



The Nashoba Softball team were the winners of the Sheryl Jones Tournament, held in Hudson last week. The team beat Hudson, 10 - 1, in the final round held on Thursday. Nashoba All-Tournament award winners were Hannah Reardon (MVP), Jackie Matranga and Chloe Hughes. More on the team on page 7. Photo courtesy of Jessica Winders, Hudson Athletic Director

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Warrant set for Stow's Annual Town Meeting

by Ann Needle

In its final meeting before the May 11 Annual Town Meeting (ATM), the Select Board approved the Warrant to be presented for discussion that Saturday. And, as the Town prepares for this annual tradition, law enforcement also offered praise to its employees for its handling of a challenging situation earlier this month.

Looking at the Warrant, Town Administrator Denise Dembkoski pointed to a few standout pieces of information before the Board approved the document. She reported the Finance Committee approved all Articles except 36-11 and 36-12, which call for spending almost \$150,000 to provide the Nashoba District an assessment on physical conditions in Center and Hale schools. Dembkoski said Fincom concluded it did not have enough information from Nashoba to justify the cost. In the other Nashoba towns and their warrants, Lancaster is supporting the article – aimed at assessing conditions in Nashoba's lower schools — and Bolton is not, Dembkoski added.

Also, the Planning Department has rescinded an Article on voting easements for Crescent Street road and sidewalk work, given it does not feel its plan is ready, Dembkoski said. Given this plan will likely be ready in a few months, Dembkoski remarked this could be one reason for a Special Town Meeting in the fall.

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BOLTON RESIDENTS:

The Bolton Annual Town Warrant, found inside this edition, is the only paper copy that will be distributed to Bolton residents. Please bring it with you to Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m.

See page 9 for an overview of the Warrant and the Candidates for Town Election.

TOWN OF BOLTON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT
MONDAY, MAY 6th, 2024

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MONDAY, May 13th, 2024

Midsummer comes to Stow this spring

by Ann Needle

Strange as it seems, the grass out there is getting greener after a winter of brown ground and flooding waters. On Saturday, May 4 at 3pm, celebrate the new season by packing a picnic to enjoy a first-of-its-kind outdoor performance of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream at Town Center Park.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Randall Library and Stow TV, the performance by the Lenox-based Shakespeare & Co. is free to everyone, with plenty of space for picnics and beach chairs. (Of course, as the Friends' Lisa Lavina pointed out, patrons need to bring their own chairs if they would rather not sit on the ground, and the picnics should not include alcohol.)

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Nashoba Boys Volleyball joins spring line-up

Along with a new Girls Golf team, Nashoba spring sports now includes a Boys Volleyball team for the first time. The Independent caught up with Nashoba Athletic Director Tania Rich and the team's coach, Janet Carey, to find out how the team came to be and about the team itself.

Rich was asked about the inception of the team and what it entailed to get the new team on the spring sports schedule.

Rich: The boys' volleyball team was established to offer more opportunities and cater to student interest. It was primarily student-led, with enthusiastic interest and support from both athletes and the school community.

Back in 2014, Nashoba partnered with Clinton High School for a co-op boys' volleyball team. Unfortunately, the

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You MAY have noticed, this week's paper includes the Bolton Annual Town Meeting Warrant (but only for BOLTON addresses) and there is a brief overview of the Warrant and the Candidates for Town Election on page 9.

Stow's Town Warrant will be distributed to ALL STOW addresses next week and will include a review of the warrant and candidates, as well.

We are planning a Stow Candidates' Night and will announce more about that in next week's edition.

I took some time out on Sunday to head to the Shetland Sheep Field Day hosted by Bolton's Hythe Farms, owned by Nan Norseen. While the weather wasn't great, the sheep were adorable and we had a good time. See photos on page 11.

I was so tempted to buy flowers last week, which probably would have gotten frostbitten this week. But next week... !



Happy Passover to all who are celebrating this week!

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VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE – MAY 1 at 5:00pm

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 11
9:00AM - UNTIL BUSINESS COMPLETED
CENTER SCHOOL 403 GREAT RD

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 18
10:00AM – 4:00PM
CENTER SCHOOL, 403 GREAT RD

IN PERSON EARLY VOTING
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TOWN BUILDING, 380 GREAT ROAD
MONDAY, MAY 13 9:00AM – 3:00PM
TUESDAY, MAY 14 9:00AM – 7:00PM (late hours)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 9:00AM – 7:00PM (late hours)

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Mailed or In Person
Eligibility: Voters who are unable to vote at the polls on Election Day due to: absence from Stow on Saturday, May 18 10am-4pm, a physical disability or religious belief.

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION REQUIRED

Monday, May 13 at 5:00pm: Application Deadline to have ballot mailed to you
Friday, May 17 at Noon: Application Deadline to vote at Town Clerk's Office

Office of the Town Clerk: 380 Great Road townclerk@stow-ma.gov 978-897-5034 www.stow-ma.gov
www.stow-ma.gov/town-meeting-election-information

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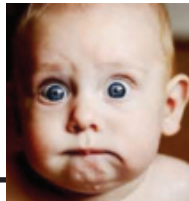
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UPDATED*: Offices up for election in 2024

The following offices to be voted on at the annual town election on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at Center School, 403 Great Road, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.:

- Select Board: Two three-year terms**
incumbents Hector Constantzos and JT Toole have returned papers for re-election
- Board of Assessors: One three-year term**
(Incumbent Cindy Cummings) - returned papers for re-election
- Board of Health: One three-year term**
Marcia Rising (incumbent) - returned papers for re-election
- Nashoba Regional School District Committee: One three-year term**
(Incumbent Karen Devine) - NOT running for re-election (*Open Seat*)
- *Lindsey C. Styckiewicz and Andrea Nicole Kennedy returned papers for the seat.*** (Len Golder withdrew his nomination papers)
- Stow Housing Authority: One five-year term**
(Incumbent Abby Morgan) - NOT running for re-election
Tracie Winslow returned papers
- Randall Library Trustee: Two three-year terms**
Maureen Busch- returned papers for re-election
Maura Sellier – Not running for re-election
- Planning Board: One five-year term**
Lori Clark (incumbent) - returned papers for re-election

TOWN GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Visit www.stow-ma.gov for updates

PLEASE NOTE:
Participation in meetings by the public is available through remote access. The information to access meetings can be found on the individual meeting agendas.

- Thursday, April 25**
Green Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- Tuesday, April 30**
Planning Board 7:00pm
- Wednesday, May 1**
Discussions With Denise at Pompo 9:30am
- Thursday, May 2**
Historical Commission Meeting 7:30pm

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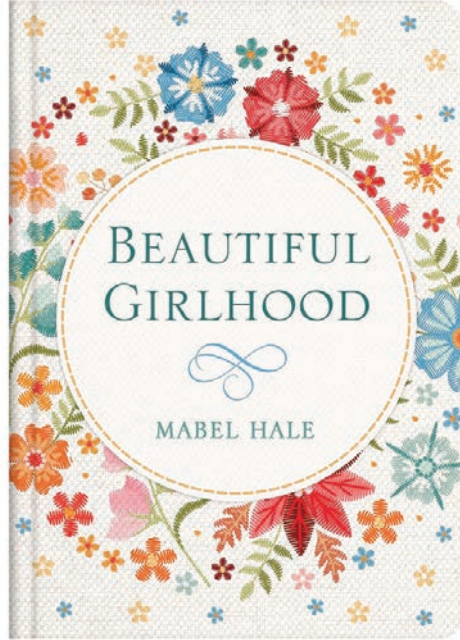
FOOTPRINTS OF HISTORY

Stow history, researched and written by Stephanie Lewis

Mabel Hale (1885-1973)

The Hale family name in Stow is synonymous with community philanthropy. Various members of the family have left a lasting legacy that continues to this day. Mabel Hale was one of those individuals.

Miss Hale was born in Stow on April 4, 1885, to Abraham (known as A.G.R) and Julia (Kimball) Hale. She was the great niece of Colonel Elijah Hale, the “prominent benefactor and state legislator who in 1871 gave a gift of \$5,000 toward a high school, provided the town would match the amount,” according to Halprin and Sipler’s Images of America: Stow. The original Hale High School in Stow was the result of this donation. Additional Hale family members would contribute to these funds and create new ones for other town projects, including Francis W. Hale’s \$30,000 donation to the Hale High School Fund upon his death in 1946.



Miss Hale continued her great-uncle’s legacy by bequeathing \$43,577.05 to both the Hale School and the Randall Library upon her death in 1973, according to Halprin and Sipler.

Hale spent her life educating herself and doing work for the greater good. According to her obituary in the Boston Globe, she graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree from Boston University and a Master’s Degree in education from Harvard University. She then used that education to work as a high school teacher in both Massachusetts and Baltimore, Maryland.

In 1920, Hale applied for a passport in order to travel to Italy, Greece, and Constantinople (Turkey) in the service of the YMCA. Included in her application was a letter indicating that she had been appointed to the international committee for service in Constantinople. The description of Hale on the passport application included that she was 5’5.5” tall, had a pointed chin and high forehead, had a medium nose and mouth, had hazel eyes and dark brown hair with a round face. She listed her brother, H. Harding Hale, as her permanent contact in the United States.

Hale, following this appointment, then joined the Russell Sage Foundation as an investigator. The 1940 and 1950 censuses both show Hale living in Boston and working in this capacity. According to the Foundation’s website, the Russell Sage Foundation “is an American non-profit organisation [sic] established by Margaret Olivia Sage in 1907 for the improvement of social and living conditions in the United States.”

Along with these organizations, Hale worked with the Florence Crittenton League. This organization was founded to provide shelter for unwed mothers and to counsel prostitutes to get them to change their ways. Many of these homes for unwed mothers were later criticized for coercing young women to give up their children for adoption, but they were also praised for offering training and education services to those in their care so that they could lead different lives upon leaving.

In her retirement, Hale turned to writing. She published at least two books, which were semi-autobiographical. She wrote Beautiful Girlhood, a book described as helping girls reach “the perfection of womanhood,” according to its description on thriftbooks.com. According to the site, Hale said about the book, “Youth has its problems, its heartaches, and disappointments. It is not always a smooth path to the perfection of womanhood. If what I have written should help some girl to a nobler life and truer ideals, then I shall feel that it has accomplished the task I have set for it to do.”

SCT Boardwalk Project receives grants

Volunteers needed

Submitted by Stow Conservation Trust Stewardship Committee

The Stow Conservation Trust (SCT), Stow’s local land trust, has been awarded two grants in support of a planned boardwalk build at the SCT Shepherd Memorial Woodland parcel. The Fields Pond Foundation last week gave a \$7,000 grant and earlier in April, the Fieldstone Foundation gave a \$6,500 grant. The Shepherd Memorial Woodland parcel is located off South Acton Road abutting the town Captain Sargent Farm conservation area.



The boardwalk project will allow access to upland that became blocked by beaver activity downstream on the Heath Hen Brook. The 24.5 acre Shepherd parcel was purchased in 2016 by the SCT with assistance from Stow’s Annual Town Meeting and funds from the Acton Conservation Trust. (A portion of the parcel is over the town line into Acton). Beaver activity has made the beautiful upland wooded area inaccessible.

First boardwalk segment completed; three more to go. John Sangermano photo

A 45-foot long boardwalk segment was already built by SCT volunteers. The remaining work involves building three more segments of boardwalk over often-wet ground.

The SCT is currently fundraising for the Shepherd Boardwalk Project and later in 2024 will be looking for volunteers to assist in the construction of the boardwalk. The trust also has a pending grant request with the MassTrails grant program. (MassTrails grants are administered by the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation).

Anyone interested in supporting the project or being a volunteer can contact SCT on our website or by email to stowconservationtrust.info@gmail.com

She also wrote The Hero of Hill House, described on thriftbooks.com as a “thrilling and heartwarming tale of adventure, magic, and heroism. It is a perfect read for anyone who loves fantasy and adventure stories.”

Hale passed away on May 9, 1973, in Boston. Her obituary noted that she left no immediate family. Her funeral was held at Trinity Church in Copley Square, but she is buried in Stow’s Brookside Cemetery.

CALLING ON STOW!

We need your help developing the Stow Comprehensive Plan 2035: Envision Stow for all of us

Take the survey to provide your feedback.

<http://tinyurl.com/StowSurvey>

Attend or host your own meeting-in-a-box.

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MOVIE MATINEE: THE HILL (2023) Thursday, April 25, 1pm. This heartwarming film tells the inspiring true story of Rickey Hill (Colin Ford), the son of a traveling pastor (Dennis Quaid) who overcomes physical obstacles to pursue his dream of playing baseball in the major leagues. Genre: Drama Rating: PG Length: 2 hr. 6 mins.

MUSICAL BASEBALL SHOW Wednesday, May 1, 1 pm. Singer-songwriter Howie Newman will sing baseball songs, offer up baseball trivia, and tell stories about his days as a sportswriter on the Red Sox beat. The show will include a free raffle for a baseball CD and a display of Howie's personal baseball memorabilia.

DISCUSSIONS WITH DENISE Wed, May 1, 9:30 – 11 am. Denise Dembkoski, Town Administrator, will be available to answer questions and listen to your comments/suggestions. Stop by for an open discussion (9:30- 11 am) or to speak with her privately (10-minute appointments scheduled between 11-11:30 am).

PRACTICE ECOLOGICAL LANDSCAPING

When it rains, do you know where the runoff from your yard goes? It is likely that at least some of it will find its way to the Assabet River. Why is this important? Fertilizers and insecticides are harmful to wildlife, particularly insects. Join us on **April 24** at 7PM for a talk on OARS' ongoing watershed restoration efforts and learn how we can make a difference! Our speakers will be Matt Brown, Executive Director, and Heather Conkerton, Ecological Restoration Coordinator. Wednesday, April 24. Register to get the zoom link here: <https://bit.ly/3wgddNS>

15TH ANNUAL STOW TOWN CLEANUP

Join your neighbors and help pick up litter on the weekend of **Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28** for the 15th annual Stow Town Cleanup. This year we will again offer an on-line signup option available (link below). The Stow Cleanup Group will have yellow garbage bags available for pick up at no cost at the Lower Common on Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to noon. You can also sign up in person on Saturday if you prefer not to sign-up on-line. Bags can be tossed in your own trash can or left by the side of the road. The Town Highway Department will pick up bags the following Monday (April 29).

Participants should wear gloves, long pants and long sleeves to help avoid poison ivy and bright clothes. This year we will offer safety vests and gloves to everyone who participates (while supplies last). For more information, visit our Facebook Page: Stow Cleanup. To sign up on-line : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054CAAAF23ABFA7-48457786-15th>

MINISTRY AS IMPROV – FPC SUNDAY SERVICE

First Parish Church of Stow & Acton (FPC) is pleased to welcome the Rev. Darrick Jackson, ministerial credentialing director for the Unitarian Universalist Association, to lead the Sunday service on **April 28** at 10am. Rev. Jackson will show us how improvisation can provide us with a framework for ministry in these times. He will show us how to add some "Yes, and..." to our lives and as part of FPC's congregation – and how "Yes, and..." can help us to better accept and understand others, create new possibilities, and more. The service will take place both in person and virtually. Masking is optional. To enter the virtual room, go to tinyurl.com/22-23fpc.

FPC warmly welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. Its facilities are wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 978-897-8149 or visit www.fpc-stow-acton.org. The church is located at 353 Great Rd., Stow.

BOLTON LOCAL TOWN POTLUCK

Please join Bolton Local for the return of its Community Potluck on **Sunday, April 28** from 4-6pm at the Town Common. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair to sit on! Also, in keeping with Bolton Local's sustainability goals, please bring a plate, cup/drink, utensils and a napkin for each member of your party. Rain location will be at Davis Hall. RSVP: 508.259.4563. Hope to see you there!

PAPER SHREDDING FUNDRAISING EVENT

Friends of Troop 1 Stow will be hosting their Paper Shredding Fundraising event on **Saturday, May 4** at Hale Middle School (55 Hartley Road) from 8AM to 11AM. The cost is as follows: \$5.00/grocery store bag \$10.00/banker/copy paper box (fits 5 gal container) \$15/large bank box (fits 17 gal container). Boxes will be returned. Credit card payment only, drive up service. For more information, visit <http://www.troop1stow.net> or call us at 978-212-9175. 100% of net proceeds goes to supporting the Scouts of Troop 1 Stow.

FRIENDS OF THE BOLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Bolton Public Library will hold its semiannual book sale **Saturday, May 4**, from 9a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Houghton Building, 697 Main St. There are more than 5,000 books sorted and "not picked over." Puzzles, CDs and DVDs. The book sale is the Friends' largest fundraiser. Proceeds from the sale support programs, events, museum passes, and our online newsletter "Wowbrary."

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK IN STOW

"A Midsummer's Night Dream" performed by Shakespeare & Company, at Stow Town Center Park (next to the blue door church). **Saturday, May 4**; performance begins at 3pm. Bring a folding chair or blanket to sit on the lawn. Arrive early and bring a picnic! Service

CALENDAR POLICY:

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

animals only, please. Rain location: Stow Town Hall. Co-sponsored by Stow TV and Randall Library Friends.

CRAFTS & PLAY FOR KIDS 4 TO 11

Children aged 4 to 11 are invited to First Parish Church of Stow & Acton (FPC) in Stow for a night of crafts, snacks and fun on **Friday, May 10**, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Club UU is FPC's monthly, nonreligious drop-off kid's club. It's led by a minimum of three adults, and typically between 7 and 9 kids attend. We focus on building social connections between children through creative crafts, fun games and group decision making. Newcomers from the community are always welcome, and are invited to bring a friend.

FPC is located at 353 Great Rd., Stow. Please drop children off and pick them up in the church Vestry. To get to the Vestry, go through the main entrance (not the sanctuary entrance), take a left, and go to the end of the hallway. For more information, call 978-897-8149. FPC's facilities are wheelchair accessible.

TRINITY CHURCH FREE SALE

A "Free Sale", an indoor yard sale event, will be held at Trinity Church Congregational at 14 Wattaquodock Hill Rd. in Bolton on **May 11** from 9AM -12PM. Household goods, toys, books, movies, sporting goods, clothing, decorations, and more. All items are free. Enjoy complimentary refreshments as well. shopfreesaletrinity@gmail.com

SPRING BACKYARD BOLTON

The Spring Backyard Bolton event will take place on Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Bolton Town Common. Local small batch artisans' products, crafts and seedling growers, along with Bolton Artisans Guild members and informational booths will be set up around the Common. Sponsored by the Bolton Economic Development Committee.

CREATORS CLUB COFFEE AND CHAT

Come for coffee and chat on **Thursday, May 16**, from 10 until noon to meet the SFCOA Creators Club. Come join this group of people who like to create things, listen to ideas, and have fun doing it. Doesn't matter if you're a knitter, sewer, or just love making crafty things. We are making stuff for the gift shop that will benefit the COA and Stow's senior residents. There are soooo many craft supplies donated to us, and we want to make things with these supplies to be able to sell.

FOURTH & FIELD RIBBON CUTTING

Make Fourth & Field in Stow your destination on **May 17** at 5pm. Join the Middlesex West Chamber of Commerce for the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Celebration of Fourth and Field. Surrounded by natural beauty and local organic farms, it is located at the Minute Man Airfield and is home to authentic farm-to-plate comfort food and hand-crafted cocktails. Join us at 5:00 pm for a Ribbon Cutting ceremony. Then stay to congratulate owner Melissa Simon and her team. Enjoy samples from their delicious, locally sourced menu and enjoy a toast to mark the take-off of this family-friendly, farm-to plate eatery.

Open and free to all, bring friends and family. More info here: <https://business.mwcoc.com/events/details/ribbon-cutting-celebration-fourth-field-new-date-7512>

ANNUAL FPC PLANT SALE

First Parish Church of Stow and Acton will hold its annual plant sale on **Saturday, May 18**, from 9:30 to 11:30am. Choose from a selection of perennials, ground cover, herbs, annuals, shrubs, small trees, and garden-related items. The sale will take place rain or shine in the church parking lot at 353 Great Road. Proceeds benefit the church. For more information, call 978-897-8149 or visit www.fpc-stow-acton.org.


STOW ACRES MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

On **May 22**, town officials will host an in-person presentation of the Draft Climate Resilience Master Plan for the 110-acres of the Stow Acres North Course acquired by the Town for conservation and recreation purposes. Please join us at Stow Acres on May 22 at 7pm to view the draft concept plans that have been prepared and give us your feedback. The presentation will be held at the historic Randall House (clubhouse) at Stow Acres and will include free appetizers and a cash bar. Please RSVP by May 13 if you plan to attend to tinyurl.com/stowacresrspv. More information can be found on the town's website.

RANDALL LIBRARY FRIENDS BOOK CHAT

The Randall Library Friends will hold a Book Chat on **Saturday, June 15**, at 1pm. We will meet at the Pompo Community Center, Room 121, 509 Great Rd., Stow. Come chat with other folks about any books you have read recently and hear from others about their favorites.

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**STOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Stow Conservation Commission will hold a **public hearing via Zoom** web conferencing **Tuesday May 7, 2024 at 8:00 pm** to consider the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) filed by **Bentley Building Corporation**. The applicant is requesting confirmation of wetland resource area delineations under the Wetlands Protection Act and Town of Stow Wetlands Protection Bylaw on land located at **33-45 Walcott Street**. A copy of the ANRAD and plans are on file at the Office of the Conservation Commission and posted on the Town website. Call-in instructions will be posted on the agenda and website.

STOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Matthew Stykiewicz, Chair
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**STOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Stow Conservation Commission will hold a **public hearing via Zoom** web conferencing **May 7, 2024 at 7:45 pm** to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by **Jane Wilmot**. The proposed activity, **construction addition to single family dwelling**, is within an area subject to the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL CH 131, Sec. 40 and the Town of Stow Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Said activity is located at **80 Boxboro Road**. Copies of the application and plan are on file at the Office of the Conservation Commission and posted on the Town website. Call-in instructions will be posted on the agenda and website.

STOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Matthew Stykiewicz, Chair
To be published in the April 24, 2024 Stow Independent

Bolton Bowers Springs trail maintenance in May

From Bolton Conservation Commission

Necessary maintenance of earthen dams located adjacent to the ponds at Bowers Springs Conservation Area shall be carried out during the month of May 2024. Please note: during this time, as a safety precaution, portions of the trail around the ponds will be temporarily closed.

Additionally, as a safety precaution, the commission has put in place a leash requirement during work in the month of May 2024 for the safety of property visitors, their companions, contracted parties, staff and volunteers. We appreciate your cooperation and observance of these precautions when planning your time exploring our conservation properties.

As a reminder, we invite you to explore one of our other conservation properties during May 2024 while work is being carried out on site.

We hope you enjoy the trails!

Calendar... from previous page

~~OUT OF TOWN~~

FUNDRAISING CONCERT WITH FRED SMALL

Saturday, April 27, 7:00pm - 723 Massachusetts Ave., Boxborough. Come join us for a Fundraising Concert with Fred Small at the United Church of Christ Boxborough. Enjoy great, inspiring music while supporting the Indigenous Environmental Network and Friends of the Boxborough Library. Doors open at 6:30. Tickets are \$25 at the door. For online tickets and more information please see: <https://bit.ly/3lH5w1>

RENAISSANCE FUN

Step back in time and experience the magic of the Renaissance era over two splendid weekends. The Town of Winchendon welcomes you to the Wyndonshire Renaissance Faire, taking place on **April 27 and 28** in the Community Park. This event promises a weekend filled with historical reenactments, artisan markets, and performances that capture the spirit of the Renaissance. The revelry continues the following weekend, **May 4 and 5**, at the Enchanted Orchard Renaissance Faire hosted by Red Apple Farm in Phillipston, MA. This Faire brings an additional layer of enchantment with unique agricultural-themed activities, local farm produce, and a connection to nature that only a farm setting can provide.

WBN MEETING

The Women's Business Network will meet **Thursday, May 9, 6:30 p.m.**, at the church hall of St. Theresa Church (Holy Trinity Parish), 15 Still River Rd. in Harvard. Guests are welcome to attend. The evening begins with informal conversation among members and guests, followed at 6:45 by brief announcements and attendee introductions. The presentation for the evening will be a talk by Chrissy Carroll on Social Media Trends.

WBN is a local volunteer-run monthly networking group of women in small businesses, professional practices, non-profits, and the arts.

MAYNARD COMMUNITY GARDENERS PLANT SALE

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Town of Stow PLANNING BOARD

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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 7, 2024 at 7:15 p.m.** online via Zoom Video Conferencing at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89341239932>, Meeting ID: 893 4123 9932 and accessed via phone by dialing 1 929 205 6099, Meeting ID 893 4123 9932 #, to discuss proposed amendments to the Stow Zoning Bylaw by:

- Amending Sections 1.3, 3.6.3, 3.10 and creating a new Section 8.11 for the purpose of creating a Firearms Business Use Bylaw to govern the sales, assembly, and/or manufacturing of firearms and/or components thereof and ammunitions in the Industrial Zoning District.
- Amending Section 3.2.2, Residential District Uses permitted subject to special permit, granted by the Board of Appeals

For the purpose of clarifying that a Special Permit is needed for commercial stables on parcels of less than five (5) acres.

The proposed text may be viewed on the Planning Board's webpage at <https://www.stow-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/2024-annual-town-meeting-articles> or upon request from the Planning Department.

Lori Clark
Chair

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OBITUARIES

Stephen Edward Cerven, 66

Stephen "Steve" Edward Cerven, 66, of Stow, Mass. passed away of natural causes on Jan. 3, 2024. He was born Oct. 31, 1957 in East Chicago, Indiana to John and Birute (Petraitis) Cerven.

Steve was a resident of "the Region" in his early years, attending Bishop Noll High School where he graduated in 1975. Steve was a great athlete and he earned a full athletic (swimming) scholarship to Illinois State University. He graduated ISU with a Masters in Safety Engineering in 1980. Steve's first career job out of college was with Wang computers which prompted his move to Massachusetts, where he became a long time resident of Stow. He was the Safety Specialist for the Town of Chelmsford and he also worked as a general contractor in the area.

Steve will be greatly missed by his loving family, many wonderful friends and co-workers, and the Lake Boon community. There will be a Celebration of Life gathering with refreshments at the Chelmsford Country Club, 66 Park Rd, Chelmsford, Mass from 12-3 on Sunday, April 28.

Harriet Proctor Somers, 101

Harriet Proctor Somers, at the age of 101, passed away peacefully surrounded by family in Stow, Mass. on April 13, 2024. Harriet and her husband, Chester, were residents of Lowell, Mass. for over 50 years.

Harriet was born in Gardner, Mass. on Feb. 13, 1923, to Florence and Fred Proctor and was the youngest of six children. Harriet graduated from Gardner High School in Gardner in 1941 and Bryant College in Providence, Rhode Island in 1942.

Harriet worked at UMass Amherst and at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill as an Administrative Assistant. In her spare time, Harriet was an expert seamstress and knitter. She also enjoyed swimming, golfing and gardening.

Harriet was predeceased by her husband, Chester, and two granddaughters, Ariana Christine Somers and Josie Lauren Gilbert.

Harriet is survived by her four children; Susan Lynn of Stow, Joane Bozek (Tom) of Williamsburg, VA, Karen Outhier (Ronnie) of Sarcoxie, MO and Craig Somers (Mary) of Nashua, NH. Harriet is also survived by nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Family and friends will gather to honor and remember Harriet on Friday, May 10, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Fowler-Kennedy Funeral Home, 42 Concord Street, Maynard. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated at the conclusion of the visitation at 11:00 a.m.

To share a memory or offer a condolence visit: www.fowler-kennedy.com.



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Stow Select Board... from page 1

With the next Select Board meeting not scheduled until after ATM, Dembkoski reminded residents that the meeting has been moved permanently from Hale Middle School to Center School, on May 11 starting at 9am. The Town Election takes place Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Center.

Kudos for a Tough Job

Police Chief Michael Sallèse presented a Letter of Commendation for several staff members, remarking on the handling of removing Shane Curry from his home on Great Road after his girlfriend was found dead on the scene. On April 5, Sallèse stated, "The actions taken demonstrated a profound commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of individuals in our community." (Curry currently is being held for trial.)

Police personnel included in the commendation were Lt. Kellie Barhight, Sgt. Cassandra Scott, Sgt. David Goguen, Detective Christopher Kusz, Det. John Fantasia, Officer John Butler, Officer Jeffrey Beckwith, Dispatch Supervisor Gabriel Lopez, Dispatcher Alex Beauchesne, Dispatcher Laural Brazao and Intern Olivia Kephart.

The Shuttle Will End

During her report, Dembkoski announced that the MART (Montachusett Regional Transit Authority) Shuttle will make its last run May 3 due to lower ridership. Since the winter, the shuttle was making regular runs from Stow stops to the South Acton train station and to the area's major stores.

Instead, MART will begin offering rides to and from whatever locations a rider chooses, at what Dembkoski called a nominal fee. Rides will be available from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, capped at 20 miles each way, and must be reserved by the prior day. As a weekday service, she explained that it could be ideal for those who work within 20 miles and are without a car for a few days, and it could supplement the Council On Aging van, which stops running later in the day. The new service begins Monday, May 6, with more information at stow-ma.gov, Dembkoski said.

In some good news regarding the world's view of Stow, Dembkoski noted that Boston Globe Magazine earlier this month ranked Stow as the top town to live in west of Boston, in the category of towns with homes in the \$750,000 to \$1 million median price range. Bolton was ranked second in that category. The Globe ranking said of Stow, "With apple orchards, wooded trails, and fields edged by stone walls around every corner, Stow is custom-made for buyers who prefer peace and open space to night life and trendy shops."

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Midsummer... from page 1

For those unfamiliar with Midsummer's Night, the story centers on two couples who run away to the forest and encounter the fairy Puck, who proceeds to cast spells and whip up a comedy of chaos for all involved. It is one of Shakespeare's more whimsical works, adaptable to a wide range of themes. As Stow TV's Jonathan Daisy noted, Nashoba Regional High School (NRHS) has performed the play twice over the past decade, using an Indian/Bollywood setting and a circus backdrop. So, expect just about anything on May 4 from Shakespeare & Co.

Doing Something for the Town

Daisy explained that he gleaned the idea of putting on a Town Center Park performance from Maynard Library's Children's Librarian Mark Malcolm, who puts together an annual, free concert in downtown Maynard. As Daisy put it, the idea was, "Why don't we do something to put the Stow TV name out there, and do something nice for the town?" Approaching the Friends about co-hosting, Daisy said the notion of a Shakespeare performance came up, and he and Lavina found the Lenox group. Lavina recalled, "We all agreed the price was reasonable, and the Friends thought that was a good thing for a library."

Choosing the performance venue was easy, as Lavina explained that Stow Community Park, while spacious, is too flat to give everyone a good view. The Town Center Park has a sloped viewing area. Lavina expressed a lot of optimism for the outdoor performance venture, pointing to the popular, annual Shakespeare in the Park festival in New York City.

Fear No Shakespeare

But, there are those whose first – and perhaps final – encounters with William Shakespeare ended with the reading of one of the bard's plays in high school. Both Daisy and Lavina agreed those introductions could have left readers dry, given Shakespeare's genius seemed to be in making the spoken word come alive once it left the pages of a book and found a stage.

Given Shakespeare's archaic English, Lavina reported the Randall Library is offering copies of Midsummer's Night — courtesy of No Fear Shakespeare — with Shakespeare's original text on one side and the contemporary translation on the other. And, even if the plot flies over a few kids' head at the Town Park performance, Lavina said, "To be exposed to live theater outside the public school system is fantastic. And we have some few opportunities for public events in Stow." Also, Daisy mentioned the 2019, circus-theme NRHS Midsummer will be airing on Stow TV.

Of course, the wet weather of the past year is tough to ignore. In case of rain, the performance moves indoors to Stow Town Hall. However, Daisy cautioned that the Hall only holds 100 guests, so get there early if rain is predicted.

As for the future, Lavina said she would like to see the Friends offer more public events, especially for the seniors, with times and accessibility in mind for that age group. Daisy pledged to support future events, as well. He urged anyone with ideas to send them to stowtv@stow-ma.gov.

"I really would like this performance to be the maiden voyage for town events," he commented.

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Nashoba spring sports season round up

Baseball

On Wednesday at Groton-Dunstable, the team lost 4-7. Saturday's game was postponed due to poor field conditions due to rain. On Monday, the team lost a close one at home, 5-4 in favor of North Middlesex.

Softball

The team won last week's Sheryl Jones Tournament beating Hudson 10-1 in the final round on Thursday, after taking out Dracut, 18 - 2, in the first round on Tuesday. Pitcher Hannah Reardon was awarded the Tournament's MVP award. Reardon allowed only one run, striking out 18. She also had singles and drove in a run. Additional scores came from Jackie Matranga, Grace King and Chloe Hughes. In between those two games, on April 17, the team beat Groton-Dunstable 2 - 0. On April 22, the team earned another win, 13-1, against North Middlesex, bringing their overall record to 6-1.

Girls Lacrosse

The team beat North Middlesex on Monday by a score of 16 - 12. Nashoba points: Mia Samarjian 6 goals, 1 assist; **Caroline Pinto 5 goals, 2 assists, scored her 100th career goal**; Kayla Flanagan 3 goals, 1 assist.

Boys Tennis

On Monday, April 22 at home, the team lost to Westborough, 5-0.

Girls Tennis

The team beat Westborough on April 22 with a score of 3 - 2. Nashoba winners - First singles: Thais Stanzione; Second singles: Maryam Mulyono; Second doubles: Allison Mortimer and Emily Skarr.

Boys Volleyball

The boys team earned their first victory, 3-0, against Leominster on April 22. Nashoba point earners: Jordan Silva, 5 kills; Colin Pagington, 6 blocks; Brennan Smith 16 assist.

Boys Lacrosse, Boys and Girls Outdoor Track, Girls Golf and Unified Track did not have any games scheduled before press time.

Nashoba Team Standings (as of 04/23)

Baseball	1-4	Boys Track	2-0-0
Softball	6-1	Girls Track	2-0-0
Boys Lacrosse	2-2	Unified Track	0-0-0
Girls Lacrosse	2-4-0	Boys Volleyball	1-6-0
Boys Tennis	0-3-0	Girls Golf	0-2
Girls Tennis	2-2-0		

OVER THE FENCE POST

Letters to the Editor

How Democracy Dies

Analysis shows that overall trust in democracy begins with people perceiving their local government to be transparent and acting in the best interests of all the citizens in their town/city rather than favoring one segment of the population over another. People often know their local elected officials and trust them to implement what they have voted for in elections. But what if this trust breaks down? Lowered trust in local government correlates with lowered beliefs in democracy.

The challenge in smaller towns like Stow is that while citizens may vote for certain town officials or bylaws, the implementation of regulations/bylaws is left to other appointed town administrators or volunteers who often serve longer than any elected official. For example, the townspeople might vote on guidelines for acceptable noise or lighting at night, but it is up to either the appointed zoning board or the elected planning board (names differ by town) to ensure that those guidelines are enforced. If one of these boards determines that the guidelines are either unenforceable or they simply choose not to enforce them in preference to the wishes of non-town citizens, there is nothing citizens of the town can do but sue the town (thereby paying for their own lawyers as well as paying taxes to support the towns lawyers).

If you think democracy in Stow matters, it may seem enough to vote in elections. Unfortunately, not.

- To speak up for democratic values in Stow means insisting that all citizens voices are equally valued.
- To speak up for democratic values in Stow means insisting that town bylaws and regulations be enforced equally otherwise your vote really does not count and it is when votes don't count that is truly the end of democracy.

Alison Doucette, Stow

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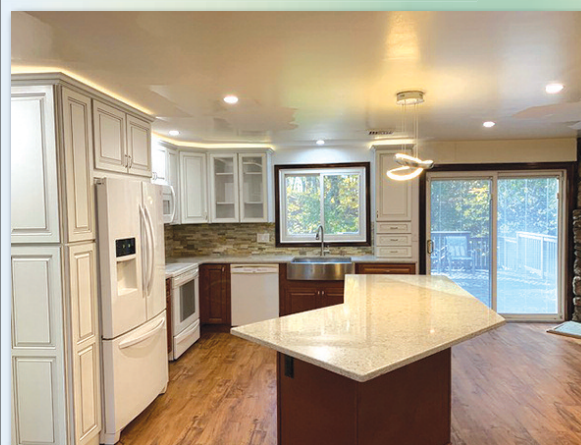
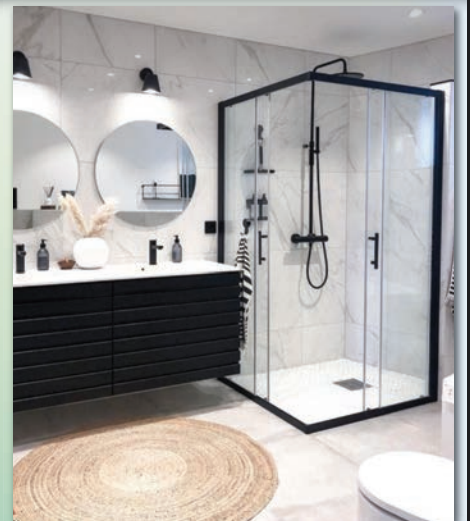
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Boys Volleyball team at Nashoba... from page 1



The Nashoba boys volleyball team, new to the school this spring (shown above at an earlier game this season) just secured their first victory on April 22.

Photo Courtesy Nashoba Athletics

program met its end due to budget cuts at Clinton.

In 2022, students from (Stow's) Hale Middle School reached out to me regarding boys' volleyball as part of their Civic Action Project. These enthusiastic students, already involved in club volleyball, sparked interest in initiating a program at NRHS. Following our discussions with these students, we distributed a survey to gauge interest among students in grades 8 through 11.

Launching a new team entails a multifaceted approach, encompassing everything from assessing interest and securing funding to acquiring equipment, hiring coaches, arranging facility schedules, and ensuring adherence to league regulations. Additionally, it requires promoting the team to recruit players and generating excitement within the school. It is a comprehensive process that requires collaboration, dedication, and school support every step of the way.

Coach Janet Carey provided additional information on the coaching staff, the sport and how the team is faring.

What is the experience of the coach and assistant coach?

Carey: Stow resident Daniel Nicholson (Assistant Coach-Volunteer) has been playing competitive volleyball for over 40 years. In the 1980s, Nicholson played four years of intercollegiate volleyball at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. Later, he became head coach of the Girls Volleyball team at The Santa Catalina School in Monterey, California. After moving back to the east coast, Nicholson began his 25-year tenure as a Visual Arts teacher at Framingham High School, where he also served as head coach of the Boys Volleyball team. In 2001, he led the Framingham

Flyers to the MIAAD1 Central Championship Title. More recently, Nicholson's two daughters attended Nashoba Regional High School, where they both played volleyball. As soon as Nicholson ("Coach Nick") learned that a boys' team was about to form, he jumped at the chance to help out and share his knowledge of his life-long passion.

Head Coach, Janet Carey has been playing team volleyball since she was 12 years old. She played for Worcester State College for 4 years as a setter and right side. After college, she continued playing in adult leagues and in the Yankee division. In 1988, she began her coaching career as the girls varsity coach at Clinton High School. In 1998, she coached the first boys varsity volleyball program at Clinton. She coached both teams until 2014-15 when both the programs were discontinued due to budget cuts. Carey continued coaching girls with CMASS volleyball club and currently at SLAM volleyball club in Marlboro. She teaches volleyball to adults at the Assabet After Dark program. She has also been a volleyball official for Central Mass since 2015. She is so excited to be a part of Nashoba Volleyball and to share her love of the sport with the team!

How many boys are on the team? What is their experience?

Carey: There are 19 boys on the varsity team with 10 freshmen, 3 sophomores, 2 juniors and 3 seniors. Five players have experience playing CLUB for SLAM Volleyball out of Marlboro. The other 14 players are new to the sport.

Are there differences between girls and boys volleyball rules/game play?

Carey: The rules of the game are the same for both genders. Some differences are the height of the net and the pace and speed of the game. Both are exciting to watch.

How is the team doing so far?

Carey: We started the season learning the basic skills, rules and fundamentals of the sport. We have also been working on the mental aspect of the game through discussion and a team workshop. We created a motto: VBALL - values, believe it so, attitude, loyalty, and leadership. The boys have shown much improvement in every game they have played. The scores of the sets have been close and competitive. The goal is to put those sets together to win the overall game. We are becoming more comfortable with the rotation of the game, the specific positions on the court and setting up plays (bump, set, spike). We are looking to improve the passing of the ball, covering defense, and communication. Every practice has a focus on the game that we are working to improve. The boys have set individual goals as well as team goals in what they would like to accomplish this season. We knew this year would be a season of growth and building towards the future. My hope is that the boys will share memories of how much they enjoyed their time on the court with each other.

The team earned their first victory on April 22, beating Leominster 3-0 at home, and bringing their record to 1-6.

Any other comments

Carey: The captains are Senior outside hitter, Jordan Silva, Junior outside hitter, Thomas Tripi, and floor captain, Freshman setter Brennan Smith.

Due to our numbers, we are playing "unofficial" JV games so everyone has an opportunity to experience playing in a game. We hope to increase our numbers (24) to have a JV program next year.

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Bolton Town Warrant and Candidate review

By Cyndy Saari

Why go to Town Meeting? Why Vote in Town Elections?

First and foremost, the articles that are voted on at the meeting will directly impact your taxes. Not all the articles are budget-related, but those that are, will set the amount of money the town needs to raise through various revenue sources, including the residential tax rate.

Secondly, the FY25 budget to fund the town and school operations must be approved by a quorum of voters at the Annual Town Meeting (ATM).

As you can read in the Select Board's statement on page 4 of the Annual Town Warrant included in this week's paper, the Board states, "The two dominant trends in Bolton's finances are converging. These two trends are: Slow Revenue Growth and a Rapid Increase in Expenses."

Property tax revenue is limited to a 2.5 percent increase over last year due to Mass. tax law Prop 2.5, unless voters approve a permanent tax override in a given year (this is not on the table for this year's budget).

There is less revenue coming in outside of real estate taxes and there are large increases in expenditures. There is an increase of \$1,494,473 for education (including debt service) and an increase of \$733,450 for town operations.

At a March 19 joint meeting of the Select Board and the Advisory Committee, a balanced budget was achieved and approved for \$31,613,807. Last year's budget was \$29,230,039.

The budget includes using \$100,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and \$903,831 from Free Cash to balance the budget. The ARPA funds are now all budgeted for use and there will be no additional ARPA funds coming in.

The only capital project being funded this year is the Forbush Mill culvert replacement, using \$49,999 of Free Cash, so no separate vote on this is needed.

Some increases in expenditures are found in Article #4, specifically raising the spending limits on revolving accounts

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Bolton's Hythe Farms, owned by Nan Norseen, hosted a Shetland Sheep Field Day at the Bolton Fairgrounds in Lancaster on Sunday. Norseen chose the event to highlight her Shetland sheep, which is a Heritage breed (breeds that have been around for centuries). Other activities included wool crafts, sheep shearing and dogs herding ducks. Pictured above are two of Norseen's rams with handlers Atticus Keep (left) and Wyatt Neville. More photos on page 11. Cyndy Saari photo

Bolton Conservation Trust invites all to 50th anniversary

The Bolton Conservation Trust is inviting all Bolton residents to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the non-profit conservation group by participating in the Bolton Outdoor Challenge: a "fun-filled family event" taking place in May. The event will include a scavenger hunt on the Bolton Conservation Trails and a presentation on the mental health benefits of spending time outside.

On Sunday, May 5 at 1 p.m. at Bolton's Trinity Church, the Bolton Outdoor Challenge will kick off with light refreshments (including birthday cake), crafts for kids, raffle prizes and a local trail walk. The event will take place rain or shine, and all are welcome to join in.

The Bolton Conservation Trust, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, has been committed to sustaining the rural character of Bolton for existing and future generations by engaging the community through events, environmental education programs and land stewardship. The Trust has been

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Bolton Warrant and candidates... from page 9

for the Parks and Recreation Commission and for Advanced Life Support services. The programs and services of both of these town entities have increased and require additional funding access.

Article #5 asks for \$115,000 to replenish the Stabilization Fund after use of the funds was approved at last year's ATM to pay for replacement of the roof of the fire station. The amount represents one-third of the funds that need to be replaced over the next three years.

Article #6 calls for \$138,000 to replenish the Advisory Reserve Fund, used to fund unexpected expenses, that was depleted in March. An additional \$138,000 is necessary to pay legal fees, as well as repair work on town offices.

Not all budget

Several amendments to the Bolton Bylaws are on the table. These include allowing the Animal Control Officer to be able to manage wildlife on private property, not just on the roads, as the current bylaw reads.

There is also a Citizens Petition on the Warrant. Article #12 may look familiar to residents, as this Citizens Petition was also brought to Annual Town Meeting last year. The article asks the town to immediately stop all foreclosures for tax-taking until a Mass. law is rewritten to address what is termed as "Equity Theft," defined as when a town takes in more revenue from a foreclosed property than what is owed for taxes. In May 2023, the Supreme Court ruled in a case of "equity theft" in Minnesota that such practices are unconstitutional. The states are responsible for rewriting legislation to abide by the ruling, but Mass. has not yet done so.

Town Counsel Brian Falk emphasized at an earlier Select Board meeting that even if the article were to pass (it did not last year), it would have no impact, as any changes must come from a state level and cannot be made by a town.

Town Administrator Don Lowe, retiring at the end of this fiscal year, commented at an earlier Select Board meeting that this had been an extremely difficult budget season. With both the Select Board and Advisory Committee in full agreement on their recommendations, Lowe said it showed just how much work had gone into this budget.



Bolton Access TV

April 28 - May 8

This week on Channel 8 at 8 tune in for The Concord Band's Spring Pops concert, featuring renowned soprano Olga Lisovska.

At 9 pm Kathy Neptune is back to teach us how to make delicious tortilla frittatas.

And if you're looking for the latest local government meetings just flip over to channel 22 or visit BoltonAccess.TV and click the "watch" tab!

The Annual Town Meeting will take place on Monday, May 6, at 7 p.m. at Nashoba Regional High School.

Annual Town Election will bring some new faces

The Annual Town Election on Monday, May 13 will see many familiar names and several new ones. There is also a position now "missing." Without these volunteers stepping up to serve, town government could not operate.

Familiar faces running for election are Douglas Storey for Town Moderator, Jeffrey Nichols for Board of Assessors, Brenda Baum for Cemetery Committee, Christopher Slade for Board of Health, Martha Babbit for Parks and Recreation, Elizabeth Nolan Connors for Library Board Trustee, and Erik Neyland for Planning Board. All candidates were nominated for re-election at Bolton's Town Caucus.

Missing from the list is the Town Clerk's office. Longstanding Town Clerk Pam Powell is retiring at the end of April and the position of Town Clerk will now be appointed rather than elected. That change was voted in at last year's ATM but has just been processed by the state.

New to the ballot this year are Kate Buyuk running for Select Board (Bob Czekanski is retiring from his seat) and Jessica Davis running for Nashoba Regional School Committee representative. Rep. Michael Horesh is not running for re-election to this position.

In a recent Letter to the Editor announcing her candidacy, attorney Buyuk, an 18-year resident of Bolton, said the strengths she would bring to the Select Board included "a lot of common sense, familiarity with the workings of town government, and the ability to listen well, learn quickly, collaborate, negotiate and compromise." She described her style as "saying what I think and addressing difficult topics head-on."

Although not new to the Library Board, Beth Nolan Connors is running for her first full term, having previously served out the term of a Board member that had moved away. Having lived in Bolton since 2002, Nolan Connors said she works in education and was a former reading specialist. "I have always thought of the library as the heart of the town," she recently stated in a Letter to the Editor. "No matter what age a resident is, there is something for everyone at the library... The library is the 'center of knowledge.' Perhaps most importantly, it provides free access to its local citizens. I'm proud to be a member of the Board of Trustees for our Bolton Public Library."

The Annual Town Election will take place on May 13 with polls open noon - 8 p.m. at Nashoba High Auditorium. For information on early voting and absentee ballots, visit the Town Clerk's page at <https://www.townofbolton.com>

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Hythe Farms hosts Shetland Sheep Field Day



Bolton's Hythe Farms owner Nan Norseen (pictured above center) hosted a Shetland Sheep Field Day at the Bolton Fairgrounds in Lancaster on Sunday. She explained the history and characteristics of the Shetland breed. Norseen said she was happy with the turnout for the event and hopes to do it again next year.



Brit Hallet (on right) shows her Shropshire ram, a domestic breed, in comparison to the Shetland rams, on the left. Cyndy Saari photos



Bolton's Angie Tollefson was one of several wool crafters displaying their skills and wares.



The day was not only informative, but hands-on fun, as well.



Kevin Ford, top hand shearer in the U.S., explained the process of shearing as he demonstrated.



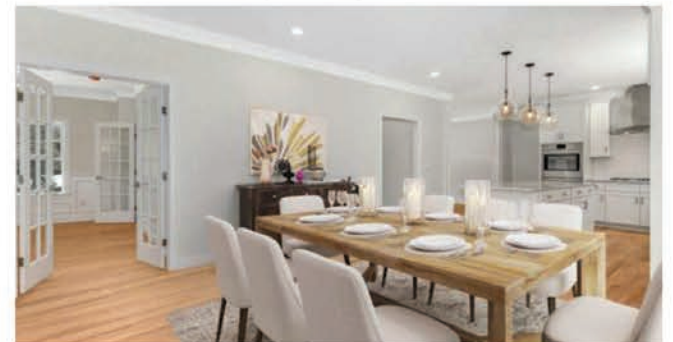
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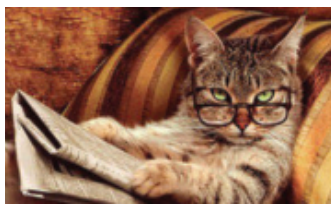
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Tues, Thurs, Sat at 6:15 pm

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Tues, Thurs, Sat at 1 pm & 4:30 pm

Nashoba BV Volleyball vs Ayer Shirley Game 4-11 * (1hr 50 min)

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Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun at 5:15 pm

Tues, Thurs, Sat at 11 am & 9pm

Do It For James Foundation- Sextortion Discussion 4-8-24* (42 min)

A presentation to encourage communication and warn others of cyberbullying. Presented in partnership between Stow Police & Randall Library.

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun at 8:30 pm

Tues, Thurs, Sat at 3 pm

The Stow Lions Club- Dawn Rice-Norton Eyeglasses Mission Talk 3-27-2* (58 min)

Prod by L Hager. Presentation on how and where Lions-collected eyeglasses are used and their benefits.

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun at 9 am

Tues, Thurs, Sat at 8 pm

Nashoba News- news from Nashoba High, by Nashoba students (15min)

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun at 8:15 pm

Tues, Thurs, Sat at 7:30 am & 4 pm

Nashoba Drama- A MidSummer Night's Dream* 2019 (2 hrs)

Nashoba Drama's 2019 Circus version of Shakespear's play! See you May 4 for live performance at town Center Park at 3pm

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun at 11 am & 9:30 pm

Maynard Library presentation- Ammo Dump:A Taking of Heritage (63 min)

Early history on what is now the Assabet River Wildlife Refuge

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun at 1 pm

Tues, Thurs, Sat at 5 pm

MA State Library Author Talk with Susan Wilson: March 6, 2024 (58 min)

Women and Children First: Life of Susan Dimock M.D., who was among the first female physicians to treat women for their unique health care needs and first female surgeons in the country.

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun 7:15 pm

Tues, Thurs, Sat at 9 am

Get Healthy with Holly- Yard Work Stretches (27 min)

Holly and Merisa Kouvo demonstrate stretches to help reduce Muscle soreness. Chicken Tenders and Monkey Salad recipes are prepared

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun at 7:30 am

Tues, Thurs, Sat at 1:30 pm

Exercise with Terry Stow COA Senior Fitness Class* (50 min)

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun at 2 pm

Tues, Thurs, Sat at 10 am

Stow COA Stretch-Flex Class* (55 min)

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun at 10 am

Tues, Thurs, Sat at 2 pm

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Bolton Town Clerk's Corner

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IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Annual Town Meeting and Town Election

Annual Town Meeting (ATM) is Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m. in the Nashoba Regional High School Auditorium.

The Town Meeting warrant is inside this edition of The Bolton Independent going to ALL Bolton addresses.

Annual Town Election (ATE) is Monday, May 13 :

Polls open 12 noon – 8 pm NRHS Auditorium, 12 Green Road

Vote by Mail (VBM) and In-Person Early Voting information can be found at

<https://www.townofbolton.com/town-clerk/pages/elections-and-voting>

Deadline to request a VBM ballot: Thursday April 27 5 pm

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Thursday April 25 5 pm

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BOLTON TOWN GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Visit www.townofbolton.com for updates

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Tuesday: 9am - 4pm

Customers are welcome for town services. We will continue to offer our remote services and the locked drop-box will also be checked daily.

Thursday, April 25

Select Board 7:00pm

Thursday, May 2

Master Plan Steering Committee 7:00pm

Monday, May 6

Annual Town Meeting 2024 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 8

Planning Board 7:00pm

Thursday, May 9

Select Board 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 22

Planning Board 7:00pm

BCT Outdoor Challenge... from page 9

doing this for over 50 years, since its inception in 1974.

According to the Trust members, "We have helped restore and preserve over 1200 acres in agricultural and conservation areas throughout town you have come to know and love such as Nashoba Winery, Schartner Farm, Nicewicz Farm, Schultz Farm, and the Bolton Town Common. The Trust has also sponsored many programs that offer the individuals and families inspiring ways to connect with Bolton's natural world, including:

- Tom Denney Nature Camp
- The Bolton Trails Committee
- Four Winds Nature Program
- Guided Hikes and other events"

Sunday's anniversary event will kick off the Outdoor Challenge to visit as many conservation areas as possible by the end of May. There will be prizes for completing the challenge. From the BCT:

The Outdoor Challenge:

How many of our trails can you visit? Here in Bolton we have the great privilege of being surrounded by beautiful woods and trails. It is our mission to see as many residents as possible taking advantage of these resources. To encourage community members of ALL ages to do this, we have a challenge for you – visit as many conservation areas as possible by the end of May. We will provide everything you need to complete the challenge, including a notebook that you can bring with you to document your progress. More details to come!

The Presentation on May 5:

Learn about the physical and mental health benefits of spending time outdoors. Think back to your childhood. How much time did you spend outside? Chances are it was much more than our kids today. Studies show that this decline in outdoor free play is having a negative effect on many areas of child development. Kathy Romeo will be talking about the current research on this subject and what parents can do to foster healthy development in their kids. She will also touch on the many ways spending time outdoors can boost health and well-being for people of all ages. She will share resources for and practical ideas on how to be more intentional about getting your family outdoors.

The May 5 Raffle Prizes:

- Hot Tub/Sauna Session at Essential Therapies Day Spa
- Flower bouquet from Joy Farm
- Tour for 2 at Nashoba Valley Winery
- Private Tour of Bolton's Restored Blacksmith Shop @ Lime Kiln
- Candle Making at Kitchen Sink Candle Co.
- Admission for 2 to 2024 Bolton Fair
- Registration for 2 to 2024 Bolton 5K
- Books about the benefits for children in nature
- Books about the benefits for adults in nature

Trinity Church is located at 14 Wattaquodock Hill Road, Bolton. For more information about the event, contact info@BoltonConservationTrust.org

To find out more about the BCT or to become a member of the Trust, visit our website at BoltonConservationTrust.org

BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to Governor Healy's extension of March 2023 Order, and under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40 (Wetlands Protection Act) and under the Bolton Wetland Bylaw Chapter 233, this public hearing of the Bolton Conservation Commission is being conducted via remote participation.

This public hearing shall be held Tuesday, May 7th 2024 via Zoom at 7:00pm to consider the Notice of Intent submitted by Bolton Conservation Trust, for the proposed construction of a 3-ft wide public hiking trail on an existing easement held by the Bolton Conservation Trust along North Brook. The trail will have 1 proposed stream crossing outside the depicted riverfront area. The stream crossing will consist of 3-foot-wide boardwalks made with pressure treated lumber and trex lumber. No fill will be used and no dug footings. All work as part of this proposed project shall be located off of Sawyer and Wattaquodoc Hill Road within property owned by Esclante – The International LLC, Map 3.A, Parcel 60, Bolton, MA.

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BOLTON POLICE REPORT

Compiled by Lynda King

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

April 15 - 21

- This week police made 20 motor vehicle stops that resulted in 11 citations, seven warnings, one summons, and one arrest.
- Other police activity: Police responded to one report about a motor vehicle accident and two calls about disabled vehicles. They also issued one parking ticket.
- Nineteen medical emergencies were reported this week. Sixteen people were taken to the hospital; three people refused treatment or transport.
- Wildlife/animal encounters this week: An opossum on Wattaquaddock Hill Road; injured turkey on Wattaquaddock Hill Road.

Monday, April 15:

DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE

2:57 p.m. Police reported a car off the road on Nourse Road. They report that a FedEx truck was backing into a driveway to make a delivery when the operator went in the wrong direction and went forward across the road into a ditch. The vehicle had to be winched out. No injuries were reported; no citations were issued.

REQUEST TO SPEAK TO AN OFFICER

5:04 p.m. A Green Road resident called to speak with an officer regarding ongoing traffic issues in the neighborhood.

MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT

6:14 p.m. A caller walking on Sugar Road, near East End Road, reported being nearly struck by a vehicle operating erratically. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

Tuesday, April 16:

TREE/WIRE DOWN

5:04 p.m. An officer reported wires down on Hudson Road, near Camp Resolute. National Grid was notified.

MOTOR VEHICLE STOP - ARREST

1:08 p.m. A patrol officer ran a routine plate listing on a passing car and found the vehicle's registration was expired. The operator, 23-year-old Darlison De Oliveira of Sagamore Beach, was arrested for operating with a suspended license.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

9:07 p.m. A Bare Hill Road resident reported lights on at the neighbor's house. Officers checked and found no indications that the house was broken in to.

MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT

9:51 p.m. A 911 caller reported that a tan, four-door sedan turned its lights off and threw something at her vehicle as she was driving by on Wattaquaddock Hill Road. Officers did not locate the vehicle.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

10:32 p.m. A patrol officer checked a wrong-facing parked car on Manor Road, and found the parties were working on a house.

Wednesday, April 17:

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

1:23 a.m. A caller reported seeing a person on Still River Road flailing his arms at passing traffic. An officer located him and found he was lost, trying to get back to Clinton.

ANIMAL CALL

2:02 a.m. Someone reported that an opossum was struck and killed on Wattaquaddock Hill Road. The opossum had babies, so they were extracted and the ACO was notified.

MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT

7:44 a.m. A motorist reported a vehicle speeding on Still River Road, cutting off other vehicles. Officers did not locate the vehicle.

TREE/WIRE DOWN

2:19 p.m. A 911 caller reported a tree leaning on power lines on Main Street. Officer confirmed the tree was leaning on wires but it was cable lines, not the power lines.

MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT

5:33 p.m. Someone reported a vehicle operating erratically at Hudson Road and Main Street. Officers did not locate the vehicle.

ANIMAL CALL

5:33 p.m. A caller reported an injured turkey on the side of Wattaquaddock Hill Road. Officers did not locate the turkey.

DISTURBANCE

7:11 p.m. Someone reported excessive noise coming from a business on Main Street that was under construction. Officers spoke to the workers and found they were finishing for the day.

Thursday, April 18:

ANIMAL CALL

3:30 p.m. A 911 caller reported being trapped on the porch at a home on West Berlin Road, surrounded by two barking dogs, while dropping off an Amazon delivery. An officer went up and diffused the situation, helping the driver back into his vehicle. The owner arrived on scene to assist.

Friday, April 19:

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

12:15 p.m. Clinton police requested assistance from Bolton officers to stop a tractor-trailer truck that had left the scene of a motor vehicle accident. Clinton police located the truck at Reisner Corp. in Clinton. Bolton police assisted with the traffic stop.

BURGLARY - BREAK & ENTERING

4 p.m. A caller reported suspicions after seeing a woman leaving a residence on Bare Hill Road, then getting into a vehicle and leaving the area. Officers are investigating.

Saturday, April 20:

MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT

9:03 a.m. A 911 caller reported a vehicle failing to maintain lanes and operating at a slow speed on Wattaquaddock Hill Road. Officers were able to stop the vehicle and issued a warning to the driver.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

11:51 a.m. Someone reported a minor two-car accident on Forbush Mill Road. Police report that one vehicle was going north, and the other, south, when their side mirrors collided. No injuries were reported and no tow was required. No citations were issued.

VANDALISM

12:32 p.m. A Sugar Road resident reported that their house was egged. Officers are investigating.

VANDALISM

1:29 p.m. A Laurel Road resident their house was egged. Officers are investigating.

Sunday, April 21:

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

8:24 p.m. A 911 caller reported hearing either fireworks or gun shots in the area near Flanagan Road. Officers checked the area but didn't locate anything suspicious.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

10:51 p.m. A resident on Bare Hill Road reported that a neighbor's house had several lights on and the homeowner was not home. Officers checked the residence but did not locate anyone.



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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 15, 2024

10:09am ASSIST CITIZEN
An officer assisted a delivery driver on Pennie Lane.

11:48am DISABLED

A caller reported that her car had been damaged due to a large pothole on Whitman Street. An officer advised the woman. A traffic cone was placed in the hole until repair is completed.

12:13pm MEDICAL EMERGENCY

A caller from Taylor Road reported that a man felt dizzy. The Police and Fire/Rescue responded. The ambulance transported the man to the hospital.

7:49pm COMPLAINT

A caller on Johnston Way reported that a commercial vehicle was running in the parking lot. The caller was concerned about the air pollution it was causing due to idling. The Police responded.

Tuesday April 16, 2024

6:54am ASSIST CITIZEN

A caller from Johnston Way requested that the police contact the building management due to a small leak in the apartment. An officer reached out to the management.

11:28am FIRE

The Maynard Fire Department requested assistance for a report of visible smoke at the Mill building. The Stow Police and Fire/Rescue responded.

11:49am FIRE

A walk-in reported seeing an upside-down canoe in the water off Pompositticut Street. The Police and Fire/Rescue responded. Neighbors reported that the canoe has been like that for days. The owner was contacted. All was OK.

12:49pm ASSIST CITIZEN

A caller from Pine Point Road reported a missing manhole cover. The Highway Department was notified.

5:57pm ANIMAL

A caller from Sudbury Road reported that a K-9 dog showed up at their home. The owner retrieved the dog.

Wednesday April 17, 2024

11:50am MEDICAL EMERGENCY

A caller from Meeting House Lane requested assistance with a man's medical care. The Police and Fire/Rescue responded. The ambulance transported the man to the hospital.

6:00pm ROAD SAFETY COMPLAINT

A caller from Pine Point Road requested that a cone be placed on the missing manhole cover until the Highway Department could replace it.

9:54pm ASSIST CITIZEN

A caller from Sudbury Road reported that he was locked out of his home. He inquired about locksmiths in the area. He had a place to stay for the night. An officer advised the man.

Thursday April 18, 2024

6:09am ASSIST CITIZEN

A caller from White Pond Road reported that a neighbor was cutting down trees on his property. An officer advised the man.

8:49am LOCKOUT

A caller from Sudbury Road reported that he was locked out of his home. The Police and Fire responded. Access was gained with minimal damage.

10:55am WIRE

A caller on Great Road reported a low hanging wire. The Police responded. Verizon was notified.

6:02pm ASSIST CITIZEN

A walk-in reported that two accounts had been opened in his name, without his permission. An officer advised the man.

Friday April 19, 2024

9:38am ANIMAL

A caller from Boon Road reported a loose dog. The Animal Control Officer was notified.

10:29am ROAD SAFETY COMPLAINT

A caller on Sawmill Road reported that trucks were parked on the side of the road. They were obstructing traffic. The Police responded. The road was passable.

1:30pm ASSIST CITIZEN

A caller reported that she lost her phone. The information was logged

in case someone turned in a phone.

8:22pm ASSIST CITIZEN

A caller requested to speak with an officer regarding an earlier incident at Market Basket. An officer advised the caller.

10:52pm ACCIDENT

A caller on Hudson Road reported a single car accident across from her house. The Police and Fire/Rescue responded. An individual was transported to the hospital via ambulance.

Saturday April 20, 2024

10:04am SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

A caller from North Shore Drive requested to speak with an officer regarding a truck at her neighbor's house. The Police responded. The truck belonged to the homeowner.

4:05pm ASSIST CITIZEN

A walk-in reported that she received an email that she believed was a scam. An officer advised the woman.

7:14pm SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

An officer observed a car pulling to the side of the road. The driver was picking up free items. All was OK.

9:04pm ACCIDENT

A walk-in reported that he was struck by the side mirror of a passing car. The car did not stop. A moment later, a driver came in to report that he may have struck someone with his car. An

officer advised the individuals. Both spoke. There were no injuries or further assistance needed.

11:08pm ASSIST CITIZEN

A caller requested a ride home due to lack of funds for an Uber. The Police responded, giving the man a ride home.

Sunday April 21, 2024

2:25pm LARCENY

A caller requested to speak with an officer regarding money being taken from their bank account. An officer advised the caller.

6:25pm ANIMAL

A caller reported that her dog had been attacked two times by the same dog, while walking in the town forest off Bradley Lane. The Animal Control Officer was notified.

6:26pm LARCENY

A walk-in reported stolen property. An officer assisted with filing a report.

7:07pm LOCKOUT

A caller from Birch Hill Road reported that he was locked out of his car. The Police responded. Entry to the vehicle was gained.

9:49pm MEDICAL EMERGENCY

A caller from Hudson Road reported that a man fainted. The Police and Fire/Rescue responded. The ambulance transported the man to the hospital.

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