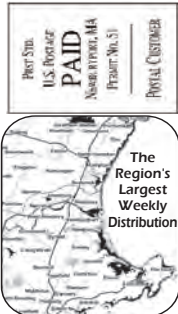


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## TOPSFIELD TROOP 81 Eagle Scout Court of Honor - 2025



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Liam Andrew Gruener



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Photos by Ben Bollinger

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From Left: Georgetown Selectwoman Rachel Bancroft, Laura Repplier, Chair Robert Hoover, Douglas Dawes, Mike Donahue, and Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco (Administrative Assistant Maureen Shultz attends meetings from her home via Zoom - see screen in upper left) - Photo: Stewart Lytle

## Town Releases 'Imperfect, Incomplete' Stirm Group Report

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**GEORGETOWN** – Amid complaints from the SelectBoard chair and several members that the Stirm Group report is flawed, the board last week unveiled the long-awaited report from the private detective firm about the town's Conservation Commission (ConCom) and particularly the former Conservation Agent.

The board accepted the report by the Newburyport firm, which cost the town \$10,000, but in its official response said it "finds (the report) inadequate and does not endorse it."

SelectBoard member Laura Repplier called it a "misuse of funds." SelectBoard chair Robert Hoover said, "nothing important has come out of this report."

Member Michael Donahue said he planned to refer the report and his comments to the Essex County District Attorney (DA), claiming SelectBoard member Rachel Bancroft had committed

a crime by filing a "false police report." No other SelectBoard member agreed to join Donahue in filing with the DA.

It was not the first time the issue has been referred to law enforcement. The state Inspector General (IG) reviewed the issue of what Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco called "vast payroll fraud." The IG could not substantiate the charge.

The report is the latest battle in a long-standing power struggle among town

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## 50th Anniversary of *Jaws* with a trip to 'Amity Island'

By Gabe DiSaverio  
Founder of TheSpicyShark.com

You ever have a dream that lives in your bones for so long, it feels like a part of who you are? That's what has been to me since I first saw it at eight years old. The music, the suspense, the characters—Brody, Hooper, Quint—they've been my heroes for decades. I can confidently, and scientifically, say it's the greatest movie ever made. And this year, it turns 50.

So yeah, this is a big one for me.

As a lifelong *Jaws* nut, I've celebrated in a million small ways. I've gone on all the tours, reenacted scenes when no one was watching, and yes, even gave my daughter the middle name "Ellen" after Chief Brody's wife. But this June, I'm doing something that little Gabe—the one glued to the screen in 1987 — would've lost his mind over: I'm bringing my 1975 replica Amity Police Blazer to Martha's Vineyard (aka: Amity Island) to celebrate the 50th anniversary of *Jaws* on June 20th. And not just to visit—we'll be part of the weekend festivities, including watching *Jaws* outdoors, right where it was filmed.

Let me back up a bit. About five years ago,

in the middle of lockdown, I was doing what I've done every few months since my

twenties: checking online for a mid 70's

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Gabe DiSaverio with his wife Jill, and daughter Joanna in "Chief Brody's" 1975 Chevy Blazer

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## Topsfield Troop 81 - Spirit of Adventure Council - Eagle Scout Court of Honor

## EAGLE SCOUT

## Timothy Fionn Eagan

Son of Denise and Thomas Eagan  
Topsfield, Mass.

Timothy Eagan is an 18 year old graduating senior of Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School. He plans to attend Saint Anselm's College in the fall. He also hopes to join their cross country & track teams. On the advice of a friend, he joined Essex Tech's cross country, indoor and spring track teams and continues to thoroughly enjoy these sports. He improved his 5k time from 27:43 to 18:50 minutes in his senior year. In track, Tim participates in the 800 meter and pole vault events for his team. Besides school, Tim enjoys music, either playing the violin and harmonica or singing. He has played the violin since 3rd grade. He has performed at several school events including the Hawk Holiday Hope charitable event, a collaboration with the Department of Children and Families of Salem, and the school's culinary shop buffets. He also enjoys singing, as a parishioner at Mass or choir member. He faithfully attends Mass either at St. Adelaide's Parish in Peabody and St. Rose of Lima in Topsfield.

Timothy joined troop 81 in 2019, where he made fast friends in the Panther patrol. In Panther, he learned to love camping and all that goes along with it. Tim's first summer camp at Squanto was when he really warmed up to the troop, learning all of 81's traditions and songs. Tim enjoyed his high adventure trek at Philmont in the summer of 2024. As Chaplin's Aid, he loved being able to share the Holy Bible and its teachings. Tim's favorite experience will always be the campfire during overnights: acting out skits,



Left-to-Right: Grant Brunetti, Timothy Eagan, and Liam Gruener (Photo: Cheryl Brunetti)

singing songs, and making chants about the current overnight. Scouting for Tim has been a major learning experience in his life. He is very grateful to both the adult leaders and the previous leadership who taught him leadership skills, life lessons, and helpful cooking tips.

## SERVICE PROJECT

Timothy's Eagle Scout Project was the construction of Stations for the Seven Sorrows of Mary. He built the stations for St. Adelaide's Parish. Tim had seven kiosks built with the help of scouts and friends. The kiosks were mounted onto posts, and

then the artwork of the Seven Sorrows was attached to the kiosks. These stations are an important spiritual tool, much like the Stations of the Cross. Now everyone is able to either look upon, or pray at these stations. ♦

## EAGLE SCOUT

## Grant Arthur Brunetti

Son of Cheryl and Robert Brunetti  
Ipswich, Mass.

Grant Brunetti is a recent graduate of Clark School and is attending Bridgewater State University this fall for photonics engineering. Grant's true passion is building and creating. Since he was able to walk, he has always had an affinity for innovation and has built a number of DIY projects including a hovercraft, a glove that shoots fire, and a high-power laser rifle.

Growing up, Grant focused his extracurricular activities on Martial Arts and scouting. Grant started studying martial arts in Taekwondo at the age of 7, achieved his third degree black belt in 2020, and continues on with mixed Martial Arts to this day.

Grant began his scouting journey in Illinois, where he started as a Tiger Scout with Pack 887. After achieving Arrow of

Light, he crossed over to Troop 889, where he remained until he reached a rank of First Class. Upon moving to Ipswich with his family in 2021, Grant joined Troop 81 Topsfield where he completed his two biggest scouting goals: achieving the rank of Eagle and going on a high adventure trek at Philmont Scout Ranch. Grant has been fortunate to have found supportive and committed leaders in both of his scout troops, and has made lifelong friends with many of his fellow scouts.

## SERVICE PROJECT

Grant's Eagle Project was to build a flag disposal box for the town of Topsfield. When an American flag becomes degraded to a condition in which it is no longer fitting for display, people can bring it to the box for respectful disposal. A qualified organization such as the fire department, a veteran's organization, or the BSA can dispose of it properly and respectfully. Grant recognized this need soon after moving here because such boxes exist in many neighboring towns. This community need was also recognized by Mr. Cullinan at the Topsfield Veterans Affairs office, who was also thinking of how to solve this problem. As such, Grant's project was enthusiastically supported by the town, for which they expressed great appreciation to both Grant and Troop 81. ♦

## EAGLE SCOUT

## Liam Andrew Gruener

Son of Heather Ramsey and James Gruener  
Topsfield, Mass.

Liam Gruener is an 18-year-old recent graduate of Masconomet Regional High School and has enlisted in the United States Army. He will be serving as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technician and is scheduled to ship out to Fort Jackson, South Carolina this August for basic training, followed by nine months of advanced EOD training at various joint military bases. Liam is proud to carry the values of Scouting with him into his military service.

Liam began his scouting journey as a Tiger scout in Pack 81 of Topsfield and earned his Arrow of Light before crossing over into Troop 81. Over the years, he developed leadership skills, a commitment to service, and a love of the outdoors. He has been a member of the Gordon Rowing Association for five years, participating in its middle school and high school varsity

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EAGLE SCOUTS

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programs. He has also competed in national and international regattas, gaining discipline, perseverance, and a love for early morning workouts.

Outside of scouting and rowing, Liam worked as a Dairy Clerk at Market Basket, and has spent two summers working full time for a local landscaper, and part time with a general contractor in Ipswich. These roles helped him build practical trade skills, but also valuable lessons on time management.

Liam's favorite scouting experience was participating in the Philmont Scout Ranch trip, where he made lasting memories. He learned the value of being physically and mentally prepared for challenges, and working on a team. He also enjoyed summers at Camp Squanto and annual overnight canoe trip on the Saco River.

Liam is grateful to his family, Scout leaders, and Troop 81 for their support throughout his journey. He is honored to join the ranks of Eagle Scouts and looks forward to carrying the spirit of Scouting into life's next chapter.

SERVICE PROJECT

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Liam designed and built an information kiosk and a bench at the Bare Hill Pump Track Park located off Route 97. The kiosk provides important safety guidelines and rules for park visitors, promoting responsible and informed use of the space while improving its overall accessibility and function. ♦

Plum Island:  
2 Women Mourned

**PLUM ISLAND** – Many details have yet to be released regarding the deaths of two young women described as best friends, Dahiana Canas, 25 of East Boston, and Vanessa Correa, 25 of Lynn, who drowned off Plum Island Point last week.

Did they go to the beach to swim, or was that an after-thought (were they dressed for swimming)? How did they get in the water? Did they park? What vehicle? Where? Were they with other people? Did anyone see them? Do they have children? Their families?

Apparently both came from small town in Columbia, and at least one of the women may have a small child, and at least one of them may have had her organs donated by to save others.

The women were initially brought to Anna Jacques Hospital and later transferred to hospitals in Boston and Burlington in critical condition. Canas passed away on Thursday, June 12, and Correa passed away a day earlier on Wednesday, June 11.

Who were the “fishermen” who removed the women from the water, unresponsive? What were the young women doing around 7 pm on a Sunday night? Were they dressed for swimming? Was alcohol or any other substance involved? If one had a small child, what is the future for that child?

These are just a few of the many questions which we have heard in various conversations about this sad tragedy. According to a press release issued by the firm John Guilfol Public relations and echoed throughout the local and Boston media: “preliminary investigation suggests this incident to be a tragic accident. The investigation is being conducted by Newburyport Police and the Essex County District Attorney's Office.” ♦

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Paul Herbert Farrell - Georgetown

Paul Herbert Farrell, 80, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 8, 2025 at CHA Whidden Hospital in Everett after a lengthy illness.

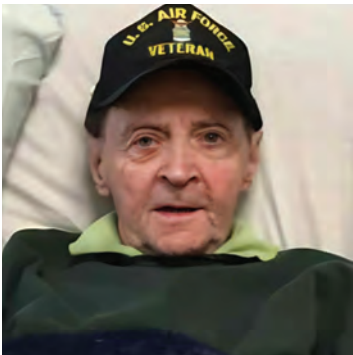
Born in Everett in February 1945, Paul was the son of the late Edgar H. and the late Florence (Ross) Farrell, and stepson of the late Patricia (McMakin) Farrell. Paul grew up in Everett and graduated from Everett High School with the Class of 1963.

Following high school, Paul proudly served in the United States Air Force, where he attained the rank of Sergeant. After his honorable discharge, he worked as a truck mechanic for H.P. Hood Milk, a position he held for several years with dedication.

Paul made his home in Georgetown, where he was a longtime resident of Lakeshore Drive for over 40 years. In more recent years, he lived at the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, where he was cared for with compassion and respect. He was a man of simple pleasures, he found enjoyment in cheering on his favorite teams—the Red Sox and the Patriots.

He is survived by his siblings: Edith McGrath of New Jersey, Pauline Sulprizio of Groton, Deborah Farrell of Saugus, Maureen DiSario of Tewksbury and John Ditter of Medford. He was the brother of the late Phyllis Thompson, Alan Farrell, and Darlene Ditter.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in his memory to the: Veterans Home in Chelsea, ATTN: CFO John Couillard, 100 Summit Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150 (Please put Paul Farrell Memory in the memo.)



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## GEORGETOWN

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officials about the ConCom, which regulates the town's wetlands.

Some town officials, including a few developers, bankers and property owners, believe the ConCom prevents growth in town, while others see the ConCom as a last stand to prevent the abuse of green space and wetlands.

Accusations were made by SelectBoard and ConCom members that the Stirm Group, headed by a former state police officer, used "intimidation, blackmail and harassment tactics" as part of its investigation.

Laura Repplier, a SelectBoard member and former member of the ConCom, blasted the report, saying it "does not provide the information the firm was contracted to provide" and that it included information unrelated to the scope of work.

She also wrote, "Rumor, gossip and speculation should not be included in a factual investigation." No attempt was made to substantiate the validity of personal opinions in it, she wrote.

Repplier concluded that the funds paid to the group were "misused in the investigation and in writing of the report."

Newly elected Selectman Michael Donahue, who supported the Stirm Report, but agreed it was "imperfect," read a lengthy memorandum he wrote about issues he perceives with the ConCom. He claimed Bancroft had committed a crime when she filed a police report with former Georgetown Police Chief Don Cudmore that the Stirm Group used intimidation, blackmail and harassment tactics against her, Shreder and other town officials.

SelectBoard and ConCom members claimed the investigators, whom they nicknamed "Stirm Troopers," hid in bushes and the stairwells of Town Hall to accost town officials. Most of the startled town officials declined to answer the investigators' questions, which was blamed for the incomplete report.

After Donahue threatened Bancroft with criminal prosecution, Hoover offered her a chance to defend herself. Bancroft said she felt she had been "blindsided" and had "her knees knocked out from under her" and

would address Donahue's accusations at a future SelectBoard meeting.

Donahue has filed complaints against Bancroft before. Last year, before being elected to the SelectBoard, he wrote a 1,300-word petition, requesting that Bancroft be removed from the SelectBoard for being "unprofessional." The board did not act on his petition.

The private detectives were asked to substantiate the town administrator's claim of "vast payroll fraud," allegedly committed by former Conservation Agent Steve Przyjemski, Shreder and Bancroft.

The report concluded only that Przyjemski was often out of the office and was seen by unidentified town employees leaving Town Hall during the day.

Shreder, who headed the ConCom for more than 20 years, called Przyjemski a highly qualified conservation agent, who spent much of his workday, inspecting encroachments on town wetland sites.

Przyjemski resigned two and a half years ago, blaming Pacheco for creating a "toxic

Shreder, in frustration with town government, joked at a ConCom meeting that a good use of Town Hall was to set it afire so the Georgetown Fire Department could practice putting out fires.

At a SelectBoard meeting, he apologized for the comment and explained it was meant as a joke after a SelectBoard member claimed that it frightened some employees.

Smith sent Bancroft an email that she characterized as extortion, blackmail and intimidation by the group. Smith wrote: "Please understand that failure to comply with this request will compel us to act. Specifically, we will proceed to forward the video footage featuring Carl Shreder, threatening to burn down the town hall and the video recording of the special hearing conducted on August 28, 2023, to address Mr. Shreder's arson threat."

"Additionally, we will forward the handwritten letter we received from you in response to our public records request that confirms you do not have a letter from the Ethics Commission authorizing you

to participate as a select board member in any discussion or vote that pertains to the Conservation Commission.

"Our decision to send this package to the Ethics

Commission is a result of our investigators' perception of a potential bias in your actions, which seemed to prioritize the interests of the Conservation Commission over your responsibilities as a member of the select board. Additionally, your continued reluctance to engage in our assessment, which the town has contracted us to perform, has raised concerns," he wrote.

Smith concluded: "The choice is yours, Ms. Bancroft. You can opt to participate in the assessment as requested and provide the ethics-related information we are seeking, or we will proceed with the actions outlined above. We hope for your cooperation and look forward to your prompt response."

"Ms. Bancroft, if you have come to remember things differently after having time to reflect, I strongly encourage you to correct the record as soon as possible." ♦

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environment."

Stirm Group president Larry Smith, a former state trooper, demanded that Bancroft turn over a copy of a letter from the State Ethics Board. Bancroft informed Smith that no letter existed because the Ethics Board attorney spoke to her on the phone.

She had inquired if there were any conflict under state law with her serving on the SelectBoard and the ConCom. Bancroft said the attorney told her that there is no conflict.

Smith appears to threaten Bancroft that if she did not provide the letter or give the Stirm Group the date and the name of the state attorney she spoke to, he would file a complaint against her colleague Shreder with the State Ethics Board for a sarcastic remark he made.



## Plant Matters



by Ida Wye

Essex Tech accomplished a real milestone this spring when there nascent Maplewood Arboretum was certified. This remarkable achievement for a public education institution will inspire and educate the present and future students and the collection of trees will increase as the years advance.

The mission statement describes how "trees tell stories and how each tree represents a unique narrative connecting people with these stories and honors the legacy of the natural world". This arboretum will be a living classroom and provide an opportunity to experience "a connection between trees, the earth, and humanity".

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reverence for the environment.

"Trees enrich the world with their presence and existence." Essex Tech's arboretum's legacy will encourage us to "protect, celebrate, and find inspiration in the world around us."

I would like to thank Matthew Martin for inviting me to the opening ceremony of the Maplewood Arboretum. I would also like to thank the residents of Massachusetts for supporting vocational education in our exceptional state. ♦

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## JAWS 50th!

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Chevy Blazer like the one Chief Brody drives in the movie. This time, in July 2020, the universe tossed me a curveball—in the form of a mint-condition model going up for auction in North Carolina. It was a '75 K5 Blazer, and already had the same paint job as Brody's.

It felt like fate. 2020 was the 45th anniversary of *Jaws*, and here was this dream vehicle calling my name. I called my wife, told her my budget, and waited with uncertainty for her response. She said something I'll never forget: "You work eight days a week, you don't have any toys, and you've been talking about this car since our third date. Go for it." That's all I needed.

After winning the auction on my final

bid, I flew to Greensboro, North Carolina, and drove that old boy—now affectionately known as Marty, short for Martin Brody—through the night, all the way back to New Hampshire. It wasn't the smoothest journey, 800 miles and some unexpected on the job training, but I was grinning the whole time.

Over the next several months, I turned Marty into a screen-accurate replica. Amity Police door decals, cherry top lights, black roll bar, white rear panel, new side mirrors to match Brody's, and even the identical hubcaps.



"AMITY" vanity plates? Of course. Replica yellow barrel from the Orca in the back? Check. And yes, The Spicy Shark branding on the back. Because if there's one thing I love as much as sharks, it's spicy food—so much that I started my own hot sauce company. It's all connected.

Which brings me to this June. I'll be back on Martha's Vineyard for the first time since Jawsfest in 2012. That was a life-changing weekend where I met people like Joe Alves, Carl Gottlieb, Alex Kintner, Mrs. Kintner, Chrissy Watkins, Deputy Hendricks, and Wendy Benchley—Peter Benchley's wife. Meeting Wendy and learning about her fight to help save sharks from extinction was part of what inspired me to get involved in shark

conservation, learn to dive, and eventually create The Spicy Shark. Without Jawsfest, there might not be a Spicy Shark. Wild, right?

This time around, I'll have Marty with me, as well as my family. I'll be cruising the same roads Spielberg filmed on over 50 years ago, but now I'm behind the wheel of Brody's truck. It feels surreal. But even better? I've been telling my daughter Joanna for years that when she finally sees Jaws for the first time, she will also be eight years old, but it's going to be right on "Amity Island." And now, she will. With her dad, surrounded by fellow Jaws people, under the stars on the very island where it all began.

That's the magic of this movie—it brings people together. It creates a community of fans who share a deep, quirky love for a film about a shark that terrorized a summer town and brought together three unlikely heroes. And in my case, it sparked a life path, a business, and more cherished memories than I can count.

So here's to 50 years of Jaws, to Marty the Chevy Blazer, to Amity Island, and to never outgrowing the things that make us feel alive.

Amity, as you know, means friendship. ♦



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Upcoming Events

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June 26 - Block Party at Heritage Park 5:30 - 8 pm.  
June 26 - Kids Day in the Park - 10 am - 1 pm, facepainting, bounce house, train rides and more, at the town park.  
June 27 - Brewfest at McInnis parking lot - limited tickets, 5:30 - 8:30 pm.  
June 28 - City-Wide Yard Sale and Downtown Sidewalk Sales 8 am - 3 pm  
June 28 - 5K Run/Walk 10AM Start  
June 29 - Pancakes at The Pines - Town Park Pines in the grass skating rink area. 8 - 11 am, \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and kids.

BOXFORD

Paint the Blacktop at Cole & Spofford  
Friday, June 20, 2025 HELP US PAINT THE BLACKTOP! The Cole & Spofford blacktops need some love—and you can help! June 21 (Spofford); Sun, June 22 (Cole) Rain Date: June 27–30  
- Organize a team of 4 with friends or family - We'll provide stencils, instructions & supplies - Just a few hours of fun & impact. Sign up to volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/paintblacktop>.  
JUNE 26 - Conservation Commission, 7 pm  
June 30 - Select Board 6:30 pm

GEORGETOWN

Special off-site meeting of the Board of

Selectmen - details to be posted when we have them. Expect Saturday, June 21 at the Black Swan Country Club.  
June 23 - Board of Selectmen, 6:30 pm  
July 26 - Save the Date for the Knights of Columbus Community Yard Sale/Flea Market - reserve a spot for your family, group, or small business. Details to follow. [www.SheepDeeds.com](http://www.SheepDeeds.com).

GLOUCESTER

June 21 and 22: 250th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Bunker Hill with more than 1,000 participants. State Fort Park, June 21-22 including camp, vendors, 18th-century marketplace, historic figures. [www.battleofbunkerhill250.com](http://www.battleofbunkerhill250.com).

HAVERHILL

Vintage Bazaar - Kimball Farm, 725 E. Broadway, Haverhill. Saturday June 21 8:30 am to 4 pm, Sunday June 22 from 10 am to 3 pm. More than 160 vendors. Live music, more than 20 different food vendors, mobile bar, and family events. Admission: \$15.00 one day, \$20 two days.

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ROWLEY

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Tue., June 24th @ 10am – Care for the

Caregiver - The Rowley COA, Rowley Public Library and CareDimensions Learning Institute are excited to co-present, “Care for the Caregiver” at 10am on Tuesday, Jun. 24th at the Rowley Public Library. Please join us for a program for families and friends that will enhance one’s understanding of the factors that affect caregiver stress, challenges to caregiving and ways to help caregivers care for themselves. Please register by calling the COA at 978-948-7637  
Wed., Jun. 25th @ 10am CaptionCall Presentation - CaptionCall is for people with hearing loss who need captions to use the phone effectively. Come check out how the phone and captioning service work, why there’s no cost for the service, and what you can do to get CaptionCall and improve your conversations on Wednesday, Jun. 25th at 10am at the Rowley COA, 39 Central Street, Rowley. Rsvp by calling the Rowley COA at 978-948-7637.

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Notice is given that the Planning Board shall hold a Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 11, and the provisions of **Article XIII – Special Permits and Site Plan Review, as further provided in §165-83** of the Town of Georgetown Zoning Bylaws. The Public Hearing will be for Site Plan Approval of a proposed development converting a single-family home to three units of housing at 6 Tenney Street, Town Assessor's Map 10-16 in Zoning District RB.

This public hearing shall be held remotely on **Wednesday, 9 JULY 2025 at 7:00 P.M.**, in accordance with the Executive Order waiving certain provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 20 during the COVID-19 pandemic, which was extended to JUNE 30, 2027 by action of the General Court and signed by Gov. Healey. Interested persons are invited to participate in the above-cited hearing, via computer, tablet, smartphone by connecting to the following:

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86409974465> Meeting ID: 86409 974465  
Passcode: 071579

The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the 9 JULY 2025 meeting agenda, which will be posted on the Town of Georgetown website no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting. Further, the meeting will be broadcast live on the Georgetown Local Access Cable TV. Video recordings of this meeting, and all Georgetown Planning Board meetings may be found at [www.georgetownma.gov](http://www.georgetownma.gov) by choosing Cable TV option. Full and complete copies of the above-cited Site Plan application, together with the associated Plans, are available upon request by emailing the Town Planner at [FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov](mailto:FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov) or by clicking here: [https://cms5.revize.com/revize/georgetownma/government/boards\\_\\_commissions/planning\\_board/index.php#outer-4033](https://cms5.revize.com/revize/georgetownma/government/boards__commissions/planning_board/index.php#outer-4033)

Any person interested in being heard on this application needs to appear at the time and place designated, herein. Please note that written correspondence will be accepted and read into the record of the hearing if it were received before Noon on the day of the hearing. Persons needing special accommodations may send an eMail to [FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov](mailto:FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov)

Frank O'Connor, Jr.  
Planner for Town of Georgetown

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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 26, 2025 at 7:00 or such other time when posted to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability of applicant: Patrick Hutchinson for the property located at: 285 Main Street, Boxford: Map 23, Block 1, Lot 12 to install two new distribution poles and an undergroundconduit adjacent to an existing driveway and 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

6/18

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Environmental Protection Waterways Regulation Program  
Notice of 401 WQC application pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 and M.G.L. Chapter 21 New England Power Company (NEP)

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 and M.G.L. c. 21 §§ 26-53, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) application filed by the New England Power Company (NEP), 170 Data Drive, Waltham, MA 02451 for the 394 Transmission Line and B154/CI55 King Street Tap Line Asset Condition Refurbishment Project located within Amesbury, Boxford, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Merrimac, West Newbury, MA. NEP plans to replace existing structures, improve access to structures, and perform a variety of other maintenance activities within the Project corridor. Overall, the activities will allow NEP to continue to provide reliable delivery of electrical service to the region and meet predicted future electrical demands.

Additional information may be obtained from Theresa Portante, BSC Group, Inc., 1 Mercantile Street, Suite 610, Worcester, MA 01606, (617) 896-4509, [tportante@bcsgr.com](mailto:tportante@bcsgr.com).

Written comments on the 401 WQC should be sent within twenty-one (21) days of this notice (deadline July 16, 2025) to:

MassDEP Wetlands Program  
Major Projects and Policy Unit  
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900,  
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Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.

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GEORGETOWN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is given that the Georgetown Planning Board shall hold a Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 11, and the provisions of **Chapter 49 Earth Removal and Importation, as further provided in §49-1 through §49-12** of the Town of Georgetown Zoning Bylaws. The Public Hearing will be for an Earth removal and importation permit at the farm located at **214 North Street, Town Assessor's Map 12-56** in Zoning District RB.

This public hearing shall be held remotely on **Wednesday, 9 JULY 2025 at 7:00 P.M.**, in accordance with **Bylaw §49-7** and the Executive Order waiving certain provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 20 during the COVID-19 pandemic, which was extended to JUNE 30, 2027 by action of the General Court and signed by Gov. Healey. Interested persons are invited to participate in the above-cited hearing, via computer, tablet, smartphone by connecting to the following:

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**BEVERLY** – Chief John G. LeLacheur reports that the Beverly Police Department and law enforcement partners successfully de-escalated a situation involving an individual experiencing a mental health crisis.

Late last month, the Beverly Police Department was called to an apartment complex on Rantoul Street (Route 1A) for a report of a individual experiencing a mental health crisis who may be armed.

Beverly Police responded, set up a

perimeter to maintain public safety, and requested assistance from the Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council SWAT Team, which includes specially trained negotiators. Elements of the Massachusetts State Police responded as well.

After about three hours of negotiations, the individual who was barricaded inside an apartment surrendered peacefully. There were no reported injuries.

The individual who was in crisis was

transported to a local hospital for evaluation. He is not facing criminal charges.

"I want to thank our partners at NEMLEC and the Massachusetts State Police for assisting us with this potentially dangerous call," said Chief LeLacheur. "SWAT Team members used their training and expertise to bring this call to a peaceful conclusion. The individual in question will now be connected with appropriate services that can help him in the future." ♦

## IPSWICH MUSEUM

We are very excited to have our own Bob Waite, Ipswich native, here to participate in our Evening Lecture Series!

Please join us on Wednesday evening, June 18, 2025 at 7:30pm, in the Appleton Room at The Heard House.

Bob will be presenting "Mr. Waite's Improbable History", a spoof on the play "Mr. Peabody's Improbable History" from the classic animated TV program "The Adventures of Rocky & Bullwinkle". This will be a lighthearted romp through his personal history as it relates to growing up in Ipswich.

Bob is currently a Professor at Seneca Polytechnic in Toronto, a columnist for The Local News, and a Communications Consultant.

His presentations are always fun, interesting, witty, and enlightening!

Please note, there will be no evening lectures in July and August. The next Evening Lecture will be on Wednesday September 17, 2025. Watch for details to come!

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