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## Salisbury Selectmen Welcome Harrington Back

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter



Photo by Stewart Lytle

Neil Harrington

SALISBURY – With mixed emotions all around, Town Manager Neil Harrington returned full-time to his desk at town hall last Wednesday after the results of the Salem special election proved he will not be the Witch City's 50th mayor.

"I know he really wanted to be mayor of his hometown again," said Chuck Takesian, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, "but I am glad to have him back in the building."

Selectman Michael Colburn said he had mixed emotions about Harrington's decision to run for the vacancy in Salem caused by the election of the city's former Mayor Kim Driscoll to be lieutenant governor.

"I'm really happy he lost," Colburn said. Praising Harrington as a "very fiscally responsible guy," he said, "The town is in better shape because he is here."

An exhausted Harrington after six months of simultaneously campaigning in Salem and managing Salisbury said he is pleased to be back working full-time for the town.

Harrington, who served four terms as Salem's mayor between 1990 to 1997, lost to Dominick Pangallo, the long-time chief of staff to Driscoll. She served as mayor for 17 years. Her popularity was thought to help Pangallo, who received 52 percent of the vote.

The special election

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## Ipswich Receives Metropolitan Area Planning Council Grant

IPSWICH — Town Manager Stephen Crane is pleased to share that the Town of Ipswich has received grant funding courtesy of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to provide technical assistance for Phase I of the Town's Section 3A work.

The \$40,000 in grant funding will aid in the visioning phase of the Town's Section 3A work.

Section 3A of the State's Zoning Act requires that the 175 communities with access to MBTA service, including Ipswich and Rowley, create a district or districts where multi-family housing is permitted as of right.

MBTA communities, such as Ipswich and Rowley, are given until the end of 2024 to introduce zoning that would allot for multi-family housing. The state indicates that densities must accommodate at least 15 units per acre.

Ipswich would be required to zone 50 acres for 971 units, according to state guidelines. In addition, forty percent of the units have to be within half a mile of the train station.

Rowley would be required to zone 40 acres for 601 units, with twenty percent in the station area, according to the guidelines.

MAPC technical assistance to Ipswich is made possible through a range of sources including District Local Technical Assistance, Planning for MetroCommon2050 Technical Assistance, and foundation grants.

Ipswich residents are encouraged to view the Town's webpage, [www.ipswichma.gov/978/Section-3A](http://www.ipswichma.gov/978/Section-3A), to learn more about the project. Those with questions should contact Andrea Bates at [andreab@ipswichma.gov](mailto:andreab@ipswichma.gov).

## Rowley Outnumbered on Triton Budget

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter



Photo by Stewart Lytle

Triton Regional High School

TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT — Rowley got outvoted last week at the Salisbury Town Meeting, which approved that town's \$15 million assessment next year for the Triton Regional School District budget.

Rowley, which narrowly approved a cut in its assessment for Triton at its Town Meeting, may now have to hold a second Town Meeting to approve the full assessment.

The three towns -- Newbury, as well as Rowley and Salisbury -- are assessed a portion of the budget each year in the regional school formula. The unpopular formula is based on several factors, notably the number of students each town sends to the schools.

Rowley Town Meeting members voted by a margin of four votes to cut its assessment for next year by 4 percent or \$502,568. Because two of the three towns approved the school budget, Rowley will now have to pay its full assessment, about \$12.6 million.

In recent years, it has been the town of Salisbury that has been required to pay more of the Triton Regional School District budget, while the towns of Newbury and Rowley got off a bit easier.

The number of students from Rowley increased by 34. Newbury went down 10 students, and Salisbury went down by four students.

Nerissa Wallen, one of Rowley's three representatives on the Triton school committee, agreed that Rowley's assessment from Triton "is a high number."

She blamed the state's Chapter 70 formula, which "the district has no control over." Chapter 70 establishes the minimum spending requirements that each town in a school district must meet based on factors that include enrollment numbers.

Another factor is "the municipal revenue growth factor," a formula which, she said, calculates that the town can afford to pay more toward the Triton

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## Georgetown Elects Smith as SelectBoard Chair

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter



Photo by Stewart Lytle

Welcome to Georgetown, MA

GEORGETOWN – Amy Smith was elected as the chair of the SelectBoard and Robert Hoover is the new board clerk in a major changing of the guard at the top of town government.

Smith was elected by the new majority on the board that includes newly elected Robert Hoover and Rachel Bancroft.

Doug Dawes, who served three years as the board chair, was nominated by Daryle Lamonica, but after Smith got three votes, she was declared the winner. Smith and Lamonica thanked Dawes for his years of service.

Dawes said he had always favored a rotating chair, rather than one member serving more than one year as the chair.

"I'm grateful

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Publisher/Editor, The Town Common

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE GEORGETOWN PLANNING BOARD

Notice is given that a Planning Board public hearing shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 11, §165-80.2 - Major Development Review (MDR) - of the Town of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance, on the Application of G. Mello Disposal Corp. 95 Tenney St., Georgetown, MA 01933, regarding the construction of a new solid waste transfer station, capable of processing and transferring up to 500 tons of solid waste materials per day, to be located off the northside terminus of Carleton Drive (20 Carleton Drive), shown on the Town's Assessor Map 15 as Lot 46, consisting of 14.6 acres. The hearing shall occur remotely on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, starting at 7:00 P.M., in accordance with the Executive Order waiving certain provisions of G. L. c. 30A, sec. 20 during the COVID -19 pandemic, which was extended in 2021 and further extended on March 29, 2023 to March 31, 2025 by action of the General Court and enactment by Governor Healey. Interested persons are invited to participate in the above-cited hearing, via computer, tablet, smartphone by connecting to the following Zoom Meeting  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86555237518, Meeting ID: 865 5523 7518 (no passcode) or One tap mobile 1 (309) 205-3325.

The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the 14 June 2023 meeting agenda, which will be posted on the Town of Georgetown website no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting. Further, the meeting may be broadcast live on the Georgetown Local Access Cable TV Channel 9. Video recordings of this meeting, and all Georgetown Planning Board meetings may be found at www.georgetownma.gov, by choosing Cable TV option.

Full and complete copies of the above-cited Site Plan application, together with the associated Plans, are available upon request by emailing the Town Planner at jcashell@georgetownma.gov or by calling the Planning Office at 978-352-5713. Any person interested in being heard on this application should appear at the time and place designated, herein. Please note, written correspondence will be accepted and read into the record of the hearing. Persons needing special accommodations should contact the Georgetown Planning Department at (978) 352- 5713.

John Cashell  
Town Planner for Town of Georgetown

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Mr. Hoel will provide an introduction to the movie and an opportunity for questions afterward. 55 Min.



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## LEGAL NOTICE - NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Newburyport Towing Service, Inc. 27 S. Hunt Road, Amesbury, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will auction the following vehicles June 8, 2023 on the website <http://sta.ibidsmart.com>. The auction will end at 1:00 pm and buyer registration is required. Those that do not sell at auction will be sold on or after June 8, 2023 by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers liens for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

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Walter L. Lowell 5/24, 5/31, 6/7

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3. 2007 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 VIN 1GCEC14C27E543547
4. 2011 Chevrolet Malibu VIN 1G1ZB5E14BF329163
5. 2008 Chevrolet Impala VIN 2G1WT58N081368816

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## LEGAL NOTICE - ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote public meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 7:45 pm to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability application filed by Town of Rowley Board of Selectmen Attn: Debbie Eagan, Town Administrator for proposed construction of a cricket field (79,000 sq. ft.) of which 21,000 sq. ft. is within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 221 Rear Main Street (Map 25, Parcel 35, Lot 1) in Rowley, MA.

Daniel Shinnick, Chairman, Rowley Conservation Commission

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## Salisbury Selectmen Welcome Harrington Back

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attracted only 28 percent, which disappointed Harrington.

"I've never experienced such a low turnout in a municipal election," he said. "Considering the amount of advertising, the number of leaflets mailed and handed out, I was surprised. But that is out of anyone's control."

A lifelong resident of Salem, Harrington said he was pursuing "two incompatible goals" in running for Salem mayor while continuing as Salisbury's town manager.

Back at work in Salisbury the

day after the election, Harrington said, "It is an exciting time to be here. The town is on the move. There are lots of exciting projects."

He cited the upcoming Route 1 resurfacing, the North End Boulevard Project and the Big Block development at the beach, which is back before the town for approval.

Before he ran for mayor of Salem, he put in place several critical projects, notably the new sewer line along Lafayette Road.

"We are experiencing some positive new growth," he said,

which will bring in more revenue to the town and help keep the tax burden lower.

Harrington and the town will have to move forward without Janet Flannery, the only assistant he has had in his 20 years in Salisbury. After 33 years as a town employee, Flannery is retiring.

Flannery was honored for her service last week with a luncheon attended by town officials and employees.

"Janet is a delightful person. She is an asset to the town," Harrington said.

## Georgetown Elects Smith

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for the confidence that the board has shown in me," Smith said. "As chair, my duty is to ensure the effective functioning of the Board in a manner that is representative and attentive to the needs of the town."

She added that she would strive to "create a culture that is collaborative, transparent and results oriented."

Hoover won a seat on the SelectBoard with 801 votes, followed by Bancroft with 641. Incumbent Gary Fowler received 592 votes. Peter Kershaw, the board clerk, did not run for re-election.

Bancroft said she is looking forward to working with Smith and bringing forward some of her "good ideas."

Smith responded that, "Each member of the Board brings with them great ideas for how we can best serve the community. We'll be working together to realize many of those ideas."

For herself, she said, "I would like to see improved communications between the board and town residents. I just received an email from a resident inquiring about the status of several major projects. As a board, we need to be more proactive about getting information like that out to the community. Informed citizens are engaged citizens."

One of the top priorities for the new board is to appoint members of town boards and commissions. Smith said that process would begin next month.

## Rowley Outnumbered

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budget "because expensive homes are being built in Rowley," and the town's tax base will increase by the value of those homes.

None of the towns like the current formula for the assessments. Neil Harrington, the Salisbury Town Manager, said the current formula allows for sharp increases that none of the towns like.

To change the formula, all three towns must agree on a new method of making annual assessments. In the

past, the towns have not reached a consensus, Harrington said.

Superintendent Brian Forget said he is not happy with the increases in spending, but denied an accusation that the district was adding 12 new staff members. He said the budget calls for 3.5 new staff members, which are critical to operations, he said.

He also said the budget has levelled the purchase of supplies, which worries him, given the increase in inflation of all items the school buys.

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Wed, May 24, 7pm  
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Ten states and the District of Columbia have passed legislation allowing terminally ill patients, who meet very stringent criteria and oversight, to obtain medical treatment options to hasten their deaths, ending the potential for protracted, needless suffering. Massachusetts is not one of them. Please join us via Zoom for an in depth look at this often volatile, emotionally laden topic. This evening's conversation will be facilitated by staff members and volunteers from Compassion and Choices of Massachusetts and will include personal stories from those who wished they could or their dying spouses could have availed themselves of this vital medical option.

Registration is required for this online program. To sign up to watch from home, visit the Rowley Public Library web site at [www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar](http://www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar). You will receive an email with the link to the webinar.

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# Health & Wellness





By J. PETER ST. CLAIR, DMD

In the first segment of this series, I discussed the role of caregivers in early dental care. Prevention starts as early as 6 months into pregnancy and continues with essential steps early in a child's life. The second segment discussed dental care for children as they develop. In this final segment I will discuss easy prevention and maintenance steps to take to help ensure dental health for a lifetime.

As I stated a few weeks ago, in preventive-based dental practices we go far beyond saying to patients, "you need to brush and floss more." We truly believe that dental disease, both dental caries (cavities) and gum disease, is very preventable. However, we recognize that not every individual is equal when it comes to susceptibility. Each person presents with their own unique genetic pool, good and bad habits, number and position of teeth, and willingness to truly make a change. The one constant is that most of us have room for improvement.

Here are 4 simple things that will help maintain dental health for a lifetime:

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easy to put professional hygiene visits on the backburner. We are pulled in many different directions in life, and the absence of pain in our mouths sometimes grants us permission to skip regular dental appointments. Some people will use the excuse of lack of insurance for not going on a regular basis. The most important thing you can do to prevent dental disease is to commit to a lifetime of professional dental visits. This is a choice. Your cell phone costs more per year than these visits will. Some people require four visits a year to maintain health and others may only require one. There are no set rules. However, it is up to you to make the commitment.

Home Care – Most people have significant room for improvement with their home care. Coaching, in anything, increases an individual's potential for improvement. Think of us as your dental coach. We routinely ask patients to bring their toothbrushes with them to their appointments to review technique. As simple as it sounds, constant evaluation and improvement of your home care can only decrease your chances of dental disease.

Diet – What we put in our mouths, when we do it and how often are all choices as well. As with everything, some people can get away with things that others cannot. Decay rates are different for different people and can change during the course of a lifetime. This is an important topic to routinely discuss at regular visits.

Dental Orthotics – This is in reference to any oral appliance, typically worn while sleeping, but there are some worn during the day. This is another situation where absence of any symptoms sometimes allows us to ignore what is really going on. It is easy to get someone to wear an appliance in their mouth if they present with TMJ issues or headaches. On the other hand, it is often difficult to convince someone to routinely wear a nighttime appliance if they have no symptoms. For example, people who have had braces should be wearing retainers. People who have sleep apnea may have the option of wearing an oral appliance. However, those who have evidence of clenching and/or grinding are the most undertreated. It is my firm belief that if more people committed to unflinching routine use of a properly made nighttime appliance (if they show any indications they need it), many potential dental problems would be avoided.

I believe that most dental disease is preventable. What it takes to prevent dental disease in one person may very well not be the same for another. Choose and commit to these four things and you are guaranteed fewer dental problems over your lifetime.


*Dr. St. Clair maintains a private dental practice in Rowley dedicated to health-centered family dentistry. He has a special interest in treating snoring, sleep apnea and TMJ problems. If there are certain topics you would like to see written about or questions you have please email them to him at [jpstclair@stclairdmd.com](mailto:jpstclair@stclairdmd.com)*

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