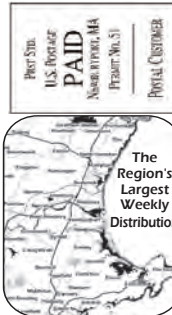


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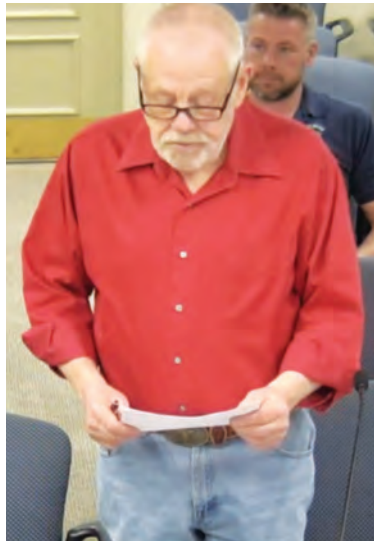
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Resident Kevin Wood states board has exceeded its authority and chair is covering up actions. (Screenshot)



Chair Robert Hoover shouts "let's not go there with that stuff" before asking police chief to intervene. (Screenshot)



Monday Night at the Fights In Historic Move, Chair Cuts Off Public Comment by Critic Mid-Sentence Asks Police Chief to Intervene - Ejects Speaker from Meeting

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – SelectBoard Chair Robert Hoover called upon Police Chief David Sedgwick who removed resident Kevin Wood, a frequent critic of town officials, boards and commissions, from last Monday night's meeting, April 27, when Wood criticized Hoover and Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco.

Wood said neither Hoover nor Pacheco had the authority, under a town bylaw, to hire a law firm for an opinion on the firing of an employee.

He was speaking during the three minutes allotted to each speaker for public comments. Wood stated that the town administrator's unusual move to unilaterally hire a different law firm, instead of using K&P Law, which has served the town for decades,

violated the town bylaws.

Pacheco acknowledged that he hired Murphy, Hesse, Twomey & Lahane, to issue a legal opinion on whether he had the authority to fire an employee. The issue arose when Pacheco fired the employee of the Conservation Commission without consultation with the Commission, nor with a vote of the Board of Selectmen.

SelectBoard member Mike Donahue also questioned what authority Pacheco used to hire the new law firm for this one opinion, without the SelectBoard's approval. He asked for a vote by the SelectBoard to obtain an opinion from the town's historical law firm, K&P Law, on whether Pacheco had the authority to unilaterally fire an employee. Donahue sought to find out how Pacheco could hire a law firm

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Rowley Water Dept. Gets \$1.5 Million in Federal Funds

by Lonnie Brennan

ROWLEY - The The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) recently announced the latest round selection of 18 communities in Massachusetts who will share in a more than \$10.3 million in federal funding via President Donald J. Trump through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The grants include \$1.5 million to the Rowley Water Department where funds are targeted "for piloting, plan-

ning and design, and construction of a new water treatment system to remove PFAS from the source water," according to the Mass. governor's communication office.

The EPA funds were released to support projects nation-wide where PFAS and manganese are among the list of contaminants that are increasingly impacting water resources. PFAS are a group of harmful man-made chemicals widely used in common consumer

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Ipswich Babe Ruth Baseball

Last week's first game at Byliek Park saw Ipswich face of against Gloucester in a game that ended early when Ipswich ran away with a lopsided win (10 or 11 to 0). The team was treated to a pizza party at the Ipswich House of Pizza following the game.

(Courtesy photo)

Boxford May 12 Town Meeting Budget Highlights, No Override

submitted by **Matt Coogan**
Town Administrator/CPO
Town of Boxford
**FY27 Budget Highlights
Transparency, Stability, and
No Override**

BOXFORD – The Boxford Select Board has finalized and closed the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Masconomet Regional High School. The warrant includes 21 articles covering the FY27 operating budget, capital investments, and community priorities.

The full warrant is available on the town website: boxfordma.gov/TownMeeting2026. Supporting materials for each article will be available on the website.

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Pink House Touches All Ages

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

Rylee wrote a letter to the F&WS, asking the federal agency not to tear down the house.

Editor's Note: Rylee's last name is being withheld

PLUM ISLAND TURNPIKE – At seven years old, Rylee W. remembers calling out a greeting to the Pink House whenever her family drove by it to their Plum Island home. She loved to see the birds on the roof of the 100-year-old house, the most painted and photographed icon on the Great Salt Marsh.

Rylee enjoyed hearing the stories her next-door neighbor, Bruce Stott, told about living in the Pink House.

Another neighbor, Bob Connors, remembers Rylee asking him every time he saw her, "What are you going to do to save the Pink House?" She would tell Connors, "You know a lot of people. You can do something."

The Pink House was built in 1925 by Gertrude W. Cutter for her son's family. Over the years, the little house on the marsh changed hands several times with Stott being the last before it was purchased and after several years torn down by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (F&WS).

"There were a lot of tears in our house when it was torn down," Rylee's mother Meghan said.



Rylee W. (Photo provided by her mother)

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West Newbury Briefs

Dark-Sky Compliant Street Lights

WEST NEWBURY – National Grid continues
to upgrade streetlights in town, from standard street
lights to energy-efficient LED lights.

Richard Parker from the Energy and Sustainabil-
ity Committee told town meeting attendees that
the changeover comes at no cost to residents, and
is anticipated to save \$8,000 per year in electrical
energy usage, and will provide the town with a one-
time \$6,600 rebate payment.

Additionally, the new lights provide more directed
coverage, making them dark-sky compliant. "It's
intended to not provide as much extraneous lighting
going into the sky, which affects wildlife and birds,"
Parker shared. ♦



Rick Parker presents
update for Energy and Sustain-
ability Committee at
Town Meeting

Memorial Day Parade Plans

WEST NEWBURY – The Town
of West Newbury will hold its annual
Memorial Day Parade and Com-
memorative Ceremony on Monday,
May 25, 2026. This event is often the
best-attended community gathering
of the year and provides an opportu-
nity for residents of all ages to come
together in remembrance of those
who served our country and made the
ultimate sacrifice.

As we approach the 250th anniver-
sary of the United States' indepen-
dence, this year's observance carries
an added sense of reflection and grati-
tude for the sacrifices that have helped
preserve our nation's freedoms.

This meaningful tradition is made
possible each year thanks to the dedi-
cation of volunteer participants, local
organizations, and community mem-

bers, and the support of West New-
bury's Public Safety Officers and
DPW staff. All are invited to attend
the parade, and anyone interested in
participating is warmly welcome to
join.

If you would like to participate in
the parade please contact:

Rebecca Ambra, exec.assistant@
wnewbury.org, 978-363-1100 x
1115.

The parade will step off from Town
Square (the intersection of Main and
Maple Streets) at 10:30 AM and pro-
ceed down Main Street to the Train-
ing Field next to the Library.

Participants should plan to line up
beginning at 10:00 AM. The morn-
ing will conclude with a Commemo-
rative Ceremony at Town Hall, across
from the Library. ♦

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Current Employee of the Year Ross Povenmire with Selectwoman Margaret
Chow-Menzer and Planning Board Chair Bob Gore

**Boxford Seeks Nominations for
Employee and Volunteer of the Year**

BOXFORD – The Town of Box-
ford Select Board has opened nomi-
nations for the second annual Out-
standing Municipal Employee of the
Year and Outstanding Municipal Vol-
unteer of the Year awards.

The program recognizes individuals
who have made exceptional contribu-
tions to Town government through
dedication, performance, and service
over the past year.

Award Categories

- Outstanding Municipal Employee of the Year – A paid employee demon-
strating exceptional service and com-
mitment.
- Outstanding Municipal Volunteer of the Year – A board, committee, or
commission member who has gone
above and beyond.

How to Nominate

Any Boxford resident, employee, or
volunteer may submit a nomination

(no self-nominations).

• Submit online at: <https://tinyurl.com/boxfordbest2026>

• A printable form is also available
on the Town website and may be sub-
mitted to the Select Board Office.

Deadline

Friday, May 8, 2026.

Suggested criteria include length
of service, notable achievements, and
contributions beyond regular respon-
sibilities.

Selection & Recognition

The Select Board and Town Admin-
istrator will select recipients, with
awards presented at Annual Town
Meeting on May 12, 2026.

Last year's recipients were Land Use
Director Ross Povenmire and Board
of Health member Alex Constan.

For more information, visit the
Town website or contact the Select
Board Office. ♦

**West Newbury GOP meeting
Wednesday May 20th at 7 PM**

Please join us at the Merrimac Brewing Company on Wednesday, May 20,
2026, at 7 PM for a WNRTC Meeting and Social. Please bring your friends.
Beer on tap from the best brewer in town. Donations to the West Newbury
Republican Town Committee for the room are greatly appreciated. Merrimac
Brewing Company, on the second floor of the Carriage House building
in the back of 12 Maple Street, West Newbury, MA. For more info, call Rich
Baker at 978-257-4101.

**The Friends of the Newbury Town
Library in Byfield Plant Sale, Sat. May 16**

The Friends of the Newbury Town Library is hosting a Plant Sale on Satur-
day, May 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the library, 0 Lunt St., Byfield.
The fundraiser typically attract hundreds of plant enthusiasts and garden-
ers. Drop by to check out the hundreds of plants that are available for sale -
and support the library at the same time.

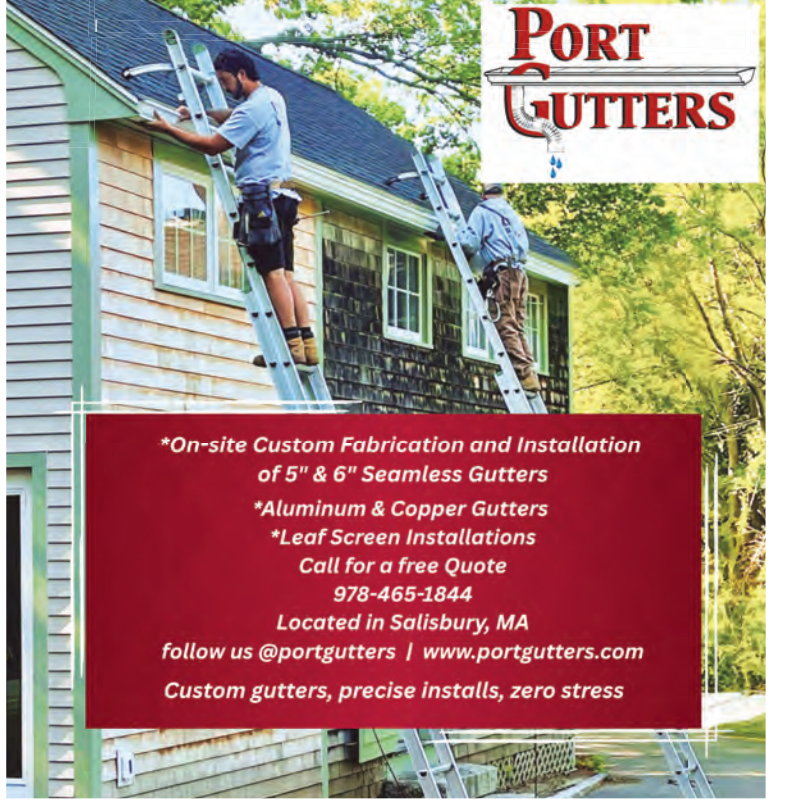
For those rearranging or thinning out gardens for the spring, please con-
sider donating plants to the sale. The Friends are looking for donations of
perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs, fruit plant and small shrubs. Dona-
tions will be accepted May 13-15.

Donations can also be dropped off prior to the sale on May 16, at 8 a.m.
at the library, or can be picked up by volunteers by contacting friendsofnew-
burytownlibrary@gmail.com.

**Groveland Garden Club
Annual Plant Sale Sat. May 16**

GROVELAND – The Groveland Garden Club invites you to their Annual
Plant Sale to be held at The Little Red Schoolhouse, located at the corner of
Broad and Main Street in Groveland, on Saturday, May 16, from 8:30 a.m.
until 12 noon!

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STEVE DORRANCE



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CHANGES ARE NEEDED!!!!

EXPERIENCE MATTERS

NEW PATHS MUST BE CHOSEN

OUR CURRENT PATH LEADS TO UNSUSTAINABLE TAXES

This election is unlike many in decades. On May 11th, you will decide if new knowledge, skills and experience matter, or it's important to elect the well-known names that have contributed to the Georgetown of today. I'm looking for a Georgetown of the future with better fiscal controls, increased performance in our schools, a timely solution to our unsustainable school model, stable taxes, and an updated charter giving greater operational control and accountability to a responsible Town Administrator. To effect these changes, experience will matter.

Experience Matters...

I have not served on Town boards for years but have had 10 years of municipal senior leadership experience. Ten years of shaping policy and making daily decisions about operations, capital planning and financial management. Currently, I serve on the eight-person leadership team of an 8000-pupil school system.

The middle years of my career were spent consulting to major corporations, names that everyone would recognize, about operations improvement, and restructuring.

My graduate (from Harvard) and undergrad degrees, and decades of directly related experience, enable me to serve the best interests of residents. My promise is to make decisions as the constituency wants, not to suit my personal agenda.

Endorsements

My endorsements are from experienced people involved in municipal government who know and understand the importance of change and fiscal management.

The very successful former 20-year Mayor of Haverhill said, "Georgetown would be lucky to have you Steve."

Georgetown's recent former Treasurer, Anne Gill

Georgetown's recent former Assistant Treasurer/Collector, Julie McCarthy

Underride

As a matter of public record, my opponents, do not support the underride, I do. Our checking accounts bled an extra \$1.5M that simply was not needed and remains uncommitted. Vote to take it back, and force municipal government to live within its means. This could mean some very difficult decisions have to be made, but the property tax well is dry! Taxpayers cannot support the burden of inefficiency and poor planning and bad decisions.

A New Municipal Structure

The current charter was great for the 70's but no longer works. Our Town Administrator (TA) is paid in excess of \$160,000 to effectively execute decisions made by the Selectboard. The TA has very little direct managerial control over most departments, therefore, he cannot compel accountability or performance. The benefits of moving towards a strong Town Administrator include:

- Elimination of parochial town boards
- More professional day-to-day management
- Better defined roles between the Select Board, Town Administrator and School Committee
- Centralized and more efficient budget process
- Better overall accountability and transparency
- Better alignment between the schools and town

The benefit of better transparency is almost reason enough. Over the last three months I've heard a chorus of people who do not believe there is an intentional lack of transparency. I will push for absolute transparency because it is essential.

We moved here ten years ago because of the small town feel, great property values and very favorable taxes. Much has changed in ten years without progressive thoughtful change, I'm afraid of where we will be in ten more years. I am promising diligence, decisiveness and accountability. Vote for change.....

Selectman Files Emergency Open Meeting Law Complaint Against Chair

by **Lonnie Brennan**

GEORGETOWN – In a nine-count indictment under the headline "facts," Selectman Michael Donahue detailed what he documented as refusal on the part of SelectBoard Chair Robert Hoover to place on the agenda a voted agenda item, in total defiance to the state's Open Meeting Law. Donahue's filing was initially sent last week to nine recipients, including Hoover, the town administrator, and the state's Open Meeting Law e-mail inboxes.

In his official complaint, Donahue seek to have to a "full, open public discussion with roll-call vote" with direct guidance from KP Law, the town's decades-long-serving legal counsel.

Donahue had previously asked and received an affirmative vote of the board to agendaize a discussion of the process used by the town administrator to unilaterally fire an employee (the Conservation Commission agent). He stated at the board's March 26th meeting that he did not want to discuss the

merits of the firing (job performance, etc.), but rather the process used, and its apparent conflict with the town bylaws.

In his 4-page filing, backed by more than 24 pages of exhibits, Donahue included citations of town bylaws, copies of board actions, a timeline of actions and inactions (including repeated follow-on requests on April 1, 16, 21, 23, and 24 for the chair to honor the March 26 vote of the board), and numerous e-mails between board

members, including an exchange in an April 23-24 email chain in which Hoover "expressly refused" to review the issue, Donahue wrote.

Donahue recaps and details that the chair "systematically suppressed the Board's own voted agenda item to review this process..." He went on to write that "These are not minor procedural lapses. They represent a dangerous erosion of Board oversight, legal opinion shopping, and a pattern of conduct that undermines the integrity of Town government,"

In a March 30th e-mail, Donahue wrote that "The longer this issue remains unresolved, the more potential liability the Town may be exposed to. Let's try to mitigate, if not prevent, the potential of additional [legal] exposure."

In his emergency complaint, Donahue noted: "The Town now faces imminent and avoidable risks of unnecessary litigation, additional OML [Open Meeting Law] complaints, other inquires, challenges to bylaw compliance, unnecessary legal defense costs - all stemming from the failure to follow our own governing documents."

"Chair Hoover has repeatedly and

deliberately refused to place this item on any agenda, including the April 21, 2026 executive session. His emails delegate the decision to the Town Administrator and invoke OML concerns as a shield rather than fulfilling the Board's oversight duty. This is unacceptable obstruction of the Board's will and further erodes public confidence, particularly as Chair Hoover seeks re-election."

Interesting to some, while Donahue had sought a review of the firing process that was used to remove the agent (she was terminated on a Friday morning via e-mail and certified letter as previously reported), and while the Board did vote at its March 26th meeting to place the item on an upcoming available meeting, since that time, the individual Board members have not agreed to pursue a discussion of the firing process, and have not challenged the hiring by the town administrator of a new law firm specifically to advise him if he has the power to fire the agent. See story page 1 of this edition.

At press time, we were again advised, as previously reported, that the fired agent has engaged legal counsel in this matter... ♦

Town Admin. Rated 'Satisfactory'

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco was rated "satisfactory" (meets expectations), down from "above satisfactory" (exceeds expectations) by the SelectBoard in his annual performance review.

After the election next week, when the SelectBoard will have at least one new member, the five-member board will meet with Pacheco to set goals and guidelines.

One goal, advocated by several SelectBoard members, may impose strict hours for the administrator to be in his office and log activities and out-of-office actions. Pacheco responded that imposing this requirement will limit his ability to meet with other town officials and hold meetings away from Town Hall.

In Georgetown, the town administrator is also the finance director and the personnel director for non-school functions. ♦

ROWLEY WATER

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products, industrial processes, and in certain firefighting foams. Exposure to sufficiently elevated levels of PFAS compounds can cause a variety of health effects, including developmental effects in infants, impacts to certain organ functions and the immune system, and an elevated cancer risk. Manganese is a naturally occurring element that is present in water, soil, air, and food. While a small amount of manganese is necessary for good health, long-term exposure to high levels in drinking water may have adverse impacts to the human nervous system.

Grants in Massachusetts for this cycle of funding range from \$4,700 to \$2.3 million.

To date, 46 of the 351 communities in Mass. have been awarded a total of \$42.7 million from the Emerging Contaminants (EC) in Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant (SDC) program.

Don't Drink Georgetown Water?

Reminder: Last fall, residents of neighboring Georgetown were cautioned to not drink their water if they are pregnant, provide the water to young children, or are concerned about long-term effects resulting in cancer. They are apparently taking actions to mitigate their current processes. ♦

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without a vote of the SelectBoard, as detailed in town bylaws.

When the SelectBoard failed to adopt Donahue's motion, he offered to pay personally up to \$1,000 of the fee for K&P Law to issue an opinion. Hoover called that offer "absurd." (Which is strange in that after a long discussion, Hoover was the sole vote in support of the motion which failed.)

Donahue also pointed out that the Murphy firm issued an opinion apparently supporting Pacheco's authority about the time when the firm was hired by the Georgetown school committee. The firm is employed by several school districts.

The SelectBoard did not ask Pacheco why he chose a different law firm for an opinion on firing an employee. After the meeting, in response to an inquiry by *The Town Common* to the town administrator, he replied via e-mail: "Murphy, Hesse, Toomey, & Lehane LLP was solicited on the basis of expertise and experience within the municipal community."

He wrote that the opinion also involved issues involving an Inspector General's ruling on the conservation commission. But he did not elaborate.

Wood told the SelectBoard that the town's Bylaw chapter 125-01 states, the "Board of Selectmen shall have the full authority to employ counsel..."

"If the Board has FULL authority, that means you, Mr. Hoover, have Zero authority. And it certainly means that Mr. Pacheco screwed up royally and you are covering for him – at least until the election," Wood said.

At that point in the meeting, Hoover began shouting at Wood and pounding his gavel, the first time anyone can remember him using the gavel in a meeting. He asked the police chief to silence Wood, denying the critic his remaining less than two minutes of allotted speaking time.

The police chief, who was attending the meeting on other matters, told Wood, "I do not want to do this," but turned him around and walked him out of the room. Wood initially refused to be removed, saying he had First Amendment rights to speak. (The entire incident and audio/video was captured on cable TV.)

Wood provided *The Town Common* with the remainder of his statement. He was prepared to say: "Then Mr. Pacheco used the 'secret' opinion he obtained from this unlawful engagement to override our personnel bylaw and unlawfully terminate an employee."

"Imagine that – a secret unautho-

rized opinion has repudiated our personnel bylaw that the citizens approved at last Annual Town Meeting – and Mr. Pacheco won't tell us what it says – it's a secret law. Just like in China.

"In what world does this happen? Chairman Hoover's world. This is his idea of the 'Rule of Law' and 'transparency'."

Prior to the revelation of the name of the law firm, as previously noted in this paper, the town administrator did not release the name of the law firm and Wood's request for a copy of the opinion, let alone the name of the law firm, were both denied.

In Georgetown, the town administrator serves as the personnel director and the finance director.

Public Comment Statement by Kevin Wood

(This is what you would have heard if he was allowed to read his printed statement in full.)

Your agenda states: "Discuss process used in Town Administrator retaining law firm"

You all took an oath of office where you swore or affirmed: "do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the constitution thereof. So help me God."

Article 30 of the Massachusetts Constitution states we are a "government of laws and not of men"

You are all violating your oath of office.

Georgetown Bylaw Chapter 125-01 states the "Board of Selectmen shall have the full authority to employ counsel..."

FULL authority.

If the Board has FULL authority that means you, Mr. Hoover, have Zero authority. And it certainly means that Mr. Pacheco screwed up royally and you are covering for him – at least until the election.

This is where he was cut off and removed by the Chief of Police. His printed statement, secured by The Town Common, continued:

Then Mr. Pacheco used the "secret" opinion he obtained from this unlawful engagement to override our personnel bylaw and unlawfully terminate an employee.

Imagine that – a secret unauthorized opinion has repudiated our personnel bylaw that the citizens approved at last ATM – and Mr. Pacheco won't tell us what it says – it's a secret law. Just like in China.

In what world does this happen? Chairman Hoover's world. This is his idea of the "Rule of Law" and "transparency". ♦



Letters To The Editor

Selectman Endorses Fellow Selectman ...

Georgetown Residents and Voters:

I'm writing to share that I am endorsing Rob Hoover and Ed Dobie for the two Select Board seats on the ballot on election day, Monday, May 11—and I'm asking for your vote for both of them.

Ed Dobie brings the kind of financial expertise the Board needs right now. His extensive background in finance, combined with years of leadership on the Georgetown Finance Committee, gives him a practical, disciplined approach to managing the town's fiscal challenges.

I've had the opportunity to serve alongside Rob Hoover for the past three years. With nearly two decades of service to Georgetown, in both elected and appointed roles, Rob has proven himself to be thoughtful, steady, and committed. He listens carefully, seeks out input, and takes the time to make informed, balanced decisions. Just as important, he approaches difficult issues with integrity and a genuine willingness to find common ground.

No candidate is perfect—but both Ed and Rob bring something essential: sound judgment, steady leadership, and a deep commitment to keeping Georgetown a great place to live.

Recently, we've seen unnecessary division in our community, driven by a small but vocal group resorting to unproductive rhetoric and personal attacks. That's not the kind of discourse that moves Georgetown forward, and it's not what should define our local government.

What we need most is stability, focus, and a forward-looking approach—and I believe Ed Dobie and Rob Hoover are the right people to provide it.

I'll be supporting them on Monday, May 11, and I hope you will too.

Thank you

Douglas W. Dawes



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Shane W. Faircloth

Shane W. Faircloth, 37, of Barrington, NH, formally of Rowley, MA, passed away peacefully after a brief battle with cancer.

Shane was born on April 28, 1988, grew up in Rowley and attended Triton Regional High School. Shane worked for Domino's until he became a mechanic and found his passion. He always seemed to like the challenge of taking things apart and putting them back together which made being a mechanic (or building a computer from the ground up), look easy. If you were lucky enough to have had Shane work on your vehicle over the years, you surely understand the void he's left in that industry. Shane dreamt of having his own pad and lift on the property in New Hampshire, and right up until the end, he talked about that plan.

Growing up on a dead-end street, there was always enough kids around to play manhunt, ride bikes, or go "to the creek". Every summer Shane and his family enjoyed camping at Acres of Wildlife, where the love for fire pits was started. He also enjoyed time with friends and family, whether it was a backyard barbecues, playing guitar around the fire pit, boating trips, car races or target shooting. But he especially loved the holiday gatherings, Christmas being his favorite. Shane was also known for his legendary homemade pizza or mac n'cheese—crafted with care, shared generously, and always declared the best around (by him, at least!).

By Shane's side was his trusted companion, his dog—known, in true Shane fashion, as "Dog". In addition to Dog, Shane is survived by his father, William K. Faircloth III (wife, Sandy); mother, Danielle Coulombe (husband, Ronald); siblings, Jessica Faircloth; Travis Faircloth (partner, Kaylah); Devyn Faircloth (fiancé, Stephen); his nieces, Aaliyah and Vanessa Faircloth; nephew, Cole Dexter; grandfather, William K. Faircloth Jr. (wife Joyce); as well as many other family members and friends.

Shane was predeceased by his grandmothers, Marilyn Coulombe and Barbara Faircloth; grandfather, Francis Coulombe.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Carlos, Louis and Sarah, Bob, Eddy, and Pat for all that was done for Shane in his final days.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at the Central Cemetery, 60 Hale Street, Beverly, MA 01915 at 11:00am. Following the service, please join us at the family home in Rowley for a backyard barbecue as we gather to remember Shane. There will be fire pits and music—feel free to bring an instrument.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Shane's memory to a charity of your choice.

To light a memorial candle or to leave a message of condolence, please visit www.fsrobertsandson.com.

~ Arrangements entrusted to F. S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home ~



Photo (of the sign) by Sandy Tilton | Newbury Select Board Vice Chair Alicia Greco, Select Board Chair William Di Maio, Select Board Member Patrick Heffernan

PINK HOUSE

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Plum Island, I always scream the Pink House. My neighbor grew up in the Pink House and has a model of the Pink House in his window.

"I really want to go inside the Pink House someday. It is so cool! I can't believe anyone would want to know it down. Please save the Pink House."

Even though the house no longer stands, its image remains part of the area's history. Artists painted it. Visitors still stop to take photos of the sign commemorating the Pink House.

It was Rylee, now nine years old, Connors said, that planted the idea in his mind to create the sign that the town of Newbury has erected on the site where the Pink House stood. Connors took the idea for the sign to the Newbury Select Board, who voted four-zero, to accept the sign, which was paid for by two anonymous Plum Island residents, Connors said. He denied that he was one of the two.

Under a replica of local artist Kathy Culbert's painting of the house, the

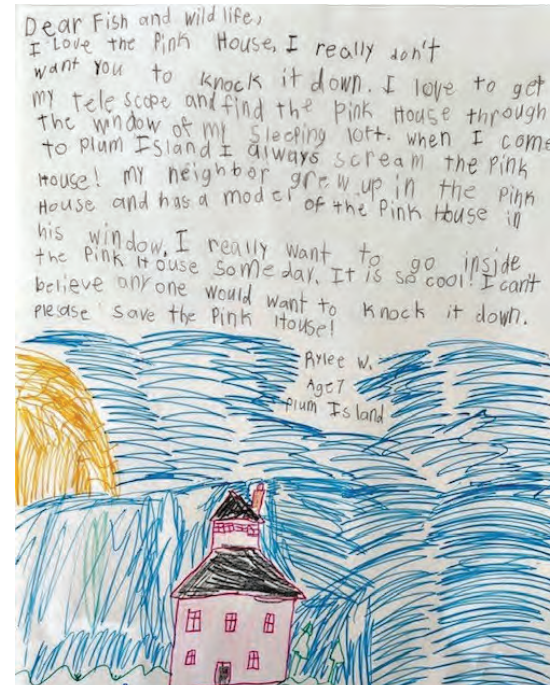
sign reads: "The Pink House. Honoring 100 Years of Memories. Demolished March 11, 2025, But Never Forgotten."

Rylee's letter, illustrated with a drawing of the Pink House, was sent to Kelly Page, a director of The Support the Pink House group.

A year later, Page, an artist and manager of the art gallery at the Newburyport Artists Assn., wrote that she remembers Rylee and her mother well. Page wrote: "Meghan sent me Rylee's letter, of which I posted on July 9th of 2024. How could we (and particularly Fish & Wildlife Services) not be moved by such compassion and advocacy by this young girl trying to make a difference?!"

"I think it's incredible that Rylee's letter still had an effect on someone that could indeed help her and thousands of others with the comfort of knowing that what mattered will not be forgotten."

Under a replica of local artist Kathy Culbert's painting of the house, the



Rylee's letter, provided by her mother.

sign reads: "The Pink House. Honoring 100 Years of Memories. Demolished March 11, 2025, But Never Forgotten."

Page wrote: "The donated sign at the former site of The Pink House is a reminder of the devotion to what we hold culturally important. This regional icon will not be forgotten in its absence, thanks to the generosity of those in The Pink House Community."

"A place not measured in size, but by those who continue to share the impression The Pink House had on them. Artists have been affected the most by the departed structure, as they create the visual relationship between inspiration and memories. However, Pink House artwork continues to be of great interest! The monument on the Plum Island Turnpike is not only standing strong for those who see it. It's there for those who need it." ♦

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

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Catherine M. Bucci	Danvers, MA	CR Lyons & Sons Funeral Directors, Danvers, 978-777-7900
Eileen Cole	Beverly, MA	Campbell Funeral Home Beverly, 978-922-1113
Patricia Beckwith	Peabody, MA	
Maria M. Rebelo	Peabody, MA	
Aristomenis "Harry" Kalivas	Peabody, MA	Conway Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home, Peabody, 978-531-0472
Judith E. Bozarth	Peabody, MA	
George A. Demeritt	Peabody, MA	
Peter Paul Bimbo	Salem, MA	Morris Funeral Home, Salem, 978-744-0497
Claire E. Dodge	Beverly, MA	O'Donnell Funeral Home, Danvers, 978-744-6600
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Conrad Anthony Correnti	Salem, MA	O'Donnell Funeral Home, Salem, 978-744-6600
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Travis W. Flanders	Seabrook, NH	Remick & Gendron Funeral Home, Hampton, NH, 603-926-6500

BOXFORD

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At the center of the warrant is Article 4, the Town's proposed \$47.1 million FY27 operating budget, an increase of 4.7% over FY26. Approximately 67% of spending is dedicated to education, while the remainder supports core municipal services, infrastructure, and public safety.

For the second consecutive year, the Town is presenting the budget through an interactive ClearGov digital platform, continuing its commitment to transparency and accessibility. Boxford's inaugural use of ClearGov last year earned the Government Finance

Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, recognizing excellence in communicating complex financial information.

The FY27 budget:

- Maintains overall level general government services
- Reflects public safety savings from the transition to the North Shore Regional 911 Center
- Supports ongoing infrastructure investments
- Remains balanced within Proposition 2½, with no overrides required

"This is a strong, disciplined budget," said Select Board Chair Chuck Costello. "By making reductions in spending and limiting new operating costs, we were able to produce a budget that holds property taxes below the Proposition 2 ½ levy limit without impacting essential services."

"We worked closely with our partners to stay within Proposition 2½," said Finance Committee Chair Michael White. "We appreciate the collaboration of the School Committee, Masconomet Regional School Committee, and Town departments in delivering a balanced budget."

Residents can now explore the FY27 Proposed Budget through the Town's digital budget book: <https://lnkd.in/ce6zug5Z>. The link provides access to an interactive, user-friendly platform,

offering a deeper look into how Town resources are allocated across departments and services.

In addition to the operating budget, the warrant includes:

- Masconomet MSBA Feasibility Study (Article 6): Funding design work for potential roof and HVAC upgrades, with anticipated state reimbursement
- Capital and Financial Planning Articles: Including capital purchases, stabilization funding, and targeted use of Free Cash
- Community Preservation (CPC) Projects: Investments in recreation, open space, and historic preservation
- Stiles Pond Beach Operations: Establishing a revolving fund and user fee structure to support Town-run operations

To help residents prepare for Town Meeting, a Moderator's Forum will be held on Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, where all warrant articles will be presented and explained. "Town Meeting is where these decisions come to life," said Town Administrator Matt Coogan. "I encourage all residents to review the materials, attend the Moderator's Forum, and most importantly — vote."

More information will be available at www.boxfordma.gov/TownMeeting2026. ♦

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North Shore Chamber to Celebrate 2026 Honor Scholars

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce presents its 2026 Honor Scholars Recognition Dinner on Thursday, May 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Double Tree Hilton in Danvers.

The North Shore Chamber's Honor Scholars Recognition Dinner celebrates the top 3 percent of students in the graduating classes of public and private high schools on the North Shore. This year, just over 200 graduates from more than 30 high schools have been selected for this special recognition.

This longstanding tradition is celebrating its 58th year. It began in 1968 when the honorees were only Beverly High students, because the Chamber served only the city of Beverly. Today, with the growth of the Chamber, the event has grown to encompass the entire North Shore.

Tim Collins, Founder of EBSCO Publishing and ex-CEO of EBSCO Information Services, will be the event's keynote speaker.

A second special guest will be **Todd Angilly, official singer of the National Anthem for the Boston Bruins**, who will perform the Anthem prior to the program.

All Honor Scholars will be presented with certificates and recognized by name on stage.

Through the sponsorship of the business community, all Honor Scholars are invited to attend the dinner for free. They will be joined by school officials, family members and representatives of the business community.

Some of the students/schools invited include:

BEVERLY HIGH SCHOOL
Lili Ducharme, Olivia Fale-

tra, Alannah Foss, Delia Gouker, Charlotte Miller, Andrew Murphy, Nina Orlando, Svetlana Piasecki, Nicholas Prasse, Nathan Wheeler, Grace Williams

BISHOP FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL
Madisen Baker, Nora Bonner, Julia Davis, Jacqueline Dormer, Tira Martin, John Reilly

CLARK SCHOOL
Ollie Dichter, Eliot Dombrowski, Aden Kachel, Jaye Nichols

COVENANT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Greta Baird, Simeon Yen

DANVERS HIGH SCHOOL
Kailey Allen, Natalie Bahret, Lily Delafano, Lila Doucette, Claudia Drakos, Gianluca Locilento, Riley McGovern, Anish Patel, Joselyn Vogel

ESSEX NORTH SHORE AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
Evelyn Brunetti, Brianna Connelly, Tyler Fecteau, Savannah Finnegan, Julia Gagnon, Rebecca Hurley, Beatrix Josephson, Olivia Maki, Reed Mattina, Eve Sexton, Adriana Soares, Addison Strome, Reagan Van Horn

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL
Isla Black, Sean Buckley, Lyall Cunningham, Jeferson do Carmo, Esme Sarrouf, Myles Tran-Harrison

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Isla Finn, Ema Klefti, Emily Logemann, Rowan Shekells

LANDMARK SCHOOL
Zachary Boesen, Ella Graham, Sophia Luzietti, Lila Mueffelman, Aaron O'Neil

MANCHESTER-ESSEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Harper Brooks, Anna Gardner, Penelope Riggs

MASCONOMET REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Landen Boutilier, Elenora Casto, Eva Cheverie, Jennifer Crosby, Madison Gibeau-Schmitt, Charlotte Guido, Leo Peiken, Cate Shaffer, Rohan Sharma, Owen Walsh

NEW ENGLAND ACADEMY
Drew Klein, Hudson Koepfer

NEWBURYPORT HIGH SCHOOL
Sasha Berliand, Skyler Ikemoto, Madeleine Jackman, Michael Mohoric, Jeffrey Rodriguez, Gwyneth Zuercher

ROCKPORT HIGH SCHOOL
Zakarya Bouafi, Aidan Stacey, Wyatt Wilkinson

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Jacob Cranson Kian DeAngelus, Leo Emerson, Wade Evitts, Jonah Greenblatt

Christopher Sorrenti, Nicholas Sorrenti, Julian Tavarez, Ryan Yu

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You can easily handle your tasks this week, thanks to your high-energy levels that never seem to run down. But pace yourself, Lamb, for a demanding week ahead.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) With the arts dominant this week, you might want to pick up any creative projects that you've neglected. Meanwhile, a workplace situation benefits from some fresh insight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Music helps replenish your energy levels. Press play and put your phone on Do Not Disturb if you must. However, a live concert could prove more rewarding, especially if you go with a very special someone.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Close friends reach out to help perk up your lagging social life. A workplace situation also eases, leaving you time to do more fun things by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A revelation clears up a perplexing job-related problem. Some changes will have to be made, which, no doubt, will have to meet the Big Cat's roaring approval. Good luck!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Reaching out to someone in need is the noble thing to do. But try to restrain the temptation to add a lecture to your good deed, no matter how well-intended.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There could be another tough challenge to face before the month is over. But all your hard work is winning you lots of important recognition from your peers.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Keeping to your work schedule could prove difficult with some personal distractions. Best advice: Stay with it. There'll be time later for socializing.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jumping hurdles this week might be vexing for most, but not for the sage Sagittarian who recognizes that meeting a challenge can open up opportunities.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) More obstacles might be thrown in your path as you try to finalize a new agreement. But the sure-footed Goat ignores the stumbling blocks and stays the course.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) We know the Water Bearer takes pleasure in giving to others. But why not let someone else enjoy the experience, too, by accepting an offer of help?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might find that you need to ease up on your hectic schedule this week. Don't fret about it. It could be helpful to take a break and replenish your energy supply.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of finding practical solutions to complex problems, and you do it with grace.



by Ida Wye

Plant Matters Anything Grows Salisbury, Mass.

(Note, column was originally written to run two months ago... forgive the snow!)

Winter Brings Tulip Mania To Salisbury

This is not a column paying tribute to the speculative bubble of 1634: it is a respite from this especially harsh winter for us, but not for Rijk and Maura at Anything Grows organic farm.

I caught up with Rijk once the roads were clear after Snowmageddon (Jan 2026) to discover how a series of unfortunate and unexpected events rock a local farm. The snow was persisting due to the brutally cold temperatures and was responsible for the collapse of the retail high tunnel (greenhouse) just as the propane for the farm and house ran critically low despite a contingency plan with the supplier to prevent that catastrophe. And then there were the skilled hawks and hapless chickens that were snowed in and could not be fed until a path could be established through the snow. As a result, I learned about chicken cannibalism and developed a higher regard for hawk hunting prowess and their dedication to common purpose. Apparently, the youngster in training did his hawk mommy proud. There are fewer chickens, but hunger was abated.

We are supposed to be celebrating tulip abundance and the new self service farmstand that had eggs, garlic and fun "merch" available. There are additional products for sale when available as listed on their pricing chart (including lettuce, ginger, celery, carrots, scallions and beets).

The tulips are available as a CSA

(Community Supported Agriculture) and there are seven pick-up locations for your convenience (check the website, below). The tulips are provided for 8 weeks, 8 stems each week, and 16 varieties beginning in late January through March.

So, how do they manage to grow and supply fresh tulips each week for two months? They repurpose growing medium and plastic crates and plant the tulip bulbs close together. The tulips require consistent soil moisture and a mandatory chilling period (vernalization) of 35°-40°F for 12 to 16 weeks to break dormancy. This cold period triggers the hormonal change in the bulb from inhibiting growth to stimulating growth. Once this cold period is satisfied, the bulb pushes shoots up through the growth medium. Rijk cold treats the bulbs in his walk-in refrigerator and then moves the crated bulbs into his dark and warmer (50°F) cellar. After ~1 week, the shoots elongate to ~2" and then the crates are moved to a high tunnel (greenhouse) and into sunlight and higher temperatures. This process is staggered over 8 weeks to provide budded tulips that are cut and assembled into 8-stem bouquets.

Please support local agriculture and buy yourself a tulip bouquet!

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MOMENTS IN TIME: On April 30, 1977, more than 2,000 protesters carrying signs saying, "Split Wood, Not Atoms" and "Go Fishing, Not Fission" occupied the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant construction site in New Hampshire. More than half were taken into custody in what became one of the largest mass arrests in U.S. history.

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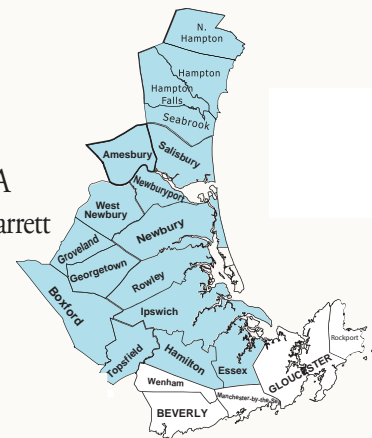
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May.

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**LEGAL NOTICE
ROWLEY ZONING
BOARD OF APPEALS**

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, **May 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM** to act on an application received **April 15, 2026** from **Nelson Mendoza**. Applicant(s) is requesting a **Special Permit for a Home Occupation**. The property is located at **75 Glen Street** in the **Outlying** district and is shown on **Assessors' Map 21, Parcel 12**. The meeting will be held at Town Hall, 139 Main St in the second-floor auditorium. 5/6, (5/13)

**LEGAL NOTICE
ROWLEY
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote public meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:45 pm** to consider a **Request for Determination of Applicability** application filed by **Christian Kozdra** for proposed **expansion of residential asphalt driveway possibly within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 52 Spencer Knowles Road (Map 17, Parcel 20 Lot 7)** in Rowley, MA.

Daniel Shinnick, Chairman
Rowley Conservation Commission
5/6

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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 12, 2026 at 8:00 pm** to consider a **Request for Determination of Applicability** application filed by **Rowley Water Department** for proposed **installation of a 8,000 gal frac tank, water treatment trailer, and construction of a sedimentation basin possibly within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and DEP Approved Groundwater Protection Areas Zone I and Zone II at 435 Haverhill Street (Map 13, Parcel 8)** in Rowley, MA.

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Daniel Shinnick, Chairman
Rowley Conservation Commission
5/6

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Daniel Shinnick, Chairman
Rowley Conservation Commission
5/6

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CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

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Daniel Shinnick, Chairman
Rowley Conservation Commission
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC
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Notice is hereby given by Trombly Bros., Inc. of 141-153 Sutton Street North Andover, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **May 21, 2026 beginning at 10:00 am** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicles are being stored at Trombly Bros., Inc.

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- Signed,
Mark Trombly
Trombly Bros., Inc.
4/29, 5/6, (5/13)

**LEGAL NOTICE
UNCLAIMED CHECKS - SALISBURY**

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 200A, Section 9A (c & d) (city or town checks not cashed), I submit the following list of checks held by the Town of Salisbury to be considered outstanding, and therefore abandoned as of this date, May 7, 2026. Any person or person wishing to claim said checks should contact the Treasurer's Office in writing by **July 6, 2026**.

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71455	08/08/2024	Patrick B. Baird	\$39.00
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72345	11/14/2024	Adam Lischsky	\$2.95
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72380	11/14/2024	Kristen Packer	\$2.95
72394	11/14/2024	Nelson Nunez	\$2.95
72537	12/06/2024	No. Shore City & Town Clerk Assoc.	\$90.00
73319	03/12/2025	Maureen Cobb	\$20.00
74138	06/06/2025	Sean P. Concannon	\$118.98
74283	06/30/2025	Daniel R. Izzo	\$20.00

Signed: Christine Caron
Treasurer/Collector
Town of Salisbury
5 Beach Road
Salisbury, MA 01952

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"Retirement at sixty-five is ridiculous. When I was sixty-five, I still had pimples."
— George Burns (1896 - 1996)

"You are no bigger than the things that annoy you."
— Jerry Bundsen

**GEORGETOWN PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

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 and **Ch. 57 Erosion and Stormwater Control**. The Public Hearing will be for both a Stormwater Permit and Site Plan Approval for redevelopment of a single-family home to create new mixed-use buildings at **55 West Main Street, Town Assessor's Map 6C-168** in Zoning District CA.

This public hearing shall be held remotely on **Wednesday, 27 MAY 2026 at 7:30 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/89823016032> Meeting ID: 89823 016032
Passcode: 371535

The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the 27 MAY 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-5136

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

5/6, (5/13)

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given by Coady's Towing Service 139 Marston Street, Lawrence, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following vehicles on or after **May 21, 2026 starting at 10:00 am** by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

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- 1996 Honda Accord 1HGCD5638TA133721
- 2011 Honda Pilot 5FNYP4H57BB015270
- 2007 Honda Fit JHMGD386X7S017642
- 2003 Honda Accord JHMC56303C034148
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NEW BURY PORT ART

Three New Art Shows!

submitted by Kelly K. Page
Gallery Manager

Newburyport Art (NAA) presents three new shows opening in the month of May!

Soft Structures is a group exhibition that explores fibers and fibrous material as process and metaphor. This exhibit features over 80 artworks in a variety of media including drawing, painting, sculpture, weaving, embroidery, quilting, collage, mixed media and more.

This exhibit is on view in the first-floor Sargent Gallery and second-floor Hartson Gallery.

FOLIA is a collaborative exhibition featuring works by Amesbury artists Amy Vander Els & Heather Karp. This exhibit explores the quiet beauty and joyful rhythm of leaves and the symbolic meaning behind many that speaks of perseverance, resilience and hope. Thirty-six artworks are displayed amongst spring greenery in the first-floor Hills Gallery. Amy and Heather will give a free artist talk on Thursday, May 21st from 6:00-7:00pm, concluding with Q&A.

The 11th Annual Outdoor Sculpture Garden Exhibition debuted on May 1st, and will remain on view year-round until April 2027. At nearly 3,000 square feet, the Range Lights Sculpture Garden resides behind the historic NAA and is seen and visited by hundreds of people every week. This year's exhibition features 16 pieces by 10 local and regional artists. The participating artists include; Jeffrey Briggs, Lindley Briggs, Sarah Burns and Mike Platt, Alexis Guieb-Alimbuyuguen, Andrew Henschel, Mae Kenny, Evan Ralph, Michael Updike and Raynor Warner.

A reception for FOLIA and Soft Structures will be held on Saturday, May 2nd from 4-6pm, with the 11th Annual Sculpture Exhibit reception beginning at 3:00pm, including a Best in Show award at 3:30pm. The receptions are free and open to the public, and visitors participating in the May 2nd Newburyport Artwalk are encouraged to stop by.

New Hours: Wednesday through Sunday from 11:00am-5:00pm. The gallery is handicap accessible. More information, as well as an online gallery is available at newburyportart.org.

Founded in 1948, Newburyport Art, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is dedicated to promoting and exhibiting members' work and to providing art education and access to the visual arts for the entire community. The gallery and events are free and open to the public. ♦

Georgetown Peabody Library

SATURDAY, MAY 16 at 10 AM

Hands-on Pruning Workshop

Join Instructor Jennifer Kettell, consulting arborist from Radiant Leaf Pruning, for a hands-on workshop on pruning using the bushes in the landscape at the library. Flowering shrubs can be a bit more complicated than pruning trees. When shrubs have been improperly pruned or just left to their own devices, they begin to resemble what we refer to as "The Green Helmet." Learn how to avoid The Green Helmet and maintain shrubs' natural habits with selective and timely pruning.

Registration required – limited to 15 people. Register at www.georgetownpl.org/events

SATURDAY, MAY 16 at 11 AM

Author Visit by Elizabeth de Veer

Please join us as Georgetown local Elizabeth de Veer discusses her newest novel, *The Blazekeeper of Bowmore House*.

Wildwood Books will providing copies of her latest novel for the occasion!

Elizabeth's first novel *The Ocean in Winter*, was published by Blackstone Publishing in 2021. *The Blazekeeper of Bowmore House* was released in March 2026 by Sea Crow Press. Elizabeth encourages readers to follow her on social media to make sure they have all the latest news and updates.

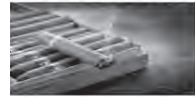
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