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## ROWLEY: Select-Board Candidates Offer a Choice

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

**ROWLEY** — As voters consider a \$1 million tax override to fund the Triton Regional School District and vital town services, local candidates are offering sharply different perspectives on how Rowley should move forward.

Candidate Brian Grenier opposes the override, urging residents to reject the tax increase. A longtime part-time Ipswich police officer with a background in public administration and large-scale budget management, Grenier supports 24/7 fire staffing and infrastructure upgrades—but only through budget-neutral means. He also opposes re-votes on decisions already made by Town Meeting.

Grenier criticized the proposed re-vote on funding for the Harborlight housing project, calling it a "blatant" disregard of the voters' will. He's running a self-funded, sign-free campaign to highlight his frugal approach.

Former library trustee Maura Mastrogiovanni supports the override, calling

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Chief Kevin DiNapoli, at left, presents Sgt. David Marsh with a plaque commemorating his 20 years with the Wenham Police Department, and 30 years as a first responder. (Courtesy Wenham Police Department)

## WENHAM: Sgt. Marsh Retires

**WENHAM** — Police Chief Kevin DiNapoli is pleased to share that the Wenham Police Department is recognizing the 20-year career of Sgt. David Marsh upon his retirement.

Sgt. Marsh began his career as a first responder by serving as a firefighter in the Town of Swampscott, where he rose to the

rank of lieutenant between 1995 and 2005. While also serving as a firefighter, Marsh also worked as a reserve police officer in Hamilton from 1997 to 2005.

It was in 2005 that Sgt. Marsh first joined Wenham Police as a reserve officer. He completed the police academy and joined

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The exterior of the Newburyport Public Library (Photo: Stewart Lytle)

## NEWBURYPORT: Fighting in the Library Stacks

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**NEWBURYPORT** — It may seem a little surreal to have library employees and volunteers battling for the right to reshelve books and materials. But that was what was happening until the volunteer program was stopped two years ago.

Now, Melissa Murray, a partner in the law firm of Norris, Murray & Peloquin in Norwood, has concluded from her

investigation that the volunteers were defamed as well as dismissed.

The Newburyport City Council last week in an executive session agreed to release two paragraphs of Murray's conclusion. The City Council will take up the report again next week and expects to release a summary of the report.

Several council members are expected to try to have the full report released.

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Alanna Niemczura with portrait of Moses Black by Abel Nichols

## DANVERS: Historical Society's Art Collection

**DANVERS** — Salem State University students Alanna Niemczura and David Spalding-Aguirre are discovering 19th and 20th century artists from Danvers. Last semester they both participated in a research

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Mello's huge transfer station construction site: Earthworks makes way through wooded area adjacent to 195. (Photo: Stewart Lytle)

## GEORGETOWN: What Does Town Get from Huge Trash Transfer Station?

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**GEORGETOWN** — The SelectBoard, looking for "a tiny bit of leverage" over the G. Mello Disposal Corp., is gathering questions from its members to ask the company about its transition from its East Main Street facility to the huge trash transfer station under construction.

The SelectBoard did not negotiate a host agreement prior to Mello winning approval from three boards — the Planning Board, the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission. It is hoping that it may have some "leverage" over Mello through its long-

standing lease of town property for the current transfer station on Rte. 133.

The marijuana retail shops and farms were required to pay a host fee.

Last week, the board asked Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco to draft a letter to Mello asking several questions, including whether it would be

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## IPSWICH: Veterans Walkway Coming Soon

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

**IPSWICH** — Veterans organizations in town are preparing to honor those who served in the armed forces by creating a commemorative brick walkway leading from the curb to the Veterans Memorial on South Main Street.

An estimated 141 Ipswich residents gave their lives in service during the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

The project calls for paving the old walkway with 4-by-8-inch bricks and 12-by-12-inch pavers. The bricks will be etched with a veteran's name and finished with a special black enamel paint for added visibility.

Each engraved brick, featuring three lines of up to 16 characters, will become a permanent part of the Ipswich Veterans Memorial Walkway.

A dedication ceremony is expected to be

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## GROVELAND Town Meeting Voters Embrace Future 'MBTA' Housing Developments

By Michael Dempsey  
Special to The Town Common

**GROVELAND** – About 120 residents gathered at the Elmer Bagnall School on Monday April 28 for our Groveland Annual Town Meeting. The meeting started at 6:30 pm as scheduled without a plea for residents to come to meet the quorum of 100.

The warrant was a dense tome of 48 articles including several wordy town bylaw changes. Amazingly all 48 articles passed, and the meeting ended at 9:19 pm, a mere 2 hours and 49 minutes.

The most notable approval was for the MBTA Law or 30B zoning overlay district which passed with barely a whimper of dissent. Due to the excellent explanation offered by Planning Board chair, DJ McNulty, most residents' questions about it seemed to be answered.

Additional bylaw changes that were enacted included a town administrator bylaw, changes to the Council on Aging bylaw, changes to the Community Preservation Act bylaw and changes to the Battery Energy Storage Systems bylaw.

New bylaws were also enacted for Accessory

Dwelling Units, Driveways regulations and Flood Zones.

Residents later passed a \$24.2 million budget and a \$44 million water filtration plant funded by rate payers, with no dissent. Moderator Joe Damore attributed the smooth meeting to thorough preparation, including our Groveland Cable News (GCN) news coverage, his community TV shows on the issues, and a display of articles on screen at the front of the meeting stage.

Town Administrator Rebecca Oldham thought the meeting went so smoothly because there was a lot of preparation and clear communication ahead of time. The messaging around MBTA compliance emphasized the practical benefits and made it clear that this was a state mandate we needed to address. That helped frame the article as a necessary step rather than a controversial choice.

Overall, Oldham felt like residents trusted the work that had gone into all the proposals, which contributed to the smooth discussion and broad support at the Town Meeting. Also, the positive and cooperative tone of the meeting helped set expectations for a productive night rather than a confrontational one. ♦

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## GEORGETOWN Override Will Ensure Raises

By Lonnie Brennan

**GEORGETOWN** – Residents are expected to go to the Penn Brook School on Monday, May 12, 2025, to vote for or against a proposed \$6+ million Proposition 2 1/2 override.

Such an override will be added to the base levy of property taxes in town, and this added sum will continue to increase by 2.5% each year (in addition to all current property and Community Preservation taxes). The town has estimated that an average house will see an approximately \$1,980 increase in taxes the first year, and that number will increase each subsequent year.

The FY25 budgeted salary for the superintendent of schools was \$201,190. In the FY26 budget, the superintendent's salary will increase to \$206,015.

Line item #33 of the "Recommended FY26 Superintendent of Schools Budget" would increase the "Building Administration, Penn Brook" from FY25 \$364,331 to \$373,781 with passage of the override. In contrast, in FY24 \$286,248 was expended and in FY23, \$229,159 was expended on this line item.

Line item # 52 will increase guidance staff expenditures from \$159,757 to \$164,040. Line item #53 increases "School Nurse, Penn Brook" from \$166,305 to \$193,444.

In FY22, FY23, and FY24, \$0 was spent on Building Administration at the Georgetown Middle School (the middle school and high school share the building). FY25 budgeted \$100,640, and the override will provide \$178,765 and an additional

\$65,116 for a "Bldg Administration Support Staff" position.

On page 20 of the school budget summary, the school budget will increase from \$17,491,220 to \$20,701,237 (roughly a 15.5% increase).

Meanwhile, in further budget details posted by the town on the site it contracted a public relations firm to host - an effort to educate the public, the selectmen's detailed expense note an increase of \$2,400 for electricity, \$6,060 increase for natural gas, "Holiday Lights" moving from \$0.00 to \$5,000, and the town administrator's salary from \$148,920 to \$165,000 (a \$16,080 raise).

On page five of the non-school budget, the override will provide the police department with a 23% increase in funding (\$461,414 increase), and the fire department will see a jump from \$706,919 to \$1,004,629 (a 42% increase).

Meanwhile, the Council on Aging will see an approximate \$13,199 increase with passage of the override.

According to certain town officials ("off-the-record"), a significant portion of the \$6+ million override will go into the general fund and find its way to "Free Cash" ("essentially extra tax money beyond what we budgeted which can be spent as desired over time. The town has an estimated \$1 million currently in free cash which can also be expended as desired.")

After press time, residents are expected to get answers to certain extreme rumors and statements about no police, fire, nor senior services should the override fail to pass. ♦

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## 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 Beaufort 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 significant 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.

"Dry conditions and an ongoing drought have increased the fire risk," said Chief Smith. "We ask that smokers properly dispose of all smoking materials and not just discard them outside." ♦

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## Newburyport Bank Welcomes Mary Beth Parker

NEWBURYPORT – John Burke, President and Chief Lending Officer of Newburyport Bank is pleased to welcome Mary Beth Parker to Newburyport Bank as Senior Vice President, Senior Lending Officer.

In this key leadership role, Mary Beth will manage the Bank's Commercial Lending function, directing a team of 10 relationship managers and five portfolio managers responsible for a commercial loan portfolio totaling approximately \$900 million. She will oversee all commercial lending activities, including credit and collections, while working in alignment with the Bank's strategic plan and annual budget goals to achieve thoughtful portfolio growth and risk management.

With three decades of experience in commercial banking and lending, Mary Beth's depth of expertise in credit strategy, team leadership, and relationship management positions her as a strong asset to the Bank's continued growth across its Massachusetts and New Hampshire footprint.

"We are thrilled to welcome Mary

Beth to Newburyport Bank," said John Burke. "She brings a remarkable combination of leadership, lending acumen, and a community-first approach. As we continue to execute on our strategic vision, Mary Beth will be instrumental in driving performance and strengthening the commercial relationships that are so vital to the communities we serve."

Mary Beth holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Communications from Boston College and an MBA from Babson College. She resides in Bolton, MA with her husband Ken, and enjoys spending time with their children Caitlin and Colin, daughter-in-law Natalie, and grandson Gus. The family is rounded out by their black lab Liberty and a toy goldendoodle named Siena.

"I'm excited to join Newburyport Bank at such a dynamic time in its growth journey," said Mary Beth. "This is a bank that truly values relationships—with its customers, its employees, and its communities. I look forward to working alongside this talented team to continue building on that strong foundation and helping our customers thrive." ♦

## IPSWICH VETERANS

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announced by July 1 with plans tentatively set for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept 27. Work on the walkway is scheduled to begin in early June with excavation and the delivery of the etched bricks and pavers anticipated in July.

Volunteers will handle much of the work,

with installation of the bricks and pavers set to begin in July.

Once the walkway is in place, the team plans to hydroseed the surrounding area to allow the grass time to recover ahead of the dedication ceremony.

For further information, contact the Veterans Services Office at Ipswich Town Hall. ♦

## ROWLEY CHOICES

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it essential to maintain services like public safety, senior programs, and library staffing. She estimates it would add about \$439 per

year in taxes for the average homeowner but sees it as a critical investment in Rowley's future.

SelectBoard member Christine Kneeland, formerly a Pine Grove Elementary principal who then went on to serve as Admin. of Pupil Services at Triton, H.S., has helped guide recent efforts to improve police services through regional dispatch. Her experience in school negotiations and municipal planning adds further depth to the conversation as voters weigh fiscal restraint against service preservation.

Election day is May 13. ♦

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## Alice M. (O'Brien) Perley Reed

Alice M. (O'Brien) Perley Reed of Rowley, MA passed away peacefully on April 27, 2025, at the age of 88, surrounded by loving family members. Alice's life was a testament to the power of love, family, faith, helping others and the joy she found in simple pleasures. Her passing leaves a tremendous void in the hearts of her family and so many others that she touched along her journey.

Alice was born on February 6, 1937, in Ipswich, MA, one of seven children of James P. and Eva (LeBrun) O'Brien. She graduated from Ipswich High School, Class of 1955, and later from Mansfield Beauty Academy in Boston as a certified professional hair stylist. As a teen, she worked behind the counter at the soda fountain in Rowley Pharmacy, where she quickly became known for her warm smile and friendly demeanor. These early years began a life-long love of Rowley and of working directly with people. Alice married her high school sweetheart, James A. Perley, in 1958. After briefly living in Salem, MA, they moved to Rowley and together built their home on Central Street where Alice lived until her passing. There they raised two sons, Jim and Kevin. As a young family they enjoyed tent camping trips all over New England, Boston sporting events, local beaches, amusement parks and any other family attraction they could think of. Annual family vacations were always a highlight, including memorable trips to the Rockies, Grand Canyon, California, and a two-week trek through Alaska. Alice's sense of adventure has been an inspiration passed on to her family and is a big part of her legacy. These years were also filled with backyard cookouts and parties with their close friends, the "Central Street Crew", creating memories that brought Alice joy right to the end. And no accounting of Alice's life would be complete without acknowledging her "First Grade Friends," a tight-knit group of dear friends who kept close for over 80 years. Her husband Jim passed away suddenly in 1992.



Alice was later introduced by mutual friends to her current husband, Don Reed, and after a lengthy bi-coastal telephone courtship Alice and Don were married in 2001. Sharing a love of travel, Alice and Don enjoyed many years of vacations with family and friends, including European river cruises, trips all over the U.S. and multiple family vacations to her beloved Ireland, where she was added to the Foreign Births Register in 2016. Her "Nana," Annie (Lee) O'Brien, hailed from Ballinagh, Co. Cavan, and meeting her Irish cousins in Cavan on her 80th birthday was something she treasured. Alice and Don enjoyed going to concerts, musicals and movies, and especially loved holidays and family gatherings on Cape Cod and anywhere else where the family could spend time together.

Her family was everything to Alice, and she was a loving, supportive and devoted mother to Jim and Kevin, and to Jim's wife Caryn, who Alice accepted and loved as her own from the very beginning. Her role as grandmother, or "Mimi", to her beloved grandchildren Bryan and Erin were one of her greatest joys and she lovingly welcomed Bryan's wife Carolina Mazzocchi and Erin's husband Jim Freyermuth to the family as well. Their wedding celebrations were among the most joyous times of Alice's life. Mimi loved her pop music and loved to dance, and anyone who saw her dance at Erin's wedding to Abba's "Dancing Queen" will never forget it.

Always self-reliant and hard-working, Alice founded her own business, Suburban Styling Salon, in the first level of her Rowley home. Her passion for hairdressing, and more importantly the joy of working with clients who became lifelong friends, quickly made her beauty shop one of the bedrocks of Alice's life. Equal parts hairdresser, friend and confidant, Alice filled her salon with laughter and a spirit of community. The kindness and compassion she showed to her clients, and to her many other close friends, was legendary in Rowley and beyond, as Alice was constantly bringing her delicious casseroles and blue-ribbon-worthy homemade pies over in times of need, making house calls or visits to hospitals and nursing homes, and generally doing whatever she could to bring comfort and joy to others. Alice continued working at the salon well into her 80s, stopping only when Covid regulations forced her to close her shop. So much more than a career, her salon brought her a sense of purpose and tremendous joy.

Alice's dedication to her life's work was matched by her commitment to her Catholic faith. A long-time active member of St. Mary's Church in Rowley, Alice served on various committees and assisted with church dinners and other functions. She especially loved singing with the church's Folk Group and the close friendships she made with her fellow singers and musicians. Her faith was another cornerstone of her life, guiding her actions and serving as a great source of comfort and strength.

As an ardent lover of the outdoors, Alice was an avid gardener and always happiest when outside enjoying the fresh air, whether at the beach, walking or hiking in the woods and mountains. Though not a skier herself, she loved the mountains in winter and always enjoyed bringing her sons skiing as kids and more recently accompanying them on family ski trips. She even tried her hand at cross-country skiing and snow shoeing later in life. Her love of nature and of time spent enjoying the outdoors is something we will all remember.

Despite these many passions, it really all came back to family for Alice. In addition to her husband, sons, grandchildren and their respective spouses, this love of family included her brothers and sisters, her many nieces and nephews who she loved dearly, and all of their families. Alice never missed a birthday, graduation or other opportunity to celebrate a member of her family and the memory of her kindness and warmth is a gift we will all cherish. Alice is survived by her husband of 23 years Donald B. Reed, sons James A. Perley, Jr. and his wife Caryn L. (Pike) Perley of Brewster, Kevin B. Perley of Salem, grandchildren Bryan J. Perley and his wife Carolina Mazzocchi of Cambridge, Erin L. Perley and her husband James Freyermuth of South Easton, brother Alfred O'Brien of Springhill, FL, and many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and dear friends. Alice was predeceased by her first husband of 34 years James A. Perley, and siblings Alma Tobiasz, Mary O'Brien, Jean O'Brien, James O'Brien and David O'Brien.

Relatives & friends are invited to Calling Hours on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at F. S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Parish. Interment will be in Rowley Burial Ground. In lieu of flowers, donation pledges in Alice's memory may be made to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts or The Trustees of Reservations. To light a memorial candle or to leave a message of condolence, please visit [www.fsrobertsandson.com](http://www.fsrobertsandson.com).

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## Charles P. Rousseau

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Charles P. Rousseau on April 15, 2025. He passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side. Charles was 74 years old.

Charles was born in Beverly, MA on May 5, 1950, to Barbara (Jones) and Maurice A. Rousseau, Jr. As a small child Charles and his family lived in Islesboro, a small island off the coast of Maine. At the age of 13 the family relocated to Ipswich, settling on Charlotte Road.



Charles was a graduate of Ipswich High School. As a teen he enjoyed playing football and baseball but fell in love with building and racing stock cars. To his mother's dismay, Charles (with his brothers, father and school friends) spent many Easter holidays racing at Hudson Speedway's "opening day" in his '55 Chevy C Car.

After high school Charles began his career in the automotive field working alongside his dad at Davy Chevrolet. He was employed at Visconti Chevrolet as Service Director and al-so worked in automotive sales and as a mechanic for many years. After attending the welding program at Whittier Tech Charles worked for McCormack's Welding and in the later years he joined his brother Art at Art's Auto Center as an automotive welder/fabricator and mechanic.

Charles spent many years carrying on the family tradition of stock car racing like his dad and brother Art before him. With the support of his dear friends and family, "Charging Charlie" Rousseau raced all over New England as well as at tracks in Canada and Florida. He received numerous trophies and awards for recognition but was most proud to win the 1994 Street Stock Championship at Lee Speedway. He ended his racing career with a feature win at Lee Speedway in 2010. Charles was a devoted father to his son Charles "Chas" Rousseau, Jr. Senior would often brag about Junior to whoever would listen. He spent many years coaching Chas in baseball, attending his sporting events and vacationing in Florida. One of Charles proudest moments was the day that Chas graduated from college.

In his later years Charles spent time watching the Red Sox and other sports on TV, riding his motorcycle and spending time with his best friends and most notably his partner Lisa. Charles had a special fondness for his cats Mookie and Frankie and his dogs Jack, Tuukka and Brooks.

Charles will be remembered as hardworking, generous and fun loving; someone who embraced life fully every single day. He will be forever missed by all who knew him.

Charles is survived by his son Charles "Chas" P. Rousseau, Jr., his stepson Justin Benzer, his siblings Maurice Arthur Rousseau and Holly E. Rousseau-Bushneck, his partner Lisa Hawkesworth, his granddaughter Jonaie Hilton-McKay, several nieces and nephews, many dear friends and extended family. Charles was predeceased by his parents Barbara (Jones) and Maurice A. Rousseau, Jr., his former wife Marla K. Rousseau and brother Stephen F. Rousseau.

Calling hours will be Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 2 to 4 p.m., at F.S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home, 14 Independent Street, Rowley. Following the calling hours, friends & family are invited to a Celebration of Life at the Masonic Temple, 70 Topsfield Rd., Ipswich, MA at 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Charles' name to the Speedway Children's Charities at <https://www.speedwaycharities.org>

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## Shirley MacRae

Shirley MacRae, born July 8, 1935, in Groveland, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on April 19, 2025, at the age of 89.

Throughout her life, Shirley held a variety of jobs, but she was most proud of her role as a devoted mother and homemaker. In the late 1970s, she broke new ground by becoming one of the first police matrons with the Rowley Police Department, serving her community with dedication and compassion. Later, she concluded her career as an insurance administrator for John Hancock Insurance Company.

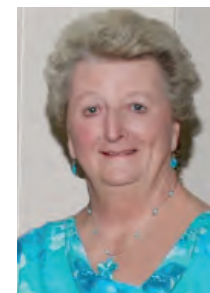
She is survived by her beloved husband of 69 years, Robert, her brother Scott Maker and his partner Michael; their four children: Brian and his wife Donna of Salisbury, Massachusetts; Andrea Barry and her husband Edward of Cary, North Carolina; Glenn and his wife Keri of Ipswich, Massachusetts; and Alan and his wife Shelley of Andover, Massachusetts. Shirley also leaves behind nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Shirley's life will be held over the summer, near what would have been her 90th birthday. Burial will be private.

Shirley will be remembered for her warmth, her fun-loving spirit, and her unwavering commitment to her family and community.

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## South Byfield Cemetery Annual Meeting

All lot owners are encouraged to attend the South Byfield Cemetery Annual Meeting on May 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. - Newbury Town Library, 0 Lunt St., Byfield, Mass. ♦



### Russell E. Hoffses

Russell E. Hoffses, age 81, peacefully passed away on April 22, 2025, surrounded by loved ones at his home in Rowley.

He was born on September 3, 1943, in Presque Isle, ME to Llewellyn F. and Margaret C. (Dicker) Hoffses.

The oldest of three children, Russ and his brothers spent their youth in the countryside of Northern Maine. He graduated from Presque Isle High School in 1961 and later served in the U.S. Army, including a tour in South Korea in 1962.

Family was everything to Russell. He married Pamela (McLean) Hoffses on July 30, 1966, after a fateful blind date, and together they raised two children, Bonnie and Robert. Their home became the heart of a multigenerational family, filled with laughter, stories, and love. At the time of his passing, Pam and Russ were just shy of celebrating 60 years of marriage.

Russell was deeply respected by all who knew him -remembered as selfless, dependable, and quietly devoted. These traits defined both his family life and his career. He spent over 40 years as a dedicated truck driver for Pepsi, a role he took pride in.

In his free time, Russ enjoyed hosting family poker nights, going on Caribbean cruises, playing cribbage with his daughter at the Mapleton Days celebration in his hometown, and, most of all, spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. He was also an avid member of the Rowley Snow Surfers Snowmobile Club.

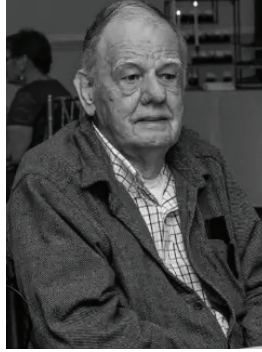
Russell is survived by his loving wife, Pamela; daughter, Bonnie (Paul) Ross of Ipswich; son, Robert (Jessica) Hoffses of New Portland, ME; and five grandchildren: Melissa Hoffses of Salisbury, Brendan Hoffses (Nina Struyde) of Ipswich, Matthew (Kerri) Ross of Shirley, Michaela Ross (Robbie Stokes) of Ipswich, and Kyrianna (David) Kennedy of Port St. Lucie, FL. He is also survived by two great-grandchildren, William and Joshua; his brother, Dennis (Myra) Hoffses of Mapleton, ME; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents and younger brother Jeffrey.

A private celebration of Russell's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to a cause close to your heart.

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### Derek McGregor

Derek McGregor passed away in a unexpected and tragic accident on April 20, 2025, in Salisbury, MA. Born on April 28, 1981, in Rowley, MA, Derek was a man whose life was marked by his generous spirit, creative talents, and the joy he found in working with his hands.

His passion for creating led him to establish the Custom Decal Shop, where he became known for his exceptional ability to craft custom signage for boats, trucks, and a myriad of other surfaces. Derek was an avid boater and fisherman, embracing the serenity and excitement of the sea. He had a knack for building things, a testament to his handy nature, and he was always ready to lend his skills to friends and family whenever they were in need.

He leaves behind his parents, Douglas and Patricia McGregor, his sister Heather McGregor, and his niece Talychia Arrington. His extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins will remember him fondly, as will his special friend, Karen Colette and her children, and the many wonderful friends who were like a second family to him.

As we reflect on Derek's life, let us not dwell on the sorrow of his untimely departure but rather celebrate the indelible mark he has left on our hearts and our community. His legacy is one of passion, dedication, and the joy of creation. It is a call to each of us to embrace our own talents, to contribute to the world in our unique way, and to cherish the bonds of family and friendship. Derek's life reminds us that every day is an opportunity to make a positive impact, to build something lasting, and to live with a generous spirit.

Let us honor his memory by living as he did—with hands ready to create, hearts open to give, and eyes always looking for the beauty in the world around us.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Calling Hours on Friday, May 9, 2025, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at F. S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home, 14 Independent Street, Rowley. A Funeral Service will follow in the Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donation pledges may be made to your specific choice in Derek's Memory.

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**Topsfield Scouts**

**YARD SALE AND PLANT SALE**

**TIME** 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM | **PLACE** Topsfield Common

SCOUT YARD SALE - May 10th - Topsfield Scout Troop 81 will have its annual Yard Sale and Plant & Shrub Sale on Saturday, May 10th on the Topsfield Common from 8:30AM to 2:00PM. There will be a large selection of household items, books, furniture, toys, sporting goods, tools, holiday decorations and more. For more info visit Troop81Topsfield.com or contact us at troop81web@gmail.com.



## Nichole D. Raftopoulos of Nvest Financial, LLC Honored in Forbes Best-In-State Wealth Advisors; Forbes Top Women Wealth Advisors

**Portsmouth, NH** – Nvest Financial, LLC, a provider of financial services with offices located in Portsmouth, NH, Kennebunk, ME and Portland, ME and Danvers, MA, is proud to announce that its CEO, Nichole D. Raftopoulos, has been named to Forbes' Top Women Wealth Advisors and Forbes' Best in State Wealth Advisors for 2025. Both lists are published on the following websites:

Forbes Best-In-State Wealth Advisors 2025: <https://bit.ly/ForbesBestInState25>

Forbes Top Women Wealth Advisors Best-In-State 2025: <https://bit.ly/TopWomen25>

In 1995, Nichole began her career in the financial services industry before establishing Nvest in 2003. As a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ Practitioner, Accredited Investment Fiduciary\* and Master Planner in Advanced Studies<sup>SM</sup> Designee, Nichole and the entire Nvest team work closely with clients on all aspects of their personal financial life, taking a holistic financial planning approach. Nvest's success is built on a family office model where everyone of the firm is actively involved in some aspect with every client.

"This honor is not only about me" states Nichole, "but rather it takes a team of professionals who are committed each and every day in working so diligently with all of our clients. We are fortunate to have wonderful people as part of the Nvest team."

The Forbes ranking of Best-In-State Wealth Advisors and Top Women Wealth Advisors Best-In-State, developed by SHOOK Research, is based on in-person and telephone due-diligence meetings to evaluate each advisor qualitatively and on a ranking algorithm that includes client retention, industry experience, review of compliance records, firm nominations, and quantitative criteria (including assets under management and revenue generated for their firms).

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**2025 Forbes Best In State Wealth Advisors**, created by SHOOK

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### About Nvest Financial, LLC

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## WENHAM OFFICER RETIRES

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Wenham Police as a full-time officer in 2008.

Sgt. Marsh was promoted to sergeant in 2019, and continued to serve as a supervisor until his retirement on Wednesday, April 29. Sgt. Marsh holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Southern New Hampshire University.

In a final radio call to Sgt. Marsh on Wednesday, dispatchers from the North Shore Regional 911 Center noted his compassion, professionalism, and dedication to the job as they wished him well in retirement.

"The true strength of law enforcement lies in the partnership between officers and the community they serve. Thank you for that partnership," said Sgt. Marsh. "To my fellow sergeants, Command staff and officers, your bravery and commitment have been the cornerstone of our success. I retire with immense pride in the work we've done together and the legacy of service we've built."

"Sgt. Marsh is extremely humble, but his professionalism, compassion, and dedication to duty made him an excellent leader within this department for two decades," said Chief DiNapoli. "He will be deeply missed. His service to this community will be difficult to replace." ♦

## Volunteers Needed for the 2025 Greater Newburyport Green Expo!

Sunday, May 18, 2025 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Bresnahan Elementary School & Newburyport Senior/Community Center

The 2025 Greater Newburyport Green Expo needs volunteers to help make this community celebration of sustainability a success. This family-friendly event on Sunday, May 18 will bring residents together to explore climate solutions through creativity and action.

Volunteers can assist both before and during the event. Pre-event help includes outreach, hanging flyers, and social media promotion. Day-of volunteers are needed for setup/cleanup, parking, the Electric Vehicle Showcase, City Infrastructure Tour, and general support.

Volunteering offers a meaningful way to connect with local families and sustainability leaders while supporting a climate-resilient Newburyport. Students can earn community service hours while participating. Even an hour of your time makes a difference!

The Expo will feature 40+ exhibitors, an electric vehicle and e-bike display, hands-on activities, and tours of Newburyport's climate adaptation efforts. Attendees can also enjoy a Native Plant Pop-Up Sale and a screening of "The White House Effect" documentary at the Firehouse Center at 6:00 PM.

Volunteer Sign-Up (by May 14):

<https://tinyurl.com/m9ay7v6y>

Event Details: <https://tinyurl.com/jdp33nxh>

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## Upcoming Events

### GEORGETOWN

#### Artist Dael Angelico-Hart Reception

The Georgetown Peabody Library is pleased to host Beyond the Page: Unbound Book Creations by Dr. Dael Angelico-Hart for the months of May and June. This art exhibit will be showcased in our display cases upstairs. An artist reception will take place upstairs near the display cases on **Friday, May 16 from 3-5PM**. All are welcome to attend.

Dr. Dael Angelico-Hart lives in Groveland. She was an elementary teacher, administrator and reading consultant for over 50 years. But during this time, she always dabbled in many media (also receiving a Master's Degree in Art Education) before focusing on altered books and unique books in many forms. In addition to altered books, she builds birdhouses and castle sculptures out of books. (She lives in an old library so this is very apropos!) She also creates one of a kind "cabinets of curiosities".

### GEORGETOWN

#### Understanding Your DNA Test

Wednesday, May 21 at 6PM  
Georgetown Peabody Library  
2 Maple Street, Georgetown, Mass.

This class will help you find your OWN roots with the help of a DNA test. We'll go over how the DNA test works, why ethnicity estimates change, and how to begin to use your DNA matches to solve family mysteries. Registration recommended. Register online at [www.georgetownpl.org/events](http://www.georgetownpl.org/events)

Kristen Fehlhaber a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She has a special interest in genetic genealogy and enjoys helping people to solve their family mysteries. She is the former Assistant Director at the Museum of Old Newbury and a 15-year Georgetown resident.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Georgetown Peabody Library.

### IPSWICH

#### Viking Party

Our 10th year in business Viking party - **May 17th, 12 til 5pm.**  
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#### Other Events:

\*Face painting by Shirley Berry; \*Bee and Honey Education by Bill Hamilton; Black Birch Farm; Viking Photo-booth; Corn hole and jenga and other games; Self Guided production room tours; Wolf Hollow information table; Mead Flights inside and on designated patio area; Honey sampling of several varietal honeys

**Food Vendors:** Skratz Cookies - souvenir meadery and viking cookies; Honey from Black Birch farm - honey; Popped Stores (Salem) - bagged popcorn; Three Sweet Peas Bakery - baked goods; Down River Ice Cream - ice cream; Del Sur Empanadas - empanadas; Whoopie Pie Wagon - whoopie pies; Jim Capone - chick chick cart - sausages hot dogs, spanakopita

Quinn's Canine Cafe dog treats (for our K9 friends!)

### MERRIMACK

#### Civil War Roundtable

The next meeting of the Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack will be on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm) at the Hilton Senior Center, 43 Lafayette Rd (Rte1), Salisbury, MA.

This month we welcome Ed Rutan who'll present a talk about his book, which he'll have available for sale and signing, "High-Bounty Men in the Army of the Potomac - Reclaiming Their Honor."

For over one hundred years, historians have disparaged the men who joined the Union army later in the war, when higher bounties and the conditional draft were in effect, as unpatriotic mercenaries who made poor soldiers and contributed little to the Union victory. Historians have relied heavily on anecdotal evidence from the volunteers of 1861 and 1862 whom they regard as true patriots. However, the early-war volunteers carried not just the traditional enmity of veterans toward new recruits who have not yet suffered the hardships of war, but also the jealousy caused by the higher bounties the new recruits received. The result is a long-standing mischaracterization of the service of three-quarters of a million Union soldiers which needs to be corrected.

About Ed (some info taken from Amazon):

Edwin Rutan served as the City Attorney for Salt Lake City from 2002 to 2013. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Utah

Chapter of The American Society for Public Administration in 2013.

He previously worked in AT&T's law department, including assignments in Brussels as regional counsel and Dallas as a regional Law and Government Affairs Vice President. He began his legal career at a major New York law firm after graduating cum laude from Harvard Law School.

Rocky Mountain CWRT (Denver), Twin Cities CWRT (Minneapolis/St. Paul), Las Vegas CWRT and Buffalo CWRT have high praise for Ed and we should be in for a treat!

Ed and his wife Lynne live in Park City, Utah, where they enjoy skiing, hiking and traveling.

Guests are welcome! Bring a friend!

### NEWBURYPORT

Library Upcoming Events:

Saturday, May 10th at 2:30 pm: Powow River Poets Reading (IN PERSON). Please join the Powow River Poets for their monthly poetry reading. The invited readers this month are Cristina Cortez, Rhina P. Espallat, and Paulette Demers Turco. No registration required.

Monday, May 12th at 6 pm: Brunch! (VIRTUAL). Learn all about building your own eggs benedict, complete with how to make hollandaise sauce and poach an egg. Class is paired with Chef Kely's famous Garlic Cheddar Chive Scones and seasonal vegetables. Virtual registration required.

Monday, May 12th at 7 pm: Experience Spring Bird Migration to the Fullest (VIRTUAL). Learn how to find more migrating birds and witness their fascinating behaviors, as well as look into birds that will be breeding and raising young in your area. Virtual registration required.

Tuesday, May 13th at 7 pm: Inspired Garden Design (VIRTUAL). Stunning gardens will be our classroom for emphasizing striking design essentials that elevate gardens from ordinary to sublime, regardless of the hardiness zone or sunlight conditions. Virtual registration required.

### NEW-BURYPORT

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).

### PORTSMOUTH, NH

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.

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Tickets for the Emerging Artist Benefit Concert featuring Sara Bareilles range from \$150 - \$500 and are on sale now Visit [TheMusicHall.org](http://TheMusicHall.org) or call 603-436-2400.

### ROWLEY

#### All-Scout Paper/Bottles/Cans Drive

The All-Scout Paper Drive will be held on Saturday **May 10, 2025 from 9am to 12 noon behind the First Congregational Church of Rowley on Main Street**. The Scouts will be collecting newspapers, books, cardboard, and magazines. Scouting Troop 15 will be collecting redeemable bottles and cans. Scouting America and the Girl Scouts of Rowley thank you very much for helping to keep Scouting active in Rowley.

The paper drives are held the second Saturday of odd numbered months. If you have any questions please call George Pacenka at (978) 948-7918.

Non-perishable items including diapers, paper towels, toilet paper will also be collected at this time for the Rowley Food Pantry.

Remaining Paper Drive dates for 2025:  
May 10, 2025; July 12, 2025  
September 13, 2025; November 8, 2025

### 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.

### SOUTH BYFIELD/GEORGETOWN

#### South Byfield Cemetery Annual Meeting

All lot owners are encouraged to attend the South Byfield Cemetery Annual Meeting on May 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. - Newbury Town Library, 0 Lunt St., Byfield, Mass.

### WEST NEWBURY

If you are a gardener, you should check out the West Newbury Garden Club annual Plant Sale on May 17.

It will be held on the Training Ground on Route 113 in West Newbury from 8:30-11:00 am.

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## NEWBURYPORT FIGHTS

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“Having considered all the evidence, I conclude that Newburyport archive volunteers and patrons have been unfairly dismissed and defamed in public, including in the local newspaper, and that the actions and inaction of the City, through the Mayor, the Mayor’s [former] chief of staff and the Human Resources Director, directly contributed to or created the situation that allowed for this dismissal and defamation,” Murray wrote.

In June of 2023, Mayor Sean Reardon suspended the library volunteer program, mostly in the Archival Center, because AFSCME union local 939, which represents the library employees, filed a grievance against the volunteers for allegedly performing tasks contract employees were supposed to do.

A new head librarian, Kevin Bourque, was hired, and the mayor praised him in a recent web site post.

When negotiations between the union and volunteers broke down, the volunteers petitioned the City Council for an independent investigation. The petition was approved a year

ago and the investigation began in November. The volunteers included Ghlee Woodworth, John St. John, Walt Thompson, Skip and Marge Motes, Jack Garvey, Linda Harding and Ellie Bailey. They are represented by attorney Elizabeth Walsh.

Murray, who specializes in education and labor law, concluded, “The public release of the librarian’s letter without any context or investigation acted as an endorsement of the allegations included in the letter, many of which they were aware were false or misleading. Even if the letter was arguably a public record, expressing the opinions of library staff to the Library Board of Directors, the City’s actions, including allowing a copy of the letter to be posted to the home page of the Newburyport Public Library website, sent a clear message of endorsement.

“And the failure to correct this perception by either launching the investigation requested by volunteers or issuing an apology has allowed this situation to drag out, unresolved in the arena of public opinion, at the expense of all involved, including the library staff and librarians.

“While I have not substantiated the allegation that Newburyport staff and librarians have been subject to repeated, persistent, consistent negative and critical commentary designed to disparage, diminish, and coerce, that does not mean that the proliferation of this issue and public discourse and debate has not had a profound effect on the Newburyport Public Library and its staff and librarians.”

The Library Board of Directors has approved a new policy that allows the library to begin bringing volunteers back in as a Teen Board position for young adults interested in helping with library activities and a shelving volunteer position.

It does not have a role for volunteers in the Archival Center, although board members have expressed an interest in bringing volunteers in for the Archives.

In her footnote, Murray wrote: “I am not suggesting that the elements of a tort have been met as to any particular person, just that as a group the volunteers have been subjected to contempt and disparagement in public.”

A tort occurs when a person’s actions cause harm to another.

The City has several options available,

including negotiating further with the union to allow for volunteers, or work to find the archival volunteers other roles that do not conflict with the current contract.

Mayor Reardon said he will continue to work with Library staff, the board and the union. ♦

## DANVERS HISTORICAL

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project for Associate Professor of Art History Gretchen Sinnett’s The Arts in America class. Since 2013 Danvers Historical Society (DHS) staff and volunteers have brought to the SSU campus interesting artifacts and works of art for the students to select and research. “One thing I love about this project is that it exposes students to the rewards, but also challenges, of historical research. Unlike researching famous artworks about which there is often a bevy of material readily available, this project is more like a treasure hunt. We don’t know at the beginning where we’ll end up and the path can be winding,” said Sinnett.

Alanna’s and David’s artworks which they selected in Sinnett’s class led them to want to learn more about the local artists. Sinnett suggested that they do an internship with Danvers Historical Society. Both students are earning an Art+Design major with a concentration in Art History. The DHS internship meets their major requirements to research art history through discovering local artwork and artists from the past.

David decided to continue his research of Takeji Matsubara (1892-1957), a Japanese artist, whose bizarre painting of a dentist first drew David’s attention. In the early 1910’s Takeji immigrated to the U.S. to attend the Pennsylvania School of Art. He met and married another art student, Frances White (1898-1976) from Danvers. When they married, they moved to 180 Locust Street in Danvers, Frances’ ancestral home. David’s research revealed that in 1933 Takeji and Frances Matsubara started an art school for adults and children at their home. While teaching their students, they also created Works Progress Administration (WPA) projects. The Society is fortunate to have artwork by both artists in the collection.


David stated, “I wanted to learn more about these artists, so I gladly accepted an internship in the hopes of doing more hands-on research. I also felt inspired by the community created by the Matsubaras’ art school.”

David also became intrigued with another local artist, Sol Levenson (1910-2006). Levenson’s parents moved to Danvers from New Jersey before World War I and opened a tailor shop on High Street. Sol was known to draw on the walls of his parents’ shop. It is no wonder that by the 1930’s Levenson created WPA mural projects. In 1987 Levenson generously donated to Danvers Historical Society several charcoal drawings of his renditions of Revolutionary and WWI soldiers for two WPA mural projects. He also donated several watercolor landscape paintings depicting local scenes.

“Levenson’s charcoal drawings of figure studies for his WPA murals are very inspiring to me as I do charcoal drawings and am learning how to do figure drawings. His watercolor landscapes with their suggestive color choices have challenged me to begin thinking about color in my own artwork,” expressed David.

Alanna was drawn to the portrait paintings by 19th century Danvers artist Abel Nichols (1815-1860). The Society owns three portraits by Nichols including Moses Black, John Page and Mary Fowler Page. “I wanted to research a painting from the collection which I could apply my knowledge from Salem State art history classes. I’m very familiar and interested in portrait paintings as they were the main style of painting in early America. Moses Black’s portrait stood out to me,” exclaimed Alanna.

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## GEORGETOWN TRASH

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willing to pay a host fee or give residents and the town itself a break on fees for picking up trash.

The Building Inspector issued Mello building permits two weeks ago to build what could grow into a 550-ton transfer station on Carleton Lane. It broke ground last fall and with warmer weather has begun construction on the plant that is expected to be completed in late summer or fall.

The transfer station collects trash from residential and commercial sites in Georgetown and other North Shore cities and transfers the trash, including construction waste, to large trucks for removal to incinerators elsewhere. Opponents of the facility argue that the new plant will harm residents' quality of life with increased traffic, odors and rodents.

The town boards ordered Mello to rebuild Carleton Drive and have a police detail for the first months at the corner of East Main

Street and Carleton Drive.

Mello, under orders from the state Department of Health, is closing the current station and will transfer operations to the larger transfer station on Carleton Drive this fall. The town's Board of Health limited Mello to 150-tons for the first two years. It can grow the tonnage beginning in the third year to 550 tons by the fifth year.

With the town facing a \$6 million override, Selectman Doug Dawes warned the board not to look at Mello "as a cash cow."

"He can say no to anything," Selectman Rob Hoover said.

The planning board considered requiring Mello to pay a surcharge for non-Georgetown residents. It also wanted to have Mello plant trees along I-95 to block the view of the new transfer station.

The SelectBoard was skeptical that Mello would agree to a reduced fee for lowering the pickup fee charged to residents. Estimates were that giving residents free pickup would cost Mello \$1 million a year. ♦



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#### ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote public meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7:45 pm** to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability application filed by Kenneth and Jean Tanch for proposed soil evaluations and installation of a replacement sewage disposal system possibly within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and to an intermittent stream at **252 Wethersfield Street (Map 23, Parcel 19, Lot 1) in Rowley, MA**. The Go To remote meeting link will be posted on the Town Website in advance of the meeting for that calendar date. To view application materials email or call the Conservation Dept. at 978-948-2330.

Daniel Shinnick  
Chairman, Rowley Conservation Commission

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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

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