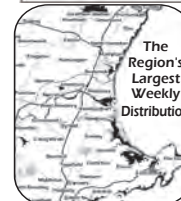


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Was Agent's Dismissal Approved by Town Lawyer?

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – Last week a story in *The Town Common*, “Town to Review ConCom Agent Abrupt Firing,” reported that the town of Georgetown’s retained counsel, K&P Law, was consulted regarding the firing of the conservation director Michele Grenier.

Since that printing, we were informed that when Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco told the SelectBoard, “we have talked to legal counsel,” it may not have been the town’s legal counsel that was consulted, as the SelectBoard assumed. But Pacheco may have been referring

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Trucks at Zibell Farm Again

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – To the shock of neighbors, who thought their years-long nightmare was over, excavation of Zibell Farm at 214 North St. started again last week with the town permitting the removal of asphalt millings.

Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco and Town Planner Frank O’Connor visited the site last week, and O’Connor said the excavation of asphalt – possibly a non-earth material

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Alison Odle, Founder, Support The Pink House, holding her new book "The Pink House, a Photographic Memoir" at the site of the government-destroyed, iconic home. (Photo: Stewart Lytle)

Pink House Legacy Lives On

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

PLUM ISLAND TURNPIKE – Sandy Tilton captured a photograph of the Pink House on its last day standing in the morning fog; flowers, a wreath and a pink heart attached to a utility pole next to this highway; the pickup trucks of the demolition workers barely visible as they made ready to tear down the 100-year-old beloved icon.

That was March 11, a year ago, but for most of the Pink House supporters - the painters, photographers, writers and those who found solace just in

its being there -- the house’s still unexplained demise seems like it has been much longer or only yesterday.

Grief does that for a loved one, a favorite pet or a house that stood alone on the great salt marsh between Newburyport and Plum Island.

Alison Odle, an artist herself and founder of the Save the Pink House non-profit organization, included Sandy’s photo as the final one in Alison’s new hardcover coffee-table-style book. She hopes her book, bound in the same shade of pink, will help keep the mem-

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The Changing Tides team (from left) Hannah Pierce, Landon Habib, Charlie Guest, Michelle Diaz and Kimberly Dillon. (Photo: Stewart Lytle)

Changing Tides Café Serves George Howell Coffee

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter shop in downtown Newburyport, you may want to try Kimberly Dillon’s Changing Tides Café on Pleasant Street. If you are looking for a cozy coffee and baked goods

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FROM THE EDITOR

Invitation to Local Candidates to Introduce Themselves to our Readers

The Town Common invites local candidates for town positions to introduce themselves - in their own words - to our readers.

Please limit submissions to approximately 400 words so that we may fit in all candidates. (Candidates can always purchase advertising space for additional information, notices of endorsements, etc., if desired.) Please also include one or more photographs which we can use with your column and any subsequent publication, and also please include how potential supporters can contact you to join/help in your campaign to serve the public.

Please Note: Submit early! We'll print what statements we can fit, however, it is NOT our intention to print any candidate statements nor letters

the week prior to the election as it does not allow time for follow-up/rebuttal. We want to be fair to all and want to do things better each year. Please contact Lonnie@TheTownCommon.com, and if you do not receive a confirmation within 24 hours please call us. Amesbury, Beverly, Boxford, Byfield, Essex, Georgetown, Groveland, Hamilton, Haverhill, Ipswich, Merrimack, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, Salisbury, Topsfield, Wenham, West Newbury; in New Hampshire: Hampton, S. Hampton, Hampton Falls, Kensington, Newton, Plaistow, Rye...



SALISBURY: Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack

The Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack will meet on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 7:30pm at the Hilton Senior Center, 43 Lafayette Rd (Rte 1), Salisbury, MA.

We welcome the return of historian and author, **Chuck Veit**, who'll discuss, "*On the Verge of the Great War.*" As Chuck says, "it is an international perspective on the Rebellion and how very close we came to starting a world war in 1866."

The Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack is a non-profit history minded group founded in 1995. We welcome anyone with an interest in the American Civil War. More info can be found on our website: www.cwrmmerrimack.org or call Bill at 978-994-4717.



TOPSFIELD: Essex National Heritage Spring Meeting

Join us for a morning of networking and regional engagement! The meeting will be held at Topsfield Town Hall (8 West Common Street, Topsfield) on Thursday, April 16 from 9:00 - 10:00 am. Attendees are welcome to arrive at 8:30 am for networking and coffee.

The agenda will include announcing our 2026 Partnership Grant recipients, voting in new Commissioners, regional updates, and more!

Many thanks to the Town of Topsfield for hosting and to Zumi's for providing coffee! Register at: https://tinyurl.com/essexheritagespring

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Officer Chapo, Salisbury PD

Amesbury and Salisbury Police K-9 Officers and Dogs to Visit Newbury Town Library, April 8th at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by **Katherine Szuplat**
Assistant Director
Newbury Town Library,
Byfield, Mass.

On Wednesday April 8th at 3:30pm, the Amesbury and Salisbury Police Departments will visit the Newbury Town Library with their K-9 officers and dogs. Meet Officer Thomas Nichols and Meatball from Amesbury PD and Officer Michael Tullercash and Chapo from Salisbury PD and learn about the many ways they protect their communities. There will also be a demonstration.

This event is appropriate for ages 7 through 18. As with all working dogs, attendees should be prepared to ask the officers before petting the dogs. This free community event will take place in the Lois M Anderson Community Room at the library which is located at 0 Lunt Street in Byfield. Registration is required. To register, visit newburylibrary.org/events or call the library at (978) 465-0539. For any questions about this event, please contact Children's Librarian Nicky Korodi at (978)465-0539. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends

of the Newbury Town Library.

ALERT ALERT
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ConCom Agent Questions

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to an unnamed law firm, or, some have suggested, possibly no law firm.

The story reported that the SelectBoard voted to hold an executive session at its next meeting to discuss whether Grenier's firing had followed proper procedure.

Grenier has hired an attorney, whom she is meeting with this week, to determine if she will sue the town for her termination. Grenier has had issues with Pacheco over the number of hours she is paid and over mileage she charged to the town for site visits on Conservation Commission (ConCom) projects.

Pacheco's termination letter stated that she was fired immediately for comments questioning whether Pacheco had done his job regarding a computer software installation and for hiding a recorded transcript of a ConCom meeting that was postponed.

SelectBoard member Mike Donahue made the motion to consider Grenier's dismissal, saying he wanted to make sure her dismissal was done correctly.

Donahue told *The Town Common* after the meeting that he asked for the review of the firing to make certain "all the rules were followed." It is not known in this fast-changing story whether the five-member SelectBoard plans to review the reasons Pacheco gave for firing Grenier.

It is also unclear if - under the current form of town government - the town administrator has the authority to fire employees without the consent of the SelectBoard.

The town bylaw states: "In his capacity, the Town Administrator, upon approval by the Board of Selectmen, shall have the authority to carry out the following functions, including but not limited to: A. Appointment and removal of employees."

Grenier was hired by the ConCom, but the commission has not met on her proposed dismissal. ♦

Of Flags, Open Meeting Law, Process

Notes and Tidbits

By Lonnie Brennan

GEORGETOWN - Just a few additional notes from the recent Georgetown Selectboard's meeting:

• **Flag:** The board met in a meeting room on the second floor. As there was no American flag to be found in the room, the members rose for the Pledge of Allegiance to a flag displayed on one member's cell phone. Unlike the school committee in Amesbury, it's nice to see all the members of a board rise to the Pledge of Allegiance, even if they had to make a last-minute scramble to locate a 'flag.'

• **Turn Off Your Phone:** The meeting was taped by Georgetown Community Television but the audio captured a phone conversation from a non-participant in the meeting who conversed loudly over speaker phone. It made a few minutes of listening to the meeting rather challenging. One member of the board, Doug Dawes, did, at one point give the universal silence (fingers across the throat) signal to the phone user.

• **Agenda?** Selectman Mike Donahue questioned the change of the meeting's posted agenda and was told by the board's employee to go file an Open Meeting Law complaint. The dialogue was short:

"Mr. Hoover," Donahue asked, "I don't think this was posted in time, this Charter Commission [item]?"

Rob Hoover, the chair, asked the Town Administrator Orlando to reply, and Pacheco responded, "we amended the agenda."

Donahue acknowledged as he held the agenda notice up and read from it that "yes" it was amended, but that occurred "yesterday at 12:25, and I just don't know if that's in timeframe of 48 hours" (the legally required posting time).

Pacheco replied: "I would say file an Open Meeting Law complaint."

Donahue responded that he would

abstain from that agenda item, in reference to its possible failure to comply with the Open Meeting Law. Stay tuned for more on this one ...

• **Speaking of Open Meeting Law Violations:** One member of the audience noted that the town had not posted minutes of any selectboard's meeting online this year. Actually, the town has not posted agendas, nor minutes online since November 17, 2025 on its agenda page, and the minutes placed online for the Oct. 20, 2025 meeting are marked "Draft."

As a result of another Open Meeting Law violation complaint, Pacheco handed the board members a number of draft minutes for them to review and discuss at their next meeting, along with a copy of said complaint. Note: Chronic tardiness in approving and posting minutes is not unique to 2026.

• **Legal Counsel?** Last week in the article "Town to Review ConCom Agent Abrupt Firing," we included a line stating the town's retained counsel, KP Law, was consulted regarding the matter of what has been termed the surprise firing of the town's ConCom agent. To correct the record: while "legal counsel was consulted" it may or may not have been the town's legal counsel, KP Law. We await details in this matter.

• **Was the Process Followed?** File this one under "ouch." On Friday, March 20, 2026 - on a day when town hall was closed - Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco sent an e-mail at 8:24 in the morning with the subject line "Notice of Termination" to the town's conservation agent. The e-mail stated:

"Michele, this notice is being sent to your personal email since you no longer have access to the network. Please reach out to Maureen [Pacheco's secretary] to schedule a time to return Town equipment, keys, etc. and collect any personal items in the office. Best, Orlando"

Attached to that e-mail was a 25-page scanned PDF document in which Pacheco detailed that the ConCom agent's actions concerning a postponed Conservation Commission meeting and her ... "subsequent failure to properly comply with the public records law, you are hereby terminated effective immediately."

Pacheco went on to repeat in the letter, the vulgarity which the ConCom agent uttered and was caught on an Zoom transcript, as well as what he charged as her attempt to hide the transcript as part of the grounds for dismissal. He concluded by stating that "You may set up a time, with a Police Officer present, to obtain any personal items..." etc. The bulk of the 25-pages related to the transcript.

As *The Town Common* reported last week, six days later, at the selectboard's meeting of Thursday, March 26, Selectman Mike Donahue asked that the "process" of the firing be placed as an agenda item for the board to discuss at a future meeting. Donahue stated, "my intent is to sim-

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Pink House Legacy

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ories of the house alive.

Over 144 pages, Alison, who identified herself only on page three in an editor's note, has captured the paintings and photographs created by more than 40 artists and fans, who were drawn to the lonely house that stood on one of the few dry plots of marsh.

"Monet is said to have painted one scene, his water garden at Giverny, at least 250 times, each image conveying something unique. I think we've given Monet a run for his money here," Alison wrote. "Our wonderfully strange Pink House, chameleon-like, has been interpreted and portrayed from every angle and perspective possible. In every weather condition and astronomical event, every time of day and night, every season and mood, and we never grew tired of her."

Alison's coffee table book, *The Pink House, A Photographic Memoir*, briefly chronicles the 10-year, all-consuming battle by local residents, led by the indefatigable Rochelle Joseph, who mobilized store owners to hang signs in their windows, and public officials, although not enough of them, to fight the bureaucrats of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service from demolishing it.

Losing that mis-matched battle, Alison wrote, "still stings, and it's still rage-inducing to look at the empty space where she stood for an entire 100 years before being so cruelly cut down."

Artists who share their Pink House paintings and photos plus short biographies and reflections in the book

include:

Alan Bull, Edith Heyck, Lani Shumway, Pam Older, David (Stoney) and Susan Stone, Sandy Tilton, Timothy Thomas, Heather Karp, Jon Elcock, Joyce Wood, Sam Davis, Laura Hughes, Gillian Byck Overholser, Rebecca Klementovich, Ellery Sanchez, Tina Rawson, Heather Corbett Ortiz, Leslie Scott-Lysan, Ana Smyth, Robin Thornhill, Kathleen Hartley, Kelly Kieslich Page, Betsy Malenfant, Laura Hughes, Lizzie Abelson, Dean DiMarzo and Carrie Hershenson.

"As the founder of the movement in 2015, and as an artist, my focus has always been on the creative community," Alison wrote. "The Pink House inspired countless works of art and supported many local artists, becoming an enduring symbol reimagined in beautiful and meaningful ways."

This book brings that legacy together, she wrote.

In June, a few months after the house was demolished, supporters, including Gov. Maura Healey, gathered to pay respects to the house on its 100th birthday. Healey declared June 14 to be the Pink House Centennial Celebration Day.

In this memoir, Alison wrote that she finds herself thinking about that celebration and remembering the tribute by state Sen. Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester. Delivered to a packed party at PITA



Hall, Tarr summed up what the Pink House means for future generations:

"While structures in time can fade, become weak, and sometimes go away, a mindset and a belief in each other can last forever. That is the most important thing that is happening here today: the expressions in art, in photography, in words... We didn't get exactly the result we wanted, but I want us to think today about the result we got. The shining example of civic engagement, believing in something bigger than yourself, and being willing to carry that forward."

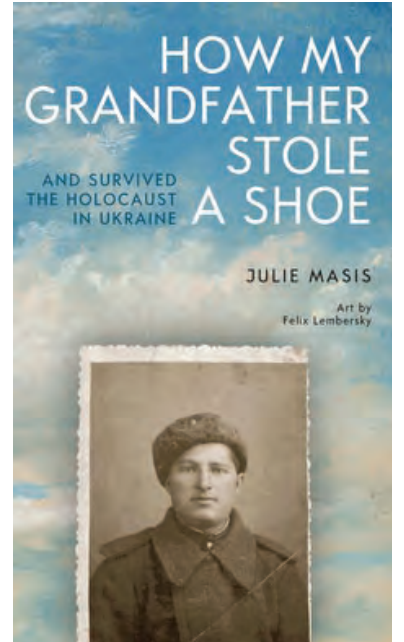
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Newbury Library Upcoming Adult Programs This Week

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On Thursday April 9th at 6pm, local birder David Williams returns for a presentation on Birding By Ear. Bird song is the background "noise" of nature. This presentation will help one better appreciate this "noise" of



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Changing Tides Café

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ant Street.

Despite being a few steps off the well-trodden sidewalks of State and Pleasant streets, the popular cafe caters to a cadre of locals who gather daily, particularly on Fridays – donut day. Some out-of-towners from as far away as Ipswich and Haverhill have found Kim's shop, drawn by word that she is the only place on the North Shore that brews the celebrated George Howell coffee.

After a career managing Verizon engineering and construction projects, Kim went to work for the coffee shop and bought it after two months at the

end of 2024.

"I made a million mistakes, but I learn from my mistakes," she said. "My hope was to make Changing Tides a place where people feel welcome and comfortable."

The steady stream of customers stop for coffee, muffins, raspberry, lemon, cheddar and bacon scones or top-selling fried egg sandwiches. They bring their computers to turn Changing Tides into their office, which proves that Kim and her team have created a go-to spot. They come with yoga mats rolled under their arm looking for a protein shake, the full espresso bar or lattes laced with homemade flavors -- all in a fun atmosphere.

In the past year, her Instagram has

grown to 4,400 followers with lots of 5-star reviews.

She attributes her success to her crew – Hannah Pierce, Charlie Guest and Michelle Diaz – who stayed when she acquired Changing Tides, plus a new addition, Landon Habib, a marvelous young baker.

Kim said, "Everyone is happy here," which helps create the shop's strong vibe.

The team agreed. "It is a wonderful place," Michelle said.

The customers are always friendly, Hannah said. "Some come every day." And many bring their dogs, which stop during their morning walks at the to-go window or sit at the front door, waiting for treats. The shop hands out

14 pounds of dog treats each month.

The large interior brick wall showcases local artists. Currently on the dining room wall are photos shot by Newburyport photographer Michael O'Donnell that include framed photos, which are on sale, of Newburyport and exotic locations around the world.

Several days a week, Changing Tides brings left-over baked goods for Among Friends, a Newburyport food bank. On Wednesdays, she collects donated canned goods for Our Neighbors' Table. On the last Wednesday of each month last year, half of her net sales was given to charities, like Opportunity Works, the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center and Our Neighbors Table.

"We are community," Kim said.

The challenge for the cafe is its location behind the city's new parking garage. The location of the building at 92 Pleasant Street, once the John Pappas Meat Market, was initially expected to be an asset with parkers in the new multi-story lot would come in before work, shopping or dining two blocks away in downtown.

To attract new customers Kim added

colorful umbrellas and tied balloons to chairs and tables on her back patio, which seats 40. On coming warm days, she expects the patio will be filled for breakfast and lunch and hopes one day to paint a mural on the outside wall.

And don't forget the George Howell coffee. Howell, headquartered in Acton, strives to produce "the finest coffees on earth, roasting to precision and delivering the ultimate cup of coffee."

From seed to cup, Howell's coffee is perfection. Howell was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Specialty Coffee Association of America in 1996, followed by the Better Coffee World Award by the Specialty Coffee Association of Europe, the continent's highest honor.

In 2012, George returned to his cafe roots opening his first George Howell Coffee cafe in Newtonville, MA followed by a second in Boston's The Godfrey Hotel, and a third in the Boston Public Market. And in Newburyport, his coffee can be enjoyed at Kim's Changing Tides Café.

DEATH NOTICES: The loss of loved ones in our communities, compiled exclusively for The Town Common by Michelle Leininger.

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Michael K. Foley	Danvers, MA	Mackey Funeral Home	Middleton	978-774-0033
James E. "Jim" Milne	Peabody, MA	O'Donnell Funeral Home	Danvers	978-774-6600
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Daniel Geaney	Hampton, NH	Remick & Gendron Funeral Home	Hampton, NH	603-926-6500
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Members of one of Mr. Guerin's classes show off their robots (Photo: Nathan Rettkowski)

What are You Taking? Reviewing the Arts & STEM Electives at Triton

by **Nathan Rettkowski**
Triton Voice Staff Writer

On March 15 in the high school library, many eighth graders flooded in, ready to learn of the electives they may choose in their future high school career. On March 5, another two events, *Future Freshman Night* and the *Electives Fair* were held. Eighth graders were able to see the high school courses Triton has to offer, including electives, which are an essential for high school courses.

Overall, electives allow students to express their creativity as well as pursue courses that may be useful for their future careers. They also give students a chance to display skills not found in traditional classes. They are also some of students' favorite courses and are one of the biggest choices incoming

freshmen have to make.

Triton STEM Technology teacher Mr. Matthew Guerin teaches eight of the elective technology classes offered by Triton: Engineering Tech 1 and 2, Game Design, Robotics, Coding, Architecture, Construction, and Graphic Design.

Guerin's favorites are the two engineering classes, his specialty since he majored in them during college. They are classes where students get to use a 3D modeling application called "Autodesk Inventor" and get to 3D print and design for engineering challenges. There is also an online coding section where students program robots on Vex VR.

Senior Daniel Jones would recommend the class. "If you have the chance to take this as your science class

I would absolutely take the opportunity," said Jones. "It gives you the chance to work with technology that will very likely help you in your future, especially if you decide to do anything with computers or a sort of you know art or creative field especially.

"I find that even if it doesn't help you out the professional setting just the knowledge of how to be able to you know 3D model and 3D print and all that could help you out in the future just even for your own entertainment and enjoyment so I say this is very much a worth"

In the robotics class there are about five groups for two students and every group has their own robot, which they build for a course in the workshop. They have three official attempts to get the fastest time possible. They try

to make and design a robot that can make the fastest time.

Teacher's Assistant and senior Luke Aham recommends the class and the club that accompanies it.

"I took the class sophomore year, and I wish I could do it again," said Aham. "You can do the club, but it's not the same as doing it in school. I think it's so much more fun with all your classmates and everyone will let full classroom with Mr. Guerin. He is new but he's having a great time with it. You can 3D print so many parts there's so much materials that you can use to your advantage and build whatever you want. It's such a fun and creative class, I'd recommend it to anyone."

Triton Music Arts

Music teacher Craig Kemp teaches all the music courses for the Triton

Arts Department, including, Intro to Music, AP Music Theory, and Sound Recording Technology. He enjoys teaching all of his electives and loves the variety of different lenses he can look at music through in all of his classes.

"Music in general is a combination of all the other skills in all the other subjects in one," said Kemp. "Like for example, there's a lot of mathematics that goes into creating music. You have to have the timing accurate. You have to pitch, which is also getting into science and frequency. There's a lot of physical activity, when you're making music as well making sure that your posture and your breathing is correct. There's history. Where was this piece written? Who was it written by? What was it written for? ♦



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This week offers new opportunities for adventurous Sheep, both personally and professionally. Single Sheep could find romance with a Taurus or Scorpio.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your big break is about to happen in the workplace. Expect to hear more about it within a few days. Meanwhile, enjoy some much-needed fun time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your past tendency for breaking promises could be catching up with you. You need to reassure a certain someone in your life that, this time, you'll keep your word. Good luck!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Watch your tendency to be overcautious in your personal relationships. Give people a chance to show who they are — not who you assume them to be.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Aspects favor closer attention to family matters, especially where it concerns older relatives who might need special care. A co-worker has information that can help.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace change causes a temporary delay in your plans. Continue working on your project so that you'll be ready when it's time to start up again.

LIBRA (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) Stick with your plans despite some recent disappointments. Persistence will pay off. Meanwhile, a family member's health takes a happy turn for the better.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your gift for seeing through to the heart of a matter (or the heart of a person) impresses someone who is in a position to make you a very interesting offer.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your colleagues believe in your leadership abilities because you believe in yourself. Your strength inspires others to follow your example.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A sensitive situation needs careful handling. Show more patience than you usually do. This will allow everyone time for some really hard thinking.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You are determined to take charge of a difficult situation and turn it around. Good for you! Accept much-needed help and advice from a Libra.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You are able to help people by sensing their deepest pain, but be careful not to let your own emotions get injured. Try to maintain a safe balance.

BORN THIS WEEK: Not many people know this, but yours is the most emotional sign of the zodiac. You are empathetic and have a deep spiritual core that gives you great strength.

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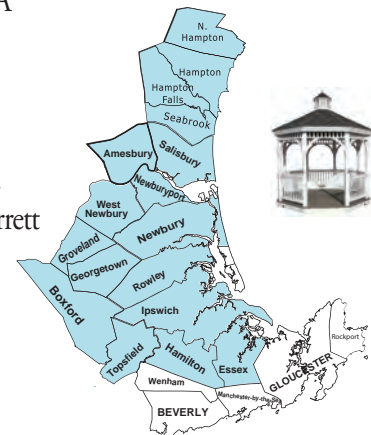
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ply make sure we're following the bylaws and best practices."

Donahue cited the town's bylaws, noting that he did not see how the town administrator was given the authority to fire an employee, nor had the board granted the administrator such authority during the selectman's tenure. He emphasized that he was not challenging the merits of the termination but just wanted to

ensure the town followed due process.

Pacheco replied: "we consulted legal counsel." The Town Common was provided with a copy of the termination email, but "none of us saw it" Donahue said, gesturing to his fellow select-board members. Pacheco explained it was a "personnel matter." He went on to challenge the selectman: "I mean, are you going to meddle in the day-to-day?" Donahue replied, "I'm not meddling in the day-to-day," and repeated his request for a process review to ensure the town complied with the process. ♦

SAND MINING

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– was allowed under the district court order that shut down the sand mining operation last year.

The Lawrence Superior Court ordered the mining operation at the farm to cease last August. The court acted on a motion by town attorneys, who argued that Robles Excavating Co., Todd Champlain and Kathy Potter were mining and removing the sand without permits from the town.

The court allowed only non-earth materials to be removed.

Champlain, the former manager of the property who oversaw the extensive excavation, was scheduled to go on trial on charges of larceny, lying and forgery Tuesday, April 7 in Salem District Court.

He is charged with two felony counts for forging owner Potter's signature on documents filed with the town regarding the sand mining. He was also charged with two felony counts of "uttering false writings" and one count of larceny.

Champlain was also accused of taking \$30,000 from the property owner and that he sold more than \$200,000 worth of sand without reimbursing the owner.

Georgetown Police also determined that Champlain was working at the farm under false pretenses. In August, Champlain was taken into custody on an undisclosed, unrelated warrant,

according to the Georgetown police.

Champlain maintained to the town that the sand was being removed so new sand could fill the deep hole to create an organic crop farm. Neighbors complained about the large number of dump trucks being used to remove the sand for long hours daily.

The police served seven traffic violations on Champlain on the sand removal last summer.

O'Connor said he saw only one truck removing the asphalt millings, but neighbors told The Town Common that more trucks were being used in the current operations.

At a meeting last summer of the SelectBoard and Board of Assessors, Georgetown Town Manager Orlando Pacheco said the farm is in the process of being sold. Last week, O'Connor said the Planning Board did not know of any plans to sell the farm or for any housing development at the site.

The farm has 28 acres, five of which were being mined for its sand. The plan was to mine other 5-acre parcels for the valuable sand, Champlain told the Planning Board.

Town hall sources confirmed that the future developer has met with the planning, conservation and other offices investigating the property, reviewing maps, asking about utilities, water, and determining any offsets and any limitations on placing an untold number of homes/townhouses/apartments on the parcel. ♦

TAXES TOO HIGH???? VOTE FOR THE UNDERRIDE!!!



Kay Lee Ogden
Georgetown

My name is Kay Lee Ogden, I reside at 198A East Main Street, with my husband, former Selectman Larry Ogden. We have lived in Georgetown, approximately 50 years, we have four sons, three of whom graduated from Georgetown High School.

I initiated an article for a town budget override, which aims to reduce taxes for the Georgetown taxpayers. The article has been approved for the town Warrant by the Board of Selectmen and will be presented at the Town Meeting on May 4, 2026, at 7:00PM in the High School Auditorium. If approved, it will appear on the ballot.

This article is an override of the budget of \$1.5 million, which is approximately only 3.5% on the town's total budget.

After the \$6 million override in 2025, many seniors struggle to afford food, medicine, or higher taxes. Also, with the passing of the override, all the departments received, their well-deserved requests necessary for the town to function! I appreciate, the fire, police, council on aging, schools, highway, and all the departments in Georgetown, that make Georgetown, "A PEARL OF A TOWN" (Fred True) to reside in! I am not against any departments; I honor them for what they do for our small town!

I urge every voter to attend town meeting, Monday, May 4th, PLEASE ATTEND EARLY, TO GET A SEAT, AND PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE UNTIL THE MEETING HAS ENDED, BECAUSE SOMEONE CAN BRING UP, "THE ARTICLE FOR RE-CONSIDERATION!!!!"

If you have any questions, please contact me at: Kay L Ogden, 978.771.6884, or 978.352.8318 or Kayleeogden@gmail.com. I AM ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AS I CAN NOT DO THIS BY MYSELF!!!

Georgetown Election Endorsements
ENDORISING SELECTMAN CHAIRMAN ROB HOOVER AND FORMER FINANCE CHAIRMAN, ED DOBIE FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: In the upcoming Board of Selectmen election on Monday, May 11th, 2026, both candidates are honest, care deeply about our town, and have no hidden agendas. Both candidates have the experience of serving on many other boards within the town! We are friends who value mutual respect. Although they disagree with me on this override issue, we all agree to discuss it openly. Larry, and I encourage you to consider voting for these hardworking individuals. We are endorsing current selectman chairman, Rob Hoover and former finance committee chairman, Ed Dobie, for these positions!

Kay Lee and Larry Ogden

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This public hearing shall be held remotely on **Wednesday, 8 APRIL 2026 at 7:10 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/86346899696> Meeting ID: 86346 899696 Passcode: 325034

The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the **8 APRIL 2026** 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 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 or by clicking here: https://georgetownma.gov/government/boards__commissions/planning_board/index.php#outer-4975

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

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

4/1, 4/8

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Newburyport Towing Service, Inc. 27 S. Hunt Road, Amesbury, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will auction the following vehicles **April 16, 2026** on the website <http://sta.ibidsmart.com>. The auction will end at 1:00 pm and buyer registration is required. Those that do not sell at auction will be sold on or after April 16, 2026 by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers liens for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

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Walter L. Lowell

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