

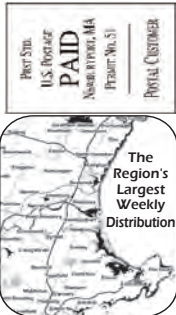
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Anne and George Potts at Changing Tides (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

Changing Tides Café In New Hands

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – The popular Pleasant Street coffee shop Changing Tides has changed owners and is transitioning to be more than a coffee shop.

Anne and George Potts, who spent their careers in corporate finance, strategic planning and marketing, purchased the shop and its lovely back patio from Kimberly Dillon. George

grew up in New York City and Anne in Connecticut.

They have already extended the hours, serve donuts three days a week instead of just on Fridays and are creating new signage to capitalize on the location between the Central Congregational Church and the city's parking garage.

"It is a good spot," said Anne Potts. "Now we are looking at what else we can do here. George has lots of good ideas."

The café's gem is the back patio that has seating for 24 around tables under brightly colored umbrellas.

The pair, who are more accustomed to the pace of corporate life, have jumped into run the busy café.

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Frank Bertolino (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

Frank Bertolino Wins Prestigious Award

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

REGIONAL – Veteran Realtor Frank Bertolino has been awarded the prestigious ICON award by his company, eXp Realty, for his exceptional success in selling North Shore real estate.

Bertolino, whose Salisbury-based firm, The North Shore Realty, has 37 agents, including his daughters, Jenna Noone and Jamie Koulouras, who manage the eXp Realty affiliate and

help clients buy and sell homes.

"Congratulations on achieving eXp Realty ICON status! This incredible accomplishment is a testament to your hard work, dedication, leadership and unwavering commitment to your clients and our team. We're proud to celebrate this well-deserved recognition. Congratulations, Frank!" the company said.

The eXp Realty ICON Agent Award is reserved for agents who achieve exceptional production goals

and positively impact company culture. This honor signals that these agents are leaders in their field and serve as examples to their colleagues by upholding the core values of eXp Realty.

The 71-year-old Bertolino has been an agent and broker for North Shore properties for 17 years, but he bought and sold his first house when he was 27, shortly after leaving the military. He also owned a successful seafood business.

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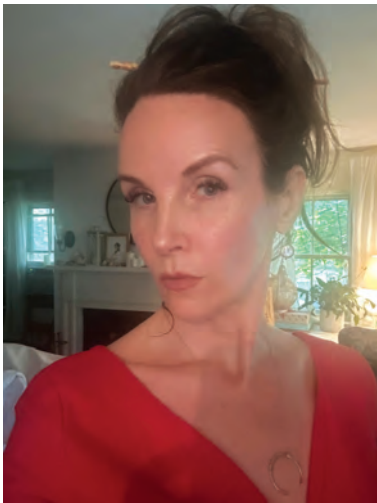
'Exit Interview' of a Firebrand: Long-Serving Conservation Commissioner Rachel Therrien - Part Two

GEORGETOWN – Rachel Therrien, the Chair, Vice Chair and long-time member of the Conservation Commission (ConCom) was not reappointed to serve the town. She is being replaced by a former SelectBoard Chair who has never served on the ConCom.

Therrien was not invited to speak to the board to advocate for her reappointment, which she wanted to do, although she was present and requested to speak. Chair Doug Dawes said it was his decision not to let Therrien speak because he did not want "controversy."

The Town Common offered Therrien a chance to speak to the public through the following "Exit Interview." Residents of Georgetown and the SelectBoard can read her views on the future of the ConCom and its independent enforcement of town regulation of the local bylaw, state wetlands and endangered species laws.

She also shared her perspective on the constant attacks against the Con-



Long-serving Conservation Commissioner Rachel Therrien

Com, which have occurred under four consecutive SelectBoard chairs. Two of these former SelectBoard chairs now serve on the ConCom, a board the SelectBoard has sought to control.

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Asked how many homes and businesses he has sold, Bertolino shakes his head. "I don't keep track. What I care about is how many happy clients I have had."

Bertolino may be best known in the community for his volunteer work as a four-time president of the local

Lions Club.

"All you have in life is your reputation," he said. "God put us here to help other people."

He had The North Shore Realty join eXp Realty because he liked its focus on serving clients, rather than worrying about commissions. He maintains an office in Salisbury, but most of his agents work remotely. He said he stresses integrity and doing what is best for the clients.

eXp has an extensive training course for agents on line, teaching them how to generate business and sales. The training features a personalized avatar for each agent.

Of course, Bertolino's avatar is bald and has a bushy beard.

Changing Tides Changes Hands

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They are fortunate to have inherited a strong staff that includes Charlie Guest and Hannah Pierce.

"Taking over an on-going business is like merging into a busy highway," Anne said.

The café is enjoying a successful summer with its customer base expanding from the usual neighborhood crowd to customers driving in from around the North Shore, looking for George Howell Coffee they serve and fabulous pastries.

If you can judge a popularity of a café by the number of dogs and their walkers standing out front for treats, Changing Tides is a roaring success.

Too often we... enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.
- John F. Kennedy



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Local Business Spotlight: bent EMPORIUM

by Kay Lee Ogden



This will be a series of local businesses to encourage customers to shop locally and make people aware of the services and talents that we have surrounding us! Please shop local!

This week's business spotlight: "Bent Emporium" a curative vintage!

Find at instagram@bent_emporium

Located: 2 Central Street, lower level 1

Phone: 351.207.5946

Summer hours: Wed - Sun: 1-5, Sat: 1-6

Closed: Mon - Tues

Bent Emporium is comprised of three extremely, delightful, ingenious, energetic ladies! The owner is Miranda Prosniewski of Swampscott, managed by Tina Smith of Groveland, with purchasing agent, Lee Ann Sisolak of Georgetown.

Bent Emporium was opened in 2017, and was owned and originated by Robin Frans, who passed away in 2018. In honor of Robin's life and name, and dedication to her business, her husband, Bruce Frans, of Georgetown, decided to donate the business to the current owner Miranda, to honor his wife's creation!

Robin named the store "Bent Emporium." She had the chiasmatic idea of reshaping items from their origin! So, the

current owner and staff take products that they purchase from estate sales and auctions, and many times, they will re-design them to something more exquisite!

Tina Smith, a superior seamstress, talented creator, with original ingenuity, can design just about anything! And Lee Ann has the ability and talent to market these impeccable, captivating items. Lee Ann also has the ability to captivate audiences to get them into the store, by her advertising methods, and networking.

This is a vintage resale store, where you can find just about anything from the past. What they don't use or sell, they donate to Groveland Congregational Church, the Peace, Love Store owned by Kim Therrien, the



country of Africa, and to Ruth's House, in Haverhill.

The ladies had created a fashion show, in honor of Robin Frans, that involved, four stores from Georgetown including: Lisa Scala's Antique's, Bent Emporium, and two others, which have closed, with the proceeds going to Ruth's House of Haverhill in Robin's name. They are currently working on a new fashion show named: "Rubbish to Runway", again to honor, their friend, and former owner, Robin Frans, and benefit the proceeds to the Veasey Park of Groveland! They give back to our local communities. These ladies are heroines!

They are creating, discarded, destined-for-the-landfill, damaged, recycled items, and they will clean, and ingeniously create into new, unique, amazing treasures!!!!

The Bent Emporium won a vendor's award, from the "Boston Swing Central," an organization in Cambridge that offers swing dance lessons, on Friday nights, followed by a swing dance party (26 Newbury Street, suite 3, Cambridge). Next, is roaringtwentieslawnparty.org. They are also involved in a "roaring 20's lawn party" located at Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich, taking place Aug 1-2. Come and dance away! See Bostonswingcentral.org.

The store has so much to offer: refurbished VCRs, clocks, uranium glass, vintage artwork, pretty mirrors, lamps, kitchen equipment.

A tremendous amount of clothing, priced to sell! These girls are so clever that they took wedding dresses, and converted them into prom dresses, and you'd never know! Intriguing books, and games! So many captivating hats, and stunning costume jewelry! I can see many various wedding dresses priced under \$100. A designer, strapless, wedding dress! A mystique of vintage vinyl's in the record cave, and tapes! Volumes of titles, literature, books to read. All priced

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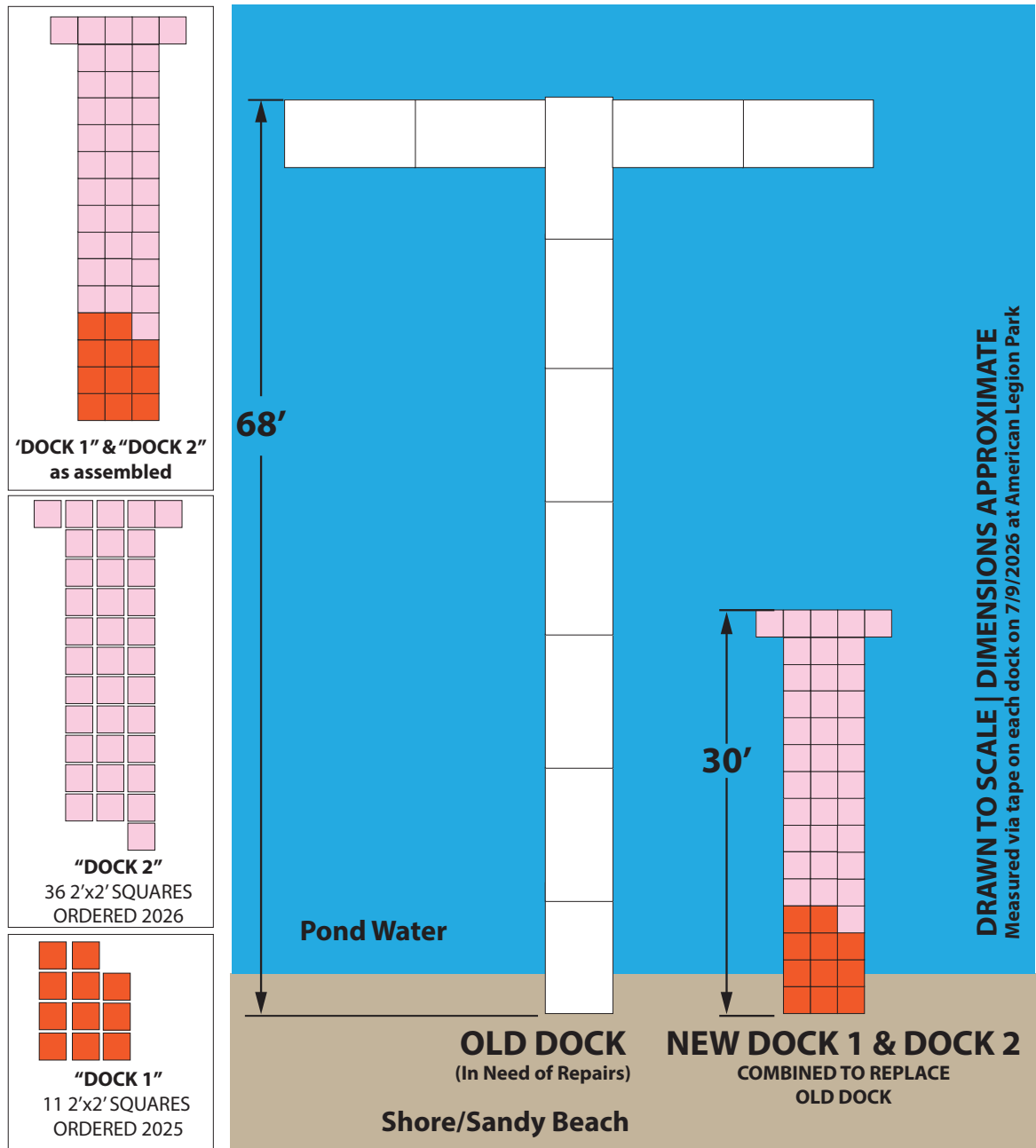
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16	Thu	1:07	10.0	1:43	8.6	7:35	-1.0	7:46	-0.1	5:19	8:19	
17	Fri	1:59	9.7	2:33	8.7	8:23	-0.9	8:39	-0.1	5:20	8:18	
18	Sat	2:50	9.4	3:23	8.7	9:12	-0.6	9:33	0.1	5:21	8:17	
19	Sun	3:42	8.9	4:14	8.7	10:00	-0.2	10:27	0.3	5:22	8:17	
20	Mon	4:35	8.3	5:05	8.5	10:50	0.2	11:23	0.5	5:23	8:16	
21	Tue	5:29	7.8	5:57	8.4	11:40	0.6			5:23	8:15	
22	Wed	6:25	7.4	6:50	8.2	12:19	0.7	12:32	1.0	5:24	8:14	

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Dimensional scale representation of "docks" as ordered and assembled to replace old swimming dock. (The Town Common)

Missing Dock Found in Plain Sight: Two Docks were Ordered to Replace Two Docks, But...

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – The search for a missing \$11,166.50 dock the town bought for the American Legion Park on Pentucket Pond is over.

We found it. Well, actually, The Town Common took a tape measure to the pond to measure the old dock (out of the water, on land) and the new dock. Then we compared the two purchase orders and found the dock right there floating in shallow water.

It just was not what the swimmers and fishing enthusiasts of Pentucket Pond expected when they voted to spend \$20,000 of Community Preservation Funds for the new docks two years ago.

Here's how it happened: Subsequent to last week's article requesting information on the docks, we received copies of e-mails from Selectman and Park and Recreation Chairman Mike Donahue to Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco. Donahue, who has received considerable criticism for the docks, was seeking assurance that the administrator had ordered new docks which matched the two old docks in size.

Another e-mail from the Georgetown Highway Department written by Peter Durkee on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 1:36 PM replied to the Town

Administrator's measurements, noting: "The old docks are 700sqft with two 7x5 ramps. The new dock = 44 sqft." (See diagram.)

Twenty-two days after Donahue and Durkee sent their e-mails, the Town Administrator ordered the "second" dock (invoice dated May 26 in the amount of \$11,166.50).

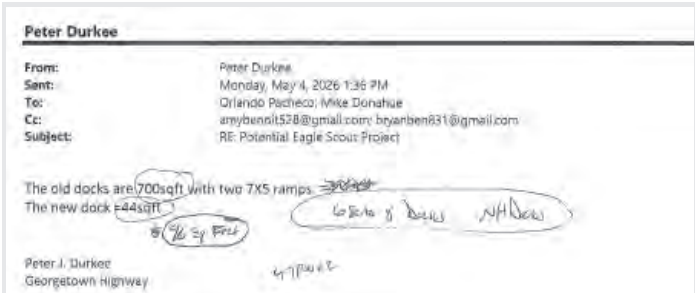
When the Boy Scouts came together to assemble the docks, they used all the material that had been delivered by the Great Northern Docks in Maine. They could only muster one small dock that lets "swimmers" jump into the water at a depth of 21 inches, about to the knees of an adult.

Meanwhile, Facebook postings continue to defend the taxpayer expenditure of funds and especially the actions of the Town Administrator who placed the orders for the two small "docks"

despite cautions raised by Durkee and Donahue.

In reviewing the dock purchase orders, Donahue has proposed potential reconfiguration of the old docks - eliminating damaged sections, and/or repairing sections, to allow use of a dock for swimming with minimal cost to the town. But depending on the amount of work involved, it is uncertain if there will be a dock for swimmers this summer.

The balance of the CPC \$20,000 appropriation two years is \$5,311.75, which could be applied toward a larger dock. That includes \$3,521.75 for the first 'dock' and \$11,166.50 for the second 'dock' for a total spent from the appropriation of \$14,688.24. ♦



E-Mail Sent on May 4, 2026 questioning dock size.



Drone photos show new swimming dock (top) with overlay of approx. dimension of older swimming dock (shown in bottom photo, in two pieces on shore behind ball field). (Photos: The Town Common)

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Jason Mello (left) with Mark Van Weelden

Mello Transfer Station by the Numbers

In only the first four months of operating the new solid waste transfer station located at 20 Carleton Drive in Georgetown, the Mello team continues to manage area solid waste and recycling safely and efficiently with proven results.

Notably, the transfer station has received, processed, and transported for disposal 10,453 tons of solid waste through the month of June.

The transfer stations continued focus on recycling has achieved positive results. Mello transfer recycling numbers through June 30th:

222	Tons of bulk metal
32	Tons of freon containing appliances
1,839	Units of Mattresses/box springs
38	Tons of single stream recycling
73	Tons of corrugated cardboard
31	Tons of bagged yard waste
1.3	Tons of televisions - electronic waste
1,070	Pounds of other electronic waste
37	Liquid propane tanks
11	Tons of used tires
47	Pounds of Alkaline/Lithium Ion/lead acid batteries
89	American flags collected for proper retirement

"I am very proud of the level of service and commitment our employees have provided to our customers and the public. I am equally proud of all the extremely positive comments we received during our recent month-long customer survey," Mark Van Weelden, Vice President of Business Development said. www.mellodisposal.com

Letter to the Chair and Georgetown Select Board

Editor's Note: This letter was recently sent to members of the Georgetown SelectBoard by a long-time resident who agreed that we could share it with all its readers.

Dear Selectboard Chair, Doug Dawes,

I am disappointed that Rachel Therrien, after 14 years on CONCOM, was not re-appointed or given an exit interview, which is standard protocol. The reason you gave for not allowing the exit interview was "because it would cause too much controversy". This is an unacceptable treatment of a town official who has served for over a decade, and I believe the people of Georgetown deserve better.

I am asking the Select Board to answer; 1) WHAT the reason was that she was not re-appointed after 14 years? 2) WHY after 14 years as a public official wasn't she given the basic respect to speak, as everyone else has?

From my observation Rachel has served the town with competence, devotion and passion as a member of CONCOM throughout her tenure. As you are aware, she has been attacked by various individuals multiple times over futile, false allegations. It is appearing that the Select Board has eliminated her because she was standing in the way of their own agenda, which also appears to have been done to Carl Sheder and other members of CONCOM.

As you know I am a long-term resident of Georgetown. I resided here from 1984 - 1999, and then again from 2014 - present. Recently I campaigned for two Select Board members because of what they stood for, but they changed their positions after they were elected. I campaigned for my father-in-law, Kenneth Owens, Town Treasurer and Town

Clerk whom you remember back in the 1990s. He was well-known and respected as a good and honest town official who NEVER participated in negative political practices. Ken would not approve of the unprofessionalism and lack of adherence to the approved protocol in our town govt. we are seeing today and neither do I, my family and many other tax paying residents.

What has just happened here with Rachel Therrien is just one more of a myriad of concerning political events that continue to happen. What I (and many other residents) see is that much of the politics of our town government has questionable practices that warrant further scrutiny. The Board's sudden decision to disallow Rachel to continue to serve, and the basic respect to speak and defend her value to the town is deeply disappointing, and contrary to the values of our community, especially after her long-time service to Georgetown.

I request a written explanation to the residents of Georgetown for Rachel Therrien's non-reappointment and a commitment to provide her an exit interview with all of the Select Board present, as has been done for all others. It is important for the residents to hear what she has to say, and promotes transparency and trust, something which is currently lacking.

Thank you,
Claudia Owens

Note: The SelectBoard is not required to allow applicants for boards and commissions to speak on their behalf, but in practice the board usually allows an applicant who is present to speak.

'EXIT INTERVIEW'

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mer Chair Rachel Therrien, who has been on the inside of town government for more than a decade, shares with Stewart Lytle, senior reporter, and the public some of what goes on behind closed doors.

After more than a dozen years on the ConCom, how effective do you think the commission will be in the future? I don't have much faith that it will be effective. We don't have the professional staff and are constantly being undercut by the SelectBoard and especially the Town Administrator, who appears to call the shots. Our most recent agent was fired by the TA without the Commission's knowledge or consent, or that of the SelectBoard. Michele Grenier was recorded saying that the TA should do his job and used a not-nice adjective.

He shot off a heat-seeking missile and fired her via e-mail, which he still hasn't revealed how HE has the power to do that! And the SelectBoard won't even meet to discuss Michele's firing. They let the TA do whatever he wants with no oversight. According to Amy Smith, when the SelectBoard hired Pacheco to be the town administrator, it gave him the authority of a town manager, contrary to the town's charter. The stories I could, and perhaps Will someday, tell....

The two members who were appointed to the ConCom did not respect the SelectBoard process enough to appear at their appointment and reappointment. One member, who has never served on the ConCom, once advocated that the town get rid of poison ivy at the Community Gardens by burning it. Her poison ivy burning idea was dangerous and ignorant, as Chairman Shreder and I told her. The ConCom saved the surrounding neighborhoods from respiratory harm.

Also, she asked for the taxpayers-supported CPC to pay for lunch and travel money for her supposed wildflower expert from western Mass when we have so much talent in our town. And there is an entirely free national program, which provides native planting plans that Ida Wye and I started in Georgetown.

As chair of the SelectBoard, Amy Smith did more damage to the ConCom than any other chair in my recollection. For that, she was rewarded with a seat on the commission she tried to destroy. She's a bully, described as a female version of Sherlock Holmes' opponent James Moriarty, but without his intelligence.

When she was the SelectBoard Chair, I had to hire an attorney because she threatened me that she could "compel" me to do what she ordered. The SelectBoard chair has no such power, but she said if I didn't do as she commanded, things would "get ugly" for me.

The Select Board is not supposed to bully and harass. Being on the SelectBoard myself, I know that any member who acts or thinks that is how an elected official should behave is a detriment to independent boards and commissions and to the whole town.

Why is the Conservation Bylaw so important? The Conservation bylaw, regulations and state regulations are

there for a reason and must be upheld. It protects the town and keeps homes and businesses from flooding and other events that would result in millions of dollars in lawsuits.

We cannot have an agent, even an interim agent, who does not know how to post a meeting and runs to the TA for instructions rather than to the Commission. Under state law, the Commission has the power to direct its agent, not the TA.

What challenges do you see the Commission facing in the future? How will these challenges affect the town? I want to believe that the Commission can recover from those who have tried to decimate it. There is a steep learning curve for what we have to do. The bylaw and regulations are highly complex and technical. A toothless commission that has no institutional knowledge or even knows where the open spaces in town are cannot enforce the bylaw.

A member of the "now" ConCom chose to disregard a 24-year member of the commission, who helped write the bylaw to help her friends and supporters.

What else would you like to share with our readers?

It is greatly disappointing that the leadership of Georgetown would rather "go in a different direction," as the SelectBoard Chair said, than have the Commission have members and staff who have actual knowledge and a budget to enforce the bylaw effectively. Many seem to think that based on past comments by the chair, who is a Realtor, that "different direction" means rubber-stamping anything real estate developers want to do. Remember, he was the advocate for the marijuana businesses in town, and we still can't find where the money went.

We used to have a staff person at the window to answer residents' questions. The agent spent half of her/his time in the office answering questions and the other half meeting with applicants at the sites.

We have members on the Commission now who have zero knowledge of how the Commission works or the fundamentals of the process. There is a reason why there is oversight and multi-step processes, so projects are not just rammed through and rubberstamped.

We tried to work with every applicant, who will not be happy 100 percent of the time. Some things residents want to do are illegal and not permissible under state and local laws.

As chair, I did what was requested of me by the SelectBoard chair Rob Hoover to make things move more smoothly. That was my mistake to think that he had the best interests of the town, the ConCom or the taxpayers at heart. The Commission, according to certain members of the SelectBoard, including the current and former chairs, has a reputation of being difficult to work with. But when you ask them for specifics, they speak with venom, refuse to give documentation and just say we need to move along, "look to the future." I have tried to use my training and my knowledge to move forward. I despise hidden agendas and sugary vague political talk to lure voters into a false sense of security, when I know and have seen things are different.

The Commission meets to discuss and review only the larger and more difficult projects, or projects that require special attention to ensure the applicant is provided with all the resources the town can provide to do things efficiently and timely. The Commission is here to help, but yes, we have a policing role of the state and local laws, that requires attention. We have the authority to issue enforcement letters, which we try to do sparingly and work with the applicant.

Next Week. The Town Common's Exit Interview with Rachel Therrien gives her perspective on the elected and appointed leadership of Georgetown.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

WED. JULY 15

Rowley Library lawn 6:30PM
StraightJacket (90s rock cover band):
Bring a blanket or chair and relax on
their beautiful front lawn while enjoy-
ing great local musicians. Free fro-
zen treats will be provided. In case of
inclement weather, the events will be
held indoors at the library, 141 Main
St.

Georgetown
6 PM: This concert will take place
outside on the library lawn so please
bring lawn chairs or blankets. If the
weather does not cooperate, the
concert may be moved to another
Wednesday night or cancelled.
www.georgetownpl.org/events
Hampton Beach
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zen treats will be provided. In case of
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Salisbury
Christian Concert Series 6:30 -
9PM Oceanfront Stage - free.

THURS, JULY 16

West Newbury
Summer Concert Series at the Band-
stand Every Thursday, 6:30pm-8pm
The Music of Led Zeppelin w/Joe
Musella & Chris Cote *All shows are
"Shine Only." Rain dates August 20th
and Aug 27th.

FRI, JULY 17

Salisbury
Friday Night Beach Parties w/
Ralphie B (Rock & Roll Oldies)

SAT, JULY 18

Hamilton
Military Service Dat at the Patton
Homestead - Helicopters, Nationa
Guard, Tanks, Drum and Fife,
Mounted Horses, Re-enactors. 10 am
- 4 pm rain or shine. 650 Asbury St.
Suggested Parking \$10 donation
Salisbury
Free Saturday Night Concerts on
the Oceanfront Stage
FIREWORKS! 10:15 PM

SUN, JULY 19

Georgetown
WINDHAM Swing Band - big
band Music from the golden age. 5- 7
pm, free, American Legion Park

TUES, JULY 21

Ipswich
Downtown Tuesday, featuring
Chuck & The Players. 6-8 pm, Free
TakeOut Terrace Truss & Stage

WED, JULY 22

Boxford
Summer BBQs at noon. **Reserva-
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before the BBQ. Cost of lunch is \$5.
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Georgetown
Susie's Story Garend - Free Story-
time at Hatter's Tea Shope, 10 AM.

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Lighthouse Thrift Store - SALISBURY
SALISBURY, MASS. – The First Parish Newbury Food Pantry and Lighthouse Thrift Shop (Previously Leeward Light) partner together to support neighbors in our community. From left to right in photo: Beverly, Jane (from First Parish Church), Herb, Jonathan, Morgan, Kate, and Jane outside of the Lighthouse Thrift Store on Rte. 1., 126 Bridge Road, Salisbury. Store hours: Tuesday - Sunday 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday 10 am - 4 pm (Photo by Julianne DeSantis)

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

Name	City/State Lived	Funeral Home	City/Town
Charles L. LeGasse	Haverhill, MA	Berube-Comeau Funeral Home	Plaistow
Danielle M. Casale-Riley	Danvers, MA	CR Lyons & Sons Funeral Directors	Danvers
Peter J. Martin	Peabody, MA	Campbell Funeral Home	Beverly
Cynthia A. Bell	Beverly, MA	Campbell Funeral Home	Beverly
John Freeman Randall, III	Ipswich, MA	Campbell Funeral Home	Ipswich
Jonathan Elliott Lamson	Hamilton, MA	Campbell Funeral Home	Ipswich
Maria Lee Contos	Arlington, MA	Casper Funeral & Cremation Services	Boston
Earl Ronald Jones	Lynn, MA	Casper Funeral & Cremation Services	Boston
Edward Robert Quinn	Weymouth, MA	Casper Funeral & Cremation Services	Boston
Gertrude O'Sullivan Walsh	North Andover, MA	Conte Funeral Home	North Andover
Joan M. Pierro	Salem, NH	Conte Funeral Home	North Andover
Benjamin "Benny" Volinski	Londonderry, NH	Conway Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home	Peabody
Nancy E. McKie	Lynn, MA	Conway Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home	Peabody
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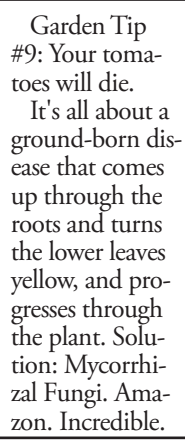
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On July 18th, teams from Ashburnham (Hancock #128), Newbury (Protection #1), Bath, ME (General Bates and the Quansigamog), West Newbury (Gardner 4), Mystic, CT (T.W.Lane), Newmarket, NH (Tiger #1), and Southborough (Union #1) have signed up to compete.

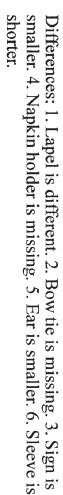
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Al was a proud and devoted Christian man whose life reflected the values he held dearly. He was faith-filled, loving, generous, and those who knew him were blessed by his gentle spirit and kind heart. Al lived with humility and strength, always carrying himself with the grace of a man who understood the importance of hard work, family, and above all trust in God. His presence brought comfort and warmth to others, and he will be remembered as a man who gave of himself freely and without hesitation.

Al proudly retired from General Electric, where he served as a project craftsman. He was respected by his coworkers for his strong work ethic, reliability, and his willingness to always lend a helping hand. In addition to his career at General Electric, he devoted himself to a family business.

Al found great joy in the simple and meaningful things of life. His passions were soccer and history, as well as his love for sharing stories from the past about his family and friends. He also enjoyed working outside, tending to chickens, and making his own wine, which he loved sharing with friends. Al also loved playing the Italian card game Scopas with family and friends, where laughter, tradition, and togetherness filled the room.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Eliana Paglia, his son, Attilio Jude Paglia, his daughter-in-law, Tina Paglia, and his grandson, Cesare Alfonso Paglia. He was predeceased by his parents Joseph and Angela Paglia, his sister, Phyllis Longo, and his brothers, Luigi Paglia and Donato Paglia. Alfonso is survived by his sisters Maria Procaccini, Sarah DeSimone, and Grace Servizio. He is also remembered and loved by his many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and Friends gathered on Monday, July 13, 2026 at St. Mary's Parish of Rowley, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be pledged to Saint Mary Parish - Rowley, Council 6064, Knights of Columbus.

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