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Rowley Windward Crossing Up to 70% Affordable Housing Project May Yet Get a \$500K Taxpayer Boost

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

ROWLEY – Town Meeting in May is likely to reconsider and may reverse a vote from last year to fund a portion of a new affordable housing project near the Market Basket shopping center on Rte. 1.

The Rowley SelectBoard voted four to one last week to support a request of \$500,000 from Community Preservation Funds for the project, called Windward Crossing, by Harborlight Homes.

The recommendation now goes to the Community Preservation Committee for its approval before going to the Town Meeting.

The SelectBoard's approval was a major step for the not-for-profit organization toward winning approval for its first-ever project in Rowley.

Plans are to build on a 3-acre lot 20 affordable townhomes along with a group home and a community center that will be managed by a non-profit group and not cost the town money.

Town Meeting last year turned down a \$400,000 proposal for the same housing project. When asked why the project increased by \$100,000 in a few months, Harborlight executive Pat Connolly said the ask last year was for \$300,000 to \$500,000. The town split the difference.

Since then, "prices have gone up," he said.

SelectBoard member Cliff Pierce said the project was voted down last year in part because it was caught up in the discussion over the controversial MBTA's Section 3A, which was also voted down.

Danby Whitmore, chair of the town's Housing Partnership Committee, said it felt like Harborlight's funding request was "brushed over" at the meeting. "Nobody knew what they were voting on," she said.

Resident Matt Grenier questioned why the SelectBoard and the CPC were voting again on the Harborlight proposal. "It just seems like you're diminishing the will of the people," he said.

If approved the units will remain affordable for at least 30 years because of a deed restriction filed

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Ava Bailey of Newburyport being closely guarded by Pentucket's Sophia Bellacqua



Newburyport's Morgan Rouba heads down the court guarded by Amelia Crowe of Pentucket.

Some Winter Sports Happen Indoors!

Photos by Peter McClelland



Cal Atherton (Newburyport) drives to the basket.



Carson Gretz (Newburyport) deflects the ball away from Lynnfield's Madux Iovinelli.



Chair Ed Dobie (fourth from left in dark blue) led the charge, with all members present voting unanimously. L-R: Barbie Linaves, David Harris, Alicia Raspa, Edward Dobie, Michael Kelly, and Gary Fowler. Member Mark Tashjian was not present for the vote. At press time, their last posted minutes are from 2022.

Georgetown FinCom Advances Budget Development Based on Anticipated Tax Override

GEORGETOWN – Despite last year's rejection by voters of a requested \$3 million tax override, the Georgetown Finance and Advisory Committee voted at their January 15, 2025 meeting to engage the selectmen with a recommendation to move forward with development of town budgets based on anticipation of a new override this spring.

"We're in favor of asking the selectboard to work with us on an override," Chair Ed Dobie stated. Member Fowler expressed concerns with an anticipated \$4 million when it failed at \$3 million last year. For their part, the members seek to educate the public on the needs of school department increases, requested police and fire increases, fixed costs, insurance increases, costs to support Whittier, as well as the loss of temporary revenue (COVID relief funds, money from drug retailers), which were used to fund positions, etc. ♦

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Upcoming Events

SALISBURY

Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack

Wednesday, February 12, 7:30 PM
Hilton Senior Center, 43 Lafayette Road, Salisbury, Mass.
This month's meeting will feature two brief talks by Roundtable members.

"How Joshua Chamberlain Faced Down an Insurrection at the Maine State Capitol in 1880" and "The Role of the U.S. Marines in the Civil War."

Joshua Chamberlain is most remembered for his heroic actions at Little Round Top during the Battle of Gettysburg, but his leadership during twelve days in January of 1880 calming all factions in a disputed election may have been an even greater example of courage.

The February meeting will also include the annual election of officers and collection of dues. All are welcome to attend free of charge, but only members may vote in the election.

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'Valentine Love' Pet Food Drive-By

Saturday, February 14, 10 am - 1:00 pm
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BYFIELD

Triton Regional High School Debuts First Ever Winter Play with The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

January 31 at 7:00 PM and February 1 at 2:00 PM, at Triton Regional High School.

Triton Regional High School Theatre presents a heartwarming and emotional journey in its debut Winter Play, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.

Adapted from Kate DiCamillo's beloved children's book, this moving production offers audiences of all ages a powerful story of love, loss, and personal growth.

The play follows the transformative journey of Edward Tulane, a china rabbit who embarks on an emotional adventure that teaches him the true meaning of love and compassion. Voiced by senior Josh Sauris, Edward's journey spans heartbreak and healing as he learns how to love and be loved—offering timeless lessons in empathy and connection.

Edward learns, if you have no intention to love and be loved, then life's journey is pointless. It's a message that resonates with everyone, no matter their age, and reminds us all of the importance of human connection.

This production, adapted by Dwayne Hartford, showcases the remarkable talent of Triton's young actors who bring Edward's journey to life with both humor and heart. Their powerful performances will tug at the audience's emotions, making this play a truly unforgettable experience.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane is part of Triton High School's Season of Self-Acceptance, which aims to promote themes of empathy, personal growth, and emotional awareness. Through this play, the school hopes to foster understanding and compassion, both on stage and in the community.

With only two performances, this is a rare opportunity to see this poignant story brought to life by the next generation of theatre talent. The show will be performed on January 31 at 7:00 PM and February 1 at 2:00 PM, at Triton Regional High School.

Tickets are available for purchase online or at the door. Advance tickets can be bought with a credit card online via <https://our.show/thseward>, or cash at the door on the day of the performance.

Are UFOs Real?

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

AMESBURY – Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), now called Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAPs), came to the Costello Senior Center last week.

About a dozen senior residents listened enthusiastically to Chris Torres of Salisbury Beach explain how the government and academics no longer believe people are crazy if they believe impossibly fast space ships from another planet are visiting Earth.

"We are entering a new era of transparency" about extraterrestrials, Torres said. Notably, a new documentary, the Age of Disclosure, filmed in secret for the last two years, is being unveiled next month at the South by Southwest Film Festival in Austin, TX, Torres said.

The Age of the Disclosure, by filmmaker Dan Farah, features interviews with 34 current and former senior members of the U.S. government, military and intelligence agencies who have what is said to be "direct knowledge of UAPs."

The film contends the government has engaged in an 80-year cover-up of the

existence of non-human intelligent life. And it is not just the U.S. The documentary contends that a secret war is underway among major nations to reverse engineer captured UFO technology.

Torres, who grew up in Methuen, has been fascinated with little green men since he was a boy. But in the 40 years he has been watching the skies, he has been frustrated because he has never seen a UFO.

He admits that about 95 percent of lights in the sky are easily explained as airplanes, drones and stars, notably the planet Jupiter. Or it could be Chinese spy balloons, he said.

Torres, who gives his lectures as part of a company called SeniorU. brought with him to the edification of the Amesbury seniors videos of Navy pilots, who filmed aircraft that looked like giant Tic Tacs. As the objects flew close to Navy aircraft carriers and other ships, the pilots followed and filmed them, but could not explain what they were and expressed their amazement at the objects' capabilities, according to the videos.

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Wind Turbine Springs a Leak - Sprays Hydraulic Fluid Over Neighborhood

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – Mark Rickey's wind turbine, solar panels and a biomass boiler have long been examples of green manufacturing here.

But earlier this month, wind and rain caused a container of hydraulic fluid on the turbine to spill into its catch basin, polluting the surrounding neighborhood when the turbine blew it onto houses, cars, and buildings.

On the following Tuesday, crews began the extensive clean-up project in the neighborhood along Route 1, while the Department of Environmental Protection supervised.

Newburyport Fire Chief Stephen

Bradbury III was quoted as saying he is not worried about health issues, but residents expressed concern about the long-term effects of the hydraulic fluid on plants and pets.

Rickey, who has promised to pay all the cleanup costs, said, "This is the first time we've had any kind of incident like this. It is an older turbine now and does require a lot of maintenance. But we are surprised."

The turbine won't be restarted until the owners know why this happened and take steps to prevent it from happening again.

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Windmill photo by Stewarte Lytle

Salisbury Historical Society Awarded \$2,500 Grant from Mass Cultural Council for "Scenes of Salisbury Traveling Quilt Show"

SALISBURY – The Salisbury Historical Society is thrilled to announce it has been awarded a \$2,500 grant on December 13, 2024, from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, through its Festival and Projects 2025 program. This grant will support the Society's upcoming "Scenes of Salisbury Traveling Quilt Show," a mobile

exhibition of a cherished 1978 quilt that celebrates Salisbury's rich history.

The quilt, handcrafted by 31 women of the East Parish Methodist Church in 1978, features 42 intricately embroidered squares, each depicting a unique scene or event integral to Salisbury's heritage. It has been a treasured part of the Society's collection since its founding that same year.

With this grant, the Salisbury Historical Society will bring this remarkable artifact to life by displaying it at various community venues. This traveling exhibit will provide

residents and visitors alike the opportunity to connect with Salisbury's history, as told through the quilt's vivid and meticulously detailed squares.

The Salisbury Historical Society extends its gratitude to the Mass Cultural Council for its generous support, which enables this meaningful project to foster community engagement and appreciation for local history.

For more information on the "Scenes of Salisbury Traveling Quilt Show" or the Salisbury Historical Society, please visit our website www.salisburyhistorical.org. ♦

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Pentucket Bank Charitable Foundation Donates \$10,000 to the Atkinson Conservation Commission

HAVERHILL – The Pentucket Bank Charitable Foundation has donated \$10,000 to the Atkinson Conservation Commission to assist with the creation of an accessible trail system in Atkinson, NH. This funding will support the necessary infrastructure for the project, which aims to provide greater outdoor access to residents of all abilities and foster community engagement with nature.

The trail project will be a collaborative effort with partners including Recreation, Elder Services, the UNH Cooperative Extension, the Kimi Nichols Center, youth groups, and local schools. These partnerships will enable a range of programs and activities for the community to enjoy.

“Protecting the environment is a crucial responsibility,” said Pentucket Bank President and CEO Steve Jaskelevicus. He added, “By supporting the Atkinson Conservation Commission, we are investing in the future of our planet and ensuring that future generations can enjoy and benefit from its natural beauty.” ♦

Georgetown Conservation Commission Details Enforcement Order Against ‘Forest Bathing’ Site

by Lonnie Brennan

GEORGETOWN – While the left hand is all concerned with \$48.83 in wrongly submitted mileage reimbursements over a 10-month period (see prior stories), the Georgetown Conservation Commission continues to focus on matters of septic system upgrades, boundary markers to firmly define no-disturb boundaries near wetlands, a failed septic replacement, removal of a deck and creation of an addition, and enforcement of extensive violations into the wetlands where Mr. Tianqui Wang created a party/meditation/forest bathing area.

The area identified as “off rail trail Map 9 Lot X, Mr. Tianqui Wang” contains a small boat dock, several small plastic floatie boats, a gas grill, extensive pressure treated wooden platforms, what appears to be two small sheds/shelters covered with tarps, fencing, walkways, tables, chairs, and other items, all – the ConCom members noted – are in violation of local, state and other wetlands regulations.

In their meeting minutes, the Commission summarized that “Mr. Wang has migrated into that area and neighboring properties with boardwalks, chairs, ladders, and other things of that nature. All materials must be removed. The woods path extends 30’ into the wetland marsh area. All debris must be removed from all other parcels, including Penn Brook Conservation Area. The grill must be removed, the fence must be removed. The statues must be removed from the trees.”

ConCom member Amy Graffum noted that “we counted 22 chairs and a ladder and tarps and fences that prohibit wildlife from traveling.” She noted that all items that have been bolted into the trees need to be removed “asap, especially before spring.”

The area, which some have described as looking like a possible “homeless camp” actually contains many vases and artwork which Mr. Wang explained to members were a part of his culture. Recorded in the meeting minutes, he stated that he “made an open-air gallery with decorations as people do for Halloween and Christmas. It is my land. I will come to Michele’s [Grenier, the conservation agent] office to make this clearer.”

ConCom Vice Chair Rachel Bancroft explained to Mr. Wang that he does need to follow the law in the use of his property, fully, as this has gone from a discussion/notification point to an Enforcement Order, and the next step is the imposition of fines for wetlands violations.

After a good deal of discussion between the ConCom members, Mr. Wang, and his interpreter, indicated that they understood and would comply and remove the copious items. The ConCom directed that all items are to be removed, the trees are to be repaired, and the Enforcement Order was to extend out to March to allow Mr. Wang time to comply.

That meeting took place on January 2nd. Little activity at the site in terms of removals was noticed when the nearby pictures were taken on January 18th (there appeared to be hundreds of items present). Failure to comply will expose Mr. Wang to fines of \$300/day. ♦



Large encampment is positioned across the rail trail from the Camp Demison conservation area.



In addition to structures and decks covered by tarps, multiple small boats, fencing, and other items are present, including long boards/docks leading out to a clearance in the water of the wetlands.



Fencing, propane grill, pressure treated decking captured in zoom lense from adjacent rail trail.

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Groveland Trash and Recycling Survey

by Mike Dempsey

The Groveland Select Board and the Trash and Recycling Committee want your input. The committee recommends moving towards automated trash pickup to lower costs and improve waste management.

Each household would receive lidded, wheeled trash and recycling carts.

Your participation in this process is important. Residents are asked to take a

brief survey on the Groveland town website at grovelandma.com. Click on the Trash and Recycling link to access the survey and other waste management information.

Please submit only one response per household.

If a paper survey is needed, contact Rebecca Oldham, Town Administrator at town hall.

The board and the committee thank you for your participation.

Will the Second Time Be the Charm to give Taxpayer Boost to Private 'Low Income' Housing Development Project?

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with the state Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Connolly said.
The affordable units will be reserved for people earning 50 percent or less of the area median income, around \$49,000, or less,
Windward Crossing will feature a 20-unit apartment building with services for seniors, a group home with five bedrooms that would house people with autism, another building with condominiums for three residents plus a caretaker.
Harborlight is partnering with the Cusack family of Ipswich, which is underwriting a portion of the project philanthropically. ♦

Readers are encouraged to learn more about the project by viewing the Seleboard meeting of 1/13/25 (photo screenshots provided on this page for reference) at: <http://tightrope.townofrowley.org/RCM/show/6020>
The discussion begins approximately 55 minutes into the recording and ends just over 12 minutes later.



Pat Connolly from Harborlight Homes of Beverly, Mass. explains the request for \$500K. According to Harborlight's website, they own/manage 606 units, have 434 units in the development pipeline. They provide supportive homes, senior homes, etc. "We strive to make homes for all, because everyone deserves a home." <https://harborlighthomes.org/>



Resident Matt Grenier: "...the townspeople identified that they did not want to approve it. Why would this be put up for another vote? It's just a question. It doesn't make sense to me. The townspeople have spoken at the last May Town Meeting ... it just seems like you're diminishing the will of the people."



Danby Whitmore, HPC: "I just want to say, I understand that it was voted on last town meeting, but I felt that it was kinda brushed over at the last town meeting. Nobody knew what they were voting on. Nobody stood up to say what it was for, so I kinda think that's just kind of a red herring at this point. I think it's very important that we do have a conversation about this, and make sure that people do understand what it is for this town meeting that is coming up."



Four members on the left approved the increased request to \$500K. Member Sheri David (far right) did not support the \$100K increase.



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate
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- ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Shutting people out to avoid distractions, even under a deadline, can cause hurt feelings. Instead, return calls and messages, and explain why you need a zone of privacy for now.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although your keen Bull's eyes can usually discern what's fact from what's faux, an upcoming decision will need really solid data before you can risk a commitment.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) As your confidence grows, you should be able to work toward your goals with more enthusiasm. Open your mind to suggestions; some of them might even work for you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up an old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get answers to any lingering questions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Mixed signals could be causing a vexing workplace problem. Before you choose to leave a project, ask for a meeting where you can get things out in the open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your good intentions could backfire if you're not careful with other people's feelings. Try using persuasion, not pressure, to get others to see your side of the situation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your dedication to finishing the task at hand is laudable. But be careful not to overdo the midnight oil bit. Instead, take time for relaxation with someone very special.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although your intuition will help you make some tough choices during the first half of the month, you'll need more facts to back up your actions later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) All your hard work and research in the workplace finally pays off as you'd hoped it would. Ignore comments from jealous types who are out to get the Goat riled up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unfair decision creates unnecessary problems, but avoid anger and move carefully as you work this out. Expect to get support from an unlikely source.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A fuzzy financial vista persists until the end of the month, when things begin to clear up. You'll also gain a better perspective on how to handle some pesky personal problems.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of being there for those who need your help in difficult times. You're a very reliable person.

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Super Crossword

JOINED FOR A PURPOSE

ACROSS

1 Wish-granting spirits
7 Greek vowel
12 Records file
20 Punch combo
21 Splotchy GI garb
22 He played AI Bundy on TV
23 Planners of campus events
25 Often-pickled red vegetable
26 Atop, in poems
27 Lena of "The Reader"
28 Latin "I love"
30 Patron saint of sailors
31 Brotherhood
39 Capital of a Mexico state
40 Hard to find
41 Burdened
42 Travail
44 Political campaigners for a particular issue
50 Wonderment
53 Dragon in "The Hobbit"
57 Suffix with racket
58 Not at all tight

59 Medieval protectors of trade
63 Icebox
65 Boise's state
66 Gel in a lab
67 By means of
68 Claimed psychic gift
69 Regulators of a moral code
76 Bath fixture
79 Printer fluid
80 Years on end
81 More devious
85 Surfs the internet, e.g.
88 Fighters of animal cruelty
92 Madison Ave. contact
93 Sea, in Paris
94 Corrective eye surgery
95 Pitching star
96 It consists of 13-player football teams
100 Aspirin target
103 Japanese alternative to massage
104 "Carpe —!"
108 Newspaper of the USSR
112 Managers of houses in a subdivision

118 SpaceX founder Musk
119 Formed a lap
120 "Leave — the pros"
121 Anna of fashion
122 It has Cut and Copy commands
126 Apt playing card for this puzzle's theme?

9 One-sharp musical key
10 Sticky gunk
11 Hit — (run into some trouble)
12 Urbane
13 Fruity drink
14 Foot part
15 Busy crawler
16 Artsy cap
17 Garlicky mayonnaise
18 Replay speed, briefly
19 "Your Song" singer John
24 Whole lot
29 Ice cream drink
32 "Tsk!"
33 — -friendly
34 She was Mrs. Gorbachev
35 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
36 Nuptial oath
37 Buddhism branch
38 Point of view
43 K-O linkup
45 Toon frame
46 Fish eggs
47 Seep out
48 Wields
49 Crime doer
50 French bud
51 Join nuptially
52 Pitching stat
54 Sharp as —

55 Popular Aussie boots
56 Avocado dip, for short
60 Fidel's cohort
61 Sweltering
62 "... sad and dreary everywhere —": Stephen Foster
63 Suitable
64 Disloyal sort
67 Ivy and kudzu
70 Go in haste
71 Electees, e.g.
72 Diner offering
73 "— Lisa"
74 PC key
75 Gin inventor Whitney
76 Ski lift type
77 Pakistani language
78 Tennis' Björn
82 Positive vote
83 And so on: Abbr.
84 Dark loaf
86 Fly trapper
87 Jazz's — Gyra
88 Mecca-to-Medina flight
89 Country east of Arg.
90 Little drink
91 Giraffe's kin
93 Be certain

97 Actor Ayres
98 A, in Berlin
99 Self-help author LeShan
101 Lyric-penning Gershwin
102 Ballplayer of D.C., in brief
105 Apple computer camera
106 Bible book before Job
107 Mark with multicolored spots
109 Optical
110 Exact look-alike
111 Licoricelike seeds
112 Listens to
113 Classic song
114 Actress Shearer
115 PC key Jan
116 Dutch painter
117 Dove's call
123 Roman 1,200
124 Biblical verb suffix
125 — de plume
127 Figure skater Midori
128 To's partner
129 Company VIP
130 Timothy Leary's drug

DOWN

1 Become lenient
2 Intestine: Prefix
3 Of axons and dendrites
4 "— be my honor"
5 Ram's mate
6 Prince, e.g.
7 Eye-related
8 Philippine capital



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4. 1996 Fleetwood Trailer VIN 4CP642F19T7287698
5. 2014 Ford Focus VIN 1FADP3F23EL152017
6. 2012 Nissan Versa VIN 3N1CN7AP9CL931402

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Vegetated Wetland.**
The Zoom connection information will be posted on the Town of Boxford website
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Town of Boxford Announces Plow Truck Names Chosen by Elementary School Students

BOXFORD – The Town of Boxford proudly reveals the official names for its snowplow trucks, creatively selected by the students of the town's elementary schools. This initiative, in collaboration with the Department of Public Works (DPW), engaged the Harry Lee Cole Elementary School and Spofford Pond Elementary School students in naming the plow trucks for the winter season.

Students from Kindergarten through 2nd grade at Cole School chose the names Snowball, Rudolph, and Snowy. Cole School Principal Lisa Salisbury remarked, "It was inspiring to see our youngest students take part in this process. Their creativity and excitement were truly heartwarming."

At Spofford Pond School, students in grades 3 through 6 named their plows Blizzard of Oz, Mr. Slushie, and Sir Plow-a-Lot. Spofford School Interim Principal Amanda Sullivan praised the students'

creativity, saying, "Our students displayed remarkable imagination in naming the plow trucks, and we are so proud of their choices."

DPW Superintendent and Town Engineer Chris Olbrot expressed his excitement: "Collaborating with our local schools has been an incredible experience. Our DPW team is eager to showcase these fun names as we work to keep our roads safe during snowstorms."

Town Administrator Matt Coogan added, "It's a great partnership and a way to recognize the hard work of our DPW team. They are a critical part of the town's team of first responders, and their work is often behind the scenes."

Superintendent of Schools Scott Morrison emphasized the importance of community involvement, stating, "This project highlights the positive partnership between the Town of



DPW Heavy Equipment Operator III Mikey Ricker displaying his plow truck for Boxford students to name.

Boxford and our schools. Engaging students in this way fosters a sense of civic pride and community participation."

The DPW will soon brand the plow trucks with their new names, ensuring they are proudly displayed throughout the winter season. ♦

Are UFOs Real?

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The aircraft travelled at unimaginable speeds, defied gravity, were not detectable on radar and could operate in the air and below the water line, Torres said.

Congress has taken a new interest in the phenomena. Senators from both sides of the party divide have joined together to press the Defense Department and other agencies to release to the public what information they have, including wreckage of UAPs and even non-human remains.

Senators Chuck Schumer, D-NY, and Mike Rounds, R-SD, have introduced legislation to require the government to release the information. Marco Rubio, the new Secretary of State, appears on the documentary in support of releasing the information to the public. Rubio says in the documentary that "even Presidents are operating on a need-to-know basis."

New York's other senator, Kirsten

Gillibrand, joins the former director of National Intelligence for the Obama administration in support of more transparency about UAPs.

"The film was granted unprecedented access and support from senior members of the U.S. government, military and intelligence community," the documentary producers state. "Everyone interviewed in the film has direct knowledge of UAP as a result of their work for the U.S. government. The film exposes the profound impact the situation has on the future of humanity, while providing a look behind the scenes with those at the forefront of the bipartisan disclosure effort."

Jim Semivan, a 25-year senior official with the CIA, said, "UAPs are here, they are

real and they are not human."

Former Department of Defense official and longtime UAP disclosure advocate Christopher Mellon said, "This is the biggest discovery in human history." Former Department of Defense official Luis Elizondo, who was a member of the government's Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, said, "You have information being locked away that can change the trajectory of [our] species."

Jay Stratton, former director of the U.S. government's UAP task force, said, "The first country that cracks the code on this technology will be the leader for years to come. This is similar to The Manhattan Project; this is the atomic weapon on steroids." ♦

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