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The Stow Minutemen joined the parade through Concord Monday to celebrate Patriots' Day with other Colonial reenactment groups from around the country. As it did in pre-pandemic days, the Stow Minutemen marked the first shot of the Revolutionary War by marching to Concord at dawn from Stow's Lower Village. More photos on page 9. Photo courtesy of Ron Richmond, Maine

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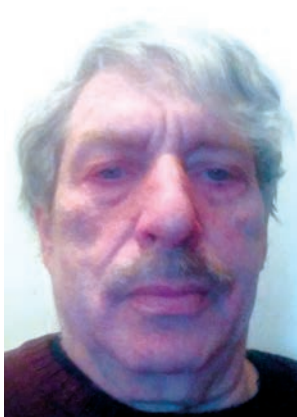
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## Stow Select Board Candidates speak

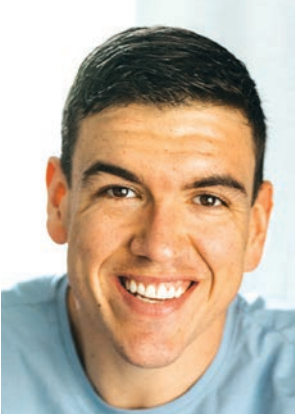
With two seats available on the Stow Select Board, the five candidates running for that position were asked the same series of questions to help familiarize Stow voters with each candidate. With Cortni Frecha and Ingeborg Hegemann Clark spotlighted last week, the other three candidates' unedited responses appear below.



Katie Fisher



Leonard Golder



Alex Riker

### Introductions:

**Katie Fisher:** Dear Neighbors, I am Katie Fisher and a proud parent of 3 wonderful children that I raised in Stow. I own a small real estate office and am a long-time resident of Stow. In my years of learning, I studied basic computer programming, insurance, finance, management, and marketing. I ran for the first Stow Charter

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## Bolton Select Board Candidates speak

With one seat available on the Bolton Select Board, the two candidates running for that position were asked the same series of questions to help Bolton voters find out more about their choices. Alan DiPietro and Emily Winner's unedited responses appear below.



Alan DiPietro



Emily Winner

### Introductions:

**Alan DiPietro:** When we went through the Nashoba School District and elsewhere as kids, we were taught, that as a society we are all in this together. We are especially blessed to have as our local government the most inclusive, democratic, and fair system: The Town Meeting. A lot of things have changed since that first Meeting

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## Project for a Purpose Serves Children in Need

By Aparna Borrowes

When Rita French, President of Friends of Stow Council on Aging, proposed the Project for a Purpose group to Stow COA Director Alyson Toole in January, Toole immediately said yes. "I knew this new charitable activity was going to be wonderful," Toole recalled. "It's a win-win-win, for the participants, the recipients, and the Stow COA."

After only three months, the multi-talented group of Stow women in Project for a Purpose (P4P) have donated a

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Project for a Purpose blanket donations

## Girls lacrosse adjusting well to new coach

By Michael James LeClair

The Nashoba Regional girls lacrosse team had a week to think about its first loss of the season before it returned to action on Thursday evening.

Following a tough loss to host North Middlesex Regional on April 7, Nashoba was back on the field looking to erase the memory of its setback against those Patriots.

The Wolves were hoping to bounce back when it traveled to the turf of Whitcomb Middle School to tangle with the host Panthers of Marlborough High School.

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HAPPY 15th ANNIVERSARY MONTH TO THE INDEPENDENT!

Talk about a busy week... a townwide for Bolton, Candidate Night coming up in Stow (April 27) and a Stow townwide the week after...oh, and a baby! More on the baby in a minute...

This week's paper is going out to **ALL BOLTON ADDRESSES** and includes the **Bolton Town Warrant (only for Bolton addresses)**. Bolton Town Meeting is Monday, May 2, with Town Election on Monday, May 9. We have candidate interviews for the two people running for a single open seat on the Bolton Select Board. And lots of other Bolton news, primarily starting on page 11.

Next week, Jonathan Daisy of Stow TV and I will host a **Stow Candidates Night forum**. It will be broadcast live and recorded for later viewing. Residents are welcome to ask questions of the Select Board candidates in that forum. Links to the forum will be posted on Stow TV and the newspaper's websites/Facebook pages and on the town website. The format will be similar to last year's but with some adjustments made based on the number of candidates.

And on **May 4, the STOW TOWN WARRANT** will be distributed to ALL STOW ADDRESSES in the paper that week. Stow's Town Meeting is Saturday, May 14 and Town Election is May 21.

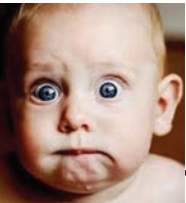
And then maybe I can breathe for a minute before Springfest (June 4), and graduations start.

So, about that baby - I told you the Easter Bunny had a special surprise for our family! My daughter was induced on Easter, although Mason Isaiah didn't make his appearance until 2 a.m. Monday. He was 7lb 6 oz and 20.5" and, as you can see, is absolutely adorable! (I might be a little biased.) His big brothers are thrilled and couldn't wait to hold him, which we got to do Monday. Mom and baby got home today (Tuesday) and are settling in fine. He's already got my "Oh my head" expression going! Ok, I'll stop now!

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SATURDAY, MAY 21

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School Committee Rep candidate leaves race

Keely Nowosacki, who had submitted papers to run for the one open Representative seat for Stow on the Nashoba Regional School Committee, has withdrawn her name, according to Town Clerk Linda Hathaway. That leaves an uncontested race for incumbent Leah Vivirito. Candidates have until April 20 to withdraw from the ballot.

TOWN GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Visit www.stow-ma.gov for updates

PLEASE NOTE:

Participation in meetings by the public is currently limited to remote access. The information to access meetings can be found on the individual meeting agendas.

Thursday, April 21

Green Advisory Committee 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 26

Planning Board Meeting 7:00pm

Select Board Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 27

Candidates Night for Stow's May Town Election 7:00pm

Thursday, April 28

Complete Streets Committee 2:00pm

Economic Development Commission 5:30pm

Monday, May 2

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting 7:30pm

Tuesday, May 3

Planning Board Meeting 7:00pm

Randall Library Trustees 7:30pm

Conservation Commission Meeting 7:30pm

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NOTICE OF AQUATIC TREATMENT

Please be advised that SOLitude Lake Management will be conducting an herbicide treatment to the aquatic vegetation in Lake Boon in Stow/Hudson, Massachusetts on April 27, 2022.

The use of the lake's water in Basins 3 & 4 and in the Monahan's and Hale Road Coves will be restricted as follows:

Swimming, boating, and fishing – Until April 28th  
Livestock watering – Until April 28th  
Direct drinking – Until April 28th (note that lake water should not normally be used for potable water in general)  
Irrigation – Until July 28th

Additional, follow-up applications of the herbicide will be conducted over the course of the summer and will be notified separately. Signs warning of the water use restrictions will be posted prior to treatment in the affected areas.

For more specific water-use restrictions based on location, please refer to the treatment map posted at [www.lakeboon.org](http://www.lakeboon.org).

Please feel free to contact SOLitude Lake Management at (508) 865-1000 with any questions.



# PAST TENSE

STORIES OF STOW'S HISTORY, COMPILED BY LEW HALPRIN

## Pompositticut Plantation's First 12 Lots

Even though Governor Thomas P. Salmon never served as a Governor from Massachusetts (it was Vermont), and didn't go to school in Stow (it was neighboring Hudson), and he wasn't born in Stow (it was Cleveland), he was, however, raised in Stow (on Pine Point Road next to Lake Boon), so we can claim him as a former Stow resident. Here are some details about the life of the 'Governor from Stow' as provided by Bob Tremblay in the March 2, 2003 issue of The Daily News:

Thomas P. Salmon served as Vermont's democratic governor from 1973 to 1977. In addition to serving as a governor, Salmon compiled a list of accomplishments so long that in 1997, Vermont's Senate and House of Representatives passed a joint



resolution recognizing his "extraordinary career." The resolution pointed to his "public service on behalf of both his local community and the entire state of Vermont."

After completing his academic studies, Salmon established a law practice in the village of Bellows Falls located in the Vermont town of Rockingham, where he served as town counsel for 12 years. In 1963, the then-governor appointed Salmon to the bench of the Bellows Falls Municipal Court. In 1964, Salmon was elected to the Vermont House of Representatives where his three terms included serving as chair of the House Judiciary Committee and the leader of the Democratic Caucus. During his gubernatorial tenure, Salmon served as chair of the New England Governor's Conference and a member of the

Executive Committee of the National Governor's Association.

After serving as governor, Salmon was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the board of the U.S. Railway Association, and while in Vermont, he chaired both the Judicial Conduct Board and the Vermont Higher Education Planning Commission. In a move designed to boost the state's economy, he co-founded and served as the first chair of the Vermont Business Roundtable, a nonprofit, non-partisan organization of 110 chief executive officers committed to sustaining a sound economy for the state.

Salmon was also a founding director of the Vermont Community Foundation and served on the board of St. Michael's College. In 1991, he became interim president of the University of Vermont and two years later was named its president.

Today, Salmon is back in Bellows Falls where he recently launched a new consultant business, Thomas P. Salmon & Associates. He is also the founder of the law practice, Salmon & Nostrand.

From the shore of Lake Boon, to Bellows Falls, it's clearly been all upstream for Salmon.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Stow Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**, accessed via Zoom Video Conferencing at [us06web.zoom.us/j/85646874051](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85646874051), Meeting ID: 856 4687 4051 and accessed via phone by dialing 1 929 205 6099, Meeting ID 856 4687 4051#, to discuss proposed amendments to the Stow Zoning Bylaw and Rules & Regulations for Wireless Service Facility Special Permits.

#### Zoning Amendments

- Amend Section 5.3 - for the purpose of inserting new definitions and revising Special Permit standards for wireless facilities to comply with federal regulations
- Amend Section 6.1 - for the purpose of revising standards for Hammerhead Lots

#### Rules & Regulations

- Insert new Section 3 into Rules & Regulations for Wireless Service Facility Special Permits – for the purpose of establishing submission requirements for modifications of existing wireless service facilities, known as “eligible facilities requests”.
- The proposed text may be viewed at the Office of the Planning Board during normal business hours, or provided electronically upon request.

Lori Clark  
Chair

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## Green Corner

### Earth Day: Will you play a part?

By Sharon Brownfield, Sustainable Stow

Earth Day is April 22. How will you recognize the day? Stow and surrounding towns have activities planned that educate and help you take personal actions for the climate. Here are some examples.

**Stow:** April 30 will be Stow's annual clean-up date. You will be able to sign up and collect your yellow bags to pick up trash on specific streets at the Stow Shopping parking lot on 117. Meanwhile, **Bolton** is holding its annual “clean up the town” event continuing through Earth Day week.



Sustainable Stow's next talk from Randall Library will be on planting native plants for the pollinators in your garden. Jean Devine, a landscape designer who has helped create Cambridge's pollinator corridor, will be our speaker on May 18 at 7:00 pm. The zoom link and more information will be forthcoming. Did you miss the latest session from Sustainable Stow and Randall Library? A video of that session, Trees Around Us Are Critical to Fighting Climate Change, is now available on Stow TV at: [Bit.ly/ 3KLXqJ5](https://bit.ly/3KLXqJ5)

**Action:** Acton Climate Coalition is proposing a warrant article at their next town meeting calling on residents to support the Climate Action Plan, actively seeking funding from all sources, and promoting weatherization using resources from both MassSave and the Federal government. In addition, the article requires action by their Select Board to annually set Town-wide goals for different sectors in alignment with their Climate Action plan.

**Concord:** Cooler Concord, working with other climate groups in town, has created a Sustainability Series. The kick-off event will be a presentation on April 27 by Professor Kerry Emanuel, a distinguished climate scientist who has focused his research on hurricanes and was the first to investigate how climate change might affect hurricane activity. His presentation will be held in person at the Wheeler Center and on zoom.

On April 30, the Cooler Concord Climate Festival will be held on the lawn by the main branch of the Concord Public Library. It will be a day of fun, education, and entertainment, featuring art, food, information, and activities for children, youth, and adults.

For these and other upcoming events include sessions on heat pumps, sustainable homes, and electric vehicles. See <https://www.coolerconcord.org/events>

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Stow Candidates' Night

LIVE VIRTUAL PUBLIC FORUM

Want to learn more about the Candidates running for offices in Stow?

Join us online at the Stow Candidates' Night Public Forum to be held virtually on Wednesday, April 27, 7 - 9 p.m.

The forum will be broadcast live with the link available on the StowTV, Stow Independent and Town of Stow websites/Facebook pages.

The forum will introduce the candidates and allow for a limited number of public questions of the candidates in the contested race Select Board.

*\*Please note that candidate Keely Nowosacki has decided not to withdraw her candidacy for School Committee representative.*

Have a question you'd like to ask but can't tune in?

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while navigating population growth and housing development due to people "discovering "our town; assuring fiscal stability while keeping up with the demand for new projects; encouraging small business in lower village to provide desired goods and services and help at least a little to reduce dependency on the personal real estate tax; being prepared for potential future pandemics and other crises; meeting the challenges locally of a changing climate

We have a population diverse in ranging from families with school children to empty nester seniors and I want to represent the interests of all the components in town.

Stow Select Board candidates... from page 1

Commission to understand town government, we wrote the 1st Town Charter. I fell in love with town government in the 1990’s. We also started the capital planning committee. I was liaison for the local schools with the Finance Committee, and served on the schools and town space committees, and the police building committee. I actively participate and follow town government closely. I am very supportive of our citizens and our small businesses. I live in my antique home at the gateway to Lower Village.

**Leonard Golder:** I have lived in Stow for over 30 years .where I have raised a family and maintained a law practice. I have served in town government for practically all these years ,including 2 terms on the Selectboard ,15 years on the Planning Board , and the Library Trustees and the Cable Committee .I'm currently serving on the Board of Assessors and the Zoning Board. For me service in government is a labor of love even though the pay isn't great, as in nothing.

This experience both in length and breadth gives me a helpful perspective in dealing with the responsibilities and challenges facing the town, both those that have been ongoing and new ones that will occur.

**Alex Riker:** I am Alex Riker and I’m running for one of the open seats on the Select Board. In addition to having a Select Board with diversity of thought and experience, my goal is to bring and keep new businesses in Stow, while preserving the charm and tranquility that brought my family here. I believe that with the right investments and responsible spending, our town has the potential to be one of the most desirable suburbs of Boston. Our town’s scenic views, wonderful school system, and vibrant community are all qualities that would make anyone want to live here, but we must be cognizant of our town’s future livelihood. We need businesses including grocers, restaurants, and those focused on innovation to want to be a part of our community and to stay for years to come.

I may be new to town and local government, but my intentions are pure, my work ethic is unmatched, and I will bring a new perspective to the Select Board. Nothing changes if nothing changes.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO RUN FOR THIS POSITION?

**Fisher:** I am running for Select Board to add balance, my knowledge, and experience. There's been many recent changes in our world. I don't want our citizens and communities needs to be overlooked. How we live has changed. We now need a playbook that matches the 2020s. I care about you, our citizens. I know many of you on a personal level, not only from social media. I have been in many of your homes and know you and your families. I listen to you. I have watched longtime residents, the elderly move, our kids not able to move back here because they can't afford Stow. I believe we need to maintain a path to allow for everyone. I have an understanding of what you want in Stow. What is important to you, like schools, recreation, dining, culture, trails, farms, better roads, Police and Fire Safety. I do not want us to lose our soul as a community and our history as we build together towards tomorrow. I had to run for office to insure the citizens a voice in our town’s decisions. I can no longer stand aside. We need new faces, fresh ideas, and open minds.

**Golder:** The Selectboard is the board that is responsible for the oversight of the entire town .and I believe I can make a contribution serving on this Board again. There are going to be 2 vacancies to fill, one in this election and another in a special election as well as 1 seat up for reelection in this election..I believe I can help provide stability in leadership .

We face a number of challenges including : maintaining a small rural atmosphere

**Riker:** I’m running for the Stow Select Board to both preserve the charm that brought my family here, and to help build a better tomorrow for future generations. As a father of one with one on the way, I want to dedicate my time and energy to help this community so that my children, and other children in our community, have such an incredible life in Stow that they want to raise their own children here.

I’ve met many extraordinary people in town. I believe that with transparency and robust communication we can gather new ideas that will lead to actions that achieve our collective goals. We must come together to put our tax dollars to work so that we can achieve a positive return on our investments.

Our town has wide ranging aspirations, and I believe that they are achievable. I am running to collect the information needed in order to make tough decisions, take input from the stakeholders, and to work toward decisions that are in the best interest of ALL residents, now and in the future.

I’m a blank slate of passion, curiosity, compassion, and empathy, all of which are crucial skills to bring to the board.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE ROLE OF A SELECT BOARD MEMBER AND WHAT SPECIFIC SKILLS DO YOU BRING TO THAT ROLE?

**Fisher:** The Select Board is the policymaking board. I offer my skills in managing a successful business and experience working directly with all areas of town government. I have strong people and negotiation skills. I worked with the Planning Board on the Stow Housing Production Plan in 2011. I can read plot plans and construction plans. I understand wells and septic’s and worked with towns and cities. I am very knowledgeable of most aspects of private wells, community wells, private septic’s, community sewage plants, conservation, the DEP and Boards of Health. I assisted in conceptual plans for road work, subdivisions etc. Both on a personal level and in my work. I have been involved in Stow Finance and Planning. I know what tools and resources they require to manage their departments. I worked with the Finance committee and the different departments during their budget review. I have an understanding of all areas of town government and who is responsible for each job. Additionally, I have experience in many towns from Weston to Harvard, Waltham to Framingham and many others. Each community has a different personality. Stow is unique as it is the first town west of Boston that has Private Wells and Septics. I care and will take the time to roll up my sleeves to help.

**Golder:** The Selectboard is responsible for the overall management of the town and the other boards. It assigns to the town administrator functions for the operation of town government.

The Selectboard oversees the budget and fiscal policy, presents and approves and opposes articles for town meeting, hires , does collective bargaining, decides litigation issues, issues business licenses, does an annual review of the town boundaries and guides crisis management. It also hears dog complaints and rounds up stray livestock,though fortunately it hasn't had to do too much with those lately.

I believe it should also communicate with other boards and shape an overall policy and vision for the town. The skills I bring include my past service on the board as well as the other boards I've served. Also serving on. intertown and regional boards as well as running for state and even national office ,which has given me insight on what other towns do that work well.

Also helpful are my present and past employment as an attorney ,arbitrator, public administrator, social worker and various jobs in the business world.

**Riker:** The role of a Select Board member is defined by our town charter and Massachusetts state law. Each member represents 1/5th of the Chief Executive Officer of our town government. The purpose of having five members is to ensure checks

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Bolton and Stow On the Move					
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and balances and diversity of thought. I am running to bring new ideas and diversity of thought to the board.

Members of the board are responsible for making various decisions that shape the town. These decisions require a great deal of critical thought after sufficient research. I have been successful throughout my career in tech sales roles by doing just that – I research extensively, ask the difficult questions to get to the root cause of the problem and work with all stakeholders to ensure that solutions are beneficial for all parties involved.

I also believe that it is the role of the Select Board to maintain communication with all stakeholders within the town: residents, business owners, town employees, visitors, etc. I would like to promote more open lines of communication so that we can accomplish our shared goals of seeing our tax dollars put to work. We must explore all possibilities. Communication and collaboration can often lead to cost-free solutions.

**There is an ongoing issue regarding the lack of an accessible water supply in the Lower Village to serve current businesses and bring in new businesses. WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE TOWN’S ROLE IN BRINGING WATER TO LOWER VILLAGE?**

**Fisher:** The main challenges are cost, who it will service, and how to manage the sewage wastewater that will also be needed if uses are expanded. Many of the properties outlining the Lower Village Business zone have undersized lots that contain private wells and septic systems. The studies in this area started in the 1990’s when 3 or 4 contamination sites were discovered. Most current businesses have a Public Water supply, they however, do not allow for large expansions of the businesses. As residents do we want small inviting shops or commercial box buildings? Maybe a Park where the gas station was. Large businesses create more possibility of ground contamination then small shops. Studies should review the Master Plans of 2000, 2010, all the Lower Village Studies and the water studies. I believe we need more information from the residents and what they want the Lower Village to be used for. We need a fresh look as the last two years has changed how we think and how we live. A survey of citizens/taxpayers should answer most of these questions. We should also include the 3 other well and town water supply issues under review with PFAS, etc. while doing the study.

**Golder:** Bringing water to the small businesses in lower village will

A Help the businneses that are already there

B Incentivize bringing new businesses into the village

C Provide people in town with a variety of merchandise and services and improve the vitality of the town

D Provide additional revenue to the town to meet the demands of government serv-ices and reduce the dependency on personal real estate taxes for revenue

That said I don't want to see the town go into the water business. We don't have the expertise and it would subject the town to potential liability.

The town government can be the driving force to get a water company into the village and if needed to provide infrastructure and land to a water company through a lease and receive revenue.

This will require the participation of the lower village businesses in the process and operation.

**Riker:** While I acknowledge that it is the town’s responsibility to maintain a safe environment for businesses to operate, I don’t believe that it’s the residents’ responsibility to fund or build infostructure that would bring a new water system to the Lower Village. It’s the responsibility of the Lower Village property owners to provide the water.

Our government needs to encourage and assist Linear Property Management along with the other property owners to resolve the issue themselves. We need open communication to understand why there’s been a lack of investment in fixing this issue. It would be my hope that we could eliminate any roadblocks they may be facing and to come together to determine what needs to be done without unfairly distribut-ing the costs.

Finally, after candid conversations with several business owners, I don’t believe that the water issue is the only problem hindering the Lower Village from thriving. I believe some of the businesses that have moved or closed would’ve stayed had they felt more support from the town government. Our businesses should be treated with respect and if there are any disputes, decisions should be made with the interest of the entire town in mind.

CONCLUSION

**Fisher:** I want to participate in bringing our citizens to the table in open discussions and what our community is going to look like tomorrow. We need to get projects



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done correctly and not pay for consultant after consultant for work never done. We need volunteers of all ages who care. Businesses have a tough time surviving. We have changed our lifestyles which brings new opportunities and new challenges. What worked yesterday may not work today. I feel like I am the only small business that has survived from 15 years ago in the Village. We are behind in infrastructure. We need a plan, updated services, to assist private citizens and business alike. We will have major growth in our population and a new school on the horizon. We need to be ready, hopefully also becoming a green community. I love Stow as a whole, the sum of its parts. I am asking for your vote.

**Golder:** There have been quite a few changes and challenges in town over the years . I don't need to remind you what its been like the past 2 years with a pan-demic ,which is hopefully winding down.

One of the strengths in Stow in meeting challenges is our spirit of volunteerism. A Master Plan study calculated the number of volunteer hours was in the 6 figures and that was several years ago.

In that spirit participating in government is something I have enjoyed for many years. I won't amuse or bore you with my first run for office when I was elected to eighth grade student council, suffice it to say I refer to it as "the candy bar election"

If I can do something to improve conditions and peoples lives by participating in government at any level that brings me joy and satisfaction, I am grateful that I am able to do so.

**Riker:** Stow is truly an amazing community. It’s quaintness, beauty, and heritage should be preserved and protected. As a member of the Select Board, I would dedicate myself to that mission, while also bringing new ideas and passion to address major concerns of the town.

Revitalizing the Lower Village and concern over the allocation of tax dollars appear to be the most top-of-mind issues that concern our residents. Addressing both issues using a traditional approach may not be possible. While I may be viewed as an untraditional candidate to some, I believe non-traditional thinking and new perspectives are necessary to accomplish our collective goals.

It is my hope that over the next several weeks I can meet as many of you as possible. I would love to answer any questions and earn your support in this election. As Tom Brady would say, LET’S GOOOOOO (STOW)!

**Stow Candidates Night Forum** will be held virtually on Wednesday, April 27, 7 - 9 p.m. The link to the live broadcast will be posted on the websites/Facebook pages of Stow TV, The Stow Independent and the Town of Stow. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates at this live event. If you are unable to attend the broadcast, and would like to ask a specific question, please send to editor@stowindependent.com. The forum will be recorded and available on StowTV after the broadcast.

Stow Town Election will take place on  
Saturday, May 21  
10:00AM – 4:00PM  
CENTER SCHOOL, 403 GREAT RD



**TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**Legal Notice of Public Hearing**

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A and Sections 9100 and 9200 of the Boxborough Zoning Bylaw, a public hearing will be held before the Boxborough Zoning Board of Appeals on **May 31, 2022** at 7:20 PM to consider the application received from American Tower for a Special Permit to Amend Decision 2008-04 to install a diesel generator.

The subject property, located at **235 Summer Road** in the Industrial Commercial Zoning District, is identified as Assessor’s Parcel # 20-044-000 and is owned by Jabez LLC.

Based on current COVID-19 circumstances, this public hearing will be held via Zoom video-conferencing or in the Town Hall, 29 Middle Road. All details will be made available on the Zoning Board of Appeals agenda when posted, a minimum of 48 hours prior to the meeting on the town web site at [www.boxborough-ma.gov](http://www.boxborough-ma.gov).

For questions, please call the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at the Boxborough Town Hall at 978-264-1722.

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**TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**Legal Notice of Public Hearing**

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A and Sections 4200 and 9200 of the Boxborough Zoning Bylaw, a public hearing will be held before the Boxborough Zoning Board of Appeals on **May 31, 2022** at 7:30 PM to consider the application received from Concord Property Management to raze a nonconforming structure and construct a new industrial building at 60 Codman Hill Road. The property, owned by This Isn’t Camp, LLC and Concord 60 Codman, LLC, is located in the Industrial / Commercial Zoning District and is identified as Assessor’s Parcel # 12-004-000.

This public hearing will be held via Zoom videoconferencing or in the Boxborough Town Hall. All details will be made available on the Zoning Board of Appeals agenda when posted, a minimum of 48 hours prior to the meeting on the town web site at [www.boxborough-ma.gov](http://www.boxborough-ma.gov).

For questions, please call the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at the Boxborough Town Hall at 978-264-1722 during normal office hours. Please refer to the calendar on the Town website, [www.boxborough-ma.gov](http://www.boxborough-ma.gov), for possible continuations.

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# CALENDAR

## ~~~BOLTON AND STOW~~~

### TROOP 1 STOW ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

Friends of Troop 1 Stow will be hosting their Electronics Recycling Fundraising event on **Saturday, April 23** at the Bose Corporation/Masters Academy, 688 Great Rd. (Rte 117) in Stow from 9 AM to 2 PM. Please visit our website at <http://www.troop1stow.net> for pricing structure. We can also be contacted at 978-212-9175. 100% of net proceeds go to supporting the Scouts of Troop 1 Stow. Credit card payment only.

### RANDALL LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

Mark your calendars! The Book Sale will be held in the function room at the Pompo Community Center on **April 23** from 9am to 4pm, and on **April 24** from 1pm to 4pm. There will be a special preview evening on April 22 from 6-8 pm for members of the Friends of the Randall Library. Lots of books, CDs, LPs and DVDs will be available. Proceeds will support programming for the Randall Library and a portion will be held to contribute to the revitalization of the Library when/if the article passes at Town Meeting.

### NASHOBA WOLVES BASEBALL 19TH ANNUAL CLINIC

**Saturday, April 23, 2022** (Snow date April 24) outside on the fields at Nashoba Regional High School - Rt. 117, Bolton. Staffed by NRHS Baseball coaches. Two Sessions Available: or sign up for both! 9:00 - 12:00 (registration at 8:30 if not pre-registered) OR 1:00 - 4:00 (registration at 12:30 if not pre-registered). Kids separated into 3 age groups: 5- 7 yrs. old, 8-10 yrs. old and 11-13 yrs. old. All proceeds from this clinic support the Nashoba Regional HS Baseball teams. Registration forms are available on school websites. Mail-in registrations end April 16. After April 16, or for any questions, please contact Coach Schoolcraft at (508) 561-4268 or [cschoolcraft@nrsd.net](mailto:cschoolcraft@nrsd.net)

### EARTH DAY: FINDING HOPE IN A TIME OF CLIMATE CRISIS

Climate change can be a source of anxiety and despair for many of us. On **April 24**, First Parish Church of Stow & Acton (FPC), Unitarian Universalist, will hold a service on “Earth Day: Finding Hope in a Time of Climate Crisis.” What are the signs of hope out there? What things are people doing right that we can build upon? What are some of the latest changes and innovations that we can celebrate? These are the kinds of questions the Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum will address.

On this day, FPC will switch early to its summer schedule of just one service at 10am. The service will take place in person and virtually. In-person attendees must socially distance and must wear a mask that covers both mouth and nose. A link to the virtual room will be posted at [fpc-stow-acton.org/services](http://fpc-stow-acton.org/services) and also along the left column at [fpc-stow-acton.org](http://fpc-stow-acton.org).

FPC warmly welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. For information about child care and religious education classes, contact FPC Director of Religious Education Michelle Côté at [dre@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:dre@fpc-stow-acton.org). FPC’s facilities are wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 978-897-8149 or visit [www.fpc-stow-acton.org](http://www.fpc-stow-acton.org). The church is located at 353 Great Rd., at the corner of routes 117 and 62, in Stow.

### CALL FOR ART! - NASJA COMMUNITY ART SHOW

You are invited to participate in NASJA's second annual social justice themed community art show Generation: Growth. I've attached our flyer and we are now accepting submissions online, at [www.NashobaAreaSJA.org/ArtShow](http://www.NashobaAreaSJA.org/ArtShow). The submission deadline is **April 25**. Artists of all ages and abilities are encouraged to submit work, so please share widely! And please join us for the show opening at Randall Library on Thursday, May 5, from 6pm - 8pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

### PUBLIC FORUM #2 - NASHOBA SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The Nashoba High School Building Committee is hosting Public Forum #2 in the Auditorium of the High School on **April 25** at 6pm. The Project Team will inform the community about the educational visioning process, and provide an update on the Feasibility Study. The forum will be recorded by Bolton Access TV and available to view on Nashoba's YouTube channel. Please email [nrhsbc@nrsd.net](mailto:nrhsbc@nrsd.net) with questions and visit <https://sites.google.com/nrsd.net/nrhs-building-project> for more information.

### STOW CANDIDATES NIGHT FORUM

Tune in to this online live event on **Wednesday, April 27 7 - 9 p.m.** The link will be posted prior to the event on the websites and Facebook pages of StowTV, The Stow Independent and the Town website. Meet the Stow candidates for office and have a chance to ask questions live of the five candidates running for two Select Board seats. Have a question to ask and can't make the broadcast? Email your question(s) to [editor@stowindependent.com](mailto:editor@stowindependent.com). The recording of the broadcast will be available on Stow TV.

### SENIOR SHOWCASE CONCERT AT NASHOBA REGIONAL HS

Nashoba Regional High School will be hosting a Senior Showcase Concert on **Wednesday, April 27** at 7pm. This is an evening of entertainment featuring our senior musicians presenting solo and small group performances of their choice. The Concert Choir and Concert Band will offer a combined performance at the end of the concert to present a piece dedicated to our seniors. This concert has free admission and is family friendly...younger musicians are especially encouraged to attend. Come and enjoy music in the auditorium at Nashoba Regional High School! (12 Green Road, Bolton)

### STOW GARDEN CLUB MEETS

The Stow Garden Club will meet on **May 4** at the Stow Community Center, Great Rd. at 7pm. The presentation will be “Roses Made Easy” with Guest Speaker, David Cannistraro.

## CALENDAR POLICY:

Please send Calendar event announcements, **IN PARAGRAPH FORM (no outlines or flyers)** to [calendar@stowindependent.com](mailto:calendar@stowindependent.com) or [calendar@boltonindependent.com](mailto:calendar@boltonindependent.com)

**DEADLINE** is Friday 5 pm for Wednesday’s paper as space allows. **Publication is NOT GUARANTEED.**

Please keep entries **BRIEF.**

Free listings are provided for **non-profit and free events only**

David is the past president of the New England Rose Society and we look forward to this timely discussion now that spring is here. Guests are most welcome and we request a \$5.00 donation upon arriving.

### BOLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOLTON GERANIUM SALE

The Bolton Historical Society will hold its annual Bolton geranium sale at Sawyer House, 676 Main St., on **Saturday, May 14**, from 9 a.m. until they are all sold out. This is a once-a-year opportunity to own this unique geranium that is a link to Bolton’s past. For more information, contact the Society at 978-779-6392 or [mary@boltonhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:mary@boltonhistoricalsociety.org). Visit the BHS at [www.boltonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.boltonhistoricalsociety.org) or on Facebook.

### FRIENDS OF BOLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Bolton Public Library will hold its semiannual book sale on **Saturday, May 21**, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at is the Houghton Building, 697 Main St. (Rain date is Sunday, May 22, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Shoppers will find more than 5,000 books, sorted and “not picked over,” as well as puzzles, CDs and DVDs. (Masks are optional.) The book sale is the Friends’ largest fundraiser. Proceeds from the sale support library programs, events, museum passes, and the online newsletter, “Wowbrary.”

### SWIM LESSONS AT BOLTON TOWN BEACH

Red Cross swim lessons are available at the Bolton Town Beach **July 11-15, July 18-22** and **July 25-29**. For more information or to register, go to <https://www.townofbolton.com/parks-recreation-commission/pages/current-program-information>. You must be a Bolton resident to register for the Learn to Swim program.

## ~~OUT OF TOWN~~

### ART INSTALLATIONS RESPONDS TO CRISIS IN UKRAINE

In support of the Ukrainian people, The Museum of Russian Icons has announced the re-installation of Maine-based contemporary artist Lesia Sochor's Pysanka: Symbol of Renewal, an exhibition inspired by the beautiful tradition of intricately decorated Ukrainian Easter egg painting, **now – July 31**. Three new works created in response to the current crisis in Ukraine will be featured in the exhibition. The exhibition was previously on display in 2020-21. Sochor's paintings are narratives told in paint that are prompted by personal experiences. The Pysanka series evolved from Sochor's annual spring ritual of creating Ukrainian Easter eggs called Pysanky. Sochor creates a direct link to her ancestral roots by continuing the tradition of Pysanky making passed down by her Ukrainian immigrant mother.

Museum hours are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 10am-4pm. Closed Monday–Wednesday. Admission: Adults \$12, seniors (59+) \$10, Students \$5, Children (13-17) \$5, Children under 13 Free. Visit the website, [www.museumofrussianicons.org](http://www.museumofrussianicons.org), home of the Online Collection (including research papers on individual icons). The Museum is locted at 203 Union St., Clinton.

### REP. HOGAN TO HOLD OFFICE HOURS IN APRIL

State Representative Kate Hogan (D-Stow) will hold office hours for constituents from the towns of Bolton, Hudson, Maynard and Stow on **April 21 from 6-7 pm at the Maynard Public Library**. Office hours are for individuals seeking one-on-one meetings with Rep. Hogan. Meetings will take place in the Roosevelt Room at the Maynard Public Library, which is located at 77 Nason Street in Maynard, MA. As always, if you are unable to attend office hours and have any issues or concerns, please contact Rep. Hogan’s office at 617-722-2600 or [Kate.Hogan@mahouse.gov](mailto:Kate.Hogan@mahouse.gov).

*Play Testing with MIT’s Toy Design Students*, drop-in 10am – 4pm. Are you interested in toys? Come talk to MIT students who want your feedback on their ideas for new toys! Students from MIT's Toy Product Design class will have interactive posters to show off their ideas and want to hear if you think they should develop these toys.

### APRIL PROGRAMS AT DISCOVERY MUSEUM

All programs are free with admission unless otherwise noted. Advance reservations are required to visit the Museum at 177 Main St., Acton. Visit [www.discoveryacton.org](http://www.discoveryacton.org) for more info

**Friday, April 22 - Celebrate Earth Day!** Drop-in 10am – 3pm. Come celebrate Earth Day with our collaborators! Learn about how we can save the Earth by doing fun, environmental-themed activities hosted by Spring Forward (a local youth-led climate education organization) and Acton Memorial Library. Let’s use our creativity to help make the earth a better place.

**Tuesday, April 26 - Celebrate DNA Day!** Drop-in 2pm – 4pm. Join us for National DNA Day, an annual commemoration of the discovery of the double helix in 1953 and the completion of the Human Genome Project in 2003. Celebrate by making your own DNA-inspired creations and playing with a DNA-inspired scavenger hunt.

**Wednesday, April 27 - Everyday Engineering: Engineer a Bird Feeder**, drop-in 2pm – 4pm. Engage in some everyday engineering as you construct and create with repurposed and recycled materials. Engineer a birdfeeder and hang it in Discovery Woods for the birds or bring your bird feeder home to feed you feathered friends in your own backyard! .

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### Sunday Highlights

Special videos from the Stow TV archives  
Showing each Sunday afternoon thru April

The Virginia Thurston  
Healing Garden Cancer Support Center  
Benefit Concerts from 2019-2021, filmed by STOW TV



12pm-La Rondinella



1pm-Liofa Irish Trio



2:30 pm-Tuesday Tunes



4:30pm-W Lenderking Spanish guitar



5:30pm-Tom Smith



6:30pm- Hooley J Chan



8pm- Cura Brindisi



9pm- The Rafter's

For full schedule & other show times  
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# OVER THE FENCE POST / LETTERS

## Thank you for sneaker donations

To the Nashoba Community,

I would like to thank everyone who donated sneakers to my fundraiser. With your help, I collected close to 500 pairs of sneakers! The sneakers are being shipped to GotSneakers, a recycling organization that will reuse or recycle your sneakers and keep them out of landfills! They will pay for any sneakers that can be used and that money will be donated to the American Cancer Society. A special shoutout to The Bolton Bean and The Bolton Library for allowing me to put bins at their locations. I really appreciate all the support and was amazed at the community enthusiasm. Thanks, again!!

Sincerely,  
Connor Acierno, Nashoba Class of '24

## Clarifications/Corrections for Bolton Horse Safety signs

*Editor's Note: Cindy Ayotte sent this in to clarify some points regarding an article in the April 13 edition of the paper that discussed the Select Board's vote to approve eight horse-crossing signs in specific Bolton locations*

Thank you so much for publishing the article about the horse safety signs. We are finally making some progress to make Bolton safer for horses.

I just wanted to mention a couple of corrections to the article because I think there may have been a misunderstanding. I only talked to people from about 6 other farms in Bolton. All were interested in horse safety signs near their farms. My original proposal included about 45 signs throughout town on the roads where people need to ride to get to conservation areas. The DPW made a reasonable suggestion which was to try a pilot of 5 locations first to make sure that the signs work before we put up all the rest. The Vaughn Hill, West Berlin, Sugar and Green locations were the only ones that were approved for the pilot (in addition to Main and Forbush which was put off until after the construction). Three of the farms that I originally spoke with will benefit from the locations of these signs.

I am representing a larger group of people than just myself. Thanks again for including this topic in this week's paper.

Cindy Ayotte  
Bolton

## Emily Winner – Clear Choice for Bolton Select Board

I would urge my fellow Bolton voters to elect Emily Winner for the Select Board seat. She is the type of volunteer that we could only wish for, and now we have the opportunity to elect a person with many qualifications and experience that Bolton needs at this time. As a 9 year resident of town, and a very active parent of young children, she is the treasurer of both the School Donations Committee, and the Bolton Cub Scouts. She brings town government experience of 5 years on the Conservation Commission, which in Bolton is very important because of wetland issues that we face constantly both in commercial, residential, and recreational development. She supports agriculture in the community both through living on an old farm, and being on the Agricultural Commission for a year. But perhaps most important at this critical time of the Regional School District facing the prospect of a very necessary examination of the high school's condition, she brings 12 years of experience in the commercial construction industry, including 8 years on multi-million dollar projects in Boston. Having been a former Selectman myself during the 1998 renovation project of the Nashoba High School, let me assure you that we need a Select Board member with that kind of unique experience to lend to this important project that is currently underway.

Emily is a proven supporter of all the things we need in Bolton right now: industry experience, fiscal responsibility, quality education of our children, and preservation of the small town experience. Bolton needs Emily at this very important time: we could not ask for a better candidate to elect.

Ed Sterling  
Bolton

**ELECTION LETTERS:** Residents are welcome to write letters in support of a candidate. Email directly to the Editor with your full name and address included for verification purposes (Full name and town will be published).

Please note that in the last edition prior to an election, letters supporting a candidate must not contain negative remarks about any opposing candidates as there would not be time for a rebuttal. (Bolton election is May 9 and Stow Election is May 21. Letters must be received the Sunday before Wednesday publication.) Letters will be published as space allows and are not guaranteed publication.

**Please email Letters to the Editor (500 words Max) by Sunday to:**  
**Cyndy Bremer at editor@stowindependent.com or**  
**editor@boltonindependent.com**

## Vote Yes for Solar Field on Bolton land

Fellow Boltonians,

I'm writing to offer comments on an important vote at our Town Meeting - a proposed Solar project that will provide 65% of Florence Sawyer School's electricity through carbon free energy.

The nonprofit I work with is helping the Town plan a Solar project for the past year. It has been a long-standing goal of the Town, as a Green Community, to reduce our carbon emissions, and each year we are able to access tens of thousands dollars because we've made that commitment. But we have struggled to find a project that would work economically, i.e. save us money rather than cost us. We looked at all potential Town-owned locations, including the landfill, the school, town and police station roofs, parking lots, and all other open spaces. All of these locations were either too expensive, roofs are too old, or other locations not desirable due to recreational uses of the land. The one location that does work, after extensive engineering review, is a very unused barely visible open piece of land - the leach field behind Florence Sawyer where town sewage goes. Unless your child is a Boy Scout who's camped there once a year, or you've gone to the sports field called Horse Ring Field directly behind and beside the Town Community Gardens, you may have never noticed this land.

There is question whether this land could be used as a sports field in the future. As Bolton parents of 2 sports playing kids, 9 and 11 years old, my husband and I are fellow sports parents, coaches, volunteers, and board members, so we certainly understand and appreciate the desire to more sports fields in our town. But as a parent, I also strongly believe what is even more important than an 8th sports field is the moral leadership we need to demonstrate for our children in showing them we understand and are willing to invest in the future of the planet we leave behind for them. As someone who has worked in the business of clean energy for over 15 years, I can tell you that we will not get to the goals we need to have by 2050 to make an impact on our kids' and grandkids' planet, if we don't all contribute to adding clean energy across the system, including in our own backyards.

Your vote at Town Meeting to allow a leach field to be put to better and higher use as a solar field will be a monumental signal to show our kids what our Town cares about most - their future. If we wait to decide this through future planning meetings, we will lose the state rebate \$ we can get now for Solar and we would have to pay a premium, rather than save money, as this project does.

We need a 60% majority for the project to move forward. I urge all to go to Town Meeting on Monday May 1st to vote to help our Schools be powered by renewable energy and teach our children with a living lab example of what we believe is most important.

Heather Takle  
Bolton

## Shout out to Stow's Youth Services Librarian Chris Morrison

Do you know what a fantastic Youth Services librarian and library we have here in town? Well, if you have young children, I bet you already know what a warm, creative, and thoughtful librarian Chris Morrison is! As a working mom, I was only able to attend a lap story time once, but it only took one time for Chris to learn each of my kids' names and greet them by name every time thereafter. She's apt to ask me about my classroom too, and what books my fifth graders have been liking or what she can acquire for the library that kids will like. During these conversations, I would notice her with her older bunch of students after school, always highly engaged in projects or activities provided by Chris.

But what has really been a bright light for my family during COVID has been the library's dedication to planning thoughtful, creative, and fun projects that kids can do at home safely. Chris has been at the helm of designing and carrying out these projects to the delight of many of Stow's youngest population. Nearly once a week there was a treasured packet of supplies outside of the library for pickup. In our house it was often my mother who would pick up these projects and complete them with my kids. It was a treasured time around the kitchen table often littered with corks, feathers, owl pellets, electrical wire, sequins, glue guns, and other crafting supplies aimed to teach children something about science, technology, engineering, and creativity. My kids would proudly hold up their creations for Chris to photograph, during live sessions, and to show her what magic she has allowed us to experience!

Chris, these projects are beautiful. They are thoughtful. We have fun and often learn while we are at it! They make ME and my kids smile. THANK YOU. Please also thank the other staff members who, I am sure, are busy tying packages, printing directions, supporting us all, and best of all, testing the projects.

Thank you!  
Leah and Bob Bruosta, Bobby, Ibbie and Jay, and Trina Fagan  
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### Library Friends Book Sale

Pompositticut Community Center

April 22 Friends Preview Night 6pm-8pm

April 23 General Sale 9am-4pm

April 24 General Sale 1pm-4pm

All proceeds benefit Randall Library



Project for a Purpose... from page 1



Project 4 a Purpose blankets donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. P4P members (pictured l-r): Serafina Mangiafico, Alyson Toole (COA Director), Karen Kelleher, Chris Ahern (Sleep in Heavenly Peace), Lana Harrington, Rita French, Carole Dunlop, and Debbie Woods. Group members not pictured: Janet Carr, Chris Rhoades, and Nancy Sallesse. Apara Borrowes photo

mountain of hand-sewn blankets to the national charity Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), which serves underprivileged children. P4P members are Rita French, Janet Carr, Carole Dunlap, Lana Harrington, Karen Kelleher, Serafina Mangiafico, Chris Rhoades, Nancy Sallesse, and Debbie Woods.

“We certainly have a lively, motivated, hard-working group,” said French. “I’m so proud of them and all the hours they volunteer.” Sewing fleece scarves and ponchos for French’s son Isaiah’s initiative for the homeless was P4P’s first project. That fleece project led them on to their second project, blankets for SHP.

Chris Alphen, founder of the local Sleep in Heavenly Peace-Middlesex Co, which builds and delivers new beds and bed linens to children in need, came to Stow to meet his newest benefactors and receive the blankets. Coming into the Stow COA crafts room and seeing the blankets, Alphen said, “You’ve almost got me in tears. This will make such a difference. We are really low on warm blankets right now. You have no idea how exciting it is for me to see these blankets. This is perfect timing.”

Alphen founded his Middlesex County branch of SHP in 2018, with the help of the parent SHP organization. His chapter delivers 20 to 50 new beds weekly to children ages three to 17. Alphen, like the women of P4P, is dedicated to helping others. He owns Dolphin Insulation in Littleton, as well as running the extensive work of his SHP chapter.



Pictured (l-r): Carole Dunlop, Debbie Woods and Lana Harrington working on one of the blankets. Apara Borrowes photo

SHP-national’s sophisticated statistical research for Alphen estimated that two to three percent, or 70,000 - 105,000, children in Middlesex County are sleeping on the floor at any given time. Referrals to SHP come mostly by word of mouth and through social service professionals.

Alphen explained that all SHP work is done by volunteers. The work includes building, delivering and assembling twin beds, adding new mattresses, pillows, sheets, blankets and spreads. He holds six to eight bed-building gatherings each month in his Littleton warehouse.

“When we leave a delivery, the beds are ready for kids to go to sleep,” he said. “You won’t believe how excited the kids get over their new beds. These kids have nothing, and it means so much to them.” Alphen keeps his chapter’s Facebook page updated with inspiring stories.

**Volunteers, donations and project ideas welcome**

“What could be better than being wrapped up in a warm blanket and love?” French asked, holding up a soft blanket. “We like to sponsor local charities, and if there is a Stow resident who knows a charity that needs our handiwork, let us know. We’re also looking for more help in the group, and we always welcome donations, cash or materials.”

The women in P4P praised French’s inspiration and leadership of this group. “This is a wonderful group of women,” said Karen Kelleher. “And these stories Chris Alphen told just warm your heart.” Carole Dunlop added, “I used to be a teacher of young immigrant children and I felt so helpless, being unable to meet their many needs back then. I feel so much better now that I have a way to help directly.”

Group member Lana Harrington said, “It’s so easy to come here and do something to give back to the community, plus, I learn so much.” Deb Woods added, “My family has been so fortunate, it’s a good feeling to help others. I’ve always been a volunteer.” Serafina Mangifico said, “I learned from my mother about making things for donating. It’s in my blood.”

P4P meets at the Stow COA weekly. French is lining up variety of handiwork projects for charity this year, and not all are sewing. “But we can teach you to sew if needed!” offered Mangiafico.

Toward the end of the meeting, someone forgot their coat and went back to retrieve it. Woods quipped, “Yes, don’t ever leave anything here! It might get donated!”

P4P invites people to drop donations (in plastic bags please) of new twin sheet sets, pillows, blankets, quilts, and new 2.5-yard lengths of fleece fabric, to 465 Great Road, Stow through May 20. There will be a bench out front where items can be left.

Alphen welcomes donations for SHP-MiddlesexCo, noting that cash helps purchase wood for beds. He can be contacted at [Christopher.alphen@shpbeds.org](mailto:Christopher.alphen@shpbeds.org).

For more information about Projects for a Purpose, contact Stow COA, and for more about SHP, see <https://www.shpbeds.org/> and [Fb@SHPMiddlesexCo](https://www.facebook.com/SHPMiddlesexCo).

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Stow Minutemen marched again from Stow to Concord on Monday, April 18 to celebrate Patriots Day and re-enact the original march from Stow at the start of the Revolutionary War.

At left: Re-enactors Matt, Cara and Craig Schomp arriving at Lower Village in the pre-dawn hours. (Courtesy Cara Schomp)

Below: Stow Minutemen on their way (Photo courtesy of Ron Richmond, Maine) and after arriving in Concord. Bottom photo pictured, left to right, are Jeff Needle, Larry Viens, Dave Walrath, and Vinnie Luisi. Viens and Luisi traveled from Florida to join the group for the day. (Photo courtesy Kathy Konno)



Stow's Scott Cumming at his April 14 presentation "Learning to Thrive with Dyslexia" at the Randall Library. Cummings presented tools to help people who have trouble with reading, writing and spelling, whether they have dyslexia or any other difficulty. Cumming, who has dyslexia and has created a website to help others, will host another presentation on May 13 at the library.

Ann Needle photo

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**BOLTON LETTERS: p. 7**  
**Annual Town Warrant inside!**

## Priorities pondered for proposed office park apartments

**by Nan Shnitzler**  
At their remote Zoom meeting April 7, Select Board members discussed a list of requests from residents and Town boards and committees that could be included in the comprehensive permit for Alta Nashoba Valley, the large 40B apartment complex being proposed by developer Wood Partners at 580 Main St. (Bolton Office Park). Town Administrator Don Lowe said the purpose of the discussion was to get a feel for the Board’s priorities, in order to flesh out the detail on those particular items for further discussion April 28. It won’t be realistic to achieve the entire list, Lowe added.

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## Preparations for May 2 Town Meeting heard at Select Board

**by Nan Shnitzler**  
Among the discussion items at the April 7 Bolton Select Board meeting were preparations for Town Meeting, permit fee increases, possible state funding increases and potential changes at Nashoba Valley Winery.  
**Town Meeting preparations heard**  
Town Moderator Doug Storey talked to the Select Board about Annual Town Meeting preparations. He said given the short warrant, turnout was not likely to be excessive, thereby allowing space for distanced seating in the high school auditorium, Town Meeting’s sole venue this year. He talked about a section for masked voters, while acknowledging mask-wearing was now a personal choice. He said attendees deserve to feel safe, but he didn’t say a separate section would be necessary. Storey added that the town had received 300 grant-funded remote vote-counting devices whose use would be faster than visually counting raised hands. He hoped training on the devices would be finished in time to use them in action. Town Meeting is May 2 at 7 p.m.  
**Building fees to increase**  
The Select Board voted to approve increases to the building department’s

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If you wondered what happened to the large sign in front of 626 Main St., these photos show the aftermath of an accident that occurred there on Friday, April 15 shortly before midnight. Police reported a car traveling on Main St. crossed the yellow lines and collided with another vehicle, and continued traveling, hitting the sign and finally stopping. More details of the accident in the Bolton Police log on page 17.

Photos Courtesy Bolton Police Department



## Results of well-water testing in Bolton

**BoH moves to require well testing**

**by Ann Needle**  
Bolton’s participation in a well-water testing program is helping propel a push to bring cleaner drinking water to more households across the state and in Bolton itself, as the Bolton Board of Health looks to implement well-water testing requirements.  
Last year, the Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts (THFCM) partnered with RCAP Solutions, which conducted free testing of about 40 wells for natural and man-made contaminants in each of six area towns, including Bolton. This North Central Mass. Private Well Program tested wells for high levels of certain contaminants in Berlin, Boxborough, Hubbardston, Princeton, Sterling and Bolton. According to THFCM President and CEO Amie Shei, Ph.D., RCAP did not test for PFAS, given the recent public campaign on rooting out the compounds.  
**Some Good News for Bolton**  
Test results turned up some good

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## Candidate’s residency questions addressed

**By Lynda King**  
Questions were raised at the April 5 Bolton Candidates Night about the residency status of one of the two competing Select Board candidates.  
At the event, which was both livestreamed and later broadcast on Bolton Access TV, Select Board candidates Alan DiPietro and Emily Winner answered questions from the audience about their candidacy. A question posed by Wheeler Road resident Kate Buyuk addressed DiPietro’s legal residency in Bolton and therefore his qualifications to run for the open Select Board seat.  
Buyuk said she had researched assessor’s records and found that the five lots DiPietro purports to own in Bolton are listed as land only, with no buildings on them or permits having been issued for any buildings. Those records are publicly available on the town of Bolton website. She asked, “Where do you sleep at night? Where do you reside?” DiPietro answered that he lives at 110 Teele Rd. in Bolton, adding, “That’s where I sleep; that’s where I reside,” noting that as a registered voter in Bolton he is eligible to run for Select Board member.  
According to Town Clerk Pam Powell, DiPietro submitted his voter registration form in October 2020, giving his address as 110 Teele Rd. However, she said, after consulting with the Bolton officials responsible for assigning legal addresses (Building Department, Fire Department), she confirmed that 110 Teele Rd. was not a legal address, and upon advice from the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s office, she assigned the number “0” Teele Rd. to DiPietro’s voter registration.  
For clarification on this issue, the Independent reached out to Debra O’Malley,

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Nashoba news and sports, Bolton calendar of events, letters, classified ads, Bolton pics can all be found throughout the paper.



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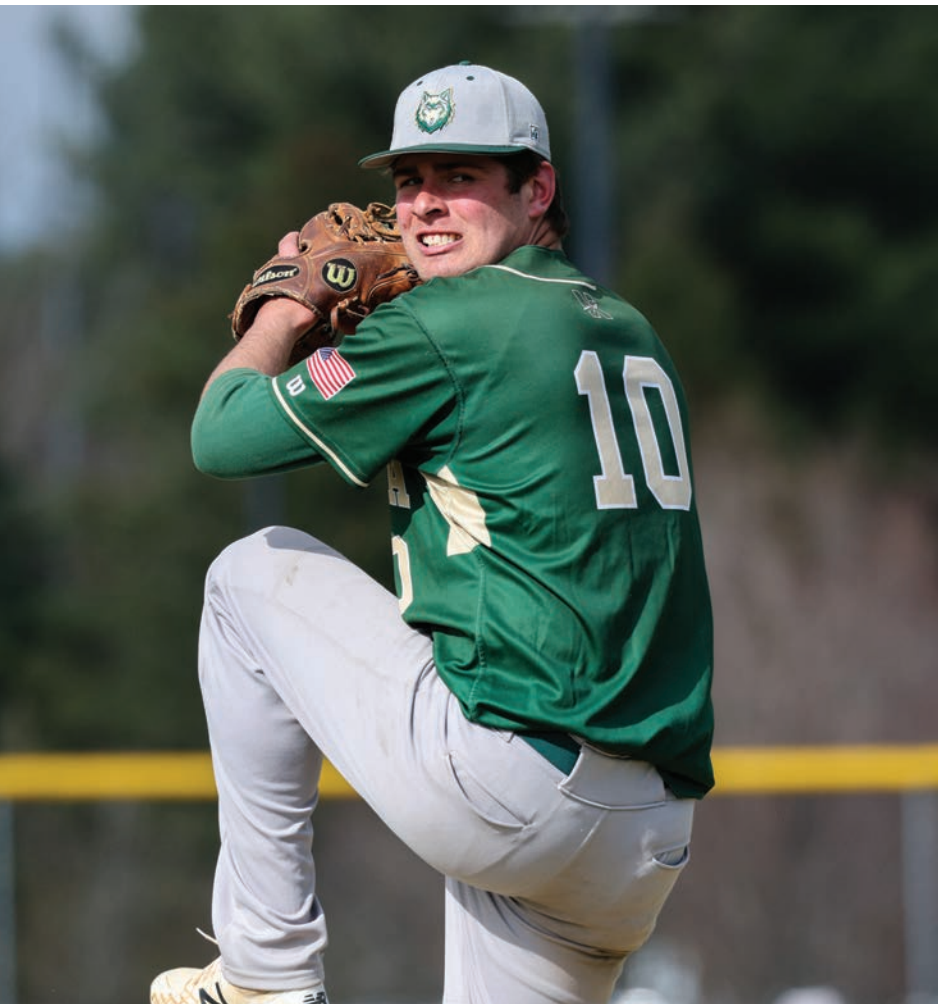
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Nashoba senior captain James Borsari on the mound for the Wolves at the April 13 game against Hudson. Nashoba lost 3-2 with Borsari and Nolan Bush bringing in the two runs.

SusanShaye.com photos



Nashoba's boys and girls track teams are both 2-0 on the season

Nashoba Team Standings (as of 04/18)

	In league / overall			In league / overall		
Baseball	1-1	2-3	Boys Tennis	3-0	5-0	
Softball	3-0	3-2	Girls Tennis	1-0	4-1	
Boys Lacrosse	3-0-0	6-0-0	Boys Track	2-0-0	2-0-0	
Girls Lacrosse	2-1-0	3-1-0	Girls Track	2-0-0	2-0-0	

From the Nashoba Coaches (as of 4/18)

Richard Kempskie, Boys Tennis

April 13: Nashoba: 4 Bromfield: 1  
Nashoba winners: Singles: 1st : Victor XU 6-1, 6-1; 2nd: Jesse Gjeltema 6-1, 6-0  
3rd: Philip Baykov 6-0, 6-1 Doubles: 2nd: Tyler Mignault/Brian Quill-Schuffels 6-4, 2-6, 6-3

Steve Winer, Girls Tennis

April 13: Nashoba 2 ; Bromfield 3  
Nashoba Singles winners: Eugenia Kovtun 6-0, 6-0; Davita Honig 4-6, 6-3

Matthew Biggs, Boys Lacrosse

April 19: Nashoba: 18 Wachusett: 5  
Nashoba Top Scorers: Brayden MacLean 4G 1A, Dillon Kelleher 1G 7A, Jack Scharner 4G 1A, Marcus DiBello 3G 3A  
April 14: Nashoba: 16 Westborough: 6  
Nashoba Top Scorers: Brayden MacLean 5G 1A, Liam Duham 4G 1A, Marcus DiBello 3G 2A

Steve Beckwith, Boys Track

April 13: Nashoba (2-0) - 119, Leominster - 21  
Multi-events winners: Tristan O’Riorden 110H and High Jump; Sawyer O’Riorden 400MH and Pole Vault

Ben Langelo, Girls Track

April 13: Nashoba 120; Leominster 19  
Nashoba highlights: Ava Klein won the triple jump & the 400m hurdles. Bella Cotter won the shot put & discus

Girls lacrosse... from page 1

The visitors did just that as they put together a solid effort and picked up a 10-5 victory over the host Panthers.

Nashoba first-year head coach Bina van Toorn spoke with the Independent following Thursday’s contest.

“I was happy with I saw out of these girls today. They were amazing, I was blown away,” said van Toorn, whose squad improved to 3-1 on the infant season. “We worked on a lot of things in practice yesterday and it went really well, it was probably our strongest practice of the season thus far. We came into this game feeling really good about ourselves and the girls really delivered today.”

Marlborough falls to 3-2 on the season and entered Thursday’s game coming off a 13-10 loss to Leominster on April 12 at Doyle Field.

Nashoba’s Graham Straface paced the Wolves with a team high four goal while teammate Mia Samarjian scored twice. Goalies Daniella Masucci and Grace Edwards each split time in net. Masucci made three first half saves and Edwards turned away three shots in the second half to preserve the win.

“I thought we did a really good job on defense. On attack, we’ve been trying out new plays and growing as a team because we’re a young team,” said Straface after the game. “Things have been going pretty well. We are off to a strong start to the season and I like the direction we are headed.”

Nashoba held a slim 5-4 lead at the half before a strong final 25 minutes helped propel it to the victory as the Wolves limited Marlborough to just one second half goal.

“I was really impressed with how the girls have really come together and are playing as a team,” said van Toorn. “They are putting themselves in a position that they can pick their teammates up after a tough play and working together as a solid group. It’s been great to see.”

When the Wolves hit the field next they will once again have had seven days of rest under their belt as Nashoba returns to action on April 21 when it hosts Shrewsbury for an 11 am matinee performance during April vacation week.

“I’m really happy with things right now. We had some struggles early on but the girls have really shown some strong support of each other and things have been going well,” said van Toorn. “ With a new coach, you expect the transition can be tough at the beginning but the girls have responded and I like where we are right now.”

This year’s Wolves squad is anchored by a trio of senior captains as Straface and Lela Boormeester and Taylor Reilly lead the team into battle each game.

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Stories and Tales of Our Town

Bolton Town Clerk's Corner

Compiled by The Bolton Historical Society

Information comes primarily from the Bolton Historical archives and Esther Whitcomb's book "History of Bolton." The Historical Society articles run every other week, with Roger Breeze's older columns running alternate weeks.

On the importance of Town Meeting

One of Bolton's native sons, William Stone wrote these words back in 1876 when asked to attend a celebration of Bolton's 138th anniversary on the fourth of July. Unable to make the event, he instead sent along this letter to the Bolton Committee of Arrangements, in which he expounded on what he considered the two most important foundations of the state: education and self-government.

*"There are present duties to be performed which, though apparently insignificant, are yet of great importance to the future welfare of the State. ... town meetings are the only true democracies. By means of them for more than*

*two hundred years, the citizen has been taught a just sense of place in the community, whether as a mere voter or as a local officer. They have fostered a love of free speech and fair play which is a sure guaranty of liberty. They have taught a thoughtful care of the rights of the minority while enforcing the will of the majority and they have prepared every school boy for the intelligent exercise, upon his coming of age of the greatest political power conferred on men – that of free suffrage. To guard these two foundations of the Commonwealth – education of the people and the right of local self-government, should be regarded as a sacred duty.*

*So long as they remain firm, there is no fear of an overthrow of the State."*

The first town meeting in what is now Massachusetts took place in 1622 at Plimoth Plantation. Called court day, the meeting was run by Governor William Bradford, and its purpose was to divide land among the families there. Eleven years later, Dorchester also claims the first town meeting, which was held on Oct. 8, 1633, to establish its government.

Almost two months after Bolton became a town, it held its first town meeting on Aug. 14, 1738, at the home of Thomas Sawyer. Only tax-paying men were allowed to participate. After selecting a moderator (at the time a moderator was chosen for each meeting), they voted to choose five selectmen and chose and swore in a town clerk, constable and two highway surveyors. An officer was also elected "to clear the streams that the fish may come up."

This year's town meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 7 p.m. at the high school auditorium. The warrant contains 16 articles and should be arriving by mail shortly. William Stone's words, written 146 years ago, still ring true today, the right to vote is "the greatest political power conferred on men."



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**Thursday April 21**  
Library Board of Trustees 4:30pm  
**Monday April 25**  
Warrant & Budget Review Info Session 7:00pm  
**Wednesday April 27**  
Planning Board 7:00pm  
**Monday May 2**  
Select Board 6:45pm  
Annual Town Meeting 2022 7:00pm

BOLTON CANDIDATE INFORMATION

The Bolton Candidates' Night forum was held on April 4 and is available for viewing on Bolton AccessTV's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/BoltonAccessTV>. Candidate interviews are featured in this week's paper starting on page 1.

**CANDIDATE SUPPORT LETTERS (published this week on page 7):**  
Letters in support of a candidate ( 500 words max) are welcome and must be sent directly to [editor@boltonindependent.com](mailto:editor@boltonindependent.com) with full name and address for verification purposes. Any letters submitted for the **May 4** edition cannot contain negative statements about any candidate as there will be no other edition of the paper prior to the **May 9** election for rebuttal. Letters will be printed as space allows.

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Bolton Select Board candidates... from page 1

and the incorporation of the Town of Bolton in 1738, one of the most impactful being the loss of mandatory participation. Separation of Church and State created greater Freedom but also Absentee Citizens. While we no longer need to attend Church on Sunday, have we also lost all compassion for our neighbors? When we are no longer obligated to participate, those who choose to do so have a disproportionate influence. But what matters even more is the three most important elected officials - the Selectmen - have chosen to leave the majority of decisions to Professional Bureaucrats who have authority to impact the lives of those who reside and own property in town but bear no responsibility for their actions; they are just following orders. The question is: who is actually in charge of the Town Corporation, and what are their goals?

**Emily Winner:** My name is Emily Winner and I am running for the open seat on the Bolton Select Board. I have been a resident of Bolton for 9 years, during which I have actively found ways to serve and support my community.

**Question 1: What personal goal(s) are you hoping to achieve by being a member of the Bolton Select Board?**

**DiPietro:** Bolton has historically been known for Agriculture. Without business revenue the tax burden falls entirely on the residential property owners and their tenants. I wish to strengthen the agricultural and business base here in Bolton. Hudson looks to be doing something right. But beyond that, some of your neighbors have had some hard years and may need a helping hand, not the back side of it, from Town Government. Is it the goal to make sure no one is able to do anything with their property without litigation? Should your long time neighbors try to sell and leave, or be disposed of their homes and property and forcibly removed from town? Unfortunately the back taxes, fines, and legal judgments will still not be paid. Will the property ever generate any tax revenue again. Gas prices are volatile, food prices are skyrocketing and we are being warned of food shortages. The average family can expect to pay an extra \$5K this year on basic expenses. Let's expand community gardening, composting and fire wood processing to help residents grow their own food, heat their homes and assist our neighbors in doing the same.

**Winner:** As a member of the Select Board, I plan to bring a fresh perspective, diverse experience, a strong work ethic, and a desire to represent all citizens of Bolton. One key priority that I would like to address is alleviating the residential tax burden through research and consideration of other revenue sources. Second, I see the need for a new DPW facility as a high priority. The current facility was built in the 60's when the town population was around 1200. The main garage building is severely undersized (3 bays for 6 large dump trucks), has inadequate ventilation/exhaust, inadequate storage resulting in 6 storage trailers in two different locations for storage of machinery, tools, etc, and inadequate facilities for



Alan DiPietro



Emily Winner

our DPW employees. Third, I see an intergenerational community center with indoor and outdoor facilities for all Bolton citizens as something that our town would greatly benefit from. I would like to gather a committee of Bolton residents to start investigating needs of the community, potential sites, funding opportunities (grants, etc.), and communicate with other towns that have recently built similar facilities to learn from their processes.

**Question 2: How would you deal with conflict resolution within a small group setting?**

**DiPietro:** Listen, listen, listen, and then ask questions, repeat. Typically conflict resolution is practiced to make people feel heard publicly but then quietly ignored, while the goals of the puppet masters continue in the background unhindered. Instead try listening to and internalizing what is said, put yourself in their shoes. People have come to hold their opinions for specific reasons. If you wish to change someone's mind you must understand the reasoning behind their position. Doing so might just change your and others minds instead. Consensus is not getting everyone to agree to what is right, but that all parties agree that they are equally dissatisfied with the outcome. That's a successful compromise. Unfortunately, this is not how things work within the Town Bureaucracy. Town Employees and Volunteer Commission Members have no need to resolve conflict or understand and gain consensus they can simply say "No" and litigation ensues. If you have a problem with a town bylaw feel free to bring suit in Superior Court, if you can afford it. If you don't have the money, maybe the Town just sues you instead of trying conflict resolution. Why not try third party Mediation?


**Winner:** Varying perspectives are important in decision making, especially with large issues that affect an entire community. I would listen, remain impartial, and look for common ground.

**Question 3: The Select Board must vote on many issues impacting the town and with only three members, everyone's vote is important. Are there any situations/issues that might come up for which you might need to recuse yourself from a vote due to a conflict of interest?**


**DiPietro:** The citizens of the town have delegated their votes to three Selectmen. However, the Selectmen are not just three. Their authority has been delegated to many appointed commissions and hired town employees. Are they executing the voters will? Who checks? As a resident and business owner here in town I expect that anytime an anonymous unfounded accusation is made, a permit is unnecessarily demanded or denied, and ultimately litigation is brought, recusal may be necessary. Most private citizens do not have a legal war chest and can't afford to litigate. Who does litigation serve? Does hired town counsel advise against mediation because they prefer to be involved? Should we continue to prevent our residents and land owners from utilizing their property to pay their bills, just

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## Bolton Town Election is Monday, May 9

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### Bolton Select Board candidates... from previous page

because some extremely loud special interests demand it? Who and what is the “Town” constantly litigating against? Is it your neighbors? How would you find out? Inquires to town hall are answered with a simple statement “we cannot discuss on-going litigation”. Can we change any of that? I will, at least about my personal situation. Please visit my farm website to learn more. <https://nashawaytrailalpacas.com/blog/> or email me: 110teeleroad@gmail.com

**Winner:** I am not aware of any current issues, however, should the situation arise, I would certainly recuse myself from a vote due to a conflict of interest.

### Question 4: What do you see as the top priority for the Bolton Select Board and how would you/your skill set help address it?

**DiPietro:** As a farmer and an engineer, functional real-world solutions concern me most. When did the bylaws become unerring unchangeable bible? How do we reconcile the contradictions within? Agricultural Commission Mission Statement: “Provide a resource for resolution of conflicts with abutters and Town Agencies”. Why are offers to mediate declined by outside Town Counsel in favor of litigation that costs the residents and only enriches the lawyers. I’d like to see the Agricultural Commission strengthened. Instead of being an advisory board that need not be consulted, I believe any town issues relating to agriculture should have mandatory input from the Ag Com. I will work for a Town operated CSA on some of our conservation land. In fact, some land should be put under the control of the Agricultural Commission instead of having everything under Conservation Commission's control. I have found that the Cons Com is not very supportive of Agriculture, with their sole focus on Wetlands and their bloated definition thereof. All of which is preempted by the State Wetlands Protection Act and MGL 40a sec 3, but not acknowledged. Bolton’s claim of Right to Farm rings a little hollow these days!

**Winner:** The top priority for the Bolton Select Board should always be to represent all citizens of Bolton when possible. For all issues of consideration, it is important to understand the objective, research and gather information, and have a solid understanding of the process. In addition, it is imperative to understand the needs and challenges of our town departments, boards, and committees. I have been actively involved in our town through various volunteer opportunities, I have served on town boards and committees, and I have 12 years of commercial construction experience. Since making the decision to run for the open seat on the Select Board, I have been actively talking with community members, town employees, and members of boards and committees to learn more about the needs of our town and to identify priority issues.

### Concluding remarks:

**DiPietro:** I hope things get better with the economy but issues in the Ukraine, and Russia threatening to shut off the gas to the EU, will make problems for us here. Let’s get some relief from the towns onerous and combative permitting processes. There should be more visibility and certainly some leniency from the optional policy of withholding permits when back taxes are owed. It makes it very difficult for those who are already having financial troubles to actually pay those back taxes. Mediation instead of litigation would save everyone money. A strengthened Agricultural Commission can also help us with our affordable housing issues. The Farm Open Space Development, already part of the bylaws, can be promoted and led by an empowered Ag Com. Friendly, streamlined, comprehensive, and coordinated permitting might just create friendly 40B’s. The State specifies the exemption level for 40B and until the Town hits that number we will not be able to stop unfriendly 40B’s. Just because you put “Farm” in the name of your subdivision does not make it so. It might be time to put some of our open space back into production. I’m ready and willing, are you?

**Winner:** I humbly ask for your vote on May 9, 2022 at the NRHS auditorium between the hours of 12:00 and 8:00. If you are unable to make it to the polls, please vote via absentee ballot which can be obtained by mail or email through the Town Clerk's Office at 978-779-2771 or [townclerk@townofbolton.com](mailto:townclerk@townofbolton.com).

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## Candidate residency addressed... from page 11

Director of Communications for the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s office. She said, “Voters are permitted to register to vote wherever they sleep at night, even if that location does not have a traditional address. For instance, voters who are homeless may register at a shelter, but they may also register in a park where they most frequently sleep. In these cases, the town clerk will label the location with an address for voting purposes, so that the voter can have an address to have on the voter list.” She said that, although there was no specific statute about this, much of the law relating to residency for voting purposes has been established by case law. At Candidates’ Night, Buyuk pursued the question of DiPietro’s residency, stating that the land he says he owns in Bolton had been seized by the town for nonpayment of taxes. She alleged, “...You have not paid real estate taxes for years, and there is a judgment against you for \$70,000, in addition to other judgments against you by other creditors.”

DiPietro acknowledged that he had been unable to pay his taxes and said he has been trying to work with the town on an arrangement that would help him to do so. He said, “I intend to pay those taxes.”

According to Town Administrator Don Lowe, DiPietro is no longer the legal owner of the lots on Teele Road. “The town of Bolton owns those properties,” he said, noting that on Dec. 14, 2021, the Land Court Judge issued a judgement giving ownership of the five parcels to the Town of Bolton. That judgement, along with others, is filed in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds and is publicly available. Lowe added that on April 1, 2022, a Sheriff’s Constable had served DiPietro with an eviction notice.

Powell told the Independent that, regardless of the ownership status of the properties in question, DiPietro’s voter registration status would remain unchanged unless he initiates action to change it, such as registering to vote in another town.

## Bolton Office Park apartments... from page 11

Lowe said the Board’s opinion would be important to the Zoning Board of Appeals as it continues its public hearing for the comprehensive permit, which will allow the project to move forward. ZBA Chair Gerard Ahearn said if the Select Board needed information or funding from the applicant about a particular item, they should “peg that priority” because the window would close once the decision is drafted, and the deadline is getting close.

The list was divided into categories. Items related to open space and recreation include access to the community garden and recreational fields, improvements to Derby Field behind Florence Sawyer School, and a new playground.

Infrastructure items include reconstructing the culvert bridge to the septic field for emergency and septic service vehicles, more sidewalks, more parking for the senior center, and parking for a “park & ride” or shuttle stop.

Included under transportation are a corridor study of Route 117, an intersection study of Route 117 and Wattaquadock Hill Road (offered by the applicant), a pedestrian and bicycle easement over the existing cart path to the future Town Center Trail Loop, and emergency vehicle access over the existing cart path. Two additional items are a stipend for 18 months’ worth of inspections and an air quality study at Bolton Country Manor.

The discussion focused on the playing fields and community garden in the backlands between the office park and the school. Access and parking is restricted there due to wetlands and to the buffer zones around existing and new wellheads. It is not clear who might be responsible for relocating those activities if that becomes the eventual outcome. Select Board member Stan Wysocki said it would be up to the town; Board Chair Bob Czekanski wondered who exactly.

Select Board member Jonathan Keep said it would be helpful to have plans or schematics relating to access, parking and relocating activities.

“These are big, important questions,” Keep said.

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## Bolton Select Board... from page 9

fee schedule because fees haven’t been raised for years, Building Inspector Mike Sauvageau told the Board. He said the increases will maintain parity with surrounding communities and increases ranged from the lowest in surrounding towns to the average of several towns for building and electric permits. The towns surveyed were Berlin, Boxborough, Boylston, Harvard, Lancaster, Sterling, Stow, Sudbury and Wayland. Plumbing fees did not change because they are already comparable. Sauvageau thanked Town Treasurer Kristen Noel for her considerable research. The new fees will go into effect for permit applications as of June 1.

### Hogan reports on activities

The Select Board heard from State Rep. Kate Hogan about the state budget, legislative activities, and other initiatives. She said the governor’s budget will increase local funding by about 3 percent. She said the budget numbers are always “moving targets,” but if revenues continue to increase, the budget could as well. She said the House always tackles local aid first.

Hogan said state government learned to “quickly pivot” to use technology to safeguard local town functions with such moves as remote open meeting law and notarization, which have been extended. She also cited the approval for the waiver for the Nashoba EMT cadet program, which allows high school students to become certified EMTs starting at age 16. She said the cadet program is one of the premier high school programs in the state, and she didn’t know why it took so long or was so hard. “We’ll continue to fight to keep the waiver for a program critically important in a time when we really need as many trained EMTs as possible,” Hogan said.

Hogan mentioned a passel of legislation in progress and upcoming, including adoptee access to birth certificates, ways to fight PFAS contamination, a farms commission to develop sustainable economic and environmental practices to help family farms thrive in the 21st century, the “work and family mobility act” to allow undocumented immigrants to get driver’s licenses thus providing standard identification for all drivers, and House Speaker Ronald Mariano’s push for offshore wind energy to drive more investment in Massachusetts as a leader in clean energy.

Hogan said she’s very proud of the assistance her office could offer to all her communities in the wake of the pandemic. She’s proud of her partnership with Bolton in particular, as she watches the town move forward to realize its vision. She mentioned the gathering “on a very, very frosty day last month” to celebrate future improvements to the high school intersection and the Forbush Mill culvert from grants and other funding she helped mobilize, to the grateful appreciation of the Select Board and Town Administrator. “As cold as it was, my heart was warm,” Hogan said.

### New structures at Nashoba Valley Winery supported

After discussion with Rich Pelletier, owner of Nashoba Valley Winery, the Select Board voted to support his application to construct a storage facility for fruit and wine and a wastewater treatment plant at the winery, which is governed by an agricultural preservation restriction (APR) the town co-holds with the Mass. Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR).

The Select Board’s approval will enable Pelletier to take the next step with MDAR. Pelletier said they are in the “idea” stage at the moment, in which a slope too steep for farming could be dug out for an underground storage “cave” with a flat roof that could be topped with turf and picnic tables, solar panels or even a greenhouse. It would hold and age bulk wine and store surplus fruit from the winery and crops purchased from local farmers. Access would be from Berlin Road.

Pelletier said he is also looking at options for turning production wastewater into irrigation and for alternatives to septic tight tanks, which he said he has hauled away for \$60,000 a year, an “unsustainable” expense. Finally, Pelletier assured the Board that once he has state approval, he could start formal plans, and engineering that would go before all the relevant town boards and inspectors. He said the Select



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## Bolton Access TV April 24 - April 30

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## Glass Recycling Update

*From the staff at the Bolton Transfer Station:* The collection and recycling of glass at the Transfer Station has become a challenge. The vendor that was taking our glass has closed. Our trash vendor, B-P is searching for another outlet. We request that residents please hold and store glass recyclables at their home until another vendor is found.

Pursuant to Massachusetts law, glass cannot be disposed of with your regular trash. We are hopeful that this situation is temporary. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

## Bolton Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Bolton Public Library will hold its semiannual book sale on Saturday, May 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at is the Houghton Building, 697 Main St. (Rain date is Sunday, May 22, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Shoppers will find more than 5,000 books, sorted and “not picked over,” as well as puzzles, CDs and DVDs. (Masks are optional.) The book sale is the Friends’ largest fundraiser. Proceeds from the sale support library programs, events, museum passes, and the online newsletter, “Wowbrary.”

Board would have another opportunity to review and vote.

### Appointment

The Select Board voted to appoint Elisabeth Hutchins to the Zoning Board of Appeals. She had been an associate member.

### Youth Baseball parade approved

The Select Board voted to approve the Bolton Youth Baseball (and softball and T-ball) opening day parade for Saturday, April 30, starting at 11:45 a.m. Participants will gather on the Town Common and parade to Memorial Field via Main Street to Mechanic Street to the connecting road to the field. Main Street will be closed for about 30 minutes. Police will provide a detail.

### Pride proclamation approved but flag tabled

At the request of Sarah Kaschak of the Nashoba Area Social Justice Alliance, the Select Board voted to accept the official proclamation welcoming and valuing LGBTQIA+ persons and to declare June 2002 Pride Month in Bolton. They tabled flying the Pride flag on the Town Common flagpole. They said flagpoles on municipal land should be reserved for civic entities like countries and states. They cited lengthy and costly lawsuits in other areas, including Boston, when flags of interest groups were flown, sparking opposition. They said they would discuss the Pride flag and flags in general at their next meeting April 28.

### Antisemitism proclamation endorsed

The Select Board voted to endorse Governor Charlie Baker’s proclamation against antisemitism, which includes the state’s endorsement of the working definition of antisemitism established by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. Baker, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin signed the proclamation Feb. 18.

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# Bolton Police Report

**Compiled by Lynda King**  
*Excerpts from the Public Safety Logs. Please note, arrests are made based on probable cause but do not determine guilt or innocence until proven in court*

**April 11-17**  
• This week police made 128 motor vehicle stops that resulted in 73 citations, 48 warnings, seven summonses, and one arrest. They also responded to three calls about disabled vehicles.  
• Twelve medical emergencies were reported this week. Ten people were taken to the hospital; two people refused treatment or transport.

• In other activity:

**Monday, April 11:**  
1:58 p.m. Someone stopped at the station to report a road rage incident on Interstate 495 at the junction with Route 9. The person was referred to Mass. State Police.  
6:45 p.m. A patrol officer observed a passing vehicle on Main Street that had excessive window tinting and aftermarket lighting, and flagged the car down. After finding that there was an outstanding arrest warrant for the driver, the officer arrested 25-year-old Mychael Walter Gonzalez of Roxbury.

**Tuesday, April 12:**  
7:40 a.m. A passing officer found a construction crew working in the roadway on Kettle Hole Road without a detail officer, and told them to stop working until an officer could be hired.  
7:55 a.m. Multiple callers reported an elderly man walking in the road on Main Street, clearly confused. Officers found the man, and his caretaker drove him home.  
9:44 a.m. A woman called 911 and began speaking incoherently to the dispatcher about people she lives with. Officers located the person and requested medical assistance.  
2:43 p.m. A patrol officer on Old Bay Road was flagged down by a person who wanted to report someone possibly driving while intoxicated. Officers did not locate the vehicle.  
2:50 p.m. A caller reported a car being driven erratically on Woobly Road, heading toward Hudson. The call was transferred to Hudson police.  
3:05 p.m. Someone stopped at the station to report a past two-car accident on Still River Road, with minor damage and no injuries.  
3:18 p.m. A caller reported that, after exiting her vehicle to deliver a package on Hudson Road, her vehicle somehow rolled away and collided with a plastic shed. No one was injured; damage was minor.  
6:10 p.m. A patrol officer found a dog running loose on Sugar Road, near Butternut Lane. The owner was located and reunited with the dog.  
6:16 p.m. Someone reported an elderly woman on a scooter sitting out front of Bolton Country Manor, and expressed concern about whether or not she was OK. Officers checked, and she was fine.  
6:20 p.m. A caller reported construction noise coming from the Still River Commons subdivision, well past closing time. Officers found construction workers actively working past the 5 p.m. deadline, as per the subdivision comprehensive agreement, and told them to stop work. The officers also gave them a warning.  
8:22 p.m. A 911 caller reported a two-car crash at Wattaquadock Hill and Berlin roads. Police report that one car was heading north when it crossed over the solid yellow lines and almost collided with an oncoming vehicle. The person then oversteered back into the northbound lane and went off the right side of the road. The car hit a tree stump and rolled over. One person was injured, and the car was towed. The driver was cited for operating to endanger and failure to maintain lanes.

**Wednesday, April 13:**  
9:54 a.m. A 911 caller reported a teenager walking down the street on Laurel Road, wearing pajamas and no shoes. Officers located the person and contacted her parents.  
8:14 p.m. Someone called 911 to report a car being driven erratically, swerving all over the road on Main Street in Lancaster, heading toward Bolton. Bolton of-

ficers stopped the vehicle when it entered Bolton and found no issues.  
**Thursday, April 14:**  
10:33 a.m. Someone stopped at the station to report losing his keys at the Bolton Bean parking lot.  
2:25 p.m. Another person stopped at the station to drop off a cell phone that was found.  
6:46 p.m. A motorist called 911 to report an ongoing road-rage incident that began in Littleton and ended when they pulled into the Public Safety Building parking lot, where officers intervened and restored the peace.  
7:25 p.m. A motorist reported a speeding car on Main Street that was passing vehicles in the no-passing zone. The car got onto I-495 south, so the call was referred to Mass. State Police.

**Friday, April 15:**  
7:01 a.m. Someone called 911 to report a single-car accident at the intersection on Main Street at Wattaquadock Hill Road. Police report that the westbound car sideswiped a utility pole, then went through the intersection and collided with a light pole. No injuries were reported; the car was towed. No citations were issued.  
8:26 a.m. A motorist reported a car being driven erratically on Main Street, passing cars and weaving in and out of traffic. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.  
12:12 p.m. A Bolton Road resident called with concerns about an unfamiliar man sitting on the stone wall in front of the residence. Officers checked, and found no issues.  
12:24 p.m. A patrol officer on Main Street came across a minor two-car accident and assisted the drivers with a paperwork exchange.  
1 p.m. A Spectacle Hill Road resident reported that a small dachshund had wandered into her yard. The Animal Control officer was notified.  
6:06 p.m. A caller reported that a young child was walking alone on Drumlin Hill Road with no shoes or shirt on. Officers located the child and reunited the youngster with the mom.  
11:52 p.m. Someone called 911 to report a two-car accident on Main Street near the Bolton Bean. Police report that one car was heading west and the other, east, when the westbound car crossed over the solid double yellow lines and collided with eastbound vehicle. After striking the second car, the first one continued off the road to the left and wiped out the Bolton Bean sign. The second car continued on to the right and collided with a telephone pole. The driver of the second car was taken to the hospital with minor injuries. After the other driver failed a field sobriety test, police arrested 50-year-old Bridgett Lynn Baer of Lunenburg. Both cars were towed. [SEE PHOTOS on page 11]

**Saturday, April 16:**  
1:20 p.m. A caller reported a minor two-car accident near Bolton Orchards. Police say only a paperwork exchange was needed.  
6:46 p.m. Someone reported a sick-looking raccoon near Bolton Spring Farm. The ACO was notified.  
7:41 p.m. Multiple callers reported a two-car crash at the intersection of Main Street and I-495. Police report that one car was heading south on Sugar Road and the other was on the I-495 southbound off-ramp. Both stopped at the red light, then accelerated when the light turned green. The car coming off I -495 began a left turn directly in front of first car, and the vehicles collided after the driver from the off-ramp failed to yield. One person was taken to the hospital; both cars were towed. No citations were issued.

**Sunday, April 17:**  
9:02 a.m. Someone stopped at the station to report his daughter missing. After speaking with the man, police referred him to Worcester police.  
3:05 p.m. A motorist called 911 to report a car being driven erratically on Main Street in Lancaster, heading toward Bolton. The caller said the vehicle was failing to stay within its lane and maintain speeds. Bolton officers were dispatched when the vehicle entered Bolton, but after it turned onto Still River Road toward Harvard, officers were unable to locate it.  
9 p.m. A patrol officer stopped to check on an occupied vehicle parked at Clinton Savings Bank, but found no issues.

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Tues, Thurs, Sat at 11:15 am & 5:50 pm  
**Gardeners and Climate Change presented by Demetra Tseckares (75 min)** Virtual talk presented by Maynard Library  
March 2022  
Mon, Wed, Fri at 12 pm  
Tues, Thurs, Sat at 3:30 pm  
**Sustainable Stow- Making Your Yard with C L Bastien 9-15-21 (80 min)\*** See how to make your yard more climate-friendly with some local examples  
Mon, Wed, Fri at 3:30 pm & 9:30 pm  
**First Parish Church Earth Day Service 2021 (51 min)** Tues, Thurs, Sat at 7 pm  
**The Easter Penguin 2018\* (7min)**  
Do you remember the Pompo Penguin?  
Mon, Wed, Fri at 2:50 pm,  
Tues, Thurs, Sat: 11:45 am, 3:15 pm & 4:45 pm  
**Dragonflies of the Assabet River Talk at**

**NWR 8-2011 (16 min)\*** Tues, Thurs, Sat at 10:50 am, 4:55 pm & 5:30 pm  
**Nashoba News Latest Broadcast (15 min)** Mon, Wed, Fri at 5:15 pm & 6:45 pm  
Tues, Thurs, Sat at 7:30 am, 5:15 pm, & 6:45 pm  
**Virtual Saturday Morning Storytime Nancy Tupper Ling and Janet Costa Bates (35min)** Silver Unicorn Books Author event “For Every Little Thing” & “Time for Bed, Old House” Mon, Wed, Fri at 9 am  
**Silver Unicorn Books-Direct Federal Credit Union’s Diversity Inclusion Author Series with Ray Anthony Shepard** “Runaway, The Daring Escape of Ona Judge” Mon, Wed, Fri at 11 am  
**Bounty of the Earth-Sounds of Stow at Springfest 2019 (85 min)** Sounds of Stow perform this coming May 22 with Southern Rail at FPC!  
Tues, Thurs, Sat at 8 pm  
**EPIC TALES Nashoba Symphonic Band 5 5 2019** NSB will perform at Nashoba High this coming May 1st!  
Mon, Wed, Fri at 7 pm  
**Get Healthy with Holly - Exercise and your Brain with Ryan Glatt (30 min)**  
July 2020- Episode 25  
Mon, Wed, Fri at 7:30 am  
Tues, Thurs, Sat at 1:30 pm  
**Exercise with Terry- NEW WORKOUTS** filmed at the Stow COA  
Stow COA Senior Fitness Class (50 min)  
Mon, Wed, Fri at 2 pm  
Tues, Thurs, Sat at 10 am  
Stow COA Stretch-Flex Class (55 min)  
Mon, Wed, Fri at 10 am  
Tues, Thurs, Sat at 2 pm  
**Sunday Worship Services**  
6 am- Trinity Bolton - Every Day at 6:00am  
8 am- First Parish Church of Stow & Acton- Every day at 8am\*  
10:30 am- St Elizabeth -Sudbury - Sun at 10:30am  
  
\* Also available on YouTube - StowTVNow

## SPRING FLOWERS

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<b>BLOODROOT</b>	<b>HELLEBORE</b>	<b>SPRING FLOWERS</b>
<b>BLUEBELLS</b>	<b>HYACINTH</b>	<b>TROUT LILY</b>
<b>CELANDINE POPPY</b>	<b>MARSH MARIGOLD</b>	<b>TULIP</b>
<b>CLAYTONIA</b>	<b>PANSY</b>	<b>WINDFLOWER</b>
<b>CROCUS</b>	<b>PASQUE FLOWER</b>	<b>WINTER ACONITE</b>
<b>DAFFODIL</b>	<b>PUSCHKINIA</b>	<b>YELLOW TRILLIUM</b>
<b>DUTCHMANS BREECHES</b>	<b>SNOWDROP</b>	

Find the SPRING FLOWERS words in the puzzle above. Words may appear backward, forward, diagonal, up or down.



# STOW PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

By Kristen Kerouac Excerpts from the Public Safety Logs. Please note, arrests are made based on probable cause but do not determine guilt or innocence until proven in court.

**Monday April 11, 2022**  
7:28am ANIMAL  
A caller from Sudbury Road reported that there was a sick skunk under his porch. The Animal Control Officer was notified.  
7:39pm ANIMAL  
A caller on Conant Drive reported seeing a rabid skunk. The Animal Control Officer was notified.

**Tuesday April 12, 2022**  
5:02pm ASSIST CITIZEN  
A caller questioned if anyone reported receiving unknown packages from Red Acre Road. The tracking information showed that two packages were delivered, however the caller could not locate them. An officer advised the caller.  
8:27pm DISTURBANCE  
A caller on Barton Road reported that two people were riding dirt bikes on the public way. They were not wearing helmets and were not using the lights. The Police responded. No one was found.

**Wednesday April 13, 2022**  
3:29pm LARCENY  
A caller from Randall Road reported that her jewelry was possibly stolen a few weeks ago. An officer advised the woman.  
4:46pm ASSIST CITIZEN  
A caller reported that someone called her claiming that she won two million dollars. An officer advised the woman.

**Thursday April 14, 2022**  
1:46am MEDICAL EMERGENCY  
A caller from Gleasondale Road reported having chest pain. The Police and Fire/Rescue responded. The ambulance transported the woman to the hospital.  
9:45am MEDICAL EMERGENCY  
A caller at the town beach reported that a woman was injured. The Police and Fire/Rescue responded. The ambulance transported the woman to the hospital.  
11:48am MEDICAL EMERGENCY  
A caller from Old Bolton Road reported that a woman had a fever, was shaking and may have had a kidney stone. The Police and Fire/Rescue responded. The ambulance transported the woman to the hospital.  
1:04pm VANDALISM  
A caller from Great Road reported that

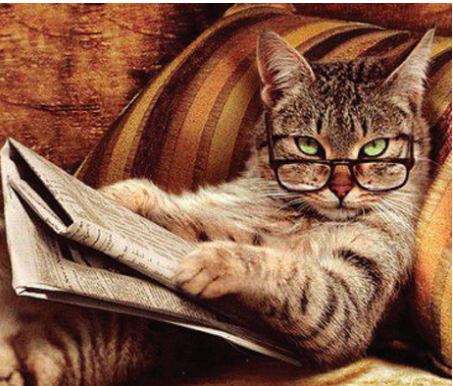
his political signs were hit and broken. The Police responded. The man was advised.  
5:52pm WELL BEING CHECK  
A caller reported that a small child was walking along State Road, near the pond, without an adult. When the Police responded, the description was believed to be a mistake. A visiting firefighter had been walking along the pond around the same time.  
8:45pm SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY  
A caller from Samuel Prescott Drive reported that a car pulled into her driveway, walked around with a flashlight, and then left. The Police responded. No one was found.

**Friday April 15, 2022**  
7:19am ASSIST CITIZEN  
A caller from Canterbury Road reported that a wire was hanging between two poles. The Police

responded.  
10:51am COMPLAINT  
A caller from Sudbury Road reported that a car hit his mailbox. The Highway Department was notified.  
2:52pm ANIMAL  
A caller at Delaney Project reported that a dog was off leash. The Animal Control Officer was notified.  
6:18pm FIRE  
The Fire Department assisted with a chicken rescue. No further details were reported.  
8:41pm SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY  
A caller on Maple Street reported that a man in his 20s was walking along the side of the road. As the caller drove past him, he began to approach the car. The Police responded to check the area.

**Saturday April 16, 2022**  
3:13pm ASSIST CITIZEN

A caller from Warren Road reported that there was a snake in her apartment. The Police responded.  
**Sunday April 17, 2022**  
9:40am SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY  
A caller from Wheeler Road reported that an unknown car was parked near his home. The Police responded to check the area  
10:48am ASSIST CITIZEN  
A caller on Wheeler Road reported that a pair of pink baby shoes was in the road. The Police responded.  
12:59pm ANIMAL  
A caller on Great Road reported that a skinny brown dog was running around near the Animal Hospital. The Police responded.  
6:53pm LOST  
A caller reported that he was missing his house keys. An officer advised the man. The information was logged.



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Well-water testing... from page 11



Jim Starbard, MA State Lead for RCAP Solutions, assessing a well head with Bolton resident Dan Gaffney, who is also the founder of Safewell, a Bolton-based water testing service.

Courtesy of RCAP Solutions

news for Bolton. About 27 percent of the well water in the six test towns turned up carcinogen levels higher than what the state and federal governments consider healthy. But for Bolton alone, that average was 10 percent. Shei said chloroform bacteria and arsenic were the most common carcinogens at elevated levels.

Shei remarked that she did expect Bolton wells would have lower carcinogen levels, given it is a more affluent community. “Some people probably test water on their own, so there’s some knowledge there. Whereas, in other towns, some people can’t afford to test their wells, and some people can’t afford to remediate the wells when a problem is detected.” But, she was quick to point out, Bolton’s levels were “not insignificant. That’s one in 10 houses in the neighborhood.”

In comparing results, Shei said a Boxborough homeowner that was part of the test program found her water carried uranium levels three times the recommended limit. A single mother that is currently unable to work because of health issues, she was advised to stop consuming the water, according to Shei. “She has been given very little guidance on what type of treatment systems to install, and she has no financial resources to cover those treatment systems herself,” Shei said. “And she’s been living in the house since 2002.”

**Health Equity at Stake**

Shei said THFCM continues advocating for well-water quality equity across the state, given municipalities vary widely in the well testing regulations they require, if any. For instance, most municipalities do not require property owners to test well water when a property is sold.

Recent legislation filed in the State Senate by Sen. Jamie Eldridge of Acton, “An Act Promoting Drinking Water Quality for All,” had a first hearing on March 22.

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(The House version was filed by Rep. Danillo A. Sena) The legislation calls for setting standards for private well quality, and testing this water in most cases when a residential property is sold.

Shei pointed out that such regulations would also help skirt the practice in today’s seller’s market of skipping home inspections as part of a real estate transaction, which squelches the chance of uncovering any water issues. Also, families moving to more rural areas such as Bolton and Stow from Boston or other cities are not attuned to needing to test well water, she said.

**Well water testing requirements coming to Bolton**

Ahead of the state, Bolton is also moving to require well-water testing. According to the Bolton Board of Health’s Scott Powell, the board is “in the process of implementing new regulations which would require well tests prior to the sale of a home in Bolton. I think this is at least as important as the Title 5 inspections of septic systems now required during the home sale process.”

Shei remarked that some homeowners may resist the idea of statewide regulations on their wells, but that testing and maintenance come at only a modest cost. “Someone connected to a municipal water system pays hundreds of dollars a year,” she stressed. And, as with measures such as mandatory children’s car seats, “This legislation is really designed to protect public health.”

Meanwhile, Shei reported the THFCM plans to expand the North Central MA Private Well Program to six more towns this year, this time beyond central Mass. And, as a Stow resident, Shei noted THFCM is working with the nonprofit Sustainable Stow on a community education session around the issue of assuring safe well water.

Powell said CDC and EPA both recommend annual tests at least for bacteria, nitrates, total dissolved solids and PH. Shei recommended selecting a state-certified lab; start at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/find-a-certified-laboratory-for-water-testing>.

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