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Fifty women enjoyed a lady's tea party hosted by the Friends of the Ware Senior Center this past Monday. Shown sitting from left are Lynn Park, Maggie Sorel and Janet Harrison. Standing from left are Cathie Wheeler, Mary Harper, Judy Renaud, Martha Parker, Paulette Wojtowicz, Cheryl DeSantis and Betty Lussier.

## Friends hosted afternoon event at Senior Center

WARE – The Friends of the Ware Senior Center Inc. hosted a lady's tea party at the Ware Senior Center this past Monday afternoon.

Fifty women signed up for the event, decked out in colorful and unique hats, and they enjoyed a variety of teas and pastries.

The tea was served in cups and saucers, generously on loan to the Friends from people in the community.

Sue LaBarge, president of the Friends of the Ware Senior Center Inc. said the tea party was open to the public

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Mother daughter duo, Alice Mlynarski and Cheryl DeSantis enjoyed afternoon tea together.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

## Hearing addressed protection of Muddy Brook

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HARDWICK – The Board of Health held a public hearing to review proposed regulations to protect the Muddy Brook aquifer and watershed.

Board of Health Chair Dr. John Mott said the public hearing was not a legal requirement in order to adopt the regulations, but the board felt it was important to get input from the public.

At the April 22 hearing held at Hardwick Elementary School, Mott

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## Selectmen discussed Highway Surveyor salary

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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen continued their discussion on the town's Chapter 90 reimbursement during the April 23 meeting.

Highway Surveyor Jeremy Olson said there were some mistakes made

which involved missing some documents along with some filing issues. This resulted in the department having to resubmit their paperwork to Boston, and a couple of their departments.

Olson said they ran into a lot of delays from the state's system. There were some documents that were supposed to be sent to

Northampton, and it took a long time to finally get funds reimbursed.

The problem has been ultimately resolved, and Olson hopes not to encounter this issue again.

The second part of the discussion involved a request from the Highway Surveyor for a 5% salary increase for fiscal year 2027.

This also involved members of the Finance Committee.

Olson had presented a budget to the Finance Committee and after talking with them they seemed okay with what he presented. Later on, the Finance Committee changed and voted on a new budget

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## Be a part of local history

Ad space available in Historical Society's newsletter

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HARDWICK – As the country prepares to mark 250 years of independence, the Hardwick Historical Society is offering the opportunity to be a part of history, with the publication of a com-

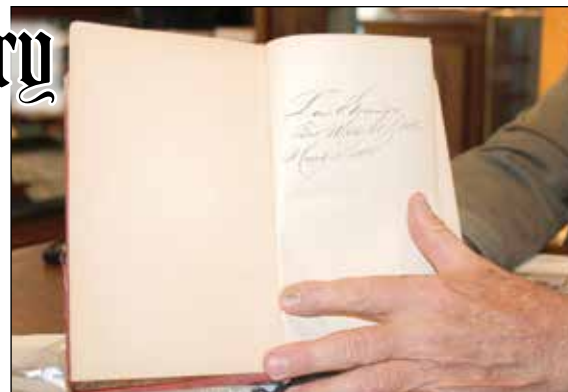
memorative newsletter.

This newsletter will showcase the town's history, according to Randall Noble, the society's president. There are still advertising spaces available, with a firm deadline of May 1.

"We're trying to take the newsletter to the next level," Noble said. "And highlight the town and what was going on in 1776."

Ad spaces are available for \$50 (one inch by four inch), \$100

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Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

The signature of Louis Edwin Granger is on this copy of the Military Dictionary by H.L. Scott. Granger donated the Civil War memorial located on the town's common, and he is buried in the upper cemetery. This book is a recent addition to the Hardwick Historical Society museum's collection.

## SB voted to reduce STM/ATM quorum

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WARE – The Selectboard discussed reducing the quorum just for the special and annual town meetings to be held Monday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m.

At the April 21 meeting, Selectboard Chair Josh Kusnierz, who is also the chair of the Charter Review Committee, said that committee has recommended reducing the quorum from 100 to 80.

Vice-Chair Ken Willette said it's critical to reach quorum for the town meeting, due to it being held later in the fiscal year than it normally is.

Moderator Kathleen Coulombe said while the last couple of town meetings have had over 100 attendees, this did not occur at the time the meeting was scheduled to open.

"We did not have even 80 at the time that the meeting was supposed to open," she said. "It also helps us to be able to launch the meeting with the preliminary house-keeping sorts of things."

Resident Cathy Cascio said she is "bummed" the Selectboard has to consider reducing the quorum.

"That doesn't say a lot for our town," she said.

Cascio said 80 would be the lowest quorum she would feel comfortable with.

The Selectboard voted in favor of temporarily reducing the quorum to 80 for the special and annual town meetings on June 8.

### Open meeting violation

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the town's attorney filed a request for a hearing with the Attorney General's Office regarding the open meeting violation in relation to the vote by the board to write a statement of support for Baystate Health's Convenient Care proposal.

Resident Cindy Allen Bourcier asked if the town's attorney was challenging the Attorney General's determination that an open meeting violation had occurred.

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**CELEBRITY BARTENDER AND SERVICE NIGHT AT HANNA'S ON MAIN**

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# Pianist performs recital of work from debut album

**HARDWICK** – The Friends of the Stone Church will host pianist Mackenzie Melemed at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville, on Saturday, May 2 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 each. All concerts at the Stone Church are free to those under 18.

Holders of the Massachusetts Card to Culture may request up to two free tickets at the box office for any ticketed concert on the concert day, or may make a reservation by email to events@FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org.

Melemed originated in Worcester County. A protégé of pianist Emmanuel Ax, Melemed won the Avery Fisher Career Grant, one of the highest honors to be bestowed on young American classical musicians, in 2022.

He has performed as soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Helsinki Philharmonic, the Edmonton Symphony, the Polish Radio Orchestra, and other prominent ensembles, and has appeared in recitals at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital, as well as at major venues and festivals across North America, Europe and Asia. Performing publicly in his youth, Melemed's career developed in early studies with pianist Olga Rogach and at the Bancroft School in Worcester. He received his Artist Diploma, Master of Music, and Bachelor of Music degrees from The Julliard School. While in New York, he learned the Finnish language at Columbia University.

From his current home in Helsinki, Finland, he travels worldwide to perform



Submitted Photo

**Pianist Mackenzie Melemed returns to the Stone Church Cultural Center to perform a recital of works from his debut album, "Tulevaisuus" on Saturday, May 2 at 2 p.m.**

and teach. He also teaches piano performance online in his "Pianostics" program. The New York Times called Melemed "an excellent young pianist." Other reviewers have remarked about his "flexible and natural relationship with music" (Harri Hautala of Aamulehti); his "dazzling technique... that keeps the audience captivated throughout the performance" (John Falskow of Suburban Times); and his brilliance and maturity as an artist (Juha Pekka-Peltonen of Satakunnan Kansan).

Melemed's debut album "Tulevaisuus" (Finnish for "future") pairs music that has shaped his artistry with new works by Laura Kaminsky, Stephen Hough, and Avner Dorman, each inspired by Bach, Liszt, or Brahms. Rooted in the past yet alive in the present, "Tulevaisuus" explores how memory and tradition can shape the music of the future.

The concert program includes: J. S. Bach "Prelude and Fugue in B-flat minor" (WTC Book

I) BWV B67, Franz Liszt "Funerailles", Johannes Brahms "Variations on a Theme by R. Schumann, Op. 9", Avner Dorman "Lament and Variations", Laura Kaminsky "Threnody, October 2024", and Sir Stephen Hough "Prelude and Fugue (Aeolian)".

Special conditions will apply to donors who supported the creation of the recording, as established by the artist in his project funded by Kickstarter. For more information about Melemed, go to <https://www.mackenzielemeled.com/about>

Partial support for our 2025-2026 concert season has been provided by the Mass Cultural Council. Support for spring concerts, including the Stone Church's free community concerts, has been received from the Local Cultural Councils of Barre, North Brookfield, and Petersham. Local Cultural Councils are local agencies supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

## Hardwick libraries list upcoming May events

**HARDWICK** – It's goodbye April, hello, May at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

Star Wars Day "May the 4th be with you" will be held on Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m. Dress as your favorite Jedi, Trooper, or other character and have fun with Star Wars themed activities and books. Bring a friend or come Solo.

A Mother's Day Tea will be held on Saturday, May 9 at 11 a.m. Enjoy tea, lem-

onade and a craft with your favorite motherly person.

Mindful Mandalas will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 16 at 11 a.m. Experience the Zen creativity can bring. Relax and get centered in a rhythm of pattern and color.

Drop in the library on the Quabbin Regional School District Early Release Day on Wednesday, May 20 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. to make polymer clay beads.

"Doctor Rosie Helps the

Animals" will be held on Saturday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m., an Interactive Stuffie Vet Clinic with a mini vet kit to take home sponsored by the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library. This event will be held at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville.

Story Time is held every Wednesday at the Paige Memorial Library from 10:30 a.m.-noon, with interactive activities to support language development, encourage a love for reading and books and foster social skills.

Other ongoing library activities include the Paige Book Club, the Cookbook Club, Celebrate Hardwick, the Ongoing Book Sale, the Paige Writers, Paige's Page to Screen book to movie discussion group, and the Movie Festival Committee.

Come join a group or suggest a new one. More events are coming! Check out the library's Facebook page and our website <https://www.facebook.com/paigelibrary/>

# Are You Old News?



If you recognize the folks in this week's photo, please send their names and your full name to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com).

Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.



File Photo  
Last week's photo from 2022 showed Mike Domey, left and Steve Kutt, reading the names of the deceased at Ware's Memorial Day observance.

## Ware Senior Center NEWS

**WARE** – The Ware Senior Center, 413-967-9645, located at 1 Robbins Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The thrift store is open each of those days from 9 a.m.-noon. Donations to the store are only accepted by Sue LaBarge, who can be reached by calling 413-544-1574.

### ACTIVITIES

#### Monday, May 4

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse Allison Williams. Call 413-967-9645 for an appointment.
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- Tuesday, May 5
- 9 a.m. Exercise Class at Valley View Housing
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse Allison Williams. Call 413-967-9645 for an appointment.
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking. \$3 per class.
- 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open

at 5 p.m.)

#### Wednesday, May 6

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse Allison Williams. Call 413-967-9645 for an appointment.
- 9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Knit, Crochet, Laugh
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga with Lori

at 5 p.m.)

### LUNCHES DINE IN 11:30 a.m.

All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted  
Required: call 413-967-4595 by noon on the business day before, to put your name on the lunch list.

#### Monday, May 4

Hawaiian BBQ Pork Sliders, Macaroni Salad, Dessert of the Day

#### Tuesday, May 5

Cinco de Mayo, Soft Beef Tacos with Toppings, Mexican Corn, Spanish Rice, Dessert of the Day

#### Wednesday, May 6

Brunch, Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, Corned Beef Hash, Dessert of the Day

#### Thursday, May 7

American Chop Suey, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

#### Friday, May 8

Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert of the Day

#### Friday, May 8

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga with Lori
- 6 p.m. Pitch (Doors open

## Suicide awareness walk returns to Grenville Park

**WARE** – During Mental Health Awareness Month, community members and students from Ware Public Schools, will gather at Grenville Park



for the third annual Out of the Darkness Campus Walk to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

The 5K walk will be held at Grenville Park, 73 Church St., on Saturday, May 2, with check-in starting at 9 a.m. and the walk at 10 a.m. People can register at [afsp.org/ware](https://afsp.org/ware) or scan the QR code.

This event was estab-

lished in 2024 by School Resource Officer Jeannine Bonnayer and Ware Public Schools Food Service Manager Kristen Murphy, to help to bring awareness to

and start a conversation about suicide. In March of 2023, Murphy's son Ethan Donnelly died by suicide at the age of 24.

Murphy died in February of 2025, after a brief but fierce battle with a rare and aggressive cancer. This walk fundraiser was a cause very close to her heart, and a way she could honor her son's memory.

## Asparagus chowder returns to First Congregational Church

**WEST BROOKFIELD** – On Saturday, May 16 during the town of West Brookfield's Asparagus, Heritage and Flower Festival on the town common, (10 a.m.-3 p.m.), the First Congregational Church, UCC, 36 North Main St., will offer their famous asparagus chowder from their Chowder Tent located on the church lawn.

Hot chowder by the cup, cold chowder by the quart to take home, yummy brownies and cold drinks will be available from 10 a.m. until it runs out. Inside and outside dining is available.

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# Let's go birding!

## EQLT program held at Ware Library

By Ryan Drago  
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WARE – It was a beautiful afternoon as the Ware Library hosted a bird watching program during spring break.

This program was put together by the East Quabbin Land Trust, and running the program was Ellie Shea, Youth Education Coordinator and TerraCorps member. The program started inside the Children's Room where kids worked on their own bird feeders.

The ingredients for these bird feeders were pinecones, sunflower seeds and sunflower butter. The kids used plates to decorate their bird feeders, which they got to take home afterwards.

After decorating, Shea led the group of kids and family members to the courtyard behind the library. This was a cozy spot for kids to watch and identify the birds that fly around Ware.

Everybody sat in a circle at the courtyard as Shea went around the circle and asked the kids what their favorite birds were. The most popular answers were hummingbirds, blue jays, falcons, eagles and owls.



East Quabbin Land Trust's Ellie Shea explained the use of binoculars to the kids while sitting outside in the Ware Library's courtyard.

8-year-old Jordan shared that her favorite birds are the hummingbird and the bald eagle.

Shea talked about how bird watchers can remember bird sounds to help identify the species of birds. There are also bird guide pamphlets to help with identifying birds. Several kids in the group came prepared and brought pamphlets of their own.

While in the courtyard Shea brought out samples of bird feathers and the kids guessed which bird each feather belonged to. One belonged to a wild turkey and the other came from a pheasant.

Though it seems interesting to collect bird feathers, there are some laws that protect different species of birds.

"There are certain feathers of birds you can't have," Shea said.

Due to one law, any species of birds that are migratory, endangered, or threatened cannot be hunted. This law is "for bird safety", Shea said.

The next item Shea introduced to the kids was binoculars. This tool helps bird watchers spot birds from far distances.

There were plenty of binoculars for these young bird watchers as they looked

around the courtyard.

Shea next led the group to the front of the Ware Library and point their binoculars at the trees across the street. Since birds scare easily, Shea said the best body for a bird watcher to have is a quiet body.

The kids had a great time at the Ware Library and thanked Shea for a fun program.

For more information and events by the East Quabbin Land Trust, visit eqlt.org. The East Quabbin Land Trust will return to the Ware Library on June 16 for a program about bugs.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Children at the Ware Library were on a bird watch just outside the Ware Library.

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"Most towns just pay the fines," she said.

Beckley said the hearing is to follow-up on the Selectboard's request to meet with the Attorney General to discuss the open meeting violation complaint.

### Reorganization

As it was the first meeting of the board following the annual town election, the Selectboard reorganized. Kusnierz was appointed to serve as the chair of the Selectboard; Willette, as vice-chair; and Valerie Granger as clerk.

### Resignations

The board accepted the resignations of Matthew Palladino from the Infrastructure Asset Improvement Committee; and Leslie Marsland from the Finance Committee.

### Appointments

The Selectboard discussed the re-appointment of Veterans' Agent and Graves Officer Mark Avis for a three-year term. Granger said she wanted to table the appointment, stating that she has had "a lot of veterans contact me, not happy with his performance."

Beckley said he can investigate these allegations, and said Avis has been an "outstanding" Veterans' Agent.

Kusnierz said the Selectboard can invite Avis to a future meeting to discuss this further. Willette asked Granger to submit specific complaints to Beckley so he can look into them.

The Selectboard voted to table Avis' re-appointment.

Kusnierz said the Finance Committee had interest from

Nancy Talbot and Cathy Cascio to fill Marsland's vacancy. The board also voted to table this appointment.

The board appointed Talbot and Jack Cascio to the Infrastructure Asset Improvement Committee as citizen representatives. Both had previously served on the committee as representatives of the Selectboard.

### Town Manager's contract

The Selectboard and Beckley signed a one-year extension of his contract as Town Manager. Beckley has served as Town Manager for the past 14 years.

Beckley said he will work closely with the Selectboard to create a succession plan and assist with the transition when his contract ends on June 30, 2027.

### Comments and concerns

Bourcier said she had concerns with former Selectboard member Talbot possibly being appointed to fill a vacancy on the Finance Committee. She said she believed it could be a conflict of interest as Talbot is also a town employee as the Town Clerk.

Jeff Tweedie talked about proposed changes to the town's charter. He also brought up backflows at the Water Department, which are

being outsourced at \$20,000 a year.

"That should be handled in-house and could be also making the town money by doing other businesses," he said.

Tweedie also brought up GPS monitoring in town vehicles. Beckley said aside from the Police Department, funding for the GPS monitoring systems will be cut from the fiscal year 2027 budget.

Tweedie shared concerns about the job posting for the position of Department of Public Works director. He said as far as he knows, it's only posted on the town website.

"We have failed to put someone in that seat now for over a year," he said. "I think it would be number one for the board to start looking to see what we can do about putting someone in that position at a full-time capacity."

Beckley said the position has been consistently posted on the Massachusetts Municipal Association and Indeed. He said applicants that have been interviewed have not been qualified for the position, or interested in accepting the job.

"We understand it's frustrating," he said. "Mr. Calder's [interim DPW director] doing a fantastic job, the problem is he's only

here a day or two a week. We are keeping looking. We've raised the salary at the board's direction and that's drawn minor interest."

Beckley said the salary range for the position is \$135,000-\$145,000.

Tweedie also brought up concerns about reports not being written or submitted on time.

"These are all violation reports that are not being submitted," he said.

Tweedie said there a lot of dissatisfied townspeople regarding how things are being run.

Jack Cascio brought up wayfinding signs that he said changed the town's motto.

Beckley clarified that the motto has not been changed and that information being shared on social media was inaccurate.

"The motto is and likely will always be, 'the town that can't be licked,'" he said.

Beckley said the two remaining wayfinding signs can be replaced at a cost of approximately \$400 each.

Cascio also shared concerns about the sidewalks near St. Mary's Church on South Street, and the crosswalks on Pine and Cherry streets.

**Request for funds**  
Proprietors of the Ware

Center Meeting House requested to use Resource Waste's Community Donation Funds to make safety and accessibility improvements to the historic building. There is currently \$10,000 available in that account.

The board approved the use of \$1,500 from the funds for the project.

Selectboard member Steven Hawk said there is a need for accessible parking spots at the site, as the ground is difficult to travel due to its unevenness and tree roots.

### Electrical aggregation

Beckley presented the board with a proposal for electrical aggregation, which would provide the town with a fixed rate for electricity services. He said if the town voted to move forward with it, all electricity users would automatically receive the aggregation rate, but could opt out of the program.

Beckley said an aggregation company reached out to the town, which is why he brought it before the board. This is the third time such a proposal has come to the town.

The Selectboard members requested more information about electrical aggregation, and voted to remove an arti-

cle related to it from the town meeting warrant.

### Town Manager's report

Beckley said the House budget was released last week, and overall it's a "plus" for the town over the Governor's budget by about \$200,000.

He said there are four town employees reaching retirement, totaling over 100 years of service to the town.

Beckley said the DPW has hired a laborer who will work to get their CDL. Sean Piechota was also promoted from operator to foreman.

Beckley said there are two vacancies on the Fire Department, and interviews continue to be conducted.

"We should be able to have them start by July 1," he said.

Beckley said the town received its second per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances settlement payment in the amount of \$29,000. This is in addition to a previous payment of \$69,000.

He said the garage/office at Aspen Grove Cemetery is old and having roof issues. He said there is an article on the town meeting warrant about working with a designer about a replacement building.



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# viewpoints

## Baystate Health and Trinity Health signed agreement

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Health and Trinity Health Of New England have signed a Definitive Agreement to transition Mercy Medical Center, its joint venture affiliates and medical group entities in Massachusetts to Baystate Health, pending regulatory approvals.

According to a press release, Trinity Health Of New England will continue to own and operate Brightside for Families and Children and will continue to own and provide continuing care services in Western Massachusetts, including Mercy LIFE, Mary's Meadow At Providence Place, Beaven Kelly Home and Saint Luke's Home.

Baystate Health will preserve Mercy's non-profit mission, community commitment and legacy of high-quality care. Both organizations are committed to ensuring a smooth and collaborative process for colleagues, patients and partners.

Until the transition is complete and receives all regulatory approvals, Mercy Medical Center and Baystate Health will continue to operate independently.

"Mercy and the Sisters of Providence have been a fixture in our community since 1874," said Peter D. Banko, President & CEO, Baystate Health. "This is an investment in both the past and the future of health care and economic development in western Massachusetts. Today, access forces too many patients to leave the region to seek care, and we need to ensure that care is compassionate, high quality, affordable, and local. We have been and will continue to be a pillar of our community – rooted here, serving here, and helping generations thrive here."

To aim to preserve local access to high-quality care, Mercy Medical Center explored potential strategic

partnerships and collaborations with other providers and determined Baystate Health shared its vision for the long-term sustainability of health care services in the community.

Like many other health care providers, Mercy has faced significant challenges and financial pressures that threatened its long-term viability. Despite substantial efforts to improve its financial position, sustainability remained at risk due to inadequate reimbursement for care, industry-wide shifts such as declining payment rates, changing consumer preferences toward outpatient services, and persistent staffing shortages.

By transitioning to Baystate Health, both Mercy and Baystate will be better positioned to meet the continued health care needs of the region.

"Mercy Medical Center has long been a trusted source of compassionate care for the people of Western Massachusetts," said Montez Carter, FACHE, President & CEO of Trinity Health Of New England. "Our decision to transition Mercy to Baystate Health reflects our shared aim to ensuring that patients continue to have access to high-quality care. We are confident that Baystate Health will honor Mercy's legacy and strengthen its ability to meet the evolving needs of the community."

This agreement reflects extensive planning, collaboration and a shared vision for the future of health care in Western Massachusetts and it will help address regional access challenges with the aim to ensure patients can continue to receive high-quality care locally.

To keep the community informed, website pages

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## "Beets," me

I was so happy to finally get into the vegetable garden this past week.

My peas seeds are sown! Yippee!

Next on my list is beets. I have to admit that I am not a beet aficionado. In fact, I began eating beets only a few years ago.

Who knows what turned me off in my younger years. Maybe it was the fact that I only knew beets by way of a can – we never grew them in our home garden. They honestly didn't look or taste all that yummy, especially to a kid who ate a total of two other vegetables; that is, of course, if corn counts.

Anyway, I think what finally convinced me to include beets in my garden was the fact that the plants are multipurpose (you can eat both the greens and the roots) and beets themselves are wonderful "keepers." Lately, there is a lot of talk about the benefits of eating them in relation to heart health.

Let me give you a brief run down on how to grow beets.

Beet seeds are unique in appearance. I can only describe them as multi-faceted "orbs."

The orb is a grouping of seeds. You can go through the trouble of trying to separate them by way of wax paper and a rolling pin, but most folks don't bother.

Because the orb is thick, however, and moisture must penetrate it in order for it to germinate, a good soaking is beneficial. Although you can try starting beets nearly as soon as the soil can be worked in spring, it is probably best to wait until two weeks before the last expected frost.

In our location that translates into the first or second week of May. This timeframe will give them the most desirable soil temperature (sixty degrees plus) for germination.

Be sure that you keep the



its early beet greens as it for its beets.

Looking for less leaf and more beet? Try "Detroit Dark Red Short Top." Well over one hundred years old, this late variety is great for canning.

Beets also come in a wide array of colors. For a dependable and tasty yellow beet try "Touchtone Gold." Another interesting heirloom beet is "Chiogga" (aka "Bassano").

Cercospora Leaf Spot of Swiss Chard, Beets, and Spinach is a common fungus that appears as circular rings on the leaves, making them unsightly and barely edible.

There are a number of tactics that claim to help if this is a problem for you. Water at the base of the plant, and do it early in the day so it dries out by evening, especially in the summer months when humidity heightens the spread.

Likewise, if you make successive sowings, space them a distance apart from one another. There are organic and chemical means of control that are worth investigating.

If that's not for you, give growing these plants a break for two-three years and likely you'll be in the clear to attempt trying again. Some companies offer disease free seed, too.

It's worth looking into.

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Some beet varieties are grown especially for their greens. Try "Bull's Blood," an heirloom variety known for its large and sweet reddish-purple leaves. "Early Wonder Tall Top" is another oldie – prized as much for

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## Should I collect SS now or wait two years until age 70?

Dear Rusty:

I am 67 and 9 months old, collecting a modest SS survivor benefit with plans to collect my own much larger benefit at age 70.

I was confident this plan was a good one, but recent turbulent events make me nervous that cuts could come to Social Security at any time without warning. Would it be prudent to file for my own Social Security as soon as possible so that my benefit might be "grandfathered" in before any sudden and drastic cuts occur? I do not generally panic, but these are unprecedented times. I would be quite comfortable with the benefit listed on my 2024 statement for my current age; I was just hoping to maximize the benefit by waiting.

When I go to the Social Security website to view my 2025 annual statement to see the personalized monthly retirement benefit estimates for ages 68, 69 and 70 that section no longer shows. This omission makes me uncomfortable. Can I find out what my current benefit estimate would be for ages 68, 69 and 70? Or should I just rely on the 2024 statement?

Signed: Nervous in Portland

Dear Nervous:

Please do not be nervous that recent "turbulent events" pose a threat to your future



Social Security benefits. Those events do not, in any way, jeopardize your future Social Security benefits, because Social Security is completely separate from all other federal political issues and finances. The primary problem with Social Security became an issue long before the current administration took office.

The Trustees of Social Security have been warning Congress for decades that Social Security's finances require Congressional attention. The fact is that Social Security revenue (as predicted decades ago) became insufficient to pay all benefit obligations in about 2021. Since that time, money from Social Security's reserved funds (Trust Funds) has been used to pay full benefits to all.

In 2020, there was nearly \$3 trillion in SS reserved funds, but that has now dwindled to about \$2.5 trillion as reserves are used to supplement SS payments. And that problem continues. The Trustees of SS now predict that the reserves will be fully depleted in about 2032, at

which time, lacking program reform by Congress, Social Security will be forced to pay out only what it receives in revenue. And that would mean an estimated cut of about 23% to everyone's monthly SS benefit. In the unlikely event that happens, wouldn't a 23% reduction to your larger age 70 benefit be better than a 23% cut to your lower age 68 benefit?

No one wants those cuts to happen least of all politicians because it would amount to political suicide (seniors are, after all, a very large voting bloc). Thus, we believe that Congress will act to reform Social Security to prevent any general benefit cuts from happening. It will, however, require Congressional bipartisanship because the reforms needed for Social Security are likely unsavory to some.

Those reforms may include SS tax increases and changes to the basic structure of the SS program to align it with today's demographic reality. The program needs reform, which Congress has, unfortunately, neglected to provide for many years.

And this neglect will likely also continue, at least through the forthcoming mid-term elections. It seems the nature of Congress is to wait until the last possible moment to offer corrective legislation.

Here's what to keep in mind: Congress already knows how to reform Social Security to avoid any future benefit cuts; they just lack the bipartisanship to accomplish that reform. For our part, the Association of Mature American Citizens has offered to Congress a commonsense reform plan via its "Social Security Guarantee." AMAC's proposal has received a positive reception in Congressional circles and we are optimistic that the proposal will provide financial stability to the program for generations. AMAC continues to advocate for SS reform in Washington, D.C. on a regular basis, even more intensely as the depletion of the SS Trust Funds grows closer.

We do not suggest changing your strategy for claiming Social Security benefits based upon fear the program will cut benefits. That's because it's unlikely that all benefits will be cut because we believe Congress will eventually enact reform. And even in the unlikely event that Congress neglects to reform the program by 2032,

the percentage of reduction to a higher monthly SS benefit amount would be better than a similar reduction to a lower benefit amount. In other words, your original plan is still a prudent one.

Regarding your question about your estimated benefits, I expect your most recent SS statement didn't include future benefits because you are already collecting SS survivor benefits. You can contact SSA at 1-800-772-1213 to obtain the future SS retirement estimates you seek.

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## Robbins presents history of capitalism in Warren

WARREN – “A History of Local Capitalism in Warren” will be held on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Warren Public Library, 934 Main St.

Many New England towns, over a century ago, boasted specialized personnel and manufacturing knowledge that created a local workforce that fueled a dynamic economy. This was particularly true for the town of Warren in the late 1800s, where a robust textile industry spurred growth and innovation.

This “golden era” of manufacturing would set the town’s structure and appearance for many years to come.

Please join the Warren Public Library for a presentation of the town’s economic history with Jeff Robbins, former History teacher at Quaboag Regional Middle High School and Board Member of the Quaboag Historical Society. This program is free and open to everyone, and it continues the celebration of the library’s 150th anniversary.

## Town of Warren Candidate Night to be held April 30

WARREN – A Candidate Night will be held for the town of Warren on Thursday, April 30 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Quaboag Regional Middle High School auditorium, 284 Old West Brookfield Road.

All candidates running for the available positions in the May 5 town election will have a chance to make a statement and answer questions. Audience members will be able to direct questions to a particular candidate through the moderator of the event.

This event is being hosted by Quaboag Regional Middle High School and Joe Salvadore’s honors civics class.

## ‘Fun with Fairy Tales!’ will be held May 9

WARREN – Join the Warren Public Library at the Warren Senior Center as the library continues celebrating its 150th anniversary with “Fun with Fairy Tales!” on Saturday, May 9 at 3:30 p.m. at the Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main St., West Warren.

Award-winning storyteller Diane Edgecomb will entertain patrons of all ages with a delightful re-telling of unusual fairy tales. From enchanted bears, to determined princesses, to a wild ride with a fairy-band, Once Upon a Time has never been this fun.

There’s even a chance for the audience to join in on one of our most beloved tales. This program is free and open to everyone.

Edgecomb, a Parent’s Choice award winner, transforms into the characters in her tales, bring-

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## CDAC reviewed radon system quotes

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WARREN – The Community Development Advisory Committee met on April 22 to discuss quotes for a radon system for the Warren Senior Center.

The committee heard an update from John O’Leary, Principal Planner from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. O’Leary presented a recap from the previous meeting where he aimed to obtain quotes for a radon mitigation system for the Warren Senior Center.

A total of three firms were contacted, but only one quote was received. This quote is an estimated amount that can be recommended to the Board of Selectmen to request access to miscellaneous funds to help cover the cost.

The amount from the quote is \$1,775. O’Leary thought the committee could come up with some amount to request that is slightly higher than amount. An amount anywhere from \$2,000 to \$2,500 seems

to be a safe amount in case the job exceeds \$1,775.

Before authorizing the amount of \$2,500, CDAC Chair Jeremy Olson wanted to remind the Committee that it is good as long as the money that is unused stays in the miscellaneous fund. The CDAC accepted the \$1,775 quote and has an amount up to \$2,500 for any additional cost.

The CDAC will recommend \$2,500 and will go to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

### Grant program updates

The town had a busy week with Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grants. Olson has a quarterly meeting with the Region Director and the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs who came out to Warren and walked around to see major sites that are identifying as a hazard, including the downtown culverts.

There is also a town owned property that could be a big project in the future. A grant application for the next round of MVP grants has been submitted. This would be a grant

to do more stormwater but to also identify the Comins Pond watershed. This grant could potentially help shape a stormwater park.

Another project is to help redirect the stream in the downtown area.

“Options to possibly redirect the stream to prevent from going under the downtown,” Olson said.

Cristol asked what would happen to the pipes and Olson said they would be discontinued. Olson mentioned the EEA was impressed with what was presented to them.

The presentation on the stormwater management plan went well with Weston & Sampson running the project. The presentation was well detailed, and good data came out on identifying flood risks.

Olson said the presentation helped identify three major culverts in town that are at the highest risk. One in downtown Warren was ranked top priority and two are off Old West Brookfield Road.

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and didn’t inform Olson to address the changes.

One of the changes is a payroll line item where Olson request roughly a 5% salary increase which he felt it was a fair number. Olson took into consideration the extra efforts he has put in to help not only the Highway Department but also to the entire community.

Olson mentioned his efforts in helping with getting grants and grant applications.

“These are all aspects of the job that I bring that is definitely above and beyond the requirements of my position,” Olson said. “I do it cause I love our community.”

Finance Committee Chair Raymond Kopacko said Olson should’ve been contacted and wasn’t, which he took responsibility for.

Kopacko addressed why the Finance Committee went with a 2.5% increase. After reading various statistics of increases for departments over the years, Kopacko and the other Finance Committee members thought Olson’s position was well compensated.

With Olson’s staff getting 2.5%, the Finance Committee thought it was fair to also go with 2.5% increase for the Highway Surveyor. Kopacko did mention that another reason was about Chapter 90 being a factor.

Town Administrator James Ferrera knew what the average salary for a highway department surveyor varies from town to town.

Olson said he is dedicated to the community of Warren and when he took the job seven years ago he thought the Highway Department had a lot of issues. In response, Olson felt he could make it better and now he wishes to stay and see success happen.

As a salary employee, Olson doesn’t get overtime. Select Board Chair Richard Eichacker said he conducted some research and reviewed salaries for Highway Department heads and he said the salary range is from \$75,000 to \$85,000. Olson is currently in the middle of that range.

Eichacker said he was comfortable with the 5% increase.

“It’s not out of line,” Eichacker said.

Each Selectmen spoke and shared their input. David Dufresne thought a 2.5% increase was fair, Eichacker is in favor of 5%, and Veliz was in favor of 5%.

Though the dilemma with Chapter 90 was part of the conversation, Veliz said the town didn’t lose any money

and it will come in later.

Eichacker said they have to present the Finance Committee’s budget at town meeting, but the Selectmen could add a column or do an article.

The Board of Selectmen had two votes. One was to initiate a raise of 5% for the Highway Surveyor salary, it was a 2-1 vote with the motion passing.

The next vote was to put in a column, which would essentially create the Selectmen’s version of the omnibus budget, which will show the 5% increase. In the Finance Committee’s budget, it will show a 2.5% increase.

The vote was a passing a vote of 2-1 for a column that says this is the recommendation which will show the Finance Committee’s recommendation and the Selectmen’s recommendation in the budget. Voters will have an option to select either of these two options listed on the column. It will be decided on the June 11 Annual Town Meeting.

### Liquor license hearing

A public hearing was held for a new on premises all alcoholic beverages restaurant liquor license for Sizedog Enterprises LLC. The petitioner, Brian Sizer, was in attendance with some of his representatives.

Ferrera said there hasn’t been any comments from the public and has heard no issue. The Fire Chief responded and did an inspection and found no issues with the building at 83 Mechanic Street.

Sizer came to the board about a year ago and said the bar theme is first responder and military. His place will operate as a bar and restaurant.

On his application, Ferrera

said Sizer has hours listed as Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-midnight and Sunday from 11 a.m.-midnight.

Sizer said he plans to open sometime next month.

Dufresne said. “I think it’s a great opportunity” to have a business in town.

The board moved to accept the liquor license as submitted with the hours mentioned in application.

### Contract renewal

The board talked about a three-year contract renewal between the town and Police Chief Gerald Millette. Ferrera said this is a report out of an executive session for a review and vote.

A successor agreement has been reached and all that’s left is a vote from the board, who approved the contract renewal.

### Right to Farm bylaw draft

The board talked about a Right to Farm bylaw draft that was presented by the Board of Health. Eichacker wanted to know if this bylaw would impact on the Planning Board’s zoning.

Travis Baker of the Board of Health said he does not think this would not affect anything on the Planning Board.

The bylaw is basically saying that the community is accepting farms and what is allowed as farming operations.

### Special presentation

Eichacker and Veliz presented a plaque to Dufresne to recognize his years of service to the town as a member of the Board of Selectmen. This was Dufresne’s last official meeting in this role as he chose not to seek reelection.



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The Difference Maker Squad Lee, Carol, Joseph and Taylor volunteered during Community Cleanup in Warren.

## Volunteers participated in Earth Day clean up

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WARREN – As part of celebrating Earth Day, the town hosted a Community Cleanup day this past Saturday.

Volunteers made this annual cleanup possible, and the starting point was in the circle parking lot at Warren Community Elementary School.

Jim McKeon of the Board of Health said this event is put together by volunteers and the town departments such as the Board of Health and Parks & Recreation.

This was the third year the town has done this Community Cleanup event and draws anywhere from 30-40 volunteers every year. This event helps keep the town clean and beautiful.

Marlene Fortin is a volunteer who started this Community Cleanup several years ago.

This event always takes place around Earth Day and has always brought community members together to help keep the streets of Warren clean. The location of WCES has always been the starting point for Community Cleanup in Warren.

Prior to Community Cleanup, Fortin visited the students of WCES and spoke with the teachers about offering a coloring contest for the students. Fortin brought Earth Day-themed pictures for kids to color. Prizes for the kids who did the coloring contest were donated by Tip Top Co-Op in Brookfield.

Fortin mentioned to every group that they could leave their yellow trash bags at the intersections of roads they cleaned up and that a group of volunteer drivers would pick up and properly dispose of the trash.

“Get it off the streets,” Fortin said.

One group of volunteers included Quaboag Regional School District Superintendent Stephen



Marlene Fortin assigned volunteers to certain streets in Warren and West Warren at Warren Community Elementary School.

Duff, Warren Chief of Police Gerald Millette, Quaboag Guidance Counselor Cassandra Pelissier and Quaboag Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher Stephanie Beauregard.

This group was ready with grabbers and bright yellow trash bags in hand. The group started off their cleanup day working on Ware Road in West Warren.

Pulling up to volunteer was Fire Chief Adam Lavoie, who was excited to get started and help clean some streets in Warren.

“This is my neighborhood,” Lavoie said.

Various groups made their way to WCES to participate in Community Cleanup as a group. One group representing the Quaboag Church consisted of 13 people in total, five kids and eight adults.

The group started their Community Cleanup at Dean Park in West Warren and made their way down Dean Street, Chapel Street and Central Street. This was the Quaboag Church group’s third year of helping out during Community Cleanup in Warren.

At the end of Community Cleanup, Fortin had volunteers sign a banner that was laid out by the sign-up booth at WCES to highlight this year’s volunteers during the Community Cleanup in Warren and West Warren.



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## Annual Town Election this Saturday

HARDWICK – The Annual Town Election will be held on Saturday, May 2 with polling hours from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School, 76 School House Drive.

Elizabeth V. Cyran of Hardwick Pond Road, and Zachary E. Spencer of Barre Road will face off for a three-year term on the Select Board. The incumbent, Eric Vollheim is not seeking re-election.

Heidi Johnson of Lyman Road, and Lisa J. Nash of Charity Hill Road, will face off for a three-year term on the Board of Health. The incumbent, Paul Mailhot is not seeking re-election.

Those running unopposed are as follows: Ryan J. Witkos\*, Town Clerk, three years; Jennifer S. Kolenda\*, Assessor, three years; Colin R. Brown, K-12 Quabbin Regional School Committee Member, three years; Lisa Gaskill\*, Barry P. Koch, Paige Memorial Library Trustee (two positions); Paige Agricultural Fund Trustee, Stanley D. White\*, five years; Ryan J. Witkos\*, Moderator, three years; Harry T. Comerford\*, Jennifer E. Garvey\*, Planning Board (two positions.) \*denotes incumbent.

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on BaystateHealth.org and TrinityHealthOfNE.org have been developed that includes information and updates about the transition: www.baystate-health.org/mercy and trinityhealthofne.org/baystate. These sites will be updated as new information becomes available.

## SB, FinCom continued FY27 budget talks

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HARDWICK – The Select Board held a joint meeting with the Finance Committee last Wednesday to discuss the fiscal year 2027 budget.

The first item discussed was the new fire truck, which was voted in a town meeting in 2024 to allow Hardwick to borrow \$860,000 for its purchase.

Select Board Vice-Chair William Tinker asked about the principal and interest on the truck, and what the plan was for those payments. He said this year, there is only interest being assessed, with that cost being \$35,000 this year.

He said there is no principal payment, and was concerned that the town would be spending \$80,000 in the future on principal, instead of paying it off incrementally. He said that would happen in year three of the borrowing, and there would still be interest to pay.

Finance Committee member Mark Korzec said the note matures in September, and suggested that until then, the town continue not paying the principal, and let the taxpayers pay for the interest in their assessment.

Tinker said not paying principal over time is not in the best interest of the town.

Tinker also read from the warrant article, specifically verbiage that authorized the Treasurer to borrow that sum of money in accordance with general laws with the approval of the Select Board. He said that plan was never presented to the Select Board, meaning they never agreed to the financing plan.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said the

majority of the board signed the agreement, and she would get that proof to the board.

### Council on Aging budget

Tinker said the Council on Aging budget should be \$23,000, but it is currently budgeted at \$20,000. The town shares a senior center with the town of Barre.

Tinker said he spoke with Barre Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall, about the senior center budget, and that Barre is currently in a budget deficit.

Caggiano said she and Tinker were supposed to be holding these meetings together, and she was not there for that meeting.

Tinker said that Marshall requested the meeting without the town administrators. Caggiano said Tinker was undermining her, and Barre's Town Administrator, Melanie Jackson.

### Treasurer Collector salary

Tinker brought up the salary for the Treasurer Collector, which is budgeted at \$76,000. He said that is an increase of \$5,000, which is over the standard 2% increases that all other staff received.

He said the 2% figure for the Treasurer Collector would be \$72,420.

Caggiano said the treasurer has "cleaned up a disaster," and was working 60-hour weeks.

Tinker asked how it is justified to "take care of one person" while giving the rest of the staff the standard 2%. He said doing that sets a bad precedent.

Select Board Clerk Jeffrey Schaaf suggested moving on with the rest of the budget.

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## Planning Board reviewed final draft of bylaw proposals

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HARDWICK – The Planning Board met on April 21 which included a discussion regarding the bylaw proposals.

According to Planning Board Chair William Cole, the board has not finished the final draft yet of these proposals. However, an outline of the bylaws has been sent to the Select Board. Cole wanted to make sure the board agrees with what they have spoken about so far.

An outline of these changes will be presented to the town and the board thought of setting a public hearing date to present these five bylaw proposals. The drafts would have to be available on the town website.

With this in mind, the Planning Board moved to a motion to set a public hearing date. The Planning Board unanimously voted on a public hearing date for Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town House.

The board reviewed every section of some of the bylaw proposals involving Earth Removal & Importation and Farm Animals.

Under importing, the board wanted to review any possible changes to importing of gravel. Cole read through each section to see if language needs to be adjusted or justifies what the bylaw states when importation, such as importing gravel is happening in town.

Terminology was also addressed when it comes to earth removal. The Planning Board appeared unclear on how the measuring is being done for gravel. The board

wants to know if measurements are done on the ground or what is being collected in the truck.

Members of the Planning Board also asked what potential projects are considered industrial and what is allowed under a special permit. Operation concerns were also brought up when discussing exemptions.

During this discussion, it was said that when it comes to municipal uses, they may have some exemption from special permits. However, a project involving municipal use shall require a site plan review. It depends on the nature of the project.

With a public hearing in place, this gives neighbors of sites to ask questions directly. For conditions on a special permit, the Planning Board agreed with wanting to put in reasonable conditions for an applicant.

There was a concern about language with how to decide whether or not to suspend a special permit. Is it the Planning Board's job or the Building Inspector's job. One member pointed out it should say "the Town" is the proper wording with reserving the right to suspend a permit for a good cause.

After an extended review of the draft, the Planning Board seemed okay with what is said regarding Earth Removal and Importation. Cole commented that the Farm Animal bylaw seems clear.

### Mail file

The Planning Board went over various sections in their mail file. The first was a DBA for Annika Condit's home occupation, a hair salon, at 43-45 Petersham Road. The applicant did submit an application for a

special permit.

According to the bylaw, this home occupation is listed for Site Plan Review only. Looking at the home occupation section, this application does not require a public hearing.

"No hearing needed," Cole said.

The board decided to submit back to the applicant to remind her that this is for a Site Plan Review.

Another mail file was for Eagle Hill School and their dorm request for adjustment to the approved retention pond. Cole asked Vice Chair Harry Comerford if there was anything else this project needed. Comerford commented that they may have to speak with Conservation.

The Planning Board also talked about the Mill Reuse survey of properties. The board wanted to know if they have a complete inventory of the mills in Hardwick. Maybe look for other properties. The Board hopes to hear more from this Mill Reuse survey.

### Financial accounts

The Planning Board wants to get up to date on how fees and accounts are used. In other words, understand the process.

The board briefly talked about the town payroll for the Clerk, which is funded by the town. The 53G account is an interest-bearing municipal account, that can be used by a planning board, to hold fees paid by applicants for hiring outside consultants.

For a 53G account, the town has to receive consulting fees. The board had questions about the amount that currently sits

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## Saving for Retirement: Are You Guessing or Planning?

Let's say you dream of spending your retirement mornings on a warm beach, coffee in hand, waves rolling in. To get there, you had a simple plan: save \$1 million and buy the beach house you always wanted.

But when retirement arrives, reality hits. After accounting for keeping your current home, everyday expenses and health care, \$1 million doesn't stretch as far as you thought, and the beach house remains a dream. The problem wasn't your discipline – it was that your number was never really your number. It was arbitrary, not anchored to what your ideal retirement would actually cost.

How can you make sure your retirement number is right for you?

A solid savings goal starts with a clear picture of the retirement you want. Think through where you plan to live, whether you'll keep your current home or downsize, how much you plan to travel, if you'll help children and grandchildren financially and what health care might cost you later in life. Build a realistic monthly budget, then multiply by 12 months to find your annual need. Adjust this amount for inflation until the first year of retirement.

Then, multiply that figure by 25 to get a sense of how much may be needed to save. It's a formula based on the idea of withdrawing 4% annually from your savings, assuming you retire in your mid-60s. If you need \$60,000 a year, your target is around \$1.5 million. You may need more or less depending on your lifestyle, health, unexpected expenses, Social Security benefits and other income. No single rate or strategy will work for everyone. A financial advisor can help you determine your number and strategy.

Once you know your target, the path forward becomes clearer. Here are a few tips for next steps:

Start early. The sooner you begin saving, the more time compound interest has to work in your favor. Small amounts set aside automatically each paycheck have the opportunity to grow significantly over decades.

Live below your means. Spending less than you earn is one of the most powerful wealth-building habits. When your income rises, save and invest the difference instead of upgrading your lifestyle.

Keep your debt under control. Since credit cards and other high-interest debt can slow your progress, pay off balances monthly when possible.

Invest consistently. If your employer offers a 401(k), aim to contribute at least 10%-15% of your salary, and increase your contributions after every raise. If you max out your 401(k), a traditional IRA or Roth IRA may offer additional tax-advantaged growth (eligibility and contribution limits apply).

Boost your income when you can. Develop new skills, ask for a raise or explore a side income. Every extra dollar saved moves you closer to your goal.

The difference between a retirement you love and one full of compromises often comes down to the planning you do today. Know your real number, build a solid plan and get the right help along the way.

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Friends of the Ware Senior Center Inc. President Sue LaBarge explained tea party etiquette to the attendees.

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Cathie Wheeler delivered pastries to the tables.



Barbara Ray, Carole Hinkley, Barb Newton and Debbie Chartier posed for a photo together.

# Lady's TEA PARTY



Shown raising their teacups are from left, Joann Bradley, Ann Berthiaume, Cathy Gallery and Kate Mulveyhill.

## TEA PARTY from page 1

and was something special the group wanted to offer to the town's 2,800 senior citizens.

"I want you to socialize and enjoy," she said to the attendees. "Let the fun begin."

LaBarge provided attendees with etiquette rules for the tea party, and noted that the raw honey on the tables was provided by her 97-year-old aunt,

Bernadette Lagrant.

The Friends secured a number of prizes to award the attendees, including a floral arrangement donated by Otto Florist & Gifts, a \$25 Dollar Tree gift card, a \$20 Big Y gift and a \$5 Dunkin' gift card. All attendees received favors at the end of the tea party.

LaBarge said another tea party is scheduled in September, and there is already a waiting list of people wanting to attend.



Deb Harnois, Diane Henry, Doreen Haggerty and Patricia Rehbein raised their teacups.



Marilyn Ehlert, Carol Lavalley and Judie Letourneau enjoyed afternoon tea in their floral hats



Sisters Pat Allis and Jan Skura wore feathered hats made by their grandmother.



The "Bee Club" was made up of Michele Jones, Linda Croteau, Patricia Lagrant, Sue LaBarge, Mary Gage, Judy Trudeau, Lauretta King and Bernadette Lagrant.

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was joined by fellow board member Dr. Richard Romano to present the draft regulations and introduce a panel of experts to speak about the Muddy Brook area and its importance.

### The need for protection

Romano said the Board of Health wanted to show residents "what the thinking was behind it...the science behind it" with the panel of speakers.

Romano said the Muddy Brook aquifer is high-medium yield and is seven miles in length and 200 feet deep.

"It's deeper than Quabbin," Romano said. "It's as very significant geological formation."

Romano said the aquifer provides drinking water to private wells around Muddy Brook, including at Hardwick Pond, as well as public drinking water to the Barnes Street wells for the town of Ware.

"This aquifer is very rare, and it's very vulnerable," he said.

Romano referred to a map that outlined the gravel corridor formed around the aquifer, and explained how the gravel travels all the way to the Barnes Street wells.

"If you protect the gravel; you protect the water. That's what this is about," he said.

Romano said the Board of Health members first began looking into creating regulations to protect Muddy Brook, after they received a letter from the Ware Board of Health, asking them to consider protecting the aquifer.

The board also received a letter from the Hardwick Pond Preservation Association, asking for the same. Those that live around Hardwick Pond get their

drinking from the aquifer.

"The Board of Health decided to embark on this journey to figure out what to do," Romano said.

Romano said a recent Department of Environmental Protection report of ground monitoring wells at the Hardwick Landfill located near Muddy Brook, showed there was contamination in the ground water at all levels. The board hired a Licensed Site Professional to interpret the information in the report.

"Sure enough there was reason for concern," Romano said. "We decided to pursue the path of regulation...people's health is at stake."

Romano said the draft regulations were created using the DEP model provided to boards of health, as well as the town of Ware's existing bylaws that protect the aquifer in that town.

Romano said the board is "very cognizant" of property rights, and he said the proposed resource protection zone would not impact regular use of properties.

He said the process to draft the regulations and map out the resource protection area has been transparent with a lot of input from various experts.

"We're trying to do the right thing for the right reasons, in the right way," Romano said.

### Expert testimony

Dr. Philip Landrigan, a medical doctor who worked as an epidemiologist and pediatrician, shared information about pollution and its impact on public health.

"Around the world, water pollution is a big problem," he said.

Landrigan said there are three classes of contaminants

that pollute water including biological, chemical and micro- and nanoplastics.

He said chemical pollution is "growing quite rapidly" and there are about 325,000 chemicals in commerce.

"Unfortunately, we are not doing a good job of being stewards of this chemical production," Landrigan said.

Landrigan said people are exposed to chemicals all the time and 200-300 chemicals are routinely detected in people's bodies. Low-income and minority populations have higher exposure rates.

"Most of these chemicals have not been vetted for toxicity or safety," he said.

He said only about a half of a dozen of chemicals have been removed from the market since an act was passed to monitor safety.

He said manufactured chemicals are linked to multiple diseases and health concerns, including various cancers, birth defects, altered lipid profile, obesity, stroke, diabetes and more. It can also contribute to IQ loss, ADHD and autism.

"These were discovered after the chemicals were already on the market and exposed people," Landrigan said.

He said infants in the womb and young children are especially susceptible to health impacts caused by chemical exposure.

"These effects can last lifelong," he said.

Landrigan said chemicals such as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances have not been tested for safety.

"They're called 'forever chemicals' because they're persistent in the environment," he said.

Landrigan said micro- and nanoplastics have formed

through the breakdown of plastic products into tiny particles. These particles are found in food, water and air.

"There's no question the particles are in us," he said. "They are like a Trojan horse."

Landrigan said it's essential to protect the drinking water at its source.

Dr. Scott Horsley, a hydrologist with over 30 years of experience in the field, spoke about the Muddy Brook aquifer and watershed.

He said the hillsides are comprised of glacial till and water flows down into the valley.

Horsley said the DEP has three zones of protection, and that the Barnes Street wells in Ware are in zone 2.

He said the water flows through the aquifer at a rate of 1.9 feet a day, and that over the course of 180 days, the water travels 343 feet.

"This determined the resource protection zone map," he said.

The resource protection area has a 343-foot buffer area to prevent the contamination by pollutants.

### Public input

Conservation Commission members William Zinni and Rebecca Bottomley spoke about the importance of wetlands, and buffer zones to protect vital resources.

"There are over 140 acres of wetland habitats in the valley bottom," Zinni said of Muddy Brook.

Bottomley said there are over 20 rare or endangered plant and animal species in

the area. She said Hardwick Pond was named one of the five priority landscapes in town by residents.

"Water protection is critical to Hardwick and Ware," she said.

Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the town is "greatly appreciative" for the Board of Health's efforts to protect Ware's drinking water.

Beckley suggested the board work with its Planning Board in partnership with the town of Ware, to adopt an overlay district for the resource protection area.

Muddy Brook abutter Tracy Markham, who also works as an Environmental Compliance Manager for Casella, said protecting the groundwater is important, but that it needs to be done correctly.

"What we're forgetting is that regulations live forever," she said.

Because of this, the regulations need to be clear and concise, and not open to interpretation by future board members. She offered her help to the board to continue drafting the regulations.

"Intention can't be regulated," Markham said.

Dennis Jones of the Hardwick Pond Preservation Association spoke about the work the pond's residents have completed to remove invasive plants and improve water quality.

"It's been quite an effort," he said.

Jones said the association "fully supports" the Board of Health's regulations to pro-

tect Muddy Brook.

Farmer Kate Stillman said water is an asset for her farm and she has invested heavily to protect it. She said PFAS contamination has had a devastating impact on the farming community and she commended the board for taking action.

Resident and retired nurse Judy Kohn said "water is most important outside of air" for public health.

Dr. Neil Halin of the Physicians Advisory Panel said there is an increasing amount of cancer in young people and "we don't know why."


"One of the thoughts is micro insults from the environment," Halin said.

Dr. Lisa Nash said public health is the most important thing to focus on.

"We can't live without water...water is gold. It's so much easier to prevent problems - let's take action," she said.

Romano said the draft regulations are still a work in progress, and they are available on the town's website, [www.hardwick-ma.org](http://www.hardwick-ma.org) under "Board of Health" and at the Board of Health's office at the Myron E. Richardson Municipal Building, 307 Main St., Gilbertville during regular hours.

Written comments about the regulations can be submitted to the board or emailed to [boh@hardwick-ma.gov](mailto:boh@hardwick-ma.gov) until May 10.



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# The Super Group returns for an evening of music

WARE – Workshop13 is excited to welcome The Super Group back to their Grand Hall for another unforgettable performance.

This event takes place at 13 Church St. on Saturday, May 2. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the performance begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 online at [www.workshop13.org](http://www.workshop13.org) and \$30 at the door.

Moose, Michael, Scotty, Billy, and CJ of the heralded Eagles tribute band 7 Bridges Rd. join forces with the acclaimed Neil Diamond tribute artist Charlie Lask to form The Super Group. 7 Bridges Rd. is known for their four-part harmony and Charlie Lask has entertained thousands over a 15-year



The Super Group will perform in the Grand Hall of Workshop13 on Saturday, May 2 at 7 p.m.

career.

The evening will feature the music of the Eagles and

Neil Diamond along with songs from Crosby Stills Nash and Young, Dire Straits,

Gordon Lightfoot, and many more for a night to remember.



Submitted Photo An American Bittern is just one of the birds that could be seen while paddling the Quaboag Marsh.

# C4R hosts birding paddle on May 16

BROOKFIELD – Join C4R for a special Birding on the Quaboag paddle on Saturday, May 16 from 8:30-11 a.m.

The Quaboag Marsh offers a special habitat for spring birds. Participants will listen for and perhaps see the American Bittern.

Meet at the Route 148 state boat launch, then park

nearby. Limit is 15 paddlers.

RSVP required by emailing [chicopeewatershed@gmail.com](mailto:chicopeewatershed@gmail.com).

C4R is also seeking volunteers to conduct water quality sampling at sites in Wilbraham and Palmer twice a month on Thursday mornings in June, July and August and once in September.

# Grange hosts gardening workshop on Friday, May 1

WARE – The Ware Grange, 297 Belchertown Road, will host its first gardening workshop of the season, “Hands on with Summer

Annual Flowers” on Friday, May 1 at 7 p.m.

Participants will learn about easy to grow summer annuals and get to try

their hand at seed starting. Such favorites as Marigolds, Zinnias, Cosmos and Bachelor’s Buttons will be covered.

The presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the “In the Garden” column for Turley Publications.




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## Ware falls to playoff rival Hopkins Academy

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—Three years ago, the Ware varsity baseball team were shutout by Belchertown, 13-0, in a non-league road game.

No other baseball team had celebrated a shutout victory against the Indians until last Saturday night.

Hopkins Academy senior righthander Chace Earle tossed a one-hitter, as the Golden Hawks posted a 12-0 victory over the Indians at St. Joseph's Park in Thorndike. The non-league game ended after six innings due to the

10-run mercy rule.

"This was our third game in the past five games, and our pitching was a little bit depleted," said Ware interim head coach Shawn Clark. "We also faced their ace, and we couldn't get anything going against him tonight's game."

The Indians, who squeaked out a 4-3 win at Monument Mountain the previous day, entered this week's action with a 6-5 overall record. They also had a 3-3 record at St. Joe's Park, which is their home field

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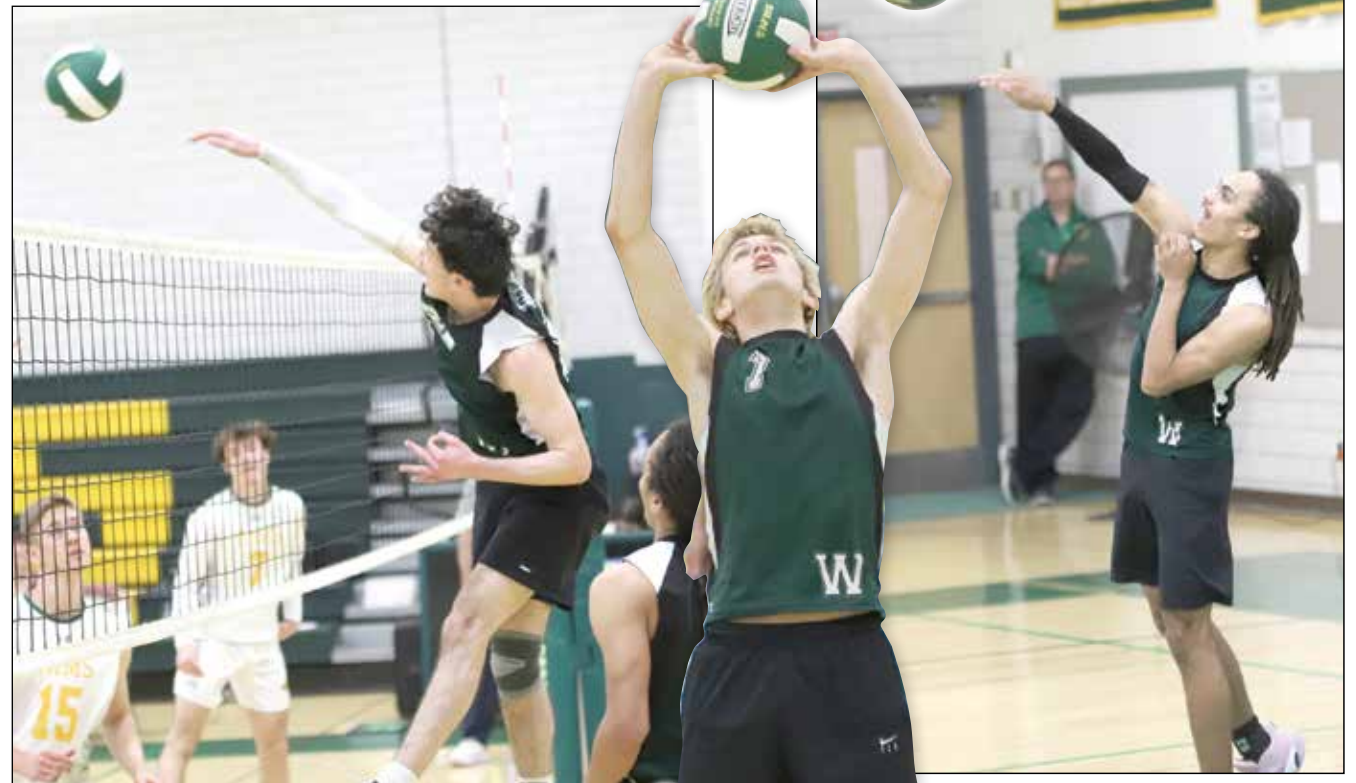
## Ware volleyball now 9-1

SOUTHWICK – Last week, Ware High School boys volleyball continued to mow down the competition, sweeping Southwick Regional 3-0, then scoring a 3-0 win over Frontier Regional. With the exception of an early season defeat at Granby, Ware has not been defeated since the end of March and are now 9-1 for the regular season. Ware next faces Springfield International Charter School on Thursday, Apr. 30 at 5:15 p.m.



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A pair of Indians make a block.

Sean Bernier sets in the middle of the court.



Ryder Cahalan sends the spike attempt away.

Brayden Compton gets a set near the net.

Dalton Marquis gets the serve.



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Andrew Warfield reaches for the bag as he dives into third base.

## Quabbin baseball returns to action this week



Abe Brown connects for a hit.

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School baseball team enjoyed almost a full week off, but did return to action during the vacation week, traveling to Bromfield High School last Friday afternoon. The Panthers defeated the hosts 4-0 to improve to 3-3 on the regular season. It will be full steam ahead for the Panthers going forward with many more games to play in the next few weeks. Coming up, the Panthers travel to Tahanto High School for a 4 p.m. start. The Panthers are back home on Monday, May 4 at 3:30 p.m. against Narragansett.

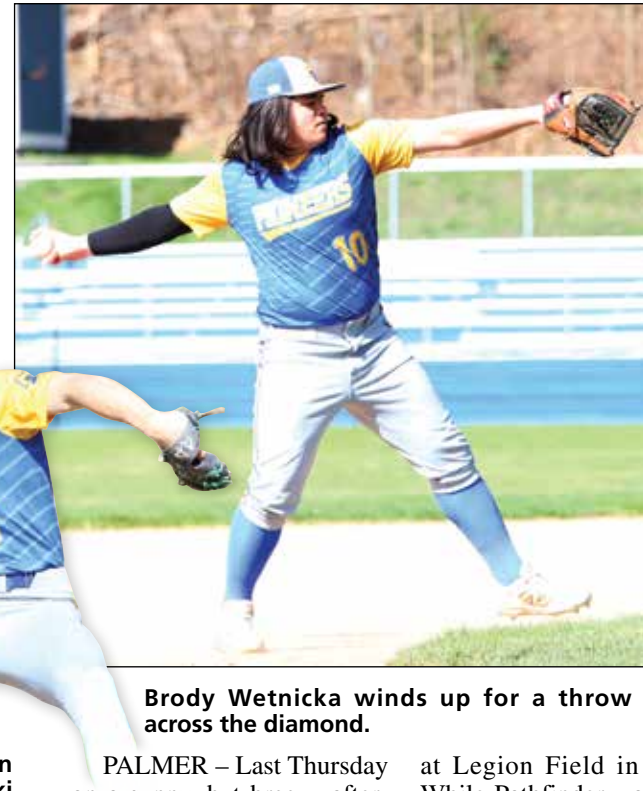
## Pathfinder baseball falls to SICS



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Zachary Latourelle sends a throw to first.



Anthony Elliott sends a long throw to third.



Emerson Boronski delivers a pitch.



Brody Wetnicka winds up for a throw across the diamond.



Dayne Shanley takes the pickoff throw at first.

PALMER – Last Thursday on a sunny, but breezy afternoon, Pathfinder baseball was defeated 14-4 by SICS at Legion Field in Palmer. While Pathfinder was able to get on the scoreboard, SICS was able to score some early runs to get ahead, and the Pioneers could not match the offense. Pathfinder fell to 0-8 on the regular season.

# sports

## Mustangs suffer setback against Mounties



Noah Latulippe tries to bring in a pass.

Kyle Beaudry advances up the field.

Landon Couture tries to dig out the faceoff.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Wyatt Breault gets ready to send the ball up the field.



Goalie Riley Hurst emerges from the goal area looking to pass.



Brennan Peterson winds up to shoot.

**MONSON** – Last Tuesday afternoon, Mt. Greylock boys lacrosse invaded Monson, which co-ops with Pathfinder in boys lacrosse. The Mounties were too much for the hosts, taking home a 15-3 win. Luckily, Monson would rebound in its next matchup, defeating Smith Vocational High School to improve to 5-3 for the regular season. The Mustangs are back in action on Saturday, May 2 hosting McCann Tech at 2 p.m.

## T-Birds move into next round of playoffs

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** - The Springfield Thunderbirds proved to be the comeback kids for the second straight night, defeating the Charlotte Checkers 2-1 in overtime in the deciding Game 3 of the clubs' First Round Calder Cup Playoff series.

For a third straight game, a Checkers blueliner broke the ice within six minutes of game action. With the teams skating 4-on-4, Jack Studnicka skated up the right side before sliding a pass across the slot to Tobias Bjornfot, who flipped a wrist shot past Georgi Romanov's glove hand at 5:58 to give Charlotte the 1-0 advantage. As he did in Game 2, though, Romanov helped stabilize the defensive zone, turning away a sneaky backhand effort from Noah Gregor and the remaining seven shots that came his way in the opening period.

Springfield's offense only got four shots on the net, but chances began to arrive late in the period, with Otto Stenberg catching the post on a sharp angle chance and Julien Gauthier forcing Charlotte goalie Cooper Black to hold the fort on two net-crashing efforts. The T-Birds also got a power play opportunity late in the period that came up empty, then carried a second man advantage into the opening 1:38 of period two.

The Springfield power play had a difficult time getting offense established, and the T-Birds were limited to just eight shots for the duration of period two, then failed to get on the board with a power play to open the third period as well.

Despite the odds, Steve Ott's club continued to dig deeper, and at 5:45 of the third, a greasy goal changed the T-Birds' fortunes when Chris Wagner rolled a puck into the blue paint, where Calle Rosen crashed the net front and tucked it across the line to even the score, 1-1.

Black and Romanov kept things locked down for the remainder of the third, forcing the winner-take-all game into sudden death overtime.

Springfield managed just two shots in the extra period, but the second of those two, at 14:54 of the frame, proved to be the dagger as former Checker Julien Gauthier power-drove the right side of the net, flipping a backhand that glanced off the post, then off Black's backside before finding its way home for the series-clinching goal.

The T-Birds now move on to face the Providence Bruins in the Atlantic Division Semifinals; Game 1 is slated for Friday, May 1.

J.R. Falconi stretches out as he leaps for a catch with Aiden Lapointe providing backup as a Bernardian slides into second base.

## Quabbin baseball returns to action



Adam Adams fires a pitch against St. Bernard's.



Aiden Lapointe throws in a shot to deep left field.



Chase Talbot slides into second base.

Turley photos by Jeffrey Haynes

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this spring while Memorial Field is being refurbished.

"I think we're a better team than our record shows," Clark said. "We could easily be 8-2, but we've lost a couple of close games."

The Golden Hawks (8-1) defeated the Indians, 7-4, in the Western Mass. Class D semifinals last year.

The Indians did win the regular season contest by the final score of 3-1.

It didn't take Hopkins very long to take a 2-0 lead in the only regular season meeting between the two squads.

With one-out in the top of the first inning, Earle lined an RBI single into left field against Ware freshman righty Joe Cygan. Earle wound up at third base following a fielding error and he scored on a groundball by senior first baseman Jeremiah Scanlon-Dean.

"Joe has pitched well so far this season," Clark said. "He closed out our game at Monument Mountain yesterday."

The visitors from Hadley had two other base hits in the opening frame, but the inning came to an end when Ware senior catcher Kyle Kaczuwka tagged out a runner trying to score from second base.

Senior second baseman Brodie Koczur led off the bottom of the first inning with a ground ball single up the middle into center-

field.

Earle, who committed to play Division 2 college baseball at Southern New Hampshire University, only allowed four more base runners during the rest of the game.

Following Koczur's hit, senior centerfielder Troy Dufresne hit into a fielder's choice play before Earle retired the next two batters.

The trio of senior centerfielder Carter Styspeck, senior catcher Matt Vassallo, and Earle had RBI singles against Cygan in the second inning, as the Golden Hawks built a 5-0 lead.

Sophomore relief pitcher Matt Skutnik walked the first three batters that he faced in the third inning. All three runners crossed the plate.

Kaczuwka, who took over on the mound, managed to keep the Golden Hawks off the scoreboard until the sixth inning.

Following a leadoff single by Vassallo, who's planning to play college baseball at Clark University, Earle blasted a two-run homer over the left field giving the Golden Hawks a 10-0 advantage.

Hopkins scored two more runs in that inning before Earle retired the side in order in the bottom of the sixth.

If the two teams do face each again in either the Western Mass. tournament or the Division 5 State tournament, hopefully it's a more competitive game.

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# Ware Junior/Senior High School lists honor roll

WARE – Ware Junior/Senior High School announced the third quarter honor roll for the 2025-2026 school year

**Grade 12, High Honors**  
Olivia DiRienzo, Jack Gaudreau, Maia Lamothe, Marek Luongo and Sophia Rheume.

**Grade 12, Honors**  
Peter Anton, Thomas Cleveland, Ethan Corder, Troy Dufresne, Liam Fredericks, Brady Guimond, Jacoby Heredia, Alex Orszulak, Janasia Roman and Madisyn Slattery.

**Grade 11, High Honors**  
Aaron Bateman, Olivia Beaumier, Carly Brown, Charles Knight, Dalton Marquis, Reese McKeever, Jacob McNamee, Summer McRobbie, Elena Mirabile, Edgwe Owsiak and Ohana Wall.

**Grade 11, Honors**  
Isla Bennington, Emily Jones, Mila Markham, Anthony McRobbie, Sebastian Schmidt and Haylee Tortora.

**Grade 10, High Honors**  
Natalie Alencar Marsicano de Melo, Sophie Blais, Callie Cygan, Caeleb DuBois, Anna Dulak, Carlea Foley, Aralyn Garcia, Brennan Johnson, Aaliyah Kemp, Laura Landgren, Mason Lee, Alexandra Marceau, Amelia Orszulak and Colin Pennington.

**Grade 10, Honors**  
Jady-N Amy Boulrice, Leland Cote, Jackson Haddad, Molly McGrail, Adalia Rivera Rolon, Enzo Santo and Matthew Skutnik.

**Grade Nine, High Honors**  
Lana Bennington, Gloria Cotaj, Josephine Galeckas, Austin Hatch, Gabrielle Kaczuwka, Mason Kalafarski, Edmund Klee, Alexandria Mickna, Madison Mitchell, Chloe Moody, Laila Perron, Andrew Rheume, Alisha Rivera,

Andrew Shaw, Roman Viess and Zoey Wattu.

**Grade Nine, Honors**  
Joseph Cygan, Dane Dulak, Lucy Hebert, Rylee Hume, Jennavesia Josephson, Kyra Kearney, Abigail Klee, Raymond Kularski, Daisy Laverdiere and Bentley Parker.

**Grade Eight, High Honors**  
Skyshe Anglero-Rosario, Madison Boulrice, Anivea Confer, Tanner Corriveau, James Devlin, Sophia Epley-Nourse, Esmeralda Esteves, Mason Gagne, Gloria Gern, Michael Goss, Ryder Harper, Nathan Kelly, Emily Lane, Elyana Lavalle, Pinyaphut Matin, Myah Provencher, Alexandria Schmidt, Sage Supka, Sean Taylor, Alana Tolman and Matthew Valenzuela Ortez.

**Grade Eight, Honors**  
Robert Beauregard, Rosaída Carrion, Roman Chadwick, Alena Colapietro, Isabella Francis, Serenity Gibson, Lucas Jurczyk, Quinn Lanigan, Riley Logan, Leon Longoboardi, Kaydin Mason, Jaleaa Pagan, Isaac Peterson, Josiah Rivera and Ethan Standfield.

**Grade Seven, High Honors**  
Keyana Baxter-Churchill, Rhys Clark, Aiyana-Mae David, Rylee Estridge, Natalie Finocchio, Micah Gondola, Afina Griffith, Emma Hillebrand, Nicolette Janusz, Richard Lamonda III, Houston Lints, Julyana Longtin, Damien Martinez, Hailey Melchionne, Symphony Mendoza, Miriam Milligan, Emma Mulcahy, Brianna Ramirez-Minas, Noah Rasys, Annabella Rheume, Gabriel Tanguay and Mason Viess.

**Grade Seven, Honors**  
Scarlette Aubelanney, Haleigh Chartier, Cindy Cotaj, Rowan Hillebrand, Brayden Kusnierz, Savannah LaFond, Kendra LeSeige, Gemma Robidoux, Aiden Stebbins, Emilia Sullivan and Bennet Wnek.

# Quabbin Regional Middle School lists honor roll

BARRE – Quabbin Regional Middle School announces the second quarter honor roll.

**Grade Six, High Honors**  
Moriah Baxter, Elias Bellemer, Ella Bourgeois, Casey Coates, Troy Corbett, Clayton Cranston, Nolan Cronk, Kayla Despres, Ralph DiBenedetto, Joshua Doherty, Derek Ferreira, Rose Fleming, Logan Grandmaison, Annabelle Ickler, Aria Jackson, Jase Johnson, Abigail Kaijaia, Kylee Lomastro, Thendara Magario, Richard May, Sage Morin, Owen Nally, Avery Phelps, Nathaniel Putelis, Jacob Rigney, Aubree Roseberry, Sophia Serrano, Jorja Thorpe, Emma Tyler, Richard Valcourt, Irelyn Venne and Luna Yules.

**Grade Six, Honors**  
Caiden Ahearn, Lia Aiesi, Bella Ariola, Leona Barre, Aubree Barreto, Starlee Bisceglia, Danica Bjorklund, Edgar Blanchard, Makayla Boos, Audrey Breault, Emily Conway, Autumn Dahn, Hudson D'Amato, Charlotte Daniels, Riley Depasquale, Milena DeSouza, Elise Flores de Oliveira, Mckinley Ford, Andrew Gingras, Riley Greene, David Groner, Skylar Heyes, Michael

Hicks, Brady Holmes, Laine Jenkins, Byran Jones, Mason Kazanovicz, Juliette Leger, Mia Longtin, Evelyn Lord, Annabelle Mazyck, Scarlett McDonald, Liam McKenzie, Logan McManaman, Chase McQueston, Anna Medine, Jonah Melad, Olivia Mellor, Tonseth Miller, Aria Missildine, Julia Montague, Valkyrie Moore, Tyler Nadeau, Hunter Nagle, Kelsey Nickson, Marjorie O'Connor, Penny Ouimette, Harris Paakkonen, Ivy Packard, Dylan Potter, Sadie Russell, Deklan Sampson, Raymond Seitz-Lagrang, Vincent Stark, Jaide Stillman, Tristan Tesell, Andrei Timofeev, Elias Tolman and Katara Tran.

**Grade Seven, High Honors**  
Ayla Clark, John Cook, Anna Coomey, Matthew Flamand, Maia Flint, Davin Goodwin, Lincoln Graves, Brady Malin, Kayla McHugh, Theodore Minton, Nolan O'Connor, Ximena Palomera-Espinoza, Liam Shaw, Alonzo White and Joseph Youngstrom.

**Grade Seven, Honors**  
Nevaeh Andrews, Prince Asare, Asher Baker, Julianna Bienvenu, Ava Blancato, Jacob Blanchard, Talasyn

Boissoneau, Aleksander Bonenfant, Garrett Boos, Colton Brooks, Vincent Broten, Jaysen Cassano, Josie Castell, Cameron Charpentier, Charley Chauvin, Ryan Colgate, Hannah Cutler, Joey DeMalia, Ethan Donaldson, Hannah Dube, Pipsissewa DuBois, Mason Ferguson, Andrew Fuller, Addyson Garceau, Alexander Girouard, Colby Hill, Madilyn Houle, Jack Johnson, Ryan LaRange, Walker Larson, Maishao Lee, Carter Majoy, Adalyn McHugh, Sawyer Minton, Adelaide Moeller, Annaleigh Moncoeur, Magnum Rivera, Hazel Serra, Weston Stukuls Barrieau, Brayden Surprenant, Landon Swindlehurst, Kenzie Thorpe, Regan Toohill, Hana Mae Tousignant, Easton Vayo, Anthony Wade, Everett Weisman and Brady White.

**Grade Eight, High Honors**  
Harrison Ashton, Saylor Bissonnette, Julia Blanchard, Winter Boyea, Eliza Brown, Joyce Brown, Emily DeMalia, Brody Despres, Maria Hamm, Nolan Herrick, Aimee Ickler, Evelyn Johnson, Pele Johnson, Caiden Lance, Grace Lantiegne, Mathieu

LeBlanc, Ava Maxim, Cameron McDonald, Madeline Omasta, Sebastian Palomera-Espinoza, Owen Pears, Evelyn Priestley, Madeleine Proulx, Lily Ryan, Andrew Scott, Hannah Shotwell, Madalyn Simons, Fiona Stevens, Baelin Sullivan, Kailyn Traynham, Katy Twarog, Maggie Ward, Elizabeth Welch and Raegyn Wnek.

**Grade Eight, Honors**  
Albert Afonso, Nicholas Badwin, Addyson Barringer, Amelia Breault, Caleb Brouillet, Ashlynn Casey, Henry Corbett, Enzo Fagnoli, Addison Ford, Eden Fortier, Lucas Gaspar, Emily Johnson, Amy Landrin, Theodore Langer, Maggie Leander, Jack Leclair, Pa Huam Lee, Aiden Leger, Mackenzie Levesque, Alessandrea Lewis, Chiara Manna, Bree May, Valerie Metterville, Brayden Nadeau, Jonathan Nunes, Calleb Oliveira, Coleton Pina, Autumn Rector, Kira Roden, Maci Roseberry, Thomas Schoonmaker, Bella Spring, Bentley St. George, Eva Stasiowski, Emma Stauder, Daisy Stevens, Arina Timofeev, Lila Wilson and Skylar Wisniewski.

# Quabbin Regional High School lists honor roll

BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., announces the second quarter honor roll.

**Grade Nine, High Honors**  
Kalina Bassett, Hazel Carter, Lauren Colleton, Adalyn Cranston, Maya Faucher, Gemma Mullins, William O'Neill, Whitney Reeves, Chloe Richardson, Ava Rogowski, Madisyn Shotwell, Addison Surprenant, Robyn Waltz and Jack Wynne.

**Grade Nine, Honors**  
Emma Ackert, Shahad Alshujairi, Alison Baptiste, Caleb Conway-Dias, Joseph Cook, Brynn Dunphy, Tyler Ellis, Silas Flint, Lindsay Fors, Nathan Gingras, Madison Haley, Sawyer Harmon, Reese Jamieson, Sarah Jean-Francois, Allie Lipiec, Sage McQueston, Greyson Mullins, Nathaniel Perry, Kimberly Riendeau, Jillian Rigney, Zoey Salvatore, Michael Tabares, Robert Tobin, Mackenzie Toupin, John Tyler and Dylan Woodward.

**Grade 10, High Honors**  
Chloe Howarth, Ava Sobol and Benjamin Thompson.

**Grade 10, Honors**  
Finnegan Baker, Brent Benoit, Anyiah Bergeron, Abraham Brown, Josephine Buck, Eleanor Carroll, Nicholas Carroll, Brian Colleton, Aiden Crane, Kayla Curran, Maya Edouard, Arianna Fagnoli, Audrey Faucher, Sydney Freeman, Daniella Gaudreau, Jesse Grillo, Samuel Jamieson, Matthew Labrousse, Alison LaRoche, Emma Lindsey, Max Melad, Gianna Montalvo, Niki Nikakhlagh, John Orsini, Ellie Poulin, Moira Powers, Juliet Priestley, Hailey Stoll, Silas Stukuls Barrieau, Ryleigh Sullivan, Erin Trotter and Catherine Tucker.

**Grade 11, High Honors**  
Jacob Bassett, Madeleine Boisselle, Tess

Dunphy, Kathryn Ford, Sadie Kennan, Ella Reeves and Brendan Welch.

**Grade 11, Honors**  
Skyler Bard, Halo Bissonnette, Mackenzie Casey, Isabel Doty, Leah Doucette, Katelyn Durant, Quinlan Fauteux, Grace Flamand, Anna Hautala, Lilian Hincley, Kirk Kaelin II, Jillian LaMontagne, Audrey Laursen, Ailey

Majoy, Scarlett Merriman, Anna Metcalf, Mia Miville, Kevin Njenga, Charlotte Oliver, Jennavicia Roseberry, Emma Ryan, Sienna Shaw, Brady Skinner, Ellary White, Carlo Zolla and Leanna Zou.

**Grade 12, High Honors**  
Aidan Mahoney and Madelyn Stauder.

**Grade 12, Honors**  
Aaron Bodine, Owen

Breuer, Tricia Bruso, Troy Budreau, Kylee Costello, Mia Ducos, Kalina Dyer, Hemily Halaby, Madeleine Hardy, Adelaide Harmon, Grace Manna, Elizabeth Matheson, Hunter McQueston, Adrian Parker, Madeleine Rigney, Cameron Vega, Andrew Warfield, Thomas Wigglesworth, Bianca Wilder and Richard Wilson.

## BUDGET from page 6

but was willing to keep the raise at the standard 2%.

### Treasurer Collector expense

Tinker asked about the Treasurer Collector expense, which is budgeted at \$19,500. He asked how much of that money goes to consultants.

Caggiano said "probably none." She said the treasurer budget and collector budget were combined into one a couple years ago, and that may lead to the discrepancy. Members of both boards, including Select Board member Schaaf and Finance Committee Chair Christopher Culross said their figures for the Treasurer Collector expense are coming out at about \$9,500, and want to know where that extra \$10,000 is coming from.

There were also questions among the board about why the payroll software the Treasurer Collector used was not budgeted under the IT line. Caggiano said it's because the software is specific to payroll, and has historically been budgeted under the Treasurer Collector budget.

The boards agreed to keep the line item at \$9,500 for now, and review at a later meeting.

### Legal services

Tinker suggested cutting the legal services line from \$28,000 to \$20,000. He said it is unclear how much is being spent on legal fees a

year, and that the town is not following a policy adopted by the 2010 Select Board that authorizes the board to vote on engaging in legal.

Tinker said anyone can call legal services with questions right now.

Caggiano said that is untrue. Culross said the cost of legal is "absurd."

Caggiano said the increased costs are due to an influx in public records requests, appeals and open meeting law complaints. Schaaf recommended to level fund it, because the town spent over \$25,000 this year.

Tinker recommended level-funding it, and controlling the process. The Select Board took a vote to level fund the budget, passing 2-1.

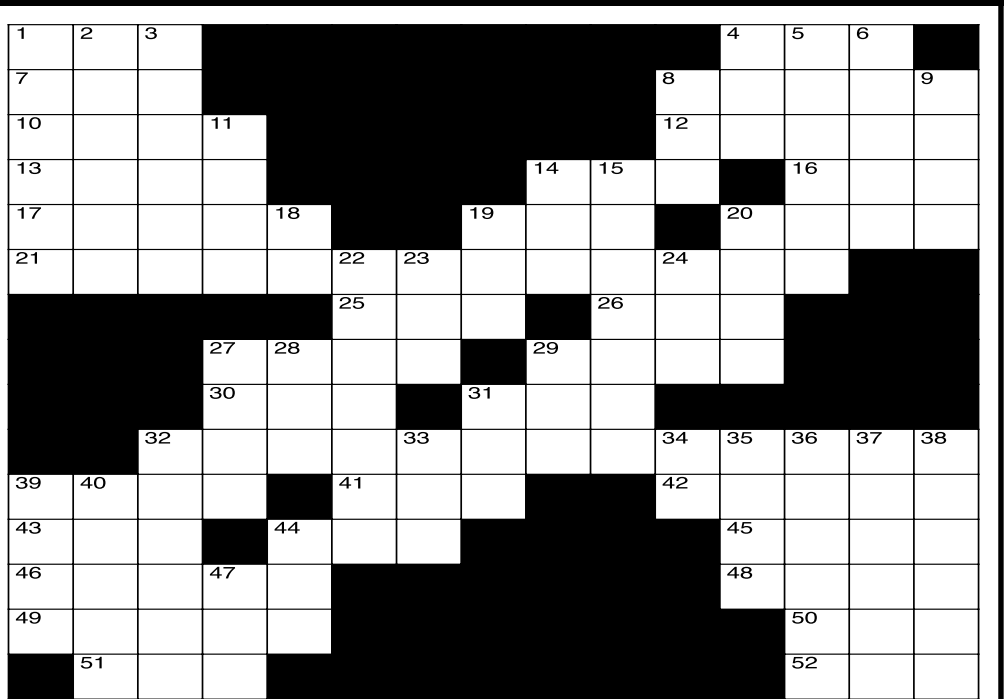
### Highway Department truck

There was a brief discussion about the financing of a truck for the Highway Department, with Culross saying it was done incorrectly, and should not have been financed through the operating budget, because it was a capital purchase.

### Gravel selling

There was a discussion about the town selling surplus gravel, and Tinker said he heard a figure of \$300,000 in revenue for the town once it is sold, but it is not recurring. Culross said in that case, it should be put in a capital stabilization account, saying if they use the non recurring money to fund the budget, it puts the town at risk of being in a deficit next year.

# Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

- Purchase
- British news organization
- Midway between northeast and east
- Language specialist group
- Fancy automobile
- Small loop or series of loops
- Exploiter
- Don't know when yet
- Group of languages
- One who's finished
- After B
- Angled
- A place to adopt pets
- Swiss river
- Young boy
- Unexciting
- American comedian Vidale
- Peyton's little brother
- Corporate higher-up
- "All in the Family" star
- Strike something forcefully
- Up in the air (abbr.)
- Clay earth pigments
- Means to record brain activity
- Small constellation
- Embraces
- Brief description
- Exclude
- White (French)
- Insect
- A major division of geological time

- Soviet Socialist Republic

### CLUES DOWN

- Type of whale
- In tune
- A citizen of Yemen
- Actress Ling
- One who supports
- Circus performer
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Quantitative fact
- Utah city
- Where a golfer begins
- Attendant
- The ancient Egyptian sun god
- Book of Chronicles (abbr.)
- Benedictine monk
- Not turbulent
- Car mechanics group
- Buffer used in chemistry
- Fall heavily
- Pie \_\_\_ mode
- The Brits love it
- Children's TV channel (abbr.)
- Jacksonville footballer
- Helps little firms
- \_\_\_ and behold
- A way to resemble
- Fingers
- Excessive indulgences
- You might be an "empty" one
- "How the West Was Won" writer
- European river
- They begin the alphabet
- The body's messenger

# public safety

## Ware Police Log

During the week of April 14-21, the Ware Police Department responded to 34 miscellaneous calls, 30 administrative calls, 13 traffic violations, 10 emergency 911 calls, eight harassments/stalks/threats, two trespasses, five thefts/larcenies, two disturbances, one fraud, one damage/vandalism, two motor vehicle accidents, one smoke investigation, one brush fire, one breaking and entering, four animal calls and 22 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

**Tuesday, April 14**  
 3:05 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted, West Street, Services Rendered  
 4:19 p.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard, Cherry Street, Investigated  
 8:43 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street, Services Rendered  
 8:51 a.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Advised  
 1:20 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Investigated  
 2:48 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Street, Report Made  
 4:01 p.m. Drugs, West Street, Arrest Made  
 4:30 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Assist Given  
 6:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Upper Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued

**Wednesday, April 15**  
 1:17 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Otis Avenue,

Complaint Taken Care Of 5:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Investigated  
 10:20 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, Sky View Drive, Could Not Locate

**Thursday, April 16**  
 6:19 a.m. Fuel Spill/Odor, West Street, Advised  
 10:39 a.m. Brush Fire, Quarry Street, Investigated  
 11:26 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Investigated  
 2:18 p.m. Weapons/Firearms, West Street, Report Made  
 8:04 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Otis Avenue, Arrest Made  
 10:42 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Main Street, Services Rendered

**Friday, April 17**  
 10:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, North Street, Advised  
 12:15 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, Pleasant Street, Assist Given  
 1:21 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Eagle Street, Services Rendered  
 7:39 p.m. Weapons/Firearms, Coffey Hill Road, Advised  
 9:31 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Criminal Complaint Request

**Saturday, April 18**  
 2:12 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Main Street, Advised  
 2:43 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Main

Street, Arrest Made 8:49 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Fisherdick Road, Canceled En Route  
 9:59 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Palmer Road, Advised  
 3:22 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Otis Avenue, Could Not Locate  
 8:15 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

**Sunday, April 19**  
 1:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Otis Avenue, Vehicle Towed  
 9:18 p.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard, Palmer Road, Investigated  
 1:36 p.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Church Street, Report Made  
 5:21 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, West Main Street, Report Made

**Monday, April 20**  
 8:40 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Hillside Village, Services Rendered  
 10:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, West Street, Report Made  
 11 a.m. Smoke Investigation, Old Gilbertville Road, Investigated  
 12:04 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Aspen Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 3:06 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Dispatch Handled  
 8:03 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Pleasant Street,

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Services Rendered

**Tuesday, April 21**  
 8:47 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, Aspen Street, Report Made  
 12:55 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Services Rendered  
 1:51 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, West Street, Complaint Taken Care Of  
 4:04 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, King Street, Investigated  
 4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Greenwich Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
 6:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hillside Village, Citation/Warning Issued  
 8:01 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, West Street, Could Not Locate  
 10:08 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Barnes Street, Could Not Locate  
 11:27 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, South Street, Investigated

## Warren Police Log

During the week of April 5-11, the Warren Police Department responded to 123 building/property checks, 16 community policings, seven emergency 911 calls, one complaint, two safety hazards, one structure fire, two motor vehicle accidents, two animal calls and 25 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

**Sunday, April 5**  
 9:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 9:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 9:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning  
 10:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning  
 12:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 12:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 2:20 p.m. Structure Fires, Main Street, Investigated  
 2:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Unfounded  
 2:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Reed Street, Criminal Complaint  
 5:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity, North Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 6:55 p.m. Safety Concern, Brimfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 7:38 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Brimfield Road, Report Filed

**Monday, April 6**  
 11:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Removed to Court/Lockup  
 4:53 p.m. Complaint, O'Neil Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 6:53 p.m. Falls, Presidential Circle, Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, April 7**  
 7:18 p.m. Gas Odor, Main Street, Investigated

**Wednesday, April 8**  
 11:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
 11:53 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 11:11 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

**Thursday, April 9**  
 9:02 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Southbridge Road, Transported to Hospital  
 10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
 10:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning  
 12:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Bridge Street, Citation Issued  
 12:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning

**Friday, April 10**  
 7:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 8:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Citation Issued  
 9:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Written Warning  
 10:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Washington Street, Transported to Hospital  
 8:54 p.m. Welfare Check, Winthrop Terrace, Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Saturday, April 11**  
 6:13 a.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 9:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
 11:55 a.m. Power Lines Down, Town Farm Road, Fire Etinguished  
 12:31 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Mutual Aid Transport  
 2 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Criminal Complaint

**BYLAWS** from page 6 in the town's 53G account. The board was uncertain on where that money belonged. Approximately \$3,400 is in the account and the Planning Board wants to find what do with that money. The Planning Board would then talk about the Revolving Account and propose increase and allowed uses. There are many revolving accounts in town. For the Planning Board they're looking to make a simple amendment for this account. ANR fees are collected but where the money is going is still uncertain. Cole said there are various elements to the revolving account. The Chair thinks at some point the board might want to decide to include, at the Annual Town Meeting, to add ANR fees and filing fees to meet the Planning Board expenses. This involved amending the \$500 increase to Planning Board expenses. The board moved to add

ANR and filing fees with the annual distribution being \$5,000 for the revolving account. This vote passed and will go to the Annual Town Meeting. The next vote was to amend the budget request for Planning Board expenses from the amount of \$500 to \$300. This also passed unanimously.

**CDBG**  
 The Planning Board talked about the Community Development Block Grants. It was mentioned that in the past the town had a CDBG application with Ware that fell through and soon the town of Hardwick went with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. One of the big projects is the Memorial Park Planning Project. As part of the update, the board wants to know what they can get done this current round for CDBG. The board feels there are other projects that can be done, such as infrastructure related projects.

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## Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of April 13-27, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 133 building/property checks, 79 directed/area patrols, 43 radar assignments, two traffic controls, 20 emergency 911 calls, six citizen assists, two complaints, one parking complaint, three safety hazards, one brush fire, one fire/illegal burn, three investigations, two motor vehicle investigations, one vandalism, one scam, two motor vehicle accidents, one missing person, one burglary, two property damages, five animal calls and 38 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, April 13**  
 5:17 p.m. Scam, Patrill Hollow Road, Officer Handled  
 7:24 p.m. Welfare Check, Delargy Road, Spoken To  
 11:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

**Tuesday, April 14**  
 10 a.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Lower Road, Extinguished  
 11:39 a.m. Medical Emergency, Petersham Road, Spoken To  
 2:49 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Church Lane, Services Rendered  
 3:50 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Prospect Street, Officer Handled  
 5:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, North Street, Officer Handled  
 5:31 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Main Street, Unfounded

**Wednesday, April 15**  
 6:27 a.m. Complaint, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled  
 11:11 a.m. Disturbance, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital  
 12:02 p.m. Property Damage, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled  
 1:48 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered  
 5:18 p.m. Vandalism, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled  
 7:50 p.m. 911 Fire/Other, Highland Terrace, Extinguished  
 8:02 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, School Street, Patient Refusal

**Thursday, April 16**  
 2:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Old Furnace Landing, Officer Handled  
 5:43 a.m. Medical Emergency, School Street, Transported to Hospital  
 10:19 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Lower Road, Officer Handled  
 12:16 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Lower Road, Officer Handled  
 1:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Goddard Road, Citation Issued

**Friday, April 17**  
 11:14 a.m. Parking Complaint, River Run, Officer Handled  
 12:35 p.m. Investigation, Telephone, Officer Handled  
 3:05 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Spoken To  
 3:21 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
 3:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 4:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, High Street, Report Taken  
 8:51 p.m. 911 Gunshots, Upper Church Street, Spoken To  
 11:45 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled

**Saturday, April 18**  
 6:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning

**Sunday, April 19**  
 3:01 p.m. 911 Neighbor Dispute, Petersham Road, Report Taken

**Monday, April 20**  
 10:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, High Street, Officer Handled

**Tuesday, April 21**  
 3:48 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital  
 5:19 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Road, Transported to Hospital  
 6:51 p.m. Investigation, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

**Wednesday, April 22**  
 2:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

11:52 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, School Street, Transported to Hospital  
 1:29 p.m. Assist Citizen, Covered Bridge, Officer Handled  
 1:31 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 2:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled  
 2:31 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered  
 3:01 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Shore Road, Patient Refusal  
 3:42 p.m. 911 Welfare

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**MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Sarah L. Bouthellier to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Network, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated April 30, 2013 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 11299, Page 184, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Mortgage Network, Incorporated, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 14142, Page 183 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 PM on May 7, 2026** at 126 Eagle Street, Ware, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: A certain lot of land, with all the improvements thereon, laid out and designated as Lot number twenty-two (22) on a plat of land entitled, "Mountain View Plat," Ware, Mass., owned by Eagle Realty Company, Central Falls, Rhode Island, April, 1925, W.H. and H. W. Brainard, Engineers, Palmer, Mass., which said plat is duly recorded in the records of land evidence in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, said lot being bounded and described as follows:

**BEGINNING** on the North by Chester Avenue, one hundred (100) feet;

**THENCE** on the East by Eagle Street, fifty (50) feet;

**THENCE** on the South by Lot No. 23 as shown on said plat, one hundred (100) feet;

**THENCE** on the West by Lot No. 44 as shown on said plat, fifty (50) feet.

**BEING** the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor by deed recorded immediately prior hereto.

**BEING** known as tax parcel ID number 62-84.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the

form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

**TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.** FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.

**Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.**

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Phone: (781) 790-7800  
22-007927  
04/16, 04/23, 04/30/2026

**TOWN OF HARDWICK PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Hardwick Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:30 PM** at the **Hardwick Town House, Hardwick, Massachusetts**, to consider the following proposed additions to and amendments of the Hardwick Zoning Bylaw:

**Article 1 – Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)**

Adoption of a new bylaw establishing by-right ADU permitting as mandated by state law, and incorporating local options for more than one ADU; ADUs of greater size than the state minimum; and phased development of ADUs. This article also eliminates the existing bylaw section on Accessory Apartments, which is superseded by the new ADU provisions. Approval requires a simple majority vote.

**Article 2 – Associate Planning Board Member**

Adoption of a new bylaw authorizing the appointment of an Associate Member of the Planning Board pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 6A, to serve in the absence or disqualification of a regular member.

**Article 3 – Gender-Neutral Terminology**

Adoption of a new bylaw amending the Hardwick Zoning Bylaw throughout to replace gendered language with gender-neutral terminology, consistent with

amendments previously adopted in the Hardwick General Bylaws.

**Article 4 – Earth Removal and Importation**

Amendment of the existing Hardwick Zoning Bylaw governing Earth Removal to: extend the scope of the bylaw to include earth importation as a regulated activity; increase the maximum duration of a Special Permit issued under this section; and specify allowable waivers from the bylaw's requirements.

**Article 5 – Farm Animals**

Amendment of Zoning Bylaw Section 3.2.1 (Use Regulations – Agricultural Uses) to: specify and expand allowable farm animals kept for personal use on parcels greater than 1.5 acres; allow for the keeping of waterfowl and poultry on parcels between .5 and 1.5 acres; and revise related definitions and Use Regulation tables accordingly.

Copies of the full text of all proposed bylaws and amendments are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the **Hardwick Town Clerk's Office, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA**, and on the Town of Hardwick website at [hardwick-ma.gov](http://hardwick-ma.gov).

All persons interested in or wishing to be heard on any of the above proposed bylaw changes are invited to attend. Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Board prior to the hearing at [planningboard@hardwick-ma.gov](mailto:planningboard@hardwick-ma.gov)

This notice is published pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, Section 5. The hearing may be continued to a date and time announced at the hearing without further published notice.

Hardwick Planning Board  
William Cole, Chair  
04/30, 05/07/2026

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 26 SM 001345 ORDER OF NOTICE**

**TO: Daniel J. Clark** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*)

**Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2021-2**

claiming to have an interest in a mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered **42 Warebrook Village Warebrook Village HomeOwners Association, Inc.**, given by Nicole Bourdeau and Daniel J. Clark to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS") as Nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns, dated April 1, 2006, and recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 8684, Page 37, as affected by Loan Modifi-

cation Agreement dated August 5, 2019, and recorded September 4, 2019, in Book 13380, Page 72, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **June 8, 2026** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on April 24, 2026

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder  
04/30/2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division Docket No. HS26P0232EA Estate of: Rebecca Cote Also Known As: Rebecca R. Cote Date of Death: January 19, 2025 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Louis G. Cote of Ware, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Louis G. Cote of Ware, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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04/30/2026

**Ware Conservation Commission**

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)** by Mountain Stream LLC, for construction of an access driveway at a vacant property on Crescent Street. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648. Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website: <http://masspublicnotices.org>. 04/30/2026

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04/23, 04/30, 05/07/2026

**Town of Warren Public Hearing Sewer Rate Hearing Fiscal Year 2027**

The Warren Board of Sewer Commissioners will be holding a public hearing on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.**, for the purpose of setting the FY2027 sewer rates for both residential and commercial users. The hearing will be held at the Town of

Warren Senior Center, located at 2252 Main Street in West Warren, MA 01092. The public is welcome to attend the rate hearing in person or to submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Board of Sewer Commissioners P.O. Box 1537 Warren, MA 01083. 04/30, 05/07/2026

**WARREN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Paquette Bros. Contracting LLC – Cemetery Road**

Pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, notice is hereby given that the Warren Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Paquette Bros. Contracting LLC. The hearing will be held at the Warren Senior Center located at 2252 Main Street in West Warren.

The Applicant, Paquette Bros. Contracting LLC, is requesting Site Plan Approval (SPR #73) under Section 5.32.1 of the zoning bylaws to allow construction of six two-family dwellings served by a single driveway at Cemetery Road (Assessor's Map 23, Lots 54, 57.1, and 58) in the Village district

A complete copy of the application may be inspected in the Office of the Planning Board or the Town Clerk during normal business hours. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated 04/23, 04/30/2026

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**CDBG program updates**

O'Leary gave an update on Community Development Block Grants. Fiscal years 2022-2023 included the Main Street Stair Replacement Project. Bids will be going live shortly after April 22. The engineer has a cost estimate of about \$96,000.

FY 24 has the Cutter Park Design Project. The architect is nearly finished with the design work. The project team and the architect plan to meet next week to present a final draft of the plans. This will be done

before bringing the presentation to the Board of Selectmen. O'Leary hopes the outcome is well received.

"A park utilized so much now," according to Olson who said he has seen more people going to Cutter Park. The parking situation is still being figured out. There is some parking element created as part of the design project.

The River Street and Central Street project is close to completion with updated plans and specs being worked on. O'Leary estimated to have project out to bid sometime next month.

**HISTORY** from page 1

(one-eighth page), \$200 (one-quarter page), \$400 (half-page), or \$750 (full page). Call or text Noble prior to the deadline at 413-687-8984, or email randy-hdbmw@gmail.com.

Hardwick played an important role in the Revolutionary War, and has been called "the heart of the rebellion" by many.

On April 19, 1775, 64 of the town's men joined the Minutemen in Cambridge to head into battle. At the time, Hardwick's total population was just 1,000 people.

Noble talked about recent additions to the society's museum collection, including a Military Dictionary owned by Louis Edwin Granger. The book is also signed by Granger, who is buried in the town's upper cemetery, and notable for his donation of the Civil War monument on the common.

Noble said Granger's only request from the town was to provide the foundation for the monument to be placed on. He said it required five casks of cement to make the base.

Granger served as a Brevet Major in the 13th Massachusetts Infantry during the Civil War, and participated in key battles such as Antietam, Bull Run and Gettysburg.

Granger was born in Hardwick in 1842 and died in New York City in 1899 at the age of 57.

The Military Dictionary came from the collection of Civil War veteran Pvt. Eugene Taylor Colburn, who fought under General George Armstrong Custer.

Noble said the book was purchased at an auction, and then generously gifted to the museum.

The museum also has the Ruggles war chest in its collection, and a powder horn believed to belong to Joseph Allen, an early settler of the

town who moved here in 1736.

The museum also has a frock coat that belonged to Calvin Paige, and a Bausch & Lomb Balopticon, a high-grade projector that was purchased for \$500 in 1910. Noble said the town hall had a closet built to house the machine.

There are a number of military uniforms on display from various wars, including World War I and Vietnam. A World War I uniform even has yarn dolls pinned to the inside of its lapel, placed there by a French citizen after being liberated by U.S. soldiers.

The museum also has Native American artifacts, including arrowheads found around the town.

The museum's collection of paintings by the late Ware artist Elizabeth Howe Lincoln has returned to the town she called home, and is now on display at the new location for Lost Towns Brewing in the millyard. The paintings are of notable Hardwick buildings and it is fitting that they are located at a business that got its start in Gilbertville.

The museum, located at 40 Common St., has been a popular stop for trolley tours offered by Bygone Excursions of Palmer, and it is set to open for its regular hours starting in the summer.

The museum is typically open on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from noon-2 p.m., June through October. It is also open during the Hardwick Community Fair, held Aug. 14-15.

Private tours are also available by appointment.

To make donations to the Hardwick Historical Society, and for more information about the museum, visit www.hardwickmahistorical-society.org. Donations can also be mailed to Hardwick Historical Society, P.O. Box 492, Hardwick, MA 01037.

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The Request for Proposal will be available via email as of April 27, 2026, 10:00AM. Sealed proposals are due in Ware Public School's superintendent's office no later than **10:00 AM on May 20, 2026**. Proposals received after this deadline will not be considered. Envelopes must be clearly marked on the outside with:

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Contact Name  
Telephone Number  
Email

Proposals must be in an envelope clearly marked "School Transportation Bid #2026-001- Collective School Districts Award". Proposals are to be delivered to:

Ware Public Schools, Superintendent's Office  
239 West Street  
Ware, MA 01082

Attn: Andrew Paquette

All questions should be addressed to Andrew Paquette at the following email address: apaquette@ware.k12.ma.us.

No questions will be answered after May 11, 2025, at 4:00PM. All official addenda will be sent via email to all vendors who have received specifications.

Proposals will be evaluated and interviews will be scheduled with Bidders, if determined to be needed. Contracts will be awarded by individual school districts within sixty (60) days of bid opening.

The award of the contract shall be subject to a vote of approval by the respective School Committees pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 12 and is subject to cancellation by each District pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 12, if funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available for continuation or performance in any fiscal year succeeding the first year.  
04/23, 04/30/2026

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lily M. Lunani to Bank of America, N.A., dated January 4, 2008 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 9363, Page 302, of which

mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Bank of America, N.A. to ABS Loan Trust V, recorded on December 24, 2018, in Book No. 13166, at Page 244 ABS Loan Trust V to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2021-JR2 Trust, recorded on March 21, 2024, in Book No. 15093, at Page 133 Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2021-JR2 Trust to U.S. Bank Trust National Association as trustee for BP-JR2 Loan Trust, recorded on June 12, 2025, in Book No. 15444, at Page 342 Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2021-JR2 Trust to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee on behalf of and for the benefit of BP-JR 2 Loan Trust, recorded on June 24, 2025, in Book No. 15456, at Page 90 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **3:00 PM on May 14, 2026**, on the mortgaged premises located at 76 Aspen Street, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

**Parcel 1**  
A certain parcel of land situated on the Westerly side of Aspen Street in said Ware and bounded as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin driven in the ground at the northeast corner of lot conveyed on West line of street;

Thence Southerly on said street seventy-five (75) feet to an iron pin;

Thence Westerly on land formerly of Samuel H. Giguere ninety-five (95) feet to an iron pin;

Thence Northerly seventy-five (75) feet to land formerly of J.H. Storrs, at an iron pin; and,

Thence Easterly ninety-five and one half (95-1/2) feet to place of beginning, containing more or less.

**Parcel 2**

The land in said Ware off the Westerly side of Aspen Street, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin at the Northwesterly corner of other land now or formerly of Wdowiak, said iron pin being set North 66° 16' 52" West ninety-six and 04/100 (96.04) feet from the iron pin in the Westerly line of Aspen Street marking the Northeastly corner of said other land;

THENCE North 66° 16' 52" West along remaining land now or formerly of Laurette C. Smith one hundred sixteen and 87/100 (116.87) feet to an iron pin at Aspen Grove Cemetery;

THENCE South 19° 11' 20" West fourteen and 34/100 (14.34) feet to a stone bound;

THENCE South 18° 47' 29" West fifty-five and 96/100 (55.96) feet to an iron pin at the Northwesterly corner of land to be conveyed by Laurette C. Smith to Laura Demers; the last two (2) courses being along land of Aspen Grove Cemetery;

THENCE South 63° 46' 18" East along said land now or formerly of Laura Demers one hundred twelve and 72/100 (112.72) feet to an iron pin at the Southwesterly corner of other land of Wdowiak;

THENCE North 22° 25' 55" East along said land of Wdowiak seventy-five (75) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 8,314 square feet and being Parcel "B" on a Plan of Land in Ware, Mass., surveyed for Laurette C. Smith by Robert H. LeMaitre dated September 15, 1979 and recorded in Hampshire County Deeds, Plan Book 112, Page 74. SUBJECT TO rights reserved by Laurette C. Smith a/k/a Lauretta C. Smith in a deed given by her to Louis G. and Marguerite Wdowiak recorded at Hampshire County Deeds, Book 2128 Page 107, if still in force and effect.

BOTH PARCELS are the same as were conveyed to us by deed of Louis C. and Marguerite Wdowiak dated Sept. 23, 2004 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 7997 Page 307. Subject to a first mortgage dated January 4, 2008 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of

Deeds at Book 9363, Page 285 in the original principal amount of \$110,400.00. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 9363, Page 281.

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