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NEWBURYPORT: Celebrate the American Revolution's 250th

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**NEWBURYPORT** – During the American Revolution, the word freedom had different meanings to the colonists, depending on the color of their skin.

When the first shots were fired by the scrappy colonists 250 years ago to begin the American Revolution, Newburyport was already a thriving maritime community. But among its citizens, white people often characterized themselves as “slaves” of King George and the British Parliament, while black residents yearned to be free of not just the British, but also their American masters.

“I need not point out the absurdity of your exertions for liberty, while you have slaves in your houses,” former slave Caesar Sarter wrote.

Hundreds of thousands of African American colonists, about 20 percent of the entire population, were enslaved. In Newburyport, Black voices spoke up forcefully for their liberty and equality amid the revolutionary fervor and helped turn the tide in Massachusetts against slavery.

This paradox and promise for black Newburyporters during the Revolution will be the subject of a panel discussion as part of the “Newburyport Road to Revolution” program, organized by the Museum of Old New-

bury and the Custom House Maritime Museum for the nation’s 250th anniversary.

The panel will gather at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 8 at the Newburyport City Hall auditorium.

Panelists will include Dr. Kabria Baumgartner, Dean’s Associate Professor of History and Africana Studies at Northeastern University; Tricia Peone, Project Director of New England’s Hidden Histories at the Congregational Library & Archives; and Geordie Vining, Newburyport’s Senior Project Manager. Baumgartner and Vining, along with Cyd Raschke are the founders of the Newburyport Black Initiative.

Tickets are available at: <https://tinyurl.com/blacknewburyport>.

Two days later, there will be a walking tour on the First Parish Burial Ground on state Rte. 1A in Newbury. Beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, meet the first families of Newbury and Newburyport, the soldiers, sailors and residents who helped shaped the Revolution.

The tour is funded in part by the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism.

Want to fire a Revolutionary War-era musket? You can on Thursday, May 22 when there will be a program, entitled Powder and Shot, that will include a musket drill outside the



The Lexington Minute Men Honor Guard presents the colors last week. (Photo Courtesy Lex250)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 66 High St., Newburyport.

The program from 7 to 8:30 p.m. will feature Joel Bohy, a Revolutionary War weapons expert, who will lead an exploration of the muskets, swords and accouterments carried during the earliest days of the American Revolution. Included will be notable items from the Museum of Old Newbury collection.

Bohy is the director of Historic Arms & Militaria at Blackstone Valley Auctions and a frequent appraiser of Arms and Militaria on the PBS-TV series Antiques Roadshow. He is also an active member of the American Society of Arms Collectors, the Company of Military Historians, The Colonial Society of Massachusetts, an instructor for Advanced Metal Detecting for the Archeologist and an advisory board member of Amer-

ican Veterans Archaeological Recovery.

The Road to Revolution will close with a lecture at the Firehouse Center for the Arts at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18 by historian Alexander Cain on Bunker Hill: Heroes and Cowards. Troops from Newburyport played a significant role – for good and ill. “While some local commanders distinguished themselves, others were disgraced, drawing the ire of General George Washington.

The Battle of Bunker Hill was transformative for Newburyport, testing the mettle of the rebels, and setting the scene for the brutal years ahead. Cain will use never-before-seen records and objects from the Museum of Old Newbury to explain how Newburyport and Essex County residents experienced this bloody encounter and its aftermath. ♦



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## WENHAM Files Superior Court Action to Hold the Commonwealth's Housing Agency Accountable to its Legal Obligations Under the MBTA Communities Act

### Town of Wenham

The town of Wenham has been a leader in the development of affordable housing. Its Chapter 40B inventory stands at nearly 12.5% and the town has proactively advanced a comprehensive master plan aimed at creating even more diversity in its housing stock. To date, Wenham has also complied with all applicable legal requirements of the MBTA Communities Act,

also known as "3A" – the overall policy goals of which the Wenham Select Board supports.

However, the commonwealth's housing agency, the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities ("EOHLC"), has regrettably shown it is not living up to its own legal obligations under 3A. Indeed, the agency is disregarding those obligations, even those directly ordered by

the state's highest court in a recent 3A case brought by another MBTA community. For Wenham, the commonwealth's failure and refusal to follow the law is made worse by EOHLC's improper application of arbitrary and inequitable housing production formulas on Wenham that are inconsistent with the letter and spirit of 3A.

The Select Board and other Wenham officials and boards have repeat-

edly sought dialogue with EOHLC to correct its application of 3A mandates on the town, and to work with the agency to calibrate a sensible 3A zoning plan that will actually promote more affordable housing. But EOHLC has not productively engaged with Wenham on such changes. Moreover, EOHLC has not followed the law to provide a Fiscal Impact Estimate for the agency's proposed regulations implementing 3A – even though this was an action EOHLC was expressly ordered to take by the Supreme Judicial Court in its January 2025 Town of Milton decision concerning 3A. Issuing the Fiscal Impact Estimate is also a step Wenham's Select Board requested of EOHLC in writing more than one month ago to aid in the town's own 3A fiscal impact analysis. EOHLC has

not responded to that formal request by the town and has given no cogent explanation why it is not following the Supreme Judicial Court's order to produce a Fiscal Impact Estimate.

Accordingly, EOHLC has left the town of Wenham with little choice but to file legal action in Superior Court seeking, among other appropriate relief: an exemption from complying with current 3A regulations; injunctive relief to prevent the unfair imposition of EOHLC's housing production formulas on the town; and an order compelling EOHLC to issue a bona fide Fiscal Impact Estimate.

A majority of the Select Board has voted to move forward with this legal action, which is further detailed in the comprehensive verified available at: <https://tinyurl.com/wenham3a>. ♦

## SALISBURY: Playing With Fairies and Gnomes

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

**SALISBURY** – The Fairy Gnome Discovery Walk brought a touch of magic to the weekend as visitors wandered through one of the most whimsical events in the state. Held from 11 a.m. on Saturday to 4 p.m. on Sunday, the event offered an enchanting experience for all ages, featuring an (almost) real fairy garden filled with charm and imagination.

In spite of the rain on Saturday morning, visitors stepped into a world of enchantment during the 10th annual Fairy Gnome Discovery Walk, held at the Historic Pettengill Farm, 45 Ferry Rd. in Salisbury. The event, which took place around the farm's lush gardens, marshes and woodland trails, offered a magical weekend unlike any other during the year.

The heart of the event was a one-mile path through the woods, where nearly 200 fairy and gnome homes were hidden among tree roots and

fallen trees. Each miniature structure was handcrafted by a mix of professional artists, families, school groups and local businesses, showcasing a wide variety of creative styles and materials.

New to this year's celebration was the Art Stroll, an open-air marketplace featuring artists from across New England. Pettengill Farm's expansive front lawn was turned into a hub of creativity, where visitors browsed paintings, pottery, fiber arts and handmade jewelry. Artists gave their work directly, offering attendees the chance to bring home a piece of the experience.

The event featured a variety of free activities and entertainment throughout the weekend. Children participated in hands-on crafts, while families gathered for live music, fairy tale readings in the woods, and improv theater per-



Dylan Laughlin of Salisbury with his gnome Karate Dojo  
[Photo by Stewart Lytle]

formances. A curated selection of vendors offered souvenirs, and food trucks served up local fare to hungry guests.

Set on a farm that dates back to 1792, the Fairy Gnome Discovery Walk once again proved to be a treasured tradition in Salisbury. ♦

## Gloucester Fire Department Extinguishes House Fire Caused by Careless Disposal of Smoking Materials

**GLOUCESTER** – Chief Eric L. Smith reports that the Gloucester Fire Department extinguished a small fire at a Washington Street home early Saturday morning.

On Saturday, April 26, at 5:11 a.m., Gloucester Fire was dispatched to 324 Washington St. following reports of a structure fire.

At 5:16 a.m., Gloucester Fire Department's Car 3 arrived on scene and reported a working fire of a 2 1/2-story wood frame home.

Rockport Engine 3 was called in to cover Gloucester Fire Headquarters, and Beaport Ambulance Service's Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance responded to the scene and remained on standby.

Gloucester Fire's Car 4 responded to the scene. Engine 2 and Engine 5 were also dispatched to the scene, while Engine 4 provided station coverage.

Members from Engine 5 knocked down the bulk of the fire from the outside, and crews checked for an interior extension of the fire.

The cause of Saturday morning's fire was determined to be careless disposal of smoking materials. No injuries were reported.

"It was a small fire, and we knocked it down quickly following a rapid response and a great stop by

our personnel," said Chief Smith. "More importantly, the Gloucester Fire Department reminds residents of the dangers of careless disposal of cigarettes, which was the cause of this exterior siding fire. Careless smoking and disposal are still a sig-

nificant cause of fires inside and outside the home, and also along the side of the road, in the woods, etc."

The lack of rain and strong winds in recent weeks has also led to ripe environmental fire conditions. ♦

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ROWLEY SCAM

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monsed to Newburyport District Court and is being charged with: Larceny over \$250 from a disabled person Larceny over \$1,200 by a single scheme “I would like to recognize Detective Lucas Tubbs, who ran this investigation and was able to locate the scammer,” said Chief May. “We are committed to the safety of our residents, and anyone who believes they have fallen victim to a scam should contact the department.” Rowley Police would like to share the following safety tips from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) on rental scams:

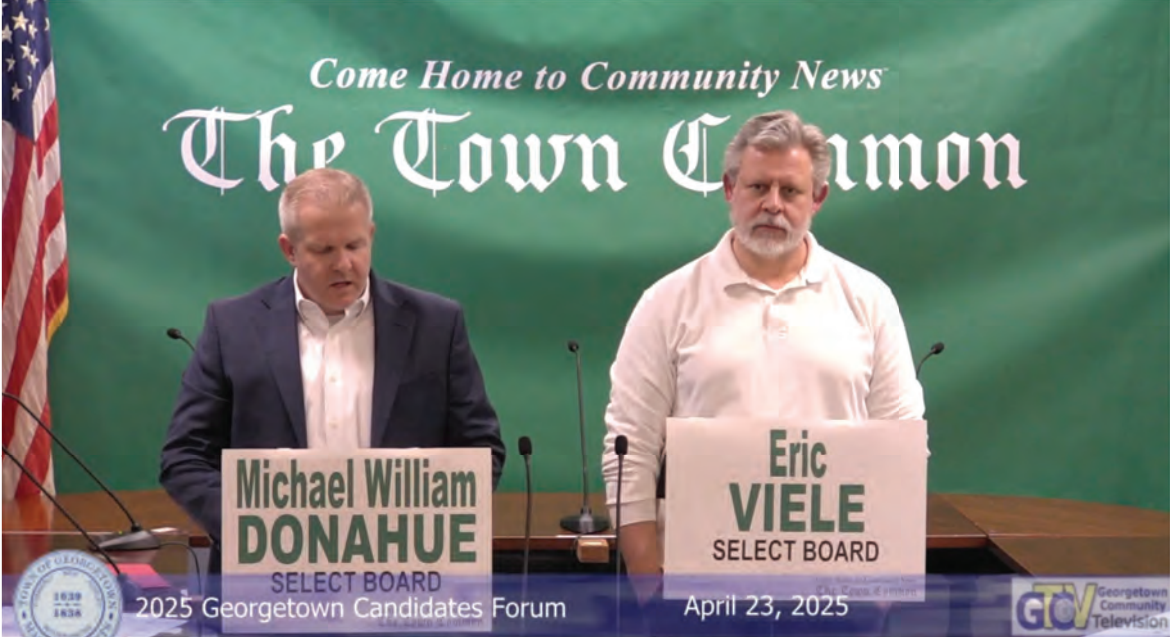
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BOXFORD TOWN MTG.

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taxpayers. To help voters better understand the warrant articles, the Town Moderator will host a Moderator’s Forum on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, where residents can hear brief presentations on each warrant article. Additionally, voters will be notified of the Town Meeting agenda and warrant through the Town website, social media, and postcards mailed to every household, each featuring a QR code linking directly to the Town Meeting webpage. Paper copies of the warrant will also be available at the Town Clerk’s Office, Town Library, and through the Council on Aging at the Center at 10 Elm. “Town Meeting is a cornerstone of local democracy and an opportunity for residents to participate in critical decisions about how their government operates and what services it provides,” said Select Board Chair Margaret Chow-Menzer. “We hope residents will review the warrant, ask questions, and join us in helping to shape the future of our community.” “The Finance Committee held a series of meetings over the winter and early spring to carefully evaluate every expenditure request,” said Finance Committee Chair Michael White. “We’ve recommended a budget that maintains the services residents rely on while keeping the financial impact to taxpayers as low as possible.” In support of these efforts, the Town has launched its first website-based Dig-

ital Budget Book powered by ClearGov, a leading provider of budget transparency tools for local government. This modern, interactive platform replaces static PDFs with a mobile-friendly, ADA-accessible, and user-friendly online tool that enables residents to explore the FY26 proposed budget with interactive graphs, department-level data, and explanatory commentary. “This new platform is a big step forward in how we communicate the budget to the public,” said Assistant Town Administrator and Finance Director Brendan Sweeney. “ClearGov not only presents the numbers in a visual and accessible way, but also gives residents a deeper understanding of what each department does, what their goals are, and how resources are used to support town services. It’s a much more informative and engaging way to understand the full scope of our local government operations.” “Preparation for Town Meeting takes a tremendous amount of time and collaboration,” said Town Administrator Matt Coogan. “We are grateful to the volunteers on the Select Board, Finance Committee, and many other boards and committees who have dedicated countless hours to reviewing the warrant articles being presented to residents. Over the next few weeks, we’ll be focused on communicating this information clearly so voters are well prepared to make informed decisions at Town Meeting.” Residents can explore the Digital Budget Book, review the full Town Meeting warrant, and access more resources at [www.boxfordma.gov/TownMeeting2025](http://www.boxfordma.gov/TownMeeting2025).



Georgetown: Choose Between Donahue and Viele

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**GEORGETOWN** – The two candidates to fill the seat of SelectBoard Chair Daryle Lamonica, who is not running again, offer the voters a sharp contrast in town government experience, although their views on the major issues appear to be similar. The election between Michael Donahue, a banker, who serves on the Parks and Recreation Board and the Community Preservation Commission, and Eric Viele, an executive with a Boston architectural firm, will be held on Monday, May 12, at the Penn Brook School, 68 Elm St. The polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Both Viele and Donahue appeared at the Candidates’ Forum, hosted by *The Town Common* newspaper on Georgetown Community Television. They answered questions and told voters why they are running for the SelectBoard. Viele supports the proposed \$6 million override, saying, “Georgetown has done more with less for a long time. We’re now at the point where further cuts will hurt, not help.” Although he admitted that paying the additional tax would put a strain on his family’s personal budget, he said Georgetown’s budget is low. “We’ve been functional, we’re below average tax rate. We haven’t had an override, a significant override since 2012, that’s 14 years. So, all of the watchdogs in these (town) committees should be applauded. But there’s evidence of strain,” Viele said.

Donahue said he would like to encourage the five-person SelectBoard to review “our current operational form of government today and how we can improve it for tomorrow.” He said he would “keep an eye on transparent and fiscal responsibility” and make data-driven decisions while insuring central services are being met, without placing undue burden on taxpayers. Both candidates said they would work to increase revenues to the town. Donahue said he would “look for ways to expand our commercial footprint and responsible way to help alleviate residential tax dependence and review our current operational practices through an efficiency review. I believe if done right, it will be the roadmap for a better and fiscally responsible Georgetown.” Donahue said he would like to form a charter commission comprised of knowledgeable and dedicated individuals from the community with a broad make up. “Our charter commission will solicit feedback from community members, governmental stakeholders and if warranted, draft one that meets legal compliance and present to the public. As your elected leader, I will look forward to reviewing our existing zoning practices, identify process of land specifically along Route 95, which can be leveraged for commercial use and alleviate the burden on our residents.” Viele said he would initially spend time listening to residents. “I think we can all

agree that revenue, revenue, revenue is a priority. “The returns from Massachusetts, the money we get a part of our revenue has fallen in the last 10 years from 25 percent to roughly 19 percent. And we want to reverse that trend in any way that we can, and we want to develop strategically and with Georgetown’s identity in mind and that identity, that small town feel that we all appreciate.” Donahue said, “As soon as possible. I would like to assess some of the current operations of the town, including administrative functions, departmental processes and systems. And this should help identify efficiencies, redundancies in areas of concern that may warrant further examination.” Asked why they are running for the SelectBoard, Viele said, “I’ve always believed that if you have time and skill to serve your community, you should. And I do think I have some skills that would be valuable to Georgetown.” Viele said he has spent the last eight years transitioning the architectural firm he works for to be fully digital. In addition to having the technical skills to accomplish that feat, he said it takes listening to people and understanding their needs, researching the best path forward, and then explaining the reasoning behind the decision in clear language. I’m an educator at heart, so I do like to speak plainly without jargon.” The full recording of the candidates’ forum can be viewed at [gctv.georgetownma.gov](http://gctv.georgetownma.gov). ♦



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AMESBURY

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Shop at the Yard Sale table to find patterns, ribbons, fabric, lace + much more!! (accepting donations for this table!)

An area for kids will be available for simple 'learn to sew' projects! Beginners can try hand-sewing a small patchwork pillow or sachet (supplies provided).

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Any questions, please call or text our Coordinators:

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DANVERS

The community theater group, the North Shore Players, presents the classic American drama *The Skin of Our Teeth*. The play, by Thornton Wilder (*Our Town*), won the Pulitzer Prize in 1943. Wilder chronicles the 5,000-year marriage of George and Maggie Antrobus as they endure the Ice Age, Biblical floods and wars. The show runs three hours. It's at Hogan Regional Auditorium, 450 Maple St., Danvers. Curtain is at 7 p.m., **May 2 and May 3**, and 2 p.m. on May 4. Tickets and other information at [www.northshoreplayersma.org](http://www.northshoreplayersma.org).

GROVELAND

The Friends of the COA are organizing a town-wide yard sale on Friday, **May 2nd** and Saturday, **May 3rd**. They provide publicity, maps, and signage, so all you need to do is set up and sell. Your yard sale could be on either or both days and you set your own hours. Your \$25 donation to the Friends waives the \$10 town permit. You can register online, or you can get a registration form in the COA office, at town hall, or at the library. The registration deadline is April 15. Maps and addresses will be made available to the public by April 28. You can also check out the COA

webpage for more information. Every dollar raised helps support the good work of the COA.

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The Hampton United Methodist Church, 525 Lafayette Road, Hampton, N.H., will hold a fundraising concert on Saturday, **May 3**, at 7:30 P.M. featuring Charlie Zahm - an evening of songs and stories from the Celtic Lands and other favorites. Admission \$20 cash or check at the door. Reservations: Church office at 603-926-2702.

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Saturday, **May 17**, 10-11:30: How to Transform History and Your Family's Origin Story Into a Compelling Narrative That Catches Readers' Imaginations. Instructor: Karen Kirsten. Cost: \$75. 50% of the registration fees will be donated to this year's Festival. Each workshop will be 90 minutes in length and accessible via Zoom. Register at [newburyportliteraryfestival.org/workshops](http://newburyportliteraryfestival.org/workshops).

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SALISBURY

Save the date: **May 22nd** for a Women in Business Luncheon & Panel Discussion, 12:00 - 2:00 PM, Sin a Loa Tacos and Tequila, Salisbury. Salisbury Chamber of Commerce event. Ticket Price: \$20 for Members | \$25 for Non-Members.

PORTSMOUTH, NH

Sara Bareilles Headlines this year's Emerging Artist Benefit Concert

The Music Hall is thrilled to announce that Grammy-winning singer-songwriter, Broadway composer, and multi-award-winning artist Sara Bareilles will headline this year's Emerging Artist Benefit Concert at The Music Hall's Historic Theater on Sunday, May 11, at 7 p.m.

Sara Bareilles is an award-winning singer, songwriter, actor, producer, activist, and *New York Times* best-selling author. Her accolades include two Grammy® Awards, three Tony® Award nominations, and three Primetime Emmy® Award nominations. She has sold more than 3 million albums and 15 million singles in the U.S., with her songs streamed over 3.5 billion times worldwide.

In musical theater, Bareilles composed the music and lyrics for the hit Broadway musical *Waitress* [playing this spring at the North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly, Mass.] and starred in the show both on Broadway and



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the West End. She also earned a Tony nomination for her performance as 'The Baker's Wife' in *Into the Woods*. Additional credits include writing for *SpongeBob SquarePants: The Broadway Musical* and starring as Mary Magdalene in NBC's *Jesus Christ Superstar Live* (earning an Emmy nomination).

Bareilles currently

plays Dawn Solano in the Emmy-nominated Netflix series *Girls5eva* and is developing a musical theater adaptation of *The Interestings* with Sarah Ruhl.

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# DONAHUE FOR GEORGETOWN

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at Georgetown Middle High School and our daughter Emerson, age 7, is a 1st grade student at Penn Brook School.

My younger brother proudly served with the U. S. Army and is a West Point graduate. Veteran's hold a special place with me. Without your dedication and those who served before you we would not have the freedoms our forefathers struggled for. I thank you for serving our nation.

I have over 20 years of experience in Banking Operational Risk Management, Financial Crimes, and Fraud as well as in law enforcement. I hold two business degrees and am a Certified Fraud Examiner.

## My Service to the Community:

- Chair of the Georgetown Parks & Recreation Committee
- Georgetown Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
- School Council for the Georgetown Middle High School
- Georgetown Public School Advisory Committee
- As Chair of Parks & Recreation, we have brought the team into:
- Compliance with Open Meeting Law and informative Meeting Minutes
- Negotiated a community parks service/maintenance agreement with the Highway Department
- Organized a Bonfire event for the families of Georgetown
- In addition, as a member of CPC we have been able to replace the lights at the American Legion Park Baseball field and will be upgrading the Bandstand electrical system as well.
- Why I Am Running:
- Advocate for an efficient, transparent, honest and supportive government accomplished through:
- Advocate for establishing a Town Charter Commission
- Advocate for Strong Police & Fire Departments
- Support a Review of Town Government and Advocate for Efficiency Standards
- Support Open and Transparent Government and Policies
- Support Education, Administration, and Teachers by advocating for top flight curriculum and technology; Work closely with the Superintendent and School Committee for appropriate Chapter 70 funding
- Ensure Georgetown remains a great place to live in, raise a family, and retire in

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

In addition to voting for me as Selectman, there is a proposed \$6,000,000 Proposition 2.5% Override question. If passed it will mean an average 25% property tax increase. On a median-priced Georgetown home assessed at \$750,000, a yes vote would equate to an approximate property tax increase of \$2,000.

For more information on the Override please visit the Georgetown, Municipal FY26 Budget Portal (<https://georgetownbudget.com>).

I humbly ask for your support and vote in this upcoming election. If you would like to discuss any issues or ideas you have for

our town, please do not hesitate to contact me – [votemikedonahue@gmail.com](mailto:votemikedonahue@gmail.com).

Thank you for your time and consideration and please vote and let your voice be heard.

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## TOWN MEETING:

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## ELECTION DAY:

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# MASTROGIOVANNI FOR ROWLEY

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here. The natural beauty of our area, the Great Marsh, as well as our proximity to cultural, entertainment and outdoor recreational activities continue to make living here satisfying. But it's Rowley's character and people that make it home.

Since moving to Rowley, I have been interested in town issues and governance. I served on the Board of Library Trustees for two terms (1998-2004) during which we secured funding for our new library on Main Street. I participated in grant writing, helped incorporate the Friends of the Library as a non-profit organization, and presented the funding needs to the town. I also served as Vice Chair of the Library Building Committee through the complete project (2000 - 2004), from architect selection and construction to the grand opening. I have

worked as an election worker for the town since 2020. I value the election process and assisting our residents in exercising their right to vote.

Additionally, I worked as Office Manager at The Trustees of Reservations, Appleton Farms property for ten years and as Office Manager at Benjamin Nutter Architects for five. In these positions, I was responsible for managing quarter million-dollar budgets, procurement, invoicing, and numerous client contracts among other tasks. More importantly I am a detail-oriented person willing to do the work needed to bring worthwhile ideas into reality.

Rowley faces many important issues such as the 3A mandate and the annual increases in the school budget. These issues directly affect the finances and the culture of our town. I value discussing issues with people of varying views and experiences and working together toward consensus when problem solving. If elected, I will work collaboratively with Select Board members, in addition to other town boards and committees to provide the best possible public services for our citizens. Preserving the traditions of Rowley while accommodating the changes we face is a challenge for all of us. I will proactively and cooperatively work towards solving these challenges.

As a member of the Board of Selectmen, I pledge to educate myself on the issues before the board, and to listen and discuss them openly with concerned citizens. I will work towards the best solutions for Rowley.

Please consider voting for me at our town election on May 13, 2025.

Sincerely,  
Maura Mastrogiovanni

Thank you to candidates for sending your notes. We'll print more candidate statements this fall for the city elections, and look forward to more town candidates next year!

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