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Winnacunnet Cooperative High School students Ozzie Allumbaugh and Elizabeth Furtado tend to the grave of Private Alojzy Kubicki of New Hampshire at Somme American Cemetery in Bony, France. They were accompanied by Cemetery Superintendent Stephen Munro. (Photo Courtesy SAU 21)

HAMPTON, NH Winnacunnet Cooperative High School Students Pay Respects to NH World War I Soldier

FRANCE – Seven students visited the Somme American Cemetery in Bony, France, on April 27, laying a wreath to acknowledge the World War I service of Private Alojzy Kubicki of Manchester. He served in the First Division of the 16th Infantry, 1st Division, which played an integral role in the war. Private Kubicki died in service to his country on May 6, 1918.

The students were part of Winnacunnet's

annual French exchange program under the direction of World Languages teacher Kelley Richards.

Each year students from Saint-Quentin, France, and Winnacunnet participate in an immersive linguistic and cultural exchange, attending classes in one another's schools and staying with host families. Students also visit important historical sites to deepen their

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YMCA Greater Newburyport Celebrates Opening of Their New 48 Units of Senior Housing in Methuen

YWCA Greater Newburyport, in collaboration with Element Care Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), a non-profit healthcare organization helping older adults live safely and comfortably in their homes, celebrated the opening of 48 units of senior affordable housing and Element Care's new PACE site in Methuen, Massachusetts. The new PACE Center will provide essential, comprehensive healthcare services, integrated housing, and engaging activities to allow older adults to stay

engaged and to receive coordinated care at home and in their community.

"The YWCA residences at Ingalls Court were designed to allow seniors to age in place, the units include roll in showers with strategically placed grab bars to reduce the risk of falling, kitchens which can easily be converted for wheelchair accessibility and community areas where people can meet and socialize," said John Feehan, Executive Director at YWCA Greater Newburyport. "The building was designed to meet Passive

Housing Standards which not only means it will be extremely energy efficient, but also means seniors will not have to deal with cold winter drafts. We were also able to obtain private funding which allows us to generate 1/3 of our energy requirements on site. We believe combining affordable housing and PACE will provide a new model for senior care in the Commonwealth and beyond."

The Element Care PACE Methuen Center located on the first floor of 14

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BOXFORD TRASH & RECYCLING RENEWAL DUE

BOXFORD – The Town of Boxford's Automated Trash and Recycling Program is now open. Residents who wish to continue participating in the program for the upcoming fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, **must submit their annual \$175 payment by Thursday, June 12, 2025.**

The program, which began in FY25 following a Town Meeting vote to transition from sticker-based collection to a more efficient annual user fee system, continues to be administered in partnership with G. Mello Disposal Corp. The automated

service has improved collection efficiency and convenience for residents while maintaining a critical funding stream for the Town's waste management operations.

"This system has helped streamline trash and recycling collection while reducing the administrative burden for residents and the Town alike," said Town Administrator Matt Coogan. "We're grateful for the community's continued participation and support in maintaining a clean and efficient waste collection service."

The annual fee can be paid online through the Town's secure payment portal. Residents who have ordered additional trash containers must pay an additional \$175 per container as part of their renewal. All payments for the primary and additional containers must be completed through the same portal by the June 12 deadline.

For those wishing to add new trash or

recycling containers for the first time, please contact the Boxford Health Department at 978-887-2875, visit the Health Department window at Town Hall, or email Assistant Town Administrator Brendan Sweeney at BSweeney@BoxfordMA.gov.

Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director Brendan Sweeney emphasized the long-term vision of the transition: "Our residents have adapted incredibly well to the automated system. It reflects Boxford's commitment to modernization and sustainability while ensuring essential services

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Town of Merrimac Seeking Volunteers to Assist with Old Sawyer House Trail Work

MERRIMAC – Residents and visitors are invited to join members of the Town Improvement Society as it cleans a quarter-mile, in-and-out trail located behind the Old Sawyer House on Saturday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

A local example of early Colonial architecture, the Old Sawyer House is located at 20 East Main St. (adjacent to the Merrimac Fire Station). Refreshments and an opportunity to view the Old Sawyer House will be available to volunteers and other visitors.



The trail provides visitors with an opportunity to explore some of the woodland and vegetated areas that belong to the Town Improvement Society.

To assist with clearing leaves and small branches from the trail, volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves and rakes.

A charitable organization with a Section 501 (c) (3) status, the Town Improvement Society is additionally seeking funds to repair

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Letters To The Editor

Groveland Yard Pirates

To the Editor:

On Mother's Day May 11, 2025, I left for a few hours with my friend to get lunch and when I returned, the patio set I had placed it under a tree in my yard, just beyond my fence, was gone. We both still mourn the loss of our mothers all these years later so we were trying to make the most of the day.

We owned this wood furniture for many years so it was old but the table was unique, octagon in shape and included four chairs which were also not perfect and the set was made very well. I had it pressure washed so it was also very clean.

I know it's unlikely, but if the person who stole my furniture reads this, I would hope that they would return it to me. I just cannot understand why someone would steal items from private property. And on Mothers Day! They could have at least waited til I was home and asked me first.

Disappointed in Groveland



Newburyport Tree Vs. House

During last week's Nor'easter, a tree snapped in front of a house on Walnut Street in Newburyport. No one was hurt, although the male resident was asleep upstairs. The tree knocked off the chimney and damaged the house attic structurally.



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GEORGETOWN: 'Nice Way to Start'

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

GEORGETOWN – Like many towns this spring, the Georgetown SelectBoard last week chose one of its own to be its chair for the next two years. But while most town organization meetings are cordial, get-acquainted sessions, Georgetown's was highly contentious with the lone new member being told sarcastically, "nice way to start."

When the nominations began, Michael Donahue, the newest member of the SelectBoard, nominated veteran selectman Doug Dawes to be the chair. Laura Repplier, in turn, nominated Robert Hoover, who has served two years on the board.

The only discussion came from Donahue who had brought five questions apparently for Hoover to respond to. He submitted the same five questions to Dawes, but only after Repplier insisted.

The questions started with Donahue asking if Hoover would commit to resolve all complaints filed against a selectman within 30 days. Hoover, looking perplexed at the question, said he would if the board agreed.

Donahue followed with a second question about whether Hoover would vote to hold any person found to be in violation of town rules and laws accountable, including possibly being terminated.

Increasingly annoyed with the questions, Hoover asked "Mike, you are starting to lose me on these questions. What is the point of these questions?"

"They are just yes or no answers," Donahue said.

"No, they are not," Hoover said.

Referring to it being Donahue's first meeting as a selectman, Hoover added, "Nice way to start."

After asking Dawes the same questions, Donahue remembered having yet another question, which he asked both candidates. The question was whether Dawes or Hoover

would commit to discipline any person or town employee who did not cooperate with a town investigation to the point of being terminated. Both candidates said they would follow the SelectBoard's wishes.

Hoover was then elected three to two with Rachel Bancroft joining Hoover and Repplier in electing Hoover chair.

In recent years, Georgetown has had several residents, including Donahue, file complaints for a variety of reasons against SelectBoard members, against town employees or against volunteer board and commission members.

In February of last year, Donahue petitioned the SelectBoard to remove Bancroft from her positions on the Conservation Commission and the Community Preservation Commission. He did not try to have her removed from the SelectBoard.

In his complaint of more than 1,300 words, Michael Donahue accused Bancroft of lack of "professional competence" in making town decisions as the reason he wanted Bancroft removed. He did not detail any evidence of his accusation.

A complaint, signed by 100 residents, petitioned the SelectBoard to remove Dawes at the height of the community battle over approval of G. Mello Trash Corp.'s plan to build a large trash transfer station.

The SelectBoard did not resolve either complaint.

In an executive session, the SelectBoard hired a private detective firm, the Stirm Group in Newburyport, to investigate the Conservation Commission and its former agent. The results of that investigation have not been released, but at Hoover's persistence, the SelectBoard agreed last week to hold a special executive session at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 28, to discuss the detective firm's findings and what, if anything, to do with them. ♦

Georgetown Eagle Scout Court of Honor

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor will take place in Georgetown on Saturday, May 31st at 2 pm at the First Congregational Church. Three Eagle Scouts from Troop 51 will be honored for their achievements: Jaiden Shah, Ian Studer, and Sean Hornberger.

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The Greater Newburyport Chamber's Commerce Cottages (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

NEWBURYPORT: Meet the Commerce Cottages

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – The Commerce Cottages, a group of small, colorful shanties in downtown, help artists, students, nonprofits and small businesses sell their products, wares and services – a way to start in business in Newburyport without the high cost of traditional retail spaces.

Organized by the Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce, the cottages stand in the well-located courtyard of the First Religious Society Unitarian Universalist Church on Pleasant Street. The project,

which opens next month, is a new version of the previous Arts & Culture Shanties, but with a new mission, new location, new manager and lower prices.

The original program, promoted by John Moynihan, the former director of the Firehouse Center for the Arts, stood on the waterfront. Most recently, they housed artists and entrepreneurs on the Clamshell Park on Merrimac Street, where the city may build a visitors' center and restroom complex at the waterfront.

When Moynihan left the theater, the shanty program floundered, needing new leadership and a new home. Chamber president Nate Allard, asked at a Firehouse board meeting if the chamber might be interested, raised his hand.

"The city needs something new," he said, stepping up with the city to keep the shanty program alive.

Now renamed the Commerce Cottages, the three shanties have been moved to a more permanent and central location at the church on Pleasant Street. One is being used by the church to support an Afghan refugee family,

which will sell wares from its homeland.

Another shanty is leased by the Jewel Town Pottery in Amesbury. Visitors can watch and purchase pottery being made live. A third is still available to rent.

"We're deeply grateful to the Unitarian Church for partnering with us on this project—especially during their 300th anniversary year—as we work together to foster a space that brings positivity, inclusion, and opportunity to our city," Allard said.

The cottages rent for \$500 a month and are open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. They are open to non-profit groups, students, small businesses and other local groups, but not to vendors selling items that would compete with nearby shops.

"There will be no candles sold in the cottages," Allard said.

The chamber also donated one cottage to PITA Hall on Plum Island for storage of emergency equipment and supplies.

Anyone interested in leasing a cottage or exploring what's inside is invited to visit the Cottages on Pleasant Street. Applications are on the chamber's website.

Support for New Whittier Campus Grows

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

REGIONAL — Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School has moved closer to getting the state to help build a new building on the campus of Northern Essex Community College (NECC).

Ipswich and Rowley have agreed to sign a letter committing to help fund a feasibility study for the school to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA).

The MSBA invited Whittier last December to participate in the design and funding program to replace its 50-year-old building on the NECC campus. And in an innovative step, Whittier is considering merging with NECC.

Only Selectman Clifford Pierce of Rowley, among the SelectBoard members in the two towns, voted against signing the letter.

The letter commits the Whittier communities to conduct and fund a feasibility study for the new school. Estimates are that the study will cost \$2.5 million, which Whittier and NECC have said they will cover \$1 million. That leaves the 11 municipalities to share the balance.

At issue is the decades-old Whittier regional agreement, which governs the schools funding and governance by the 11 cities and towns. Melinda Barrett, the mayor of Haverhill, the largest city in the Whittier community, has said she will oppose any amendments to the existing regional agreement.

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understanding of a different culture. Saint-Quentin possesses a rich cultural history. It was severely damaged in both World Wars and occupied by the Nazi Regime, as it was important strategically due to its proximity to Belgium, Luxembourg, and Switzerland. While in France, students visited major sites including the Arc de Triomphe and the French Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where they observed French cadets of their age participating in the reigniting of the flame of remembrance. Elizabeth Furtado, one of the students visiting the cemetery, says she felt proud to have, in a small way, honored those who gave their lives fighting for freedom for New Hampshire and their country. "America has a long history and strong loyalty with France," said Richards, who has led the France trip since 2017. "This trip was an important reminder of the strong bond between our two nations and the real desire for continued cooperation."

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YWCA

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Ingalls Court in Methuen helps reduce barriers to care, and offers a proactive and person-centered approach to senior healthcare, particularly for low-income seniors. PACE unified care teams cover the facilitation of several aspects of healthcare including well and sick visits, primary care, physical and occupational activities, meals, activities, dental, vision, behavioral health, social work, transportation and more. Studies show PACE participants have lower rates of hospital stays and readmissions and improved quality of life. The YWCA Residences at Ingalls Court, located in the same building, will provide 48 affordable senior housing apartments for low-income seniors. “The PACE program streamlines healthcare by providing personalized care – including primary care and specialist services such as rehabilitation, social work and behavioral health - all under one roof. Integrating housing with comprehensive healthcare helps support the healthcare needs of aging adults while simultaneously addressing the growing senior housing crisis in Massachusetts,” said Douglas Thompson, Chief Executive Officer at Element Care. “We are thrilled to open the revamped Element Care PACE center in Methuen with an integrated housing model to serve more Massachusetts seniors in need.” The new center opens as the population of aging seniors in Massachusetts continues to grow simultaneously with the need for quality comprehensive healthcare for thousands of at-risk seniors and the need for access to affordable housing. By 2035, nearly one in four residents in Massachusetts will be 65 or older – emphasizing the necessity for quality healthcare and senior housing solutions.

“We are thrilled to provide this integrated housing and coordinated care model to residents of Methuen and the Greater Lawrence area,” said Feehan. “The expansion of the Element Care PACE center in Methuen will allow us to provide personalized care and improve overall quality of life to more members of our local aging population” said Thompson.

ABOUT YWCA GREATER NEWBURYPORT

Founded in 1883, the YWCA Greater Newburyport has been providing affordable housing since 1890. YWCA’s mission is to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The lack of affordable housing disproportionately impacts women and their families. Safe, decent affordable housing can be the foundation of women’s empowerment. Today, YWCA Greater Newburyport operates affordable housing in four communities serving 124 households. In addition, we offer preschool and school age childcare, free programs for cancer survivors, aquatics and wellness. To learn more about our mission and work, please

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Julia McDonald YWCA Board President

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John Feehan Executive Director of YWCA and Doug Thompson ECO Element Care

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ABOUT ELEMENT CARE PACE

The Element Care PACE Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a non-profit healthcare organization with a simple mission: to help older adults 55+ live safely and comfortably in their homes and communities for as long as they can, keeping their stays in hospitals and nursing facilities as minimal as possible. Founded in 1995, Element Care PACE was established as a joint venture of the Lynn Community Health Center and Greater Lynn Senior Services to bring PACE to seniors in the community. Element Care PACE has seven PACE centers in Massachusetts covering the North Shore, Merrimack Valley and Greater Boston communities. In addition, Element Care has a site in Washington DC. Learn more at www.elementcare.org

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The Mary Baker Eddy History House at 277 Main Street is open for tours. Guided tours are available Friday and Saturday, 12-3 p.m., with tours starting at 12, 1, and 2 p.m. The house is also open by appointment, but closed holidays. Admission: Adults (18+): \$10; youths (7-17, or with active student ID): \$5; children (under 7) and Longyear members: free. To purchase tickets for the Mary Baker Eddy Historic House in Amesbury, please visit bit.ly/MBEAmbesbury, or call 617-278-9000.



BOXFORD

Merrohawk Nature School Annual Fundraising Auction - Thurs., May 29, at Alnoba in Kensington, N.H. at 6 p.m. \$150 pp. Info at <http://merrohawk.org>

GEORGETOWN

The Georgetown Republican Town Committee invites Republicans to join us on Saturday, morning, June 7, at the Georgetown Peabody Library, 2 Maple Street, Georgetown. E-mail for time: GtownRTC@gmail.com.

We have a room reserved, and there are plenty of seats available to anyone you may want to invite. There is much to discuss as we have results from recent town elections and some important elections coming up.

Lenny Mirra, Chair
Georgetown Republican
Town Committee

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GEORGETOWN

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor will take place in Georgetown on Saturday, May 31st at 2 pm at the First Congregational Church. Three Eagle Scouts from Troop 51 will be honored for their achievements: Jaiden Shah, Ian Studer, and Sean Hornberger.

HAVERHILL

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission meeting, Thurs. May 15 at 11:00 a.m. Agenda: website www.mvpc.org.

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MERRIMAC

The Friends of the Merrimac Public Library invite you to join the production of: Sheryl Faye as Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Thurs, May 29 @ 6:30 p.m. Join us for a one-hour theatrical presentation by popular and talented historical performer Sheryl Faye as she recounts the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. This is a FREE event to be held at the Merrimac Public Library. Sign up at the library or register at: <https://tinyurl.com/merrimaclibrary>.

MERRIMAC

The Town of Merrimac is preparing to celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2026. The Select Board is seeking enthusiastic and civic-minded residents to join the Merrimac 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee.

This is a unique opportunity to help plan a year-long celebration that honors Merrimac's rich history, traditions, and community spirit. The committee will help shape events and activities, including historical exhibits, parades, concerts, family fun days, and more.

Those who have experience in event planning, a passion for local history, or simply want to give back to their town, are welcome to express their interest.

To express interest in joining the committee, or to request more information, please email the Merrimac Select Board at selectmen@townofmerrimac.com.

NEWBURYPORT

Colonial Newburyport: A Historic Homes Happy Hour Tour, May 31, 1:00 p.m. (1-hour tour). Join us for this unique experience to see a collection of these historic homes, inside and out, and immerse yourself in culture and history. Interior stops include a mid-18th-century home with an impressive array of historic features in tact and a 1792 home that provides a stunning glimpse of the refined living of its early mercantile class. <https://histoury.org/historical-tour-calendar-and-tickets/>



containing private information that you are not sure what to do with? Then this event is for you! Please join The Nvest Group for their famous Shredfest event on May 31st!

Saturday, May 31st Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. 2 International Drive, Portsmouth, NH 03801 (Parking Lot). Services will be provided by SecurShred Mobile Shredding - all shredding to be performed on premises while you wait! Breakfast and lunch will be provided by Betty's Kitchen Food Truck, compliments of Nvest. Feel free to spread the word to family and friends - we look forward to seeing new and familiar faces! The Nvest Group.

ROWLEY

The Rowley Public Library is beginning a strategic planning process to help shape their goals and services for the coming years, and they're asking for input from the public to better understand which library services matter most, both now and in the future. The community survey is available at the library, online on the library's web site at rowleylibrary.org, on the library's Facebook and Instagram pages, or at www.surveymonkey.com/r/6MW5Y5C. All surveys need to be completed by May 30. These will be great opportunities for people to share their ideas and help guide the future of the library.

Your Listing!

Add your organization's event to our calendar. Send details to: editor@thetowncommon.com

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BOXFORD TRASH

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MERRIMAC

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and restore five of the windows located on the west side of the Old Sawyer House. The front door pediment also requires

restoration. Information on the restoration project will be available on the day of the trail work.

The Old Sawyer House, a classic New England saltbox, was built by John Kendrick and sold to Aaron Sawyer in 1758. It remained in the Sawyer family until 1908, when it was sold, along with 14 acres of woodland, to the Merrimac Town Improvement Society.

The house retains much of its original paneling, original upstairs windows and one original fireplace on the second floor. The two downstairs fireplaces were renovated in the mid-19th century. Furnishings and artifacts located in the home reflect the house's First Period Colonial status. ♦

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BOXFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by Zoom videoconference
on **June 5, 2025 at 7:00** or such other time when posted to consider the **Request for
Determination of Applicability** by applicant **Jacob Marquis for the property located
at: 3 Fieldstone Way, Assessor's Map 19-2-15.1, to remove 18 trees within 100' of
Bordering Vegetated Wetland.**
The Zoom videoconference information will be posted on the Town website in
advance of the meeting. This is a joint meeting under the requirements of MGL Ch.
131, Sect. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations.
To view application materials, call (978) 887-6000, ext. 506.
For the Commission,
Ross Povenmire, Director of Conservation

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LEGAL NOTICE

GROVELAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Groveland Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing at the
Groveland Town Hall, 183 Main St, Groveland, MA. on **June 11, 2025, at
7:00 pm** to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability regarding **Tree
Removals at 10 Merrimack River Road in Groveland.** A copy of the application
can be viewed by visiting the Groveland Economic Development, Planning, and
Conservation Department at Groveland Town Hall, 183 Main St, Groveland MA.
Mike Dempsey, Chair
Groveland Conservation Commission

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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 hearing
will be held on **Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 7:45 PM** to consider a Notice of Intent
application filed by Carole McCauley Mass Audubon for proposed removal of an
existing precast cement culvert 24" x 16' and approximately 23 sq. ft. of fill materials
and installation of a seasonal 3' x 40' elevated walkway possibly within a tidal creek,
Salt Marsh, land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, and Great Marsh ACEC at ROW
Far Division Road (Map 34, Parcels 33 and 46) in Rowley, MA.
Daniel Shinnick, Chairman
Rowley Conservation Commission

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by Zoom videoconference
on **June 5, 2025 at 7:00** or such other time when posted to consider the **Request for
Determination of Applicability** by applicant **Laura Nichols for the property located
at 53 Woodcrest Road, Boxford: Map 20, Block 9, Lot 14, to permit construction
access within the wetland buffer to facilitate the installation of a septic system
upgrade located outside the wetland buffer.**
The Zoom videoconference information will be posted on the Town website in
advance of the meeting. This is a joint meeting under the requirements of MGL Ch.
131, Sect. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations.
To view application materials, call (978) 887-6000, ext. 506.
For the Commission,
Ross Povenmire, Director of Conservation

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage dated
February 12, 2019 from Jason Kahan and Olga Bassa to Enterprise Bank and Trust
Company recorded with the Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in
Book 37327, Page 411, the undersigned Enterprise Bank and Trust Company being the
present holder of said mortgage, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for
the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at:

12:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 24, 2025

upon the hereinafter-described premises, known as and numbered as 23 Sagamore Lane,
Boxford, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singularly the premises described in said
mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon in Boxford, Essex County, Massachusetts
shown as Lot 6 on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Weathered Walls in
Boxford, Massachusetts" Developer Amberwood Development LLC, 7 Amberwood
Lane, Boxford MA 01921 drawn by Eastern Land Survey Assoc., Inc. Christopher R.
Mello P.L.S. 104 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA 01960, said Plan being dated March 3,
2010, revised on June 14, 2010 and further revised on October 18, 2010 and recorded
with the Southern Essex Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 428, Plan 96, and containing
101,259 s.f. +/- (2.3245 acres) according to said Plan.

Subject to the Declarations of Common Scheme Restrictions dated March 24, 2014,
recorded with said Deeds in Book 33181, Page 313; and Declaration and Bylaws of the
Weathered Walls Homeowner's Association dated March 24, 2013, recorded with said
Deeds in Book 33818, Page 318.

Together with the right to pass and repass over Sagamore Lane as shown on the
above- referenced Plan for all purposes for which ways are used in the Town of Boxford,
but reserving to the Grantor the fee in Sagamore Lane in its entirety.

Subject to an Order of Conditions dated July 7, 2014, DEP file # 114-1187, and
recorded with said Deeds in Book 34652, Page 276; and subject to an Order of
Conditions dated March 21, 2011, DEP file #114-1111, and recorded with said Deeds
in Book 30418, Page 169.

Subject to all easements and restrictions of record as the same are now in force and
applicable.

For record title, see deed recorded immediately prior hereto.
The above-described premises shall be subject to all easements, restrictions, municipal
or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, outstanding
tax titles, building, zoning and other land use laws and all permits and approvals issued
pursuant thereto, including, without limitation, orders of conditions, and existing
encumbrances of record created prior to said Mortgage, if there be any. Said premises
are to be sold subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any
there be.

TERMS OF SALE: The highest bidder shall be required to make a deposit of
\$15,000.00 to the holder of said Mortgage, in cash or by certified or bank cashier's
check at the time and place of said sale of said premises. The balance of the purchase
price is to be paid to said holder in cash, by certified check or bank cashier's check, and
thereupon the deed shall be delivered, in thirty (30) days from the date of sale at the
firm of Cunningham, Machanic, Cetlin, Johnson, Harney & Tenney, LLP, Attorneys for
said holder, 220 North Main Street, Suite 301, Natick, Massachusetts. The successful
bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale. The description
of the premises contained in said Mortgage shall control in the event of an error in
publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.

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by Ida Wye

Plant Matters

It is that time of year when the wretched collection of invasive ornamental plants become most noticeable. These plants are most often planted by municipalities, garden clubs, and landscapers that suffer from the Dunning-Kruger effect. We are going to briefly discuss only five of the most egregious and suggest outstanding alternatives.

Pyrus calleryana (Bradford Pear). The Bradford Pear is described as "a course irregular tree, early spring flowers, red fall color, disagreeable odor, the biggest threat to open fields and lawns, and as common as mud in the U.S. landscape." (Michael Dirr). An outstanding alternative is *Amelanchier x grandiflora* Autumn Brilliance (Shadblow) which provides four season interest and is a high value plant for pollinators, birds, and even you because of its edible fruit.

Berberis thunbergii (Japanese Barberry). Not only is this shrub invasive, but it has been accused of providing aid and comfort to ticks. A better alternative, *Physocarpus opulifolius* Summer Wine (Nine Bark) is described as "adaptable to all conditions, a four season showy ornamental of high value, that could probably survive a nuclear attack" (Michael Dirr).

Lonicera japonica (Japanese Honeysuckle). This miscreant has been described as a "pernicious pest throughout the Eastern US which dominates the understory and out competes native wildflowers" (Michael Dirr). A fantastic alternative is *Fothergilla*, a superb shrub with fragrant, long lasting, early spring flowers and autumn foliage that sports red, yellow and

orange on each leaf.

Euonymus alatus (Burning bush). This pernicious and fascist shrub has even invaded deep into wooded areas. Too bad we didn't burn it when we had a chance. A superior alternative is *Aronia arbutifolia* Brilliantissima (Red Chokeberry) which looks like Dorothy's red slippers in autumn and provides a late season food source for song birds.

Acer platanoides (Norway Maple). This plant is so wretched that it should be felled immediately, if not sooner, and used for firewood. It does not play well with others at all and is a nuisance in late autumn. It simply breeds contempt. A more appropriate Maple is *Acer rubrum* (Red Maple) which is a wide spread native tree with stellar Fall foliage.

And just because I feel like irritating the

editor and exceeding my 400 word limit, I want to urge you to plant *Liriodendron tulipifera* if you have an endless and stupid lawn! This spectacular native tree has flowers that will leave you breathless, but it needs ample room to grow. ♦

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