator of the Year



Rep. Donnie Berthiaume

Local food pantries serve as winter lifeline area residents

REGION — As winter settles in across central Massachusetts, local food pantries serving Spencer, Leicester and the Brookfields continue to provide assistance to residents facing food insecurity, a challenge that often becomes more pronounced during the colder months.

In Spencer, the MQR Food Pantry remains a key resource for individuals and families in need residing in Spencer or East Brookfield, open every Thursday from 10 a.m.-noon. Operated by volunteers and supported through donations, the pantry provides groceries to eligible residents on scheduled distribution days throughout the month.

In Leicester, Saint Joseph's Church (508-859-8083) operates a food pantry Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m., and Greenville Baptist Church in Rochdale (508-892-3100) opens its pantry every Monday from noon to 2 p.m. St. Joseph's Food Pantry in North Brookfield is open by appointment Wednesdays from 8:30-10 a.m., but it should be noted that if school is not in session on a Monday, they will be closed as well. Residents may call to register for an appointment at (508) 867-6469.

Town and nonprofit officials note that winter can place added strain on household budgets as heating costs rise and seasonal employment fluctuates. While local pantries do not always release detailed usage statistics, food assistance providers consistently report that demand tends to remain steady or increase during the colder months.

Because hours and distribution schedules vary by location, residents are encouraged to check directly with individual pantries before visiting. Some sites operate on a weekly basis, while others distribute food monthly or by appointment. Several pantries also coordinate with regional food banks to supplement local donations, particularly during periods of high demand.

Local officials emphasize that food pantries are available to help households experiencing short-term or ongoing need and that seeking assistance is a common and accepted part of community support networks. Residents do not need to wait for a crisis to reach out, and many pantries provide guidance on additional resources such as fuel assistance or nutrition programs.

Community members interested in helping can support local pantries through food donations, financial contributions, or volunteer time. Winter months are often a critical period for donations, as holiday food drives conclude and supplies need to be replenished.

Those seeking assistance or wishing to contribute are advised to contact their local pantry directly or consult town and community resource listings for the most current information. As winter continues, food pantries across Spencer and the Brookfields remain an essential part of the local safety net, sustained by volunteers and community support.

Carol Hawkins named Artist of the Month by Friends of N. Brookfield Town House



Carol Hawkins

N O R T H B R O O K F I E L D — The Friends of the North Brookfield Town house have named Carol Hawkins the Artist of the Month for January.

Originally from Rhode Island, Carol Hawkins enjoyed drawing and painting from a young age. But growing up with twelve siblings, it was not until first grade that she received her first box of watercolors, waiting for her in her school desk.

She describes her

first art teacher, Audrey Blake, as being so animated in teaching art that "she would dance around the room inspiring inspiration from everything that was around us."

Hawkins studied Fine Art at Rhode Island College which helped hone her natural talent. She works in many mediums including watercolors, pastels, and acrylics. Pet portraits are a specialty of hers. Her portfolio includes cats, dogs, ferrets, rabbits, and even horses! All the

animals are so realistically portrayed that you can feel the softness of a kitten's fur or the sleekness of a horse's neck.

Now that Hawkins has made North Brookfield her home, she endeavors to inspire would be creators at the North Brookfield Senior center where she gives drawing lessons and teaches arts and crafts. In the two years she has been teaching, the seniors have been introduced to decoupage, floral arranging, and painting among other topics. The classes are free to seniors in the area.

The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House would like to thank Carol Hawkins for helping us put a spotlight on the arts as our "Artist of the Month for January 2026." You can find examples of her work on our Web site at nbtownhouse.com/all-featured-artists/carl-hawkins.

The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on restoring, preserving, and sustaining the Town House as a cultural center of North Brookfield. Every month this organization recognizes a featured artist in their community.

Spencer to assess three dams in 2026

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — The town of Spencer is proceeding with examining several dams that, according to a third-party contractor, are in need of assessment to determine their condition.

Highway Superintendent Peter Boria revealed three dams that will be the focus of the assessments during a meeting with selectmen in December — the Sugden Reservoir Dam, the Muzzy Meadow Dam, and the Browning Pond Dam. All three will be examined through an ongoing partnership with PARE Engineering.

"The immediate work that we need to complete is an emergency action plan being updated, which is part of their proposal. We also need to complete a phase one inspection report," Boria told the selectmen.

Dams are often assessed after a certain period of time to determine their structural integrity and any underlying issues that need to be resolved. While Boria did not indicate any specific known issues with these dams, the assessments will give Spencer a more precise idea of the conditions of the structure and what, if any, improvements need to be made.

Boria said his goal was to get the process moving so that the town can prioritize these dams for the new year.

"This is not due until September of 2026, but I wanted to get ahead of it and get it in this proposal so we can go get it funded so the work can be done throughout next spring and summer," said Boria.

The Board of Selectmen approved an allocation for the project with no debate on the matter. The funds for the assessment will be taken from a dam-specific line item already available in the Highway Department's budget.

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Cornerstone Bank, Athol Savings Bank finalize merger

W O R C E S T E R
— Cornerstone Bank today announced the closing of its merger with Athol Savings Bank (ASB), effective Dec. 31, uniting the two long-standing community institutions. The completed transaction results in an expanded banking network that brings Cornerstone Bank's full suite of digital services to the North Quabbin region while preserving ASB's trusted local identity and five branch locations.

"As of today, our partnership is officially complete, and we are excited to move forward as one organization," said Todd Tallman, CEO of Cornerstone Bank. "This merger strengthens our ability to serve customers with improved technology, expanded products and deeper community investment, while staying true to the values that define both banks."

Spencer boards, committees seek volunteers as new year begins

SPENCER — As the calendar turns to a new year, the Town of Spencer is beginning its annual process of filling seats on municipal boards and committees, offering residents an opportunity to take a more direct role in local government.

Each year, the Select Board reviews upcoming vacancies and expiring terms across dozens of appointed boards, committees, and commissions that help guide town policy, oversee services, and advise elected officials. The process typically begins in the winter months, with appointments made in the spring for terms that begin July 1.

According to information posted by the Town of Spencer, boards and committees play a critical role in the day-to-day operation of the town. These bodies include groups focused on planning and zoning, conservation, finance, public safety oversight, recreation, housing, and historic preservation, among others.

While specific vacancies can change from year to year, many boards operate on staggered terms, meaning several seats often come up for appointment annually. In addition to full-term appointments, the Select Board may also fill unexpired terms when members step down mid-term due to relocation or personal commitments.

Town officials encourage residents with an interest in civic affairs to consider volunteering, noting that many boards welcome applicants with a wide range of backgrounds. Prior experience in municipal government is not required for most positions, and training is often provided once appointments are made.

Appointments are typically made by the Select Board after reviewing applications submitted to the Town Clerk's Office. In some cases, boards may make recommendations to the Select Board regarding prospective members, but final authority rests with the board of selectmen.

Residents interested in serving are generally asked to submit a letter of interest or complete a volunteer application form indicating the boards on which they would like to serve. Applicants may also be asked to attend a Select Board meeting to introduce themselves or answer questions before appointments are finalized.

In addition to formal boards and committees, Spencer periodically seeks volunteers for ad hoc committees and working groups created to address specific projects or initiatives. These temporary committees may focus on matters such as facility planning, bylaw review, or long-range studies and typically dissolve once their work is complete.

Town officials note that serving on a board or committee can be a meaningful way for residents to contribute to the community while gaining a deeper understanding of how local government functions. Meetings are generally held in the evening, though schedules vary by board.

Information about available appointments, application procedures, and deadlines is posted on the town's Web site and through notices from the Town Clerk. Residents are encouraged to check those listings regularly, as updates are made throughout the appointment season.

Those interested in volunteering may also contact the Town Clerk's Office for guidance on the process and to learn more about the responsibilities associated with specific boards and committees.

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Luse Gorman, P.C. served as legal counsel for Cornerstone Bank while Piper, Sandler & Co. served as Financial Advisor. Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C. served as legal counsel for Athol Savings Bank.

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EDITORIAL

A new year does not require a new version of ourselves

January has a way of making people feel as though they should suddenly become someone else.

New calendars hang on kitchen walls. Fresh planners open to blank pages. The language of self-improvement arrives right on schedule, urging better habits, bigger goals, and immediate transformation.

There is nothing wrong with wanting to improve. But there is also something to be said for resisting the pressure to reinvent ourselves simply because the calendar has turned.

For many people in Spencer and surrounding communities, the start of the year is not a blank slate at all. It is a continuation of work already underway. Families are juggling jobs, school schedules, rising costs, and winter weather. Local volunteers are still serving on boards and committees. Teachers and students are heading into the heart of the school year, not the beginning.

Progress, in real life, rarely arrives in dramatic January gestures. It tends to show up quietly, in smaller decisions made consistently over time.

That might mean finally making the phone call that has been put off for months. It might mean attending a meeting, lending a hand, or simply staying the course on something already going reasonably well. Sometimes the most meaningful resolution is deciding not to abandon good habits just because they are no longer new.

There is also value in acknowledging what does not need fixing. Communities like ours run on people who show up, often without fanfare, week after week. Parents, grandparents, neighbors, volunteers, and town employees keep things moving not through bold resolutions, but through reliability.

January can be a good time for reflection, but reflection does not require harsh self-judgment. It does not demand dramatic change. It can simply be an opportunity to notice what matters, what is working, and what deserves a little more attention.

As the new year settles in, perhaps the most realistic approach is not to promise transformation, but to recommit to steadiness. To do the next right thing. To keep going.

That kind of resolution may not fit neatly on a checklist, but it tends to last far longer than most.

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• Friday, January 9, 2026

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The people in the arena

To the Editor:

Dec. 16, a catastrophe struck the David Prouty High School when a capped but charged sprinkler main failed, sending thousands of gallons of water rushing through the fully completed and occupied new building. The resulting damage required the evacuation of the school and its subsequent closure prior to the Christmas break.

No one doubts this should not have happened. Whether by human error, product failure or unforeseen circumstances, the fact is, it happened, and from that moment forward, the goal has been to restore the building to full and safe usage in time for students and staff to return by Jan. 5 after the holiday break. All parties, including our general contractor, Fontaine Brothers; our project manager, Colliers International; our architect, Jones-Whitsett; and the wide range of subcontractors on site responded in exemplary fashion.

The critics, haters and naysayers have jumped all over this unfortunate event in typical uninformed and negative fashion. Allegations of shoddy work, inadequate oversight, incompetence and outright malfeasance have all been leveled without any direct knowledge of what actually occurred. They will never let the facts get in the way of their "truth!"

The facts are that proper repairs are being made, there will be no cost to the towns and the building will be completely safe after repairs are completed. No black mold, ruined finishes or other damage, just a building fully restored to excellence. All this coming at a cost of great personal sacrifice by those working exhausting hours and under great pressures to bring everyone back to school on time. The crit-

ics have had their voice but now its time to consider another viewpoint.

I am reminded of a quote from the great Theodore Roosevelt where he said, "It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually **in the arena**, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

The good and dedicated men and women working to build our new David Prouty High School are the people in the arena.

They are the doers. It is their thoughtfulness, skill, sweat and hard work that, in the end, will provide us all with their high achievement; a wonderful place of learning for our children, grandchildren and generations to come. Critics, those timid and cold souls who know neither victory nor defeat, do not count. You know who you are. I, for one, applaud the people in the arena for working to do great things and daring greatly to succeed. Thank you to our building team and to all who support them.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK CARPENTIER
PROUTY BUILDING COMMITTEE
EAST BROOKFIELD

Trump's "moral slum of an Administration"

To the Editor:

The very conservative newspaper columnist George Will not so long ago used the above term to describe Donald Trump and the people around him.

Especially after Sunday's attack in Venezuela and what came before it, I think another phrase even better describes it — "Toxic." This means poisonous and capable of causing serious harm or death to those around it. This includes our families, our country, our government and our Constitution. You could also use words such as manipulative, malicious, undermining or attacking those that disagree, and causing emotional exhaustion and stress.

We are a country where most Americans — economists say about 80 percent — continue to suffer an affordability crisis, managing from life from paycheck to paycheck, with grocery, housing and medical costs rising higher and higher with higher yet to come.

So what does George Will's "Moral

Slum of an administration" do? On false facts it attacks Venezuela with a taxpayer cost of something like a \$500 million a month. (Never mind just now how much it will cost us down the road.)

Now the government of Venezuela has few, if any, good qualities but so do many other countries near and far. And despite the Trump administration manipulative statements, unlike the ex-president of Honduras who Trump recently pardoned, Maduro and Venezuela sent relatively few drugs to the USA.

Trump, since he mentioned it 20 times in a recent meeting, rather has a great interest in Venezuela's oil, and "running the country" directly or indirectly — like we did so expensively (in blood and cost) and badly in, for example, Iraq and Afghanistan.

2026 can and needs to and can be the year when person by person and community by community we turn our country around.

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

No kings or queens in Mass.

To the Editor:

After watching a "year in review" on one of the local Boston news stations, the reporting of the nation-wide protests of President Trump's "No Kings" rally raised a few questions with me. What were the policies President Trump was ignoring to be accused of leading like a king? Furthermore, where did President Trump get the idea he could do whatever he wants & ignore the will of the people? To answer the last question, he didn't have to look any further than good ole Taxachusetts.

The Mass Turnpike was created around 1957, running from New York state to Boston, and was to be paid for by funds collected by users of the Mass. Pike until the project was paid for, which was in the 1980's. However, to this day tolls are still collected by the State, estimated to be over \$400 million in 2023. When are the legislators of this state going to keep their word & end the tolls? Why is it only the east-west users of Mass. highways paying extra while the majority of Mass. highway users in the greater Boston metro area travel north-south & paying nothing? I guess that's a question for our kings & queens to avoid for another day.

During his term as governor, Mike Dukakis created what was known as the "Dukakis Surtax," a tax on top of a tax. Only a Democrat could tax your taxes. This "temporary tax" was created in 1975 to "address a budget shortfall" (too much state spending) & was to be eliminated when the shortfall was taken care of. It only took 11

years and a ballot question initiative to end this "temporary tax."

Recently here in Mass., the state legislature has passed "Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024" some the most strict gun control measures in the country without any required statehouse hearings or debates on the subject, as required by law. Many parts of this law are presently being questioned and challenged about their violating the Constitution's 2nd Amendment. Great way to respect the law abiding residents they work for.

There's also "Question 1" on the 2024 ballot, which allows the State Auditor to basically audit any State agency including the State Legislature. This question passed by almost 72% of Mass. Voters, but for whatever reason the Legislature is ignoring the will of the State Auditor and the will of the people who voted for this hoping to make transparent the business of this State. For whatever reason the House & Senate Presidents are refusing to "answer to the people" who they work for. These are the very same politicians crying "King Trump" wants to take away your rights!

The most ironic thing with the protesters of "King Trump" is all the national & state leaders who oppose him want to eliminate & erode the rights, laws, privileges & freedoms we now possess & enjoy under the Constitution & President Trump. Remember that the next time you see Democrats on the news defending criminals instead of law-abiding citizens.

JOHN SHOCIK
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Putting your aging parents' wishes first



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As your parents grow older, it may be time to talk with them about financial and aging issues, which may involve difficult conversations.

You'll want to be careful how you approach this. Mention ahead of time that you'd like to talk to them about their future plans and reassure them that you want to understand their wishes, so their affairs will be taken care of as they would like.

If your parents are agreeable, choose a comfortable location and ask whom to invite (or not invite). Then, think about how to open the conversation, preferably not with what they want to do with their money, as this could be interpreted as your seeking information about your inheritance or being skeptical about their financial decisions. Instead, build a broader discussion about their vision for their aging years. A series of shorter conversations may allow you to cover topics more comfortably rather than trying to solve everything at once.

Try to address these areas:

Health care — Seek to learn whether your parents have established appropriate health-related legal documents such as a health care power of attorney, which gives someone the authority to make decisions about their medical care if they become unable, and a living will, which spells out the extraordinary medical treatments they may or may not want.

Independence — As people age, they may begin to lose their independence. Have your parents considered options for long-term care, such as an assisted living community, a nursing home or a home health aide? If they plan to receive support from family members, do your parents' expectations match yours?

Financial goals — Focusing on the personal and financial aspects of the legacy your parents want to leave can be a valuable conversation. Have they updated their will or other estate documents, such as a living trust? Have they created a durable power of attorney for a trusted family member to make financial decisions for them if they become incapacitated? Do they have the proper beneficiary designations on their insurance policies, retirement plan and bank accounts? If you position these issues around your parents having control over transferring their assets, rather than curiosity over "who will get what," you'll more likely have a productive conversation.

Last wishes — You'll want to learn whether your parents have instructions in their will about their funerals and last wishes. Express that you or another close family member should know who is responsible for making sure their wishes are met in a timely fashion.

Money, independence, and aging can be sensitive topics. You don't have to go it alone, though — enlist help from another close family member. Or, if your parents work with an attorney, financial professional or other trusted advisor, consider asking if they're interested in having them participate in your talks. You might even be able to introduce your parents to one of your advisors.

In any case, keep talking. These conversations can be challenging, but if handled correctly can be of great benefit to your parents and your entire family.

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Lanterns Along Main Street

There is a particular moment most evenings when the house settles into itself. The dishes are done, the day's noise has burned off, and the television hums more out of habit than interest. It is in that quiet stretch that I find myself paying attention to small, almost unnoticed things. The kind of things you don't put on a calendar or make plans around, but that somehow shape a day all the same.

One of those things is light.

Not the bright kind. Not the glare from screens or headlights or store signs blinking at us from every corner. I mean the steady, ordinary light that shows up when it is supposed to. A porch lamp clicked on at dusk. A kitchen window glowing softly against the dark. The faint shine from a streetlight that has been standing in the same place longer than most of us have lived on the block.

I do not remember anyone ever talking about light when I was growing up. It was simply there, or it wasn't. You flipped a switch, and life went on. But lately I've noticed how much comfort comes from knowing it will be there when you expect it.

On winter evenings especially, when the cold presses in early and the daylight gives up before it feels fair, those small lights do real work. They tell us someone is home. They tell us the day isn't quite finished yet. They give shape to streets that would otherwise feel empty and unwelcoming.

I have walked through town many nights when the sidewalks were quiet and the stores long closed, and I have found myself slowing down without realizing it. There is something grounding about seeing the same lights you saw yesterday, and the day before that, and the year before that. The hardware store sign still glowing. The corner house still lighting the same window. The library's exterior lamps still shining over the steps, even when the doors are locked.

It is not nostalgia exactly. It is steadiness.

So much of life now feels temporary. Apps update overnight. Buildings change names. Businesses come and go so fast that by the time you remember what used to be there, it has already been replaced by something else. In the middle of all that motion, there is comfort in the things that quietly stay put.

Light does that. It doesn't ask for attention. It doesn't demand praise. It simply

LANTERNS
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By CHARLES

does its job.

I think that is why I have grown more appreciative of routines as I have gotten older. Not exciting routines. Plain ones. The same walk. The same drive. The same chair by the window. These habits act like small lanterns of their own, marking time and place when everything else feels like it is rushing past.

There was a time when I thought routine meant giving up something. Youth, possibility, adventure. Now I see it differently. Routine is what gives those things a place to land. Without it, everything floats.

Even the people we rely on most often show up this way. The neighbor who always waves. The clerk who remembers your name. The librarian who knows where to find what you're looking for without checking the computer. None of them make speeches. They just show up, day after day, like a porch light at dusk.

I suspect that is how communities really hold together. Not through grand gestures or big announcements, but through small, dependable acts repeated over time. Lights turned on when they are supposed to be. Doors opened when promised. People doing what they said they would do.

There is something reassuring about driving home after dark and recognizing where you are by the pattern of lights alone. The curve in the road marked by three houses close together. The long stretch of trees broken by a single lamp. The center of town announced not by noise, but by glow.

You know where you are. You know you belong there.

I don't know when I started noticing these things. Maybe it happens slowly, without permission. Or maybe it happens the first time you realize how unsettling it feels when a familiar light doesn't come on. When a house goes dark for good. When a storefront stays empty longer than expected.

That is when you understand how much those quiet, ordinary lights mattered all along.

So if tonight feels unremarkable, that might be because it is doing exactly what it should. The lights are on. The street looks the way it always has. The town is steady, at least for the moment. And sometimes, that is more than enough.

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WEEKLY POLICE BLOTTER

Spencer

The Spencer Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Dec. 24-30.

Shane Curtis Chabot, age 35, of Spencer was arrested on Dec. 27 for Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Leaving the Scene of Property Damage, and Operating Under the Influence (Drugs).

Leicester

The Leicester Police Department reported the following arrests during the week Dec. 25-31.

Benjamin Wayne Larson, age 21, of Leicester was arrested on Dec. 25 for Vandalization of Property.

Francisco Roman Roman, age 61, of Oxford was arrested on Dec. 27 for Failure to Stop for Police, Operating a Motor Vehicle after suspension of license for OUI/CDL/MVH, operating an Unregistered and Uninsured Motor Vehicle, driving at a rate of speed greater than was reasonable and proper, a Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, a Marked Lanes Violation, Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Passing Violation, Receiving Stolen Property valued at \$1,200 or less, and Forgery and/or Misuse of an RMV Document.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on Dec. 27 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and driving at a rate of speed greater than was reasonable and proper.



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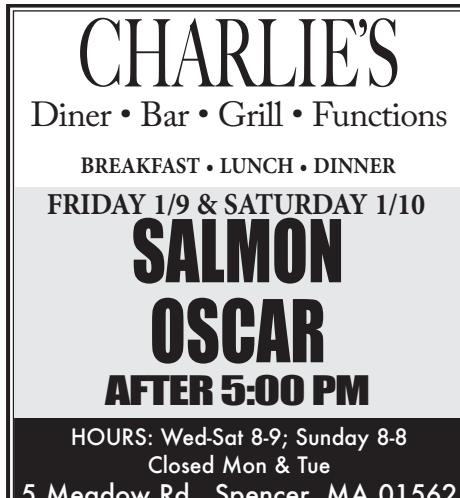
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Police offer reminders to help residents avoid winter scams

SPENCER — The Spencer Police Department is reminding residents to remain alert for scams and fraudulent activity during the winter months, a time when post-holiday transactions, utility payments, and online activity often increase.

Police departments across the region routinely report an uptick in scam attempts during winter, including phone calls, emails, and text messages designed to pressure residents into providing personal information or sending payments. Common tactics include impersonation of utility companies, government agencies, or delivery services.

Local officials advise residents to be cautious of unsolicited communications that demand immediate action, threaten service shutoffs, or request payment through gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency. Legitimate agencies do not typically request payment through those methods or pressure residents to act without providing written documentation.

Residents are also encouraged to monitor online purchases and package deliveries carefully. Porch theft and fraudulent delivery notices can occur year-round but may increase following the holiday season when shipping activity remains high.

The department advises residents to avoid sharing personal or financial information over the phone or online unless they have independently verified the source. Suspicious messages should be ignored or reported, rather than responded to.

Anyone who believes they have been targeted by a scam is encouraged to contact the Spencer Police Department through its non-emergency line. Prompt reporting can help law enforcement identify patterns and alert the community to emerging threats.

Police officials note that staying informed and skeptical is often the best defense. Residents are encouraged to share scam warnings with family members, particularly older adults who may be more frequently targeted.

East Brookfield Library hosting baking class

EAST BROOKFIELD — Come learn how to decorate cookies, cupcakes and cakes. We are looking for supplies for this program which include the following. Cupcake wrappers, Cake decorating supplies such as decorating tips, bags, jimmies, cake mixes, cookie mixes, confectioners sugar, food coloring. This program will be held on the last Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m., starting in February. Donations for this program are greatly appreciated. Registration is required one week prior to the program. Please speak to Carolann at the library for more details.

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**NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

**EFSB 25-01/D.P.U. 25-16 – New England Power Company
d/b/a National Grid (Central to Western Massachusetts
Energy Replacement Project)**



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Project Summary and Public Comment Hearing Overview

New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or the "Company") has asked the Energy Facilities Siting Board ("Siting Board") to approve its proposal to replace two existing overhead 69 kilovolt ("kV") transmission lines, three associated tap lines, and their supporting structures ("Existing Lines") with new overhead 115 kV transmission lines, tap lines, and structures ("Rebuilt Lines") in an existing transmission corridor through Millbury, Auburn, Leicester, Spencer, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown, Pelham, Shutesbury, Leverett, Sunderland, Deerfield, Conway, Shelburne, and Buckland, Massachusetts (the "Project"). The Project would be capable of operating at 115 kV, although it would initially operate at 69 kV, as does the existing line.

The Siting Board will conduct three hybrid public comment hearings with both in-person and remote participation options, as follows:

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Leicester Town Hall Gym
3 Washburn Square
Leicester, MA 01524

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. Deerfield Town Hall Main
Meeting Room
8 Conway St

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Belchertown Town Hall
Auditorium
2 Jabish St
Belchertown, MA 01007

Remote attendees: join by using this link – <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87391827695> from a computer, tablet, or smart device. For audio-only participation attendees can dial in at (646) 558-8656 (not a toll-free number) and then enter the Webinar ID: 873-9182-7695.

See additional comment instructions and Severe Weather Notification below.

To provide oral comments at a public comment hearing (in person, on Zoom, or by telephone), notify Yonathan Mengesha at Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov or (617) 305-3544. Provide your name, email address, mailing address, and docket number ("EFSB 25-01") by 5:00 p.m. the **day before the meeting**. You can also sign up in person the day of the hearing beginning an hour before the hearing. Pre-registered commenters will speak first, and others will speak next.

The Siting Board also invites written comments on the Project. Written comments will be most useful to the Siting Board if submitted by **January 28, 2026**. Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding (beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or in writing) may seek to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. Any petition to intervene or participate must likewise be filed no later than **January 28, 2026**, and must follow the instructions below.

Severe Weather Notification and Alternative Dates

In the event of severe weather, the Siting Board may postpone the public comment hearing(s). Any postponement will be announced on the Siting Board's Project website (accessible via the URL link or QR code at the top of this notice's first page) and the Zoom link for the public comment hearing. If any of the hearings is postponed, it will be rescheduled at the location and on the planned alternate date indicated below, and the deadlines for submitting public comments and filing for intervention or limited participant status will be extended as indicated below.

Important Dates:

Leicester Public Comment Hearing: Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Alternate: January 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (Belchertown)

Deerfield Public Comment Hearing
Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.
Alternate: January 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (in Belchertown)

Belchertown Public Comment Hearing
Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
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Written Public Comment Deadline
Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. if any of the public comment hearings is postponed)

Deadline to file for intervention or limited participant status
Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. if any of the public comment hearings is postponed)

Public Review of the Company's Petitions

A description of the Project, links to the Company's petitions, attachments and analysis, and periodic updates are electronically available on the Siting Board's webpage for the Project at Central-Western MA Energy Project I Mass.gov. The Company also maintains a webpage for the Project at <https://www.cmatowmaenergy.com/>. Hard copies of the Company's petitions and attachments are available for public inspection at the following locations:

Millbury

- Town Clerk's Office, 127 Elm St., Millbury, MA 01527
- Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm St., Millbury, MA 01527

Auburn

- Town Clerk's Office, 104 Central St., Auburn, MA 01501
- Auburn Public Library, 369 Southbridge St., Auburn, MA 01501

Leicester

- Town Clerk's Office, 3 Washburn Sq., Leicester, MA 01524
- Leicester Public Library, 1136 Main St., Leicester, MA 01524

Spencer

- Town Clerk's Office, 157 Main St., Spencer, MA 01562

- Richard Sugden Library, 8 Pleasant St., Spencer, MA 01562

East Brookfield

- Town Clerk, Memorial Town Complex, 122 Connie Mack Dr., East Brookfield, MA 01515

- East Brookfield Public Library, 122 Connie Mack Dr., East Brookfield, MA 01515

North Brookfield

- Town Clerk's Office, 215 N Main St., North Brookfield, MA 01535

- Haston Free Public Library, 161 N Main St., North Brookfield, MA 01535

West Brookfield

- Town Clerk's Office, 2 E Main St., West Brookfield, MA 01585

- Merriam-Gilbert Public Library, 3 W Main St., West Brookfield, MA 01585

Ware

- Town Clerk's Office, 126 Main Street, Suite F, Ware, MA 01082

- Ware Library, 37 Main St., Ware, MA 01082

Belchertown

- Town Clerk's Office, 2 Jabish St., Belchertown, MA 01007

- Clapp Memorial Library, 19 S Main St., Belchertown, MA 01007

Pelham

- Pelham Town Office Building, 351 Amherst Rd., Pelham, MA 01002

- Pelham Public Library, 2 S Valley Rd., Pelham, MA 01002

Shutesbury

- Town Clerk's Office, 1 Cooleyville Rd., Shutesbury, MA 01072

- M.N. Spear Memorial Library, 10 Cooleyville Rd., Shutesbury, MA 01072

Leverett

- Leverett Town Hall, 9 Montague Rd., Leverett, MA 01054

- Leverett Public Library, 75 Montague Rd., Leverett, MA 01054

Sunderland

- Town Clerk's Office, 12 School St., Sunderland, MA 01375
- Sunderland Public Library, 20 School St., Sunderland, MA 01375

Deerfield

- Deerfield Town Hall, 8 Conway St., South Deerfield, MA 01373

- Tilton Public Library, 71 N Main St., South Deerfield, MA 01373

Conway

- Conway Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Rd., Conway, MA 01341

- Field Memorial Library, 1 Elm St., Conway, MA 01341

Shelburne

- Town Clerk's Office, 51 Bridge St., Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

- Shelburne Free Public Library, 233 Shelburne Center Rd., Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

Buckland

- Buckland Town Hall, 17 State St., Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

- Buckland Public Library, 30 Upper St., Buckland, MA 01338

Public Comment Hearings

At each public comment hearing, National Grid will present an overview of the Project. Public officials and members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the Project. The public comment hearings will be transcribed by a court reporter. A recording of each public comment hearing will be posted to the Siting Board's YouTube channel after that hearing, at https://www.youtube.com/@MaDPU_hearing.

The public comment hearings mark the beginning of a formal, state-level decision-making process in which the Siting Board will; (1) review National Grid's proposed Project to ensure that it will provide a reliable energy supply with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J; and (2) determine whether the proposed Project is necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to participate in the Siting Board proceeding beyond providing comments at the public comment hearings or submitting written comments, may seek to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. "Intervenor" or "Party" Status: An **intervenor** can participate fully in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding, including participating in discovery (information gathering), participating in the evidentiary hearing, filing a brief, presenting comments to the Siting Board on the Tentative Decision, and appealing the Final Decision.

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Instructions for Filing Written Comments and Requesting to Participate in the Proceeding

Any written comments on the Project and any petition to intervene or to participate as a limited participant in this proceeding must be sent to the following four email addresses: dpu.efiling@mass.gov; Daniel.W.Keleher@mass.gov; ckeulen@keeganwerlin.com; and cblaine@keeganwerlin.com. The filing deadline is **January 28, 2026** (unless one of the public comment hearings is postponed, in which case the filing deadline will be February 11, 2026).

The e-mail accompanying the written comment or petition must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 25-01/D.P.U. 25-16); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the request; (3) a brief description of the document; and (4) the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact with questions about the filing. Any petition for intervention must state and explain the way or ways in which the requester may be specifically and substantially affected by the Project. Any petition for limited participation must describe the manner in which the petitioner is interested and the purpose for which participation is requested.

For more information on the Siting Board's procedural rules, please see the following link:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/980-cmr-105/download>.

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Melizxza Esenyie - Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Human Resources, 9th Floor

100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114, eediversity@mass.gov, 617-626-1282.

In your communication, state the accommodation you need and why you need it. Provide contact information in case the Coordinator needs more information. Provide one week's advance notice. The Coordinator will consider but may not be able to fulfill late requests.

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Contact

For further information about the proceeding, please contact the Presiding Officer at the address or telephone number below:

Daniel Keleher, Co-Presiding Officer Energy Facilities Siting Board

One South Station Boston, MA 02110

Daniel.W.Keleher@mass.gov (617) 305-3623

For periodic updates, please visit the Siting Board's webpage for this proceeding (accessible via the URL link or QR code at the top of this notice's first page).

Project Description

National Grid asserts that the Project, with projected costs of \$896.9 million, is needed to ensure reliable electric service to approximately 24,000 customers across twelve municipalities in Massachusetts. National Grid states that the Existing Lines were constructed in 1900, reconducted in 2001, and reinsulated in 2020 and that they are among the oldest transmission lines in New England. National Grid contends that the Existing Lines are also among the Company's worst performing transmission lines, due in large part to the lattice design of the transmission line supporting structures. The Existing Lines, each approximately 67 miles long, pass through the towns of Millbury, Auburn, Leicester, Spencer, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown, Pelham, Shutesbury, Leverett, Sunderland, Deerfield, Conway, Shelburne, and Buckland. The Company expects to start constructing the Project in April of 2029 and conclude in April of 2035.

The Project consists of: (1) removing existing 69 kV transmission lines and rebuilding them to a 115 kV design within the existing electric transmission right-of-way between the Millbury

#305 Substation and the Deerfield #4

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they would intersect Worcester-Providence Turnpike (State Route 146) before passing through Elmwood Street, Shaw Schools Recreational Fields, and Witter Lane. From there, the Rebuilt Lines would pass Greenwood Street and intersect Dwinell Road before entering Auburn.

Auburn: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Auburn and cross Washington Street to connect with the Pondville Substation before proceeding west, where they would intersect Ramshorn Brook, the Penn Central Railroad/Norwich, and Worcester Railroad. The Rebuilt Lines would continue west, passing through Hillside Cemetery and intersecting Central Street and Saratoga Road before crossing Interstate 90. The Rebuilt Lines would then cross Interstate 290 and pass through Auburn Recreation Complex (also known as Oxford Street Recreation Area), which is adjacent to Bayman Street. From there, the Rebuilt Lines would intersect Oxford Street, continue past Bryn Mawr Avenue, cross Dark Brook and run west, intersecting Leicester Street, Chapin Brook, Rochdale Street, Penn Central Railroad, and Drake Court. The Rebuilt Lines would cross Chapin Brook and Leicester Street before entering Leicester.

Leicester: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Leicester, transect Stafford Street and Henshaw Street, cross Grindstone Brook and Bunker Hill Road, and continue to Peter Salem Road, connecting with the Leicester Substation. The Rebuilt Lines would continue west and then transect Peter Salem Road, Pleasant Street and Memorial Drive. The Rebuilt Lines would continue southwest and cross Town Meadow Brook and Burncoat Brook, continue west, and then cross Pine Street and Charles Street before continuing northwest to pass through Burncoat Brook again as they enter Spencer.

Spencer: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Spencer and continue northwest, crossing Greenville Street, R Jones Road, Spencer State Forest and Mid-state Trail (an unpaved road). The Rebuilt Lines would continue northwest and intersect Ash Street, continue to Ashview Drive connecting to Maple Street, cross Charlton Road and continue past Pleasant View Road and Bixby Road Circle and continue northwest towards the intersection of West Main Street and Bixby Road.

The Rebuilt Lines would cross the intersection of Olde Main Street and Meadow Road before connecting to the Meadow Street Substation. From there, they would continue west over

the Seven Mile River, crossing Smithville Road before they enter East Brookfield.

East Brookfield: The Rebuilt Lines would enter East Brookfield, continue northwest to connect to the Harrington Switchyard, and then cross over Lake Lashway before entering North Brookfield.

North Brookfield: Crossing over Lake Lashway, the Rebuilt Lines would enter North Brookfield, cross Shore Road and the Five Mile River. From there, they would transect Old East Brookfield Road, continue through a wooded area and cross over the Penn Central Railroad before crossing Dunn Brook. The Rebuilt Lines would pass through the intersection of East Brookfield Road and Donovan Road, then over the Forget-Me-Not Brook before connecting with the Lashaway Substation. From the substation, the Rebuilt Lines would continue northwest through the Donovan Road Conservation Area where they transect Fullman Road near Fullam Hill Road Conservation Area, Brookfield Road, and West Brookfield Road. The Rebuilt Lines would enter the North Brookfield Town Forest, intersecting McCarthy Road before crossing Coys Brook and continue northwest, crossing Old West Brookfield Road, Coys Brook, and Tucker Cross Road. The Rebuilt Lines then would cross Smith and Hanson Road before entering West Brookfield.

West Brookfield: The Rebuilt Lines would enter West Brookfield, cross Wigwam Road, New Braintree Road, and Birch Hill Road, enter the West Brookfield State Forest, cross Sucker Brook and Shea Road. The Rebuilt Lines would continue west and cross Madden Road, Mill Brook, Wickaboag Valley Road, Ragged Hill Road, John Gilbert Road, Lamberton Brook, Cedar Drive, and Peirce Road before passing through Rock House Reservation and Corydon W Kibbe Agricultural Preservation Restriction Area as they enter Ware.

Ware: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Ware and cross Gilbertville Road (Route 32) before connecting to the Ware Substation. From there, they would continue past the CSX Transportation Railroad, cross the Ware River, Church Street, Old Gilbertville Road, Sheehy Road, the Muddy Brook, Greenwich Road, Sorel Road, Osborne Road, and finally the Flat Brook.

The Rebuilt Lines then would cross Old Poor Farm Road, King George Drive, Greenwich Plains Road, and Fisherdick Road, the Quabbin Reservoir Watershed, Beaver Brook, Peppers

Mill Pond, Old-Ware Enfield Road, Belchertown Road, Webster Road, and Belchertown Road again. The Rebuilt Lines would continue through the Quabbin Reservoir Watershed and cross the Swift River into Belchertown.

Belchertown: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Belchertown and continue through the Quabbin Watershed Reservoir, cross Winsor Dam Road, and then run between Blue Meadow Road and the Quabbin Reservoir, where they would connect to the Quabbin Switch Substation. The Rebuilt Lines would continue northwest, transect Cold Spring Road, then continue through the Quabbin Reservoir Watershed, crossing Warner Street, Earley Street, and Old Enfield Road before continuing north along the Quabbin Reservoir to enter Pelham.

Pelham: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Pelham and continue northwest into the Quabbin Reservoir Watershed to cross Packardville Road, Cadwell Creek, and the Daniel Shays Highway. The Rebuilt Lines would continue into the Cadwell Memorial Forest and cross Dunlop Brook and Amherst Road. They would continue northwest and cross over the Amethyst Brook and North Valley Road before continuing through the Buffam Brook Road Conservation Area and then crossing Buffam Road to enter Shutesbury.

Shutesbury: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Shutesbury, pass through the Amherst Watershed, and then cross Dean Brook, Sand Hill Road, Nurse Brook, and Pratt Corner Road before connecting to the Shutesbury Substation. The Rebuilt Lines are then proposed to cross over Nurse Brook again before entering Leverett.

Leverett: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Leverett and continue northwest, crossing Roaring Brook and Cushman Road. They would then cross Doolittle Brook in the Beaver Pond Conservation Area, Depot Road, Amherst Road, Long Plain Road, and the New England Central Railroad before entering Sunderland.

Sunderland: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Sunderland through the Mount Toby State Forest and Mount Toby Wildlife Management Area before crossing Montague Road, Chard Pond, and Falls Road. The Rebuilt Lines would then run along Gunn Brook and cross over the Connecticut River into Deerfield.

Deerfield: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Deerfield, cross River Road, and then continue to the west, crossing Clapp Brook, Steam Mill Road, the Boston and Maine Railroad, and Mas-

sachusetts Route 10. The Rebuilt Lines would then cross the Fuller Swamp Brook and Mill Village Road adjacent to farmland to continue through woods and farmland and ultimately cross Interstate 91. The Rebuilt Lines would then run parallel to Sand Gully Road, cross Stillwater Road, Hoosac Road, and the Deerfield River to enter Conway.

Conway: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Conway adjacent to the Deerfield River and Mohawk Trail, cross over the South River, Bardwells Ferry Road, and the Boston and Maine Railroad before entering Shelburne.

Shelburne: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Shelburne and cross the Deerfield River near Dragon Brook and Orchard Road. They would continue northwest before crossing Barnard Road. The Rebuilt Lines would then run parallel to the Deerfield #2 Substation. They would then run parallel to the Boston and Maine Railroad, cross over the Deerfield River again and then the Mohawk Trail. From there, the Rebuilt Lines would proceed north where a tap line connects to the Deerfield #3 Substation across the Deerfield River. The remainder of the Rebuilt Lines would continue northwest before terminating at Deerfield #4 Station near Main Street.

Descriptions of Tap Line Replacements

Quabbin Switching Tap: The Project includes replacing the two tap lines in Belchertown that would connect with the Rebuilt Lines at the Quabbin Switching Tap and Tower near Blue Meadow Road. Quabbin Switching Tap extends approximately 0.1 miles to Quabbin Switching Tower in Belchertown.

Deerfield #3 Taps: The Company also proposes replacing the two tap lines that would connect to the Rebuilt Lines at the Deerfield Generating Station north of the Deerfield River in Shelburne. The Deerfield #3 Taps extend approximately 0.5 miles to the Deerfield #3 Generating Station in Buckland.

Shutesbury #704 Tap: The Company proposes replacing the two tap lines that would connect to the Rebuilt Lines at the Shutesbury #704 Substation near the Pratt Corner Road. The Shutesbury #704 Taps extend approximately 0.02 miles to the Shutesbury #704 Substation in Shutesbury.

January 2, 2026

January 9, 2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Docket No. WO25P4417EA

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate Of:

Robertline Kehaulani McGlasson

Date of Death: 02/15/2025

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Katherine Tyler Kainoa Kratt of Sturbridge MA and Tammy Kehaulani Adams of Palmer AK** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Katherine Tyler Kainoa Kratt of Sturbridge MA and Tammy Kehaulani Adams of Palmer AK be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/27/2026**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the

Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 26, 2025

Stephanie Fattman,

Register of Probate

January 9, 2026

Brookfield Conservation Commission

Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to MGL c. 131, §40, the Wetlands Protection Act, the Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a **Request for Determination of Applicability** filed by **David Terry for a single-family home, septic system, well, and driveway at 2 Rice Corner Rd, Brookfield, MA**. Portions of the proposed work lie within wetland resource areas or buffer zone. The hearing will be held in the **Banquet Hall of the Brookfield Town Hall, 6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA** on **Wednesday, January 21, 5:30 PM** or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The filing is available for public review in the Town Clerk's office during business hours. January 9, 2026

Brookfield Conservation Commission

Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to MGL c. 131, §40, the Wetlands Protection Act, the Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a **Request for Determination of Applicability** filed by **Jeffrey Wexler for the installation or relocation of storage sheds, a business sign, and fruit trees located at 34 Fiskdale Rd, Brookfield, MA**. Portions of the proposed work lie within wetland resource areas or buffer zone. The hearing will be held in the **Banquet Hall of the Brookfield Town Hall, 6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA** on **Wednesday, January 21, 5:30 PM** or as soon thereafter as can be heard. The filing is available for public review in the Town Clerk's office during business hours. January 9, 2026

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Board of Selectmen – 1 seat, 3-year term
 Board of Assessors – 1 seat, 3-year term
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 School Committee – 2 seats, 3-year terms
 School Committee – 1 seat, 1-year term (to fill a vacancy)
 Water Commissioner – 1 seat, 3-year term
 Water Commissioner – 1 seat, 2-year term (to fill a vacancy)
 Board of Health – 1 seat, 3-year term
 Cemetery Commissioner – 1 seat, 3-year term
 Library Trustees – 2 seats, 3-year terms
 Planning Board – 1 seat, 5-year term
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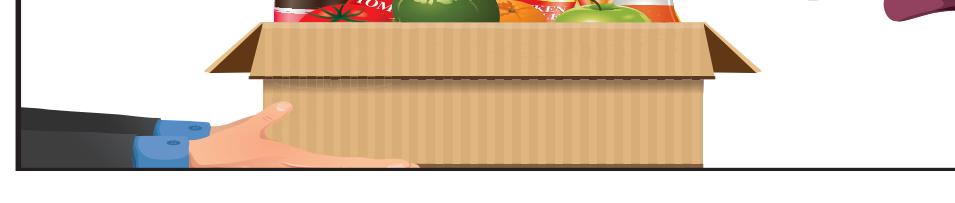
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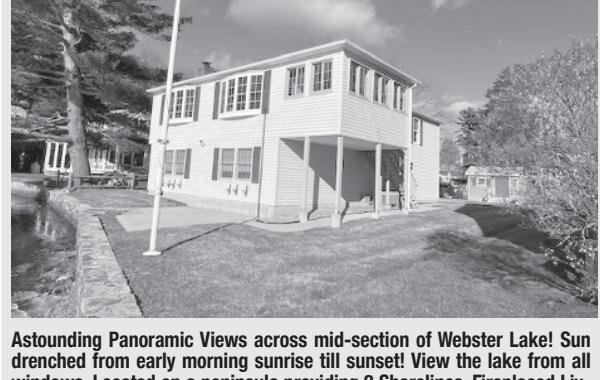
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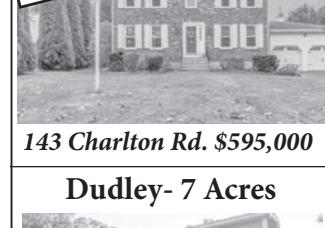
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