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The Great Grand Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at The Gardens at Georgetown brought forth a ton of smiles. Alan Aulson (center with upraised pitch fork) stands with his wife Maureen, along with family, friends, and members of the community as Conservation Commissioner Amy Smith prepares to cut the dedication ribbon last Saturday on Andover Street.

Aulson Roofing, Goats to Go, Great Rock Farm, and the Community Celebrate *The Gardens*

GEORGETOWN – Alan Aulson greeted supporters of *The Gardens* at a great grand ribbon cutting ceremony last week. As neighbors and friends enjoyed donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate, Aulson pointed out the many folks present who helped with the garden cleanup.

"Wayne and Jaime spent a tremendous amount of time up here - hours and hours on the machines just pulling stuff up," Aulson noted. "Jaime spent a lot of time up here with the goats, just clearing things [the tangled vines and overgrowth of the abandoned lots] as it was so thick you couldn't get to it [the debris beneath.]

He singled out his "metal crew," thanking those who came to the gardens with metal detectors to help find buried posts and other metal that would get tangled and caught up in the farm machines.

"Just to give you an idea, we pulled almost 30 truckloads of material out of here. Mello's [Disposal] took it in as a donation - one of the many donations we got," Aulson related. "They took in about six tons of materials down there."

He also thanked the DPW for their work, as well as the Kiwanis, the Knights of Columbus, and the American Legion who were early donors to the project.

The project has "just started," Aulson said, as he continued to point out many in the gathering who helped, including gardener Matthew Nichols who created a sign he and his family erected that morning to welcome folks to *The Gardens*.

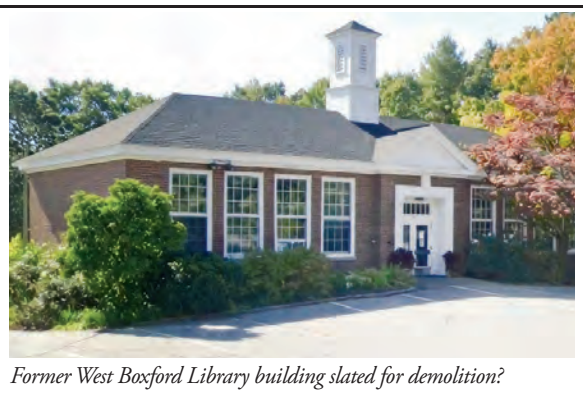
"Where this goes, we don't know," Aulson shared. "Our job was to get it to this point," ready for the spring planting by many.

The gardens had fallen into disrepair over the past decade-plus, leaving most of the area abandoned and overgrown, which further discouraged folks from using the area. Aulson started this summer rallying support for *The Gardens*' restoration. Twenty years ago, this tiny patch of

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Former Council on Aging building at 4 Middleton Road



Former West Boxford Library building slated for demolition?

Boxford Invites Residents to Weigh in on the Future of Two Town-Owned Properties

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BOXFORD – The Boxford Select Board is seeking resident feedback on proposed next steps for two vacant Town-owned properties: demolition of the former West Boxford Library building and sale of the property at 188 Washington Street, and a competitive lease for reuse of the former Council on Aging building at 4 Middleton Road. The survey is open through November 16, 2026.

This survey is the next step in an ongoing public process. It builds on previous surveys, public discussions, and several years of study and due diligence by the Adaptive Reuse of Buildings Advisory Committee, Town staff, and consultants. Residents are being asked to help inform the Board's proposed path forward and the conditions that should guide implementation before final decisions are made.

The Select Board will discuss the results and receive public input at a public hearing during its November 23, 2026 meeting. Residents should consult the posted Select Board agenda for the hearing time, location, and participation details.

Prior work has examined building conditions, market opportunities, potential public and private uses, and the costs and challenges of reuse. Both buildings remain vacant and require

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Groveland Water Excavations

GROVELAND — The Groveland Water and Sewer Department is undertaking an extensive line identifcation project designed to identify all service line materials and remove any Lead or Galvanized service lines.

This phase of the project includes parts of Center Street, Washington Street, Salem Street, King Street, Rollins Street, Ashcroft Terrace, Balch Avenue, and Fairview Circle. Approximately 270 services will be identified during this phase.

To date, Groveland has not identified any Lead or Galvanized service lines. Our service lines are composed mostly of Copper and Plastic and, on rare occasions, steel pipe.

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Hampton Falls Academy Open Houses

Heronfield Academy Invites Families to Discover an Extraordinary Middle School Experience

HAMPTON FALLS, N.H. – Three years that shape a lifetime. The middle school years are a remarkable period of discovery, possibility and growth, when young people develop their voices, build confidence and begin to see what they're capable of achieving.

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Families are invited to experience that difference during two November open houses, Wednesday, Nov. 4, from 4–5:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 15, from 1–3 p.m., at the school's Hampton Falls campus.

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BOXFORD SEEKS FEEDBACK

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ongoing spending on utilities, maintenance, and protection from deterioration.

At 188 Washington Street, the Board's proposed direction is to demolish the building and prepare the property for sale. The survey seeks feedback on that approach, potential future uses of the property, and the factors that should guide the Town's decisions.

At 4 Middleton Road, interest from St. George Classical Academy, a local private school, in leasing the building for classroom space has been discussed at public meetings and has helped bring that potential use forward for consideration.

No final decisions have been made about either property, and no buyer or tenant has been selected. If the Town proceeds with leasing 4 Middleton Road, it would seek a market-rate lease through a competitive Request for Proposals process under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 16. Any sale or lease would remain subject to applicable approvals, including Town Meeting authorization where required.

Residents are encouraged to review the background information in the survey and share their views on the proposed directions, financial considerations, preservation, neighborhood impacts, and conditions that should guide any sale or lease. Responses will help inform the Board's next steps, including possible articles for the May 11, 2027 Annual Town Meeting.

Complete the survey by November 16, 2026:

Take the resident survey at: https://tinyurl.com/boxfordsurvey.

Background studies and information about the Town's work are available on the project website:

Adaptive Reuse Feasibility Study project website: https://tinyurl.com/boxfordusestudy

Individual survey responses are public records and may be released. Please do not include sensitive personal information.



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5	Thu	8:01	8.5	8:27	8.2	1:46	0.2	2:19	0.3	6:22	4:30	
6	Fri	8:52	8.7	9:20	8.1	2:39	0.3	3:13	0.1	6:24	4:29	
7	Sat	9:39	8.9	10:08	8.0	3:27	0.4	4:01	-0.1	6:25	4:28	
8	Sun	10:21	8.9	10:52	7.8	4:11	0.5	4:46	-0.1	6:26	4:27	
9	Mon	11:02	8.9	11:34	7.7	4:52	0.7	5:27	-0.1	6:27	4:26	
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Letters To The Editor

THE GARDEN THAT MADE ROOM FOR EVERYBODY'S WORK

To the Editor: The restoration of *The Gardens at Georgetown*, with help from civic groups, local businesses, volunteers, and people from the Essex County Sheriff's Pre-Release Center, offers an uncommon picture of community: people with different circumstances working toward something everyone can enjoy.

My Christian faith makes me think of Jesus' words about the last becoming first. Service is not reserved for the most prominent person in the group. A person carrying away debris can contribute as meaningfully as the person cutting the ribbon.

That matters to me after a stroke left my left side paralyzed in 1992. I learned that people have different physical capacities, but everyone deserves an opportunity to contribute and to belong. Some can clear heavy material; others can plant, organize, welcome visitors, or help maintain what has been restored.

The coming ceremony may celebrate a finished project, but its strongest legacy could be what happens afterward: whether those who visit feel welcome and whether many kinds of neighbors can share responsibility for caring for the space.

A garden grows because people return. So does a community.

Douglas Vandergraph
Fort Collins, Colorado

Town of West Newbury Acknowledges the Resignation of Select Board Member Chris Wile

WEST NEWBURY – The Town of West Newbury acknowledges the resignation of Select Board Member Chris Wile after years of dedicated service to the community he cares so deeply about.

"As we all know life is too short. The older you get the shorter it feels. I have realized that there are other adventures and opportunities that I need to address so I have made the very difficult decision to step away from town government. My thanks to those who have supported me and my apologies for needing to step away. I sorry for any distractions that this might cause. I would like to thank my colleagues and the citizens of West Newbury for the trust and support you have given me. West Newbury is at a crossroad, and I am excited to see the Town continue to focus on building a brighter future. I would like to extend my appreciation to our Interim Town Manager, Sean Fitzgerald, Select Board member Barry Fogel, and especially West Newbury's Select Board Chair Wendy Reed. I have been proud to serve with all of you," said Wile.

Chris's tenure on the Select Board was defined by his commitment to public service, his thoughtful leadership, and his unwavering dedication to making West Newbury a stronger community. Whether discussing local issues, planning for the future, or representing the Town on regional initiatives like the Whittier Tech Regional Agreement Advisory Committee, Chris consistently brought energy, integrity, and a genuine desire to serve others. The Town is grateful for all he has given and wishes him and his family the very best in the next chapter ahead.





Matthew Nichols (far right) created The Gardens sign which he mounted to posts supplied by Aulson Roofing. Helping him mount the sign were his with his wife, Sherri, and father Michael (far left), mother Sharon, and daughters Maisie and Emmery.



Amy Smith, Selectman Donahue and his wife Noelle and children, Beth & AJ Aulson (far right)

THE GARDENS

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the 200-acre conservation area which was dedicated to community gardening, was alive with families of gardeners from Georgetown and neighboring communities. Over time, lots were abandoned and the area fell into disrepair and overgrowth which obscured abandoned ground covers, fence posts, stakes, earth coverings, buckets, and all kinds of debris. There ended up being a "meandering of fences all over the place," with various sized lots. And, access to the walking trails beyond The Gardens became engulfed and blocked in overgrowth.

"This garden goes back a long time, and people would relate how their parents had gardens up here, there were sandboxes for the kids, this was quite the place," Aulson related. "You would come up here during the day and 'talk over the fence' and see everybody."

The Aulson family donated wheel barrels and pitch forks for the use of the gardeners. He spoke of other improvements which could be made if folks are interested, including improving parking and access, the acquisition of a lawn mower and storage shed to help maintain the garden paths, and "perhaps a shed or area where gardeners can share vegetables or put them for donation or sale."

Amy Smith, representing the Conservation Commission, cut the ceremonial ribbon to the cheers of many. She was joined by Selectboard members Douglas Dawes, Mike Donahue, Robert Hoover, and Laura Repplier. Members of the Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis, and American Legion were present for the event, along with neighbors, and gardeners who joined Alan and Maureen and the Aulson families in celebration.

Aulson is a former selectman, and with his family, donated the resources from Aulson Roofing, Goats to Go, and Great Rock Farm to the restoration efforts. He also arranged with the sheriff for near-release workers to join in at the gardens to hand-prune and help delicately remove debris from the non-disturbed areas of the gardens (the Conservation Commission had limited earth movement activities to the front area of the gardens).



Jaime, Wayne, and Alan



Happy gardeners



Members of the American Legion gather alongside the Great Rock Farm truck.



Wilfred "Will" C. Budd



Wilfred "Will" C. Budd, 78, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, October 26, 2026.

Born December 9, 1947, in Ipswich, Massachusetts, Will was the son of H. Clark and Lillian (Searles) Budd. Will grew up in Rowley with his parents and his sisters, June and Charlotte. As a young man, he worked with his father on the family farm. After marrying his wife Aleta in 1972, Will worked in a number of different fields - as a farmer, a bus driver for the Town of Rowley, and as a diesel/fleet mechanic. Will had a knack for seeing the potential in unusable things. He took pride in restoring cars and other machines that no longer worked and bringing them back to working order. He had a mechanically inclined mind that could quickly troubleshoot, diagnose and resolve issues on anything with a motor or gears. He could often be found fixing the hydraulics on a tractor, re-welding mounting brackets on a friend's pickup, or replacing the carburetor on someone's walk-behind tiller. To Will, nothing was a lost cause — it was a challenge to overcome. He was selfless to a fault and never thought of any task that needed to be accomplished as being beneath him.

Above all else, Will cherished his faith and his family. He dedicated many years of service as a deacon and was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Rowley. Will often expressed his immense gratitude for the blessings and gentle care provided by his heavenly Father throughout his journey. Family brought Will great joy, especially his grandchildren. He cherished the moments spent watching them celebrate Christmas and frequently traveled to cheer them on at sporting events and school performances. At every family gathering, without fail, the youngest grandchild would inevitably find a cozy spot right on Papa's lap.

Will is survived by Aleta, his wife of fifty-four years: daughter Lisa Martin and husband Brent (Philadelphia, PA); daughter Lynnette Lovasco and husband Peter (Boxford, MA); daughter Jennifer Stevens and husband Jason (Bedford, NH); son Harry and wife Melissa (Farmingdale, ME); and son Clark and wife Jessica (Stafford Springs, CT). He is also survived by his seventeen grandchildren: Matthew Poulin, Lael Martin, Kyle Lovasco, Jaden Martin, Ryan Lovasco, Ava Constantine, Isabel Constantine, Katelynn Lovasco, Ashley Budd, Sophia Budd, Noah Martin, Hazen Budd, Julyssa Lovasco, Audrey Budd, Giovanni Lovasco, Zackery Lovasco, and Will Budd. He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandson, Ethan Budd.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to First Baptist Church of Rowley, Massachusetts, 147 Main Street, Rowley, MA 01969. A Celebration of Life will be held at First Baptist Church of Rowley, Massachusetts on Saturday, November 28, 2026, at 10:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be pledged to First Baptist Church of Rowley.

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

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Kenneth Michael Keyes



Kenneth Michael Keyes, 86, of Rowley, MA, passed away on Monday, October 26th at Anna Jacques Hospital surrounded by family. He was born on January 25, 1940, to Kenneth and Helen (Doherty) Keyes in Medford, MA.

Raised in Winchester, MA, he attended Winchester Public Schools and graduated from Winchester High School in 1957. He enjoyed summers at the family vacation home at the top of Great Neck in Ipswich, MA. He married Sandra Seaboyer in 1961, and together, they raised three children in Rowley, MA. In the early years of his career, he was a successful self-employed electrician throughout the North Shore area. He also spent many years working at Knowles Gas Station in Rowley, where he enjoyed getting to know all the locals.

In his later years, he finished his career working at the Rowley Light Department, where he was the last walking meter reader to serve the town. Ken had special affection for the Towns of Rowley and Ipswich; the "Diner"; the Saturday morning breakfast crew, annual camping trips with family, and tinkering with anything that needed fixing.

He was predeceased by sister and brother-in-law Margaret and Howard Bowen.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Sandy (Seaboyer) and three children & spouses/partner: Karen & Bruce Nicholas of Groveland, Kenny & Kate Keyes of Haverhill, and Kristi Keyes & Brad Bozza of Franklin, NH. He leaves four grandchildren; Michael & Cicely Nicholas, Lilli & Ryan Connarton, Ernie Keegan and Sydney Keyes. He was the proud great-grandfather to Austin Mae Nicholas. In addition, he is survived by siblings and spouses Janice & Jim McDonald and Robert & Julie Keyes. He leaves many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday November 7th, at Rowley Veterans Association, 19 Bradford St., Rowley, MA, from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

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John Franklin Donahoe



John Franklin Donahoe 75, formerly of Weymouth and Kingston passed away unexpectedly at his home in Rowley on October 21. He was the beloved son of the late Robert E and Lillian F (Hill)Donahoe who called him Jackie.

We knew him as Jack, Dad and Ampa. Jack is survived by his devoted wife Rita (Fontana), cherished children Sarah Eastman and John (Julie) Donahoe and adored grandchildren, Megan and Eve Eastman and Logan and Hannah Donahoe. He also leaves his loving siblings Robert (Diane), Gail, Pau l(Maggie) Donahoe and Claire MacDonald and nieces and nephews Brianne (Colin)McGree, Sean (Uwyn) Donahoe, Amanda and Andrew MacDonald and grandnieces and nephew Ellery and Jocelyn McGree and Julian MacDonald.

Jack attended Bridgewater State College, Suffolk University and received a master's in criminal justice from Anna Maria College. After serving as a police officer, he also taught Criminal Justice for Quincy College. Jack and Rita relocated to the North Shore to be close to their children and grandchildren. During this time, they enjoyed countless travel adventures to many historical sites here and abroad with Italy, Ireland, and Prague being his favorite.

As a congregant of St. Joseph's in Kingston, Massachusetts, Jack started a men's softball league there, was involved with the Pre-Cana Program, and participated in mission work in Haiti after the devastating 2010 earthquake. He helped rebuild an orphanage, drawing on his EMT experience and building skills. His craftsmanship lives on there and in the many benches, stools, and tables he made for his family and friends.

Jack's legacy lives on through his family. They were his world, his pride and joy. He will be remembered for his faith, devotion to his family, quick wit, passion for history, ability to connect with people from all walks of life, and dedication to serving others. We will carry his memory in our hearts forever.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be pledged to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Fisher House™ Foundation, Inc.

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Newburyport

Blues Singer at Belleville

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

Grammy-nominated singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Farayi brings her warm, soulful voice to the Belleville concert stage Saturday, Nov. 14 for an evening of American blues, gospel, bluegrass and jazz.

Farayi Malek was raised in Caldwell, ID, where she played the fiddle from age four. She was exposed to old-time, bluegrass and country through the Junior Jammer Fiddlers and gospel music at church.

On the faculty at the Berklee College of Music, Farayi's songwriting is rooted in empathy, spirituality, and the rich musical traditions that have shaped her.

Her new single, "Prayer for the People," marks a bold new solo chapter. Featuring haunting bluegrass instrumentation from the Grammy-winning band the SteelDrivers, the song is highly appropriate for today's world.

It offers a heartfelt plea for relief from the despair, anger, loneliness and fear so many face today. Farayi's tender, empathetic vocals carry both deep spirituality and steely strength.

Tammy Rogers with the popular band, The Steeldrivers described Farayi as "an incredible new talent to hit the roots music scene.

After spending time with her in the studio collaborating on her new single, Rogers declared, "She is proof that the future of roots music is in great hands."

Prayer for the People emerged from a spontaneous moment of inspiration.

"I was having a moment of prayer, and this melody came to my mind," Farayi said. "I distractedly hit record on my phone and started to sing. My plea was directed toward the things that I was seeing in the world — the brokenness in our nation, and the wars that are happening abroad."

Having captivated audiences around the globe as a vocalist with Danilo Pérez's Global Messengers, Farayi is now returning to her musical roots and inviting listeners to join her on a personal new journey.

She was nominated for a Grammy in 2023 for the Best Latin Jazz Album and two years later for the Best Classical Vocal Album.

Now a Salt Lick Incubator award-winner, Farayi is stepping out as a solo artist on her debut recording project produced by Alain Mallet, Phil Woods, Paul Simon, Paquito D'Rivera, Marc Johnson and Madeleine Peyroux.

The concert is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 at The Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St., Newburyport

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Letters were mailed on Oct. 30 to residents who are part of this project. Additionally, door hangers will be left on homes in advance to remind residents that the department will be approaching their property.

Members of the Massachusetts Rural Water Association (MassRWA)will have workers in Groveland to assist with the many Dig-Safe mark-outs that are required. MassRWA is a non-profit trade association of rural water and wastewater systems. They are a nationally recognized Rural Water Association and the preferred provider of training and on-site assistance for small systems in Massachusetts.

Excavations will begin on Nov. 9. Dig-Safe mark-outs have been taking place for a few weeks and will continue until all services have been identified. J&Z Excavation of Haverhill will be performing the excavation work; they will be utilizing mini-excavators and Hydro-Vac trucks.

The goal is to utilize the Hydro-Vac truck as much as possible. This is the least disruptive method, resulting in a roughly 2-foot diameter hole around the buried water shut-off. The contractor anticipates completing 12 to 20 properties per day utilizing the Hydro-Vac truck.

A crew will follow the Hydro-Vac truck and restore the excavation area to its original condition. Loam and grass seed will be spread in lawn areas.

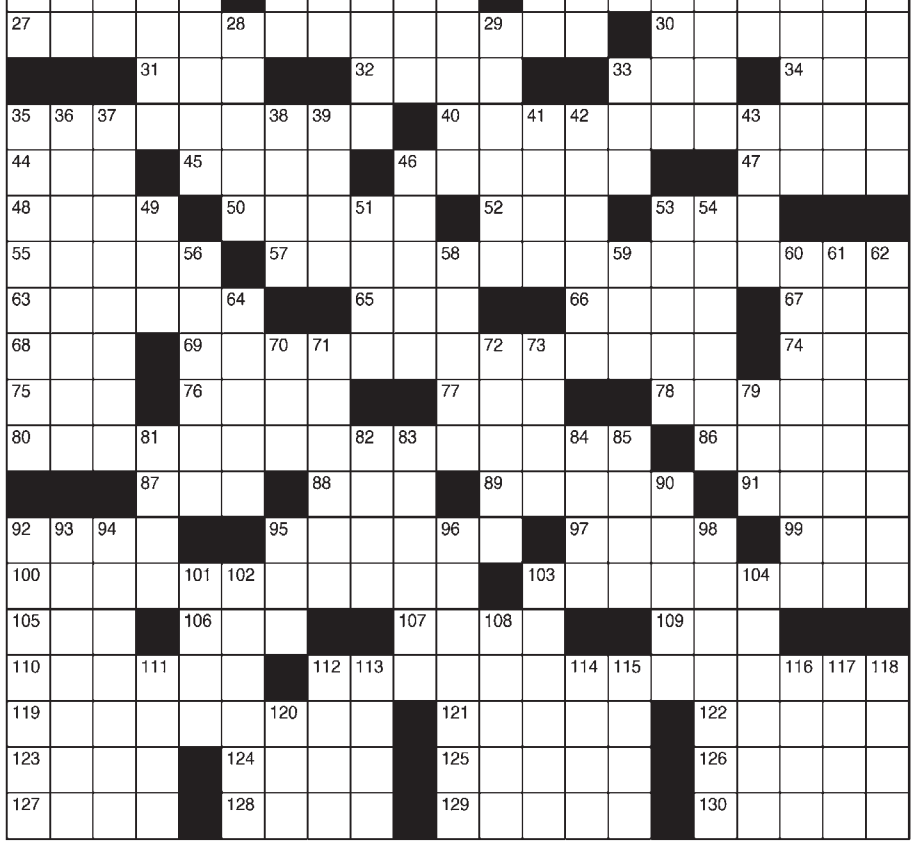
All excavations that involve asphalt and/or any special conditions will be grouped and completed together. Groveland Water and Sewer would like to thank residents for their patience and understanding during this project. For additional questions, please contact the department at 978-556-7220. ♦

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6 Bee-related
11 Lipids
15 In addition
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20 Cousin of largo
21 Concept
22 Geometry, e.g.
23 Photo-sharing app, casually
24 Be finished by
25 "Shakespeare in Love" Oscar winner
27 "A Pocket Full of Rye" novelist
30 Device connecting to a computer port
31 "Alley —!"
32 High mountain peaks, in Italy
33 "J to — L-O!" (2002 album)
34 Put on
35 Portrayer of Emma Peel on "The Avengers"
40 Longtime editor-in-chief of Vogue
44 Purported psychic gift
45 Reebok rival
46 One-celled swimmer
47 — 500 (auto race)
48 Ren or Stimpy, e.g.
50 "Peanuts" blanket toter
52 Cherry-hued
53 "Dr." of rap
55 Gazes at creepily
57 "Rebecca" novelist
63 Fee-free, as a mutual fund
65 Come — halt
66 Succotash ingredient
67 Kung — chicken
68 12-month period, in Rio
69 Longtime Royal Ballet luminary
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75 Levy
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77 Wed.-Fri. link
78 Kind of gas that's banned for autos
80 Best Actress winner for "BUtterfield 8"
86 Large-eyed primate
87 — jiffy
88 Cattle call
89 Presley called "The King"
91 Morning TV's Kelly
92 Trotsky of Russia
95 Copier clogs
97 Free-for- — (melees)
99 Eggy drink
100 "The Good Apprentice" novelist
103 1986 Grammy winner for Best Jazz Vocal Performance
105 La Paz's country: Abbr.
106 Tee preceder
107 See 53-Down
109 Cut the lawn
110 Old Jewish ascetic
112 With 119-Across, "South Pacific" song ... or a declaration about the nine women featured in this puzzle?
119 See 112-Across
121 Mann of pop
122 Apple drink
123 Pernicious
124 British trolley
125 Atlantic, e.g.
126 Siri's cousin?
127 Bears' lairs
128 1980s Dodge
129 Quickness
130 Catnaps, e.g.

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1 China's home
2 Singer k.d. —
3 "Casablanca" woman
4 Part of a blouse or a mouse
5 Boise native
6 A Baldwin brother
7 Phnom —, Cambodia
8 How RuPaul performs
9 "Garfield: — of Two Kitties" (2006 film)
10 "Move to inbox" email phrase
11 Pacific island nation
12 In unison, in music
13 TV coach Lasso
14 Voiced a quick greeting
15 "That's for sure!"
16 "Arnie" actress Sue Ane —
17 City NW of Minneapolis
18 Classic chocolate candy bar
26 — about-face (flip-flop)
28 May preceder
29 Unrefined source of element #50
33 Pan Am rival
35 Explode, as a bomb
36 Having equal angles
37 Moon-landing mission
38 "Just jokin' with you"
39 Actress Rowlands
41 Must-have
42 Carry off illegally
43 Arena level
46 Take — at (try)
49 Prefix with colonial
51 As many as
53 With 107-Across, he had many hit songs with John Oates
54 Small stream
56 Apia native
58 Three-nation pact of '94
59 Skier Tommy
60 Small tablet from Apple
61 De-intensify
62 Driver's fit of anger
64 "Yabba — doo!"
70 Fish eggs
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83 "Ooh, good comeback!"
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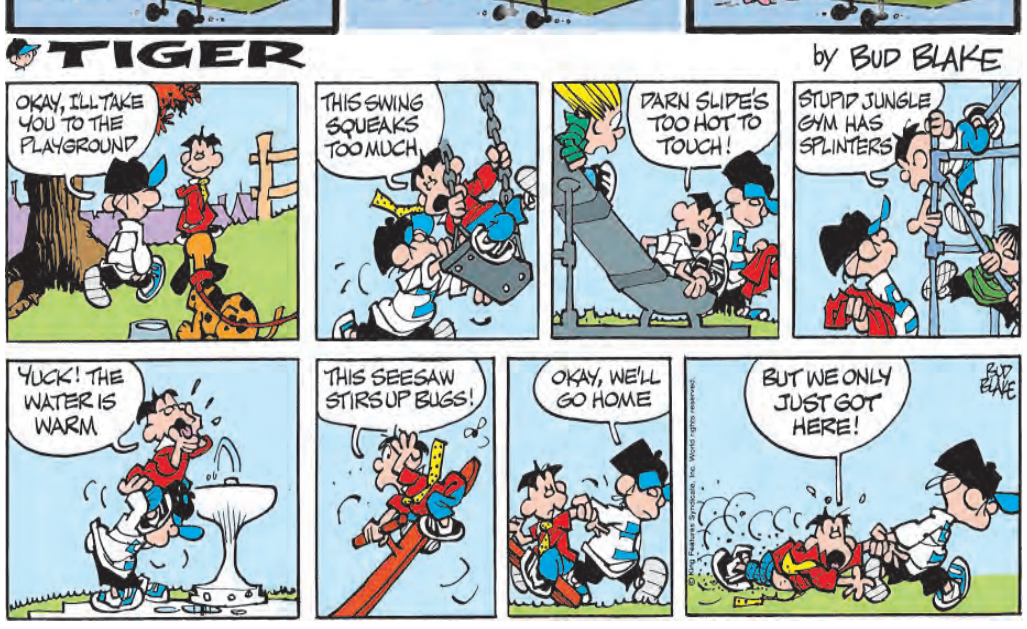


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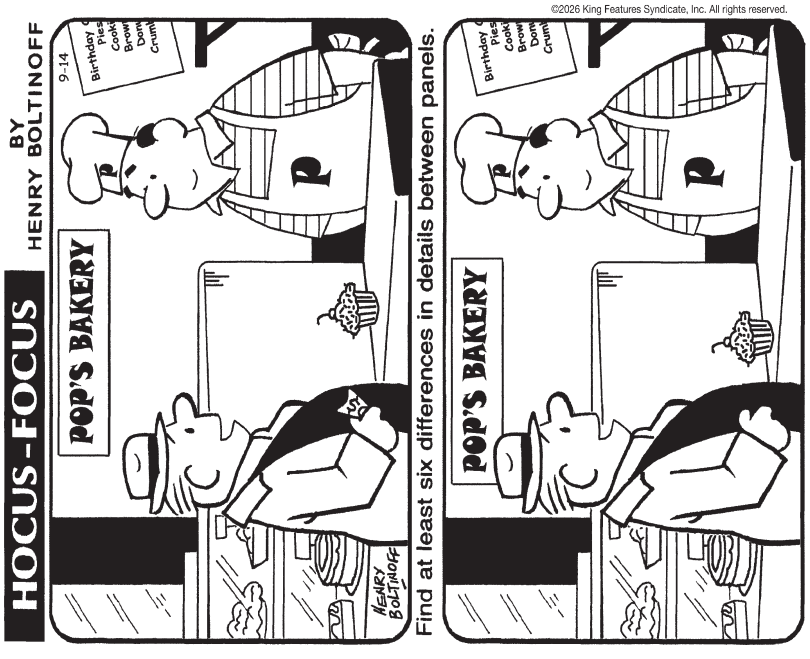


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BOXFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by Zoom videoconference on **November 19, 2026** at 7:00 or such other time when posted to consider the Notice of Intent by applicant: **Boxford Athletic Association, Inc (BAA)** for the property located at **Koster Field, Stiles Pond Road (Assessor's Map 17, Block 2, Lot 27.1), for proposed regrading, replacement of fencing and irrigation and construction of a gravel warning track and bleachers for an existing baseball field**.

The Zoom videoconference information will be posted on the Town website in advance of the meeting. This is a joint meeting under the requirements of MGL Ch. 131, Sect. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. To view application materials, email wkoneval@boxfordma.gov or call (978) 887-6000, ext. 506 or visit the Conservation Office at Boxford Town Hall during office hours M-Th 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For the Commission,
Will Koneval, Conservation Agent 11/4

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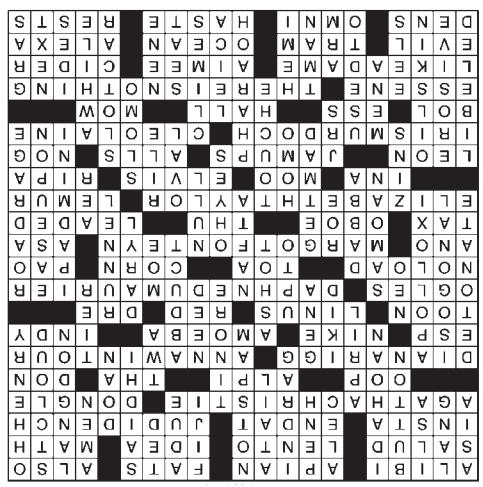
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Monday Night at the Fights - Georgetown Select Board Discussion Flare Ups

by Lonnie Brennan

GEORGETOWN – If you tune in or watch the replays, the Georgetown Select Board meetings continue to surprise. This past week, two particular scenes unfolded, both to do with the board's desire to move forward with developing a 'Charter' to change the town's form of government.

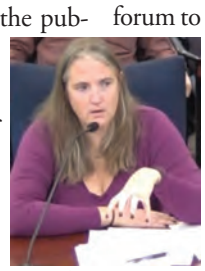
At their last meeting, four members of the board indicated they had questions for the Charter Committee which was not present. A Charter, they discussed, would eliminate all elected positions in town with the exception of school committee and select board.

Surprise number one occurred when apparently only one member brought forth any questions. Mike Donahue submitted a number of questions in writing prior to the meeting, in which he asked for examples of why the government should change, and what problems are being solved that could not be solved with simple bylaw changes. Member Ed Dobie stated he had questions, but submitted none. Member Laura Repplier stated she has never been convinced of the need for a Charter, but submitted no questions, and Chair Doug Dawes who had said the Charter Committee's report left him lacking, also submitted no questions. Member Rob Hoover, who served on the Charter Committee, had requested written questions.

The second surprise was when Donahue was repeatedly interrupted by his colleagues, seemingly never able to finish more than a sentence without an interruption/interjection.

Donahue asked if the committee had looked into any examples of why a change was needed. When pressed, he cited the question he previously raised regarding the town administrator hiring a secondary law firm which the admin. states give him explicit powers to hire and fire town employees. Donahue asked if the charter would address this matter.

The Town Common has been denied access to the secret legal opinion regarding the ceding of authority to the administrator. We're told that residents just have to take the board's word for it. Donahue's attempts to get the board to release the document to the public have similarly been stonewalled. The board continues to sign off on legal bills to argue against Freedom of Information Requests to prevent its release to the public.



Alicia Raspa

Charter Commission Chair Alicia Raspa (who also chairs the town's finance committee and community preservation committee) responded that it could or could not be addressed in a charter, but when Donahue sought clarification, Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco injected himself into the conversation and told Raspa - cutting off Raspa - and advising: "I think it's important to let Mike - just listen - he wants to say it - we don't have to agree with him, but just let him say it so it feels like it's been said. And if he says it 100 times, it doesn't change anything factual."

Hoover appeared to smile, Repplier sat with crossed arms, Dobie sat silent, and Dawes appeared distracted.

Donahue softly replied, "What did I say that was inaccurate, Orlando?"

Pacheco stated that he had the permission of the chairs to get a second legal opinion. Donahue again noted that no vote of the board authorized such, and again asked if the charter would correct such things. Raspa said her committee is not here to weigh in on such matters; they're just asking to move the charter forward.

Dobie jumped in and said it's an issue, "that you and I have spoken about" but then said this wasn't the forum to discuss it further. He said the board could just work with the Charter committee and work things through.

After some discussion (again, free fall, without recognition of any member or speaker by the chair), Town Administrator Pacheco again injected: " with all due respect to Mike, there's been a lot of uber focus on the town administrator, but I am one person of an entire town and try to think of like the bigger picture of how you want the town to function, kind of in a more efficiently clear, direct approach. Before it was me, I think you guys, it was [former selectwoman] Rachel [Therrian] that Mike had a lot of focus on. So, I want, so it's clear to you, because you had that thousand-page complaint. (Donahue replied - "Thousand page?" - as no such thousand-page document exists). Pacheco plowed on: "Your big complaint was that process to remove somebody who was underperforming. And one of things I said is -." He was interrupted mid-sentence by Dobie who stated "Mr. Chair, one side is as bad as the other side. No offense, I think we should shut this down and just move forward."

After some utterances by others, Orlando proceeded to state that the current bylaws are in part "loosey goosey" in areas, and a Charter - which he has advocated for repeatedly - would bring a uniform process to all appointees.

Donahue replied that the whole point is if we're moving from bylaw to Charter, is to have a fundamental understanding of what is broken, to form a Charter that makes the most sense. Pacheco replied that nothing has to be broken. Raspa echoed that same, adding that it's just organizing things differently.

No further mention of examples of how a charter would solve any problem was discussed, nor was there further discussion of the secret law opinion obtained by the town administrator.

Since obtaining the secret opinion, the admin. has fired one town hall employee and hired a two employees.

Donahue has been the only member to question the legality of the change and the cloak of secrecy of the legal opinion which the chair and super-majority of the board support.

Repplier said that moving forward would be a deep dive into if we should or should not structure things different, "so I'm all on board."

Dobie asked for a vote to move forward.

Donahue asked what it would cost.

After some discussion of the flat fee the town paid to a consultant to advise the Charter Exploratory Committee, and remaining funds, the committee voted to move forward on the path to create a Charter Committee, etc. ♦

Georgetown Water Cancer Probe Delayed

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – This town may have a cancer problem, but the state Health Department does not have enough investigators to conduct a probe here, according to the town's Health Director.

Last week, residents received a letter from the town's Water Department stating that tests had shown the water from the Patriot Lane Booster Station, east of Interstate 95, had exceeded the maximum allowed levels for the possible-to-probable cancer-causing chemical Trihalomethanes (THMs).

The contamination averaged over the last year at 83 micrograms per liter, while the maximum allowable level for THMs is 80 micrograms per liter.

The water department stated that the excess was probably caused by chlorine. THMs are the most common chlorinated disinfection by-products.

"This is not an emergency," the Water Department's letter stated.

Chlorine is added to the drinking water after filtration for disinfection and before iron and manganese are removed.

"Some people who drink water containing THMs in excess of the maximum allowable level over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys or central nervous system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer," the Water Department letter stated.

Children and pregnant women may be potentially more susceptible to risks from exposures to chemicals, such as THM, the letter stated.

Bill Holt, the town's Health Director, told the SelectBoard his office has been "getting a lot of calls" about the cancer cases. He has contacted the assistant state health director, who told him the department can not launch an investigation in Georgetown as this time.

Asked by SelectBoard chair Doug Dawes when the state probe might be conducted, Holt said, "I'll know when I know. It may take a year."

In the interim, the Water Department has completely flushed the system in that area and will be flushing the entire northern part of the town in October. The flushing will reduce the stagnation and eIevated water temperatures that occurred during the summer months. It said it also continues to look for potential causes of contamination and is reducing the amount of disinfectant products.

The letter also claimed that the new pretreatment filtration building, which is under construction, will improve the department's operations.

For more information, visit the water department's website, www.georgetownwater.org or call 978-352-5750.

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