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Kids getting the opportunity to play with Trevor the Games Man and his tarp and stuffed animals.

Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

Library celebrates an amazing summer of reading

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SOUTH HADLEY – With summer drawing to a close and school on the horizon, libraries have ended their summer reading challenges, and look back on their fun events.

The South Hadley Public Library hosted a series of events for ages birth to one-hundred, and anyone could join. There were events and challenges for kids and teens, and adults got a scratch ticket for every time they checked out items, with a limit of one per day.

A little over 260 kids signed up for the kids summer reading challenge from birth to ten years old. Kids in this age bracket got a sheet to color for every twenty minutes read.

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Committee discuss ideas for biking and walking treks

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Bike and Walk Committee met to discuss ideas for new bike and trek routes for the community to

enjoy this coming fall.

Chair Ruth Camuse held the August 13 meeting, and she was joined by Vice Chair Anne Barry, Jake Woodruff, James Buckley, Lucia Foley, Anne Barry, and Kathy Davis.

Human Services Director,

Andy Rogers, joined the meeting to present the agenda.

Treks, bike events and new ideas

The board reviewed Bike and Walk Treks in a spreadsheet from 2021 to 2024 in the spring

and fall of the given years. The biking and walking treks had a series of leaders and were led for different events.

“I have been working on a Bike Walks spreadsheet,” Camuse said. “Basically, is what I was trying to do is document

which walks we have taken, and who lead them, and when they occurred, and any notes that I may have about those.”

By having this spreadsheet, Camuse hoped that the com-

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MPIC to make plan more accessible

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SOUTH HADLEY – The Master Plan Implementation Committee met together after their last joint meeting with the Selectboard and Planning Board in order to review and discuss the points and goals of MPIC.

The August 8 meeting was held by Chair Nate Therian, and he was accompanied by Vice Chair Susan Perry, Clerk Mary Jo Maydew, Daniel Hamel, John Parenteau.

Review of the Joint Meeting with Selectboard and Planning Board

On August 6, MPIC joined the Planning Board and the Selectboard in a joint meeting, and Perry expressed her concern in the feedback to see what it is the people want to see MPIC do moving forward.

However, the Selectboard endorsed the increase in having annual meetings in order to increase

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Granby Selectboard busy filling vacancies

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

GRANBY – Following the announcement of Town Administrator Chris Martin’s retirement at the end of October, the Selectboard is actively trying to find his replacement and a new town accountant.

The Selectboard opted to hold interviews for the town accountant position privately, rather than in public session, with Martin and the Selectboard chair.

The Selectboard discussed when it would host interviews for three candidates for the town accountant position.

Selectboard Chair Crystal Dufresne asked if the body could host interviews at its next meeting.

“I don’t really want to wait because Mr. Martin is retiring in October. You’ll need to get someone in place.”

Martin told the board that one of the candidates asked if there was the possibility of remote

work and would explain more about that the following day.

Selectboard member Glenn Sexton said he would prefer the interviews be on a separate evening.

“I feel sometimes you want to sit down and dedicate that particular time to that,” he said.

Martin proposed two weeks from the meeting on Monday, Aug. 26.

Dufresne asked if the committee would consider doing a meeting sooner out of concern for people losing interest.

Sexton said he would be content with Martin interviewing the candidates and providing the Selectboard with a recommendation.

“We’re going to tap his expertise, and he’s going to know whether or not someone is qualified based on the answers they give, not just the resume either,” he said.

Dufresne said she agreed because it would be helpful to

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Eliza Moser Fine Art gallery celebrates one year

SOUTH HADLEY—In only one year's time, Eliza Moser Fine Art has built a strong community of students and art lovers. Located centrally at the Village Commons of South Hadley, it has become a hub for creative people in the local community and beyond.

The Student Exhibition, opening in September, will feature over 25 works created either in class, or independently after studying with Eliza. While the show will primarily feature works done in Pencil or Oil Paint, the subject matter ranges widely from still life, portraiture, animal, landscape and more. The variety in the work is a representation of the studio's mission: to provide students with the tools to achieve their own personal artistic goals. While Eliza Moser's own work is quite traditional (a reflection of her education in Florence, Italy), the student work need not be; students are encouraged to use their newfound skills to pursue the style and subjects which most inspire them.

Eliza Moser, local artist originally from Springfield, opened her business in the Village Commons of South Hadley in September of last year. The space doubles as both a gallery and a studio. During class hours, lessons are held in the gallery space, where Eliza's own work is regu-



Submitted Photo

Eliza Moser Fine Art is celebrating their one year anniversary.

larly displayed on the walls, and this is also where Eliza herself paints. Outside of class hours, the gallery is open to the public, and visitors are welcome to view both the finished works on the wall, or the works-in-progress on Eliza's easel.

In creating transparency around the creative process by putting it on display, Moser hopes to encourage students in

their work by showcasing that every work of art will go through ugly stages, and that they just need to trust in the process. After one year in business, the studio has built a regular following of attendees at their weekly classes, monthly paint nights, and one-day workshops, many of which have sold out. The strong response from the community confirms Moser's belief that the

space is meeting a need for art and creativity in people's lives.

The Student Exhibition will run from Sept. 7 through Oct. 5; the opening reception, which is free and open to the public, will occur on Sept. 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. Drinks and light refreshments to be served. Eliza Moser Fine Art is located at 21 College Street, Suite #9, directly across from Mount Holyoke College

Buttery Brook PARK Happenings

- Friday, Aug 23, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. - Cruise Night with Moose & the High Tops performing on the Buttery Brook stage
- Wed, Aug 28, from 2 to 6 p.m. - Farmer's Market
- Fri, Aug 30, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. - Cruise Night with It Takes Two (Joe & Amanda) performing on the Buttery Brook stage
- Pickleball Courts - Daily Open Play (Mon-Sun), 8:30 to 11am / Weeknight Open Play (Mon-Fri), 4:30 to 10pm
- Spray Park - Open Daily, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Library hosting new chess club

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Public Library announced it will be hosting an adult chess club beginning Tuesday, Aug. 27 from 4 to 5 p.m. The club will be held every Tuesday in the Community Room. There is no experience necessary and all adults are welcome to come play and learn the game.

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Free tour of Granby's North Cemetery

GRANBY – The Holyoke Preservation Trust is pleased to sponsor Bob Comeau's Granby's North Cemetery (Batchelor Street Cemetery) tour on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at North Granby Cemetery located at 6 Lane Brook Circle, Granby.

Join us on this 1-hour tour as we learn about this fascinating and historical cemetery and area of Granby.

North Cemetery has a rich history dating back to its establishment in 1764 as a family cemetery. This cemetery is an interesting reflection of Granby's early history, with gravestones that provide insights into the town's early days and its religious settlers.

Park only on the northern edge of the roadway in Granby. No need to print ticket.

Cancellation: You will receive an email if the event is postponed due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.



Free tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-tour-of-granbys-north-cemetery-batchelor-street-cemetery-tickets-998397623167>

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation (no matter how small) to help the Holyoke Preservation Trust

with offering more free cultural and historical events and workshop materials.

Please wear comfortable shoes and prepare to be out in the grass. You may want to bring bug repellent and sunscreen.

Town Clerk announces in-person early voting

SOUTH HADLEY – In-person early voting for the September 3 State Primary begins Saturday, August 24. No appointment or application is required to vote early in person.

All in-person early voting will take place in the Town Clerk's office at South Hadley Town Hall, 116 Main St., during the following dates & times:

- Saturday, August 24 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, August 26 – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 27 – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 28 – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, August 29 – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Friday, August 30 – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Other Important State Primary Dates & Deadlines:

Election Day - September 3, 2024 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at South Hadley High School, 153 Newton St., South Hadley.

The last day to register to vote in the State Primary is Saturday, August 24, in-person by 5 p.m., online by midnight.

Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot is 5 p.m. on Monday, August 26.

Please contact the South Hadley Town Clerk's office with any questions by email at elections@southhadleyma.gov or by phone at 413-538-5030, ext. 6183.

Hearing set for Old Firehouse Museum Local Historic District

SOUTH HADLEY - The South Hadley Historic District Study Committee is proposing the "Old Firehouse Museum Local Historic District" consisting of the town-owned firehouse and the adjacent Fred M. Smith Memorial Green. A public hearing is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 10:00AM at

the Old Firehouse Museum on 4 North Main St to discuss plans for the historic district. The Committee members will discuss the benefits of this district to South Hadley and will answer questions. Tours of the museum and grounds will follow the hearing. Light refreshments will be provided.

Support local Scouts

SOUTH HADLEY - Turn your unused items into support for Scouting adventures. Hartsprings Foundation Clothing Donation Drive to benefit Pack 303 will take place Saturday, Sept. 7 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Liquor Town located at 506 Granby Rd., Help support Scouts

BSA programming in South Hadley. Proceeds from your donation of unwanted clothing, shoes, housewares, small appliances, DVDs and other media, linens and more. Sorry, no large appliances or furniture. The event takes place the 1st Saturday of each month.

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mittee can review the different treks they took, and when to plan the next routes.

Woodruff recommended planning a bike trek away from main roads, and what months provided the most ideal weather to attract the people to join in the bike trek.

Barry also came up with the idea to have one closer to Halloween, in order "to get the kids more involved", and Rogers furthered the idea by suggesting a bike parade around Trunk-Or-Treats.

"We were thinking of having something along with Indigenous Peoples Day," Davis said, talking about the DEIB committee and the ways it strives for diversity and inclusion.

"Because we would like to do something probably in September and October," Davis continued. "Along the line of bringing the community into the conservation areas."

The committee, which works with the Conservation Commission, looks to create walks and biking treks for the community to enjoy in the many conservation areas within

and around South Hadley.

They discussed doing another trek at the Leaping Well Nature Trail in September on the 21 at 1:00 p.m., with a bike trek in October, and discussing more in the next meeting.

Foley also expressed interest in seeing a walking and biking trek along the Leaping Well Nature Trail, which is also nearby to the town's arboretum near the middle school.

Commemorative bench program

Water District 1 ordered a bench, and Rogers shared that Jeff Cyr is seeing the bench to be in "any day now", and the bench will be put on a concrete pad to make it accessible to wheelchair users, and have the area look pretty with plants and flowers.

"When it's installed and ready to go, we will want do a recognition of the water department commissioners and Jeff and their department," Rogers said.

The bench is being placed along the Route 202 walking trail and by the Leaping Well Reservoir. This site, which is a "test site" according to Camuse,

is to open up the possibilities of having more rest stops in the town for the community to enjoy.

Valley Bike program status update

The Valley Bike Program is up and running, and the bikes are there and ready to be used.

"It's great to get it into action because that is something that some people can use regularly to get to work to go places they need to go," Camuse said.

New business and searching to fill vacancies

Rogers led the committee in the reorganization and voting to set members up in positions, and the board moved to have Camuse continue in her role as chair, and Barry as vice chair.

The board also has two vacancies that they are trying to fill, and currently have open spaces on the board.

The board also went over and approved the meeting minutes from June 11. The next meeting will have more discussion on the upcoming bike and trail walks and their dates, so stay tuned.

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Dear Jesus,
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Holy Spirit
for all my blessings.
T.D.S.

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Opinion



Friends with questions for the Garden Lady

I love it when I get texts from friends with a random gardening questions. I never know when they will come but I am glad when they do!

The first question came from my friend Jacque. She has only a small spot near her condo for gardening, but apparently her tomato harvest has been quite impressive.

She was concerned with small holes in her cherry tomatoes, and was curious if slugs could be the culprit. Then she confirmed it by seeing one on the fruit, and wanted to know what to do about them.

Apparently, the beer basin I advised worked well. She sent me a follow-up text saying she found 21 drunken slugs the morning after setting the trap.

Read on for a full how-to!

Probably the most famous slug trap around is made from stale beer. To be effective it must be set up correctly, otherwise slugs will be lured but not trapped.

Bury a container level with the soil surface and fill it with beer to one inch from the top. Ideally, slugs stretch out their bodies to reach the liquid, fall in and drown.

Dump the container often, especially after it rains, since water will dilute the beer as well as raise the level of the liquid. Commercial slug "motels" come with a yeasty powder you mix with water – these work on the same principle as our homemade version.

Some folks also have good luck trapping slugs in watermelon or cantaloupe rinds placed about the garden. Dispose of the slug filled fruit into the trash each morning without an ounce of slime on your fingers!

Slugs feed during the night and hide during the day, for that reason we should rid the garden of popular daytime hiding spots, or at least conduct a search and destroy mission on these spots regularly. In my garden, stepping stones or old boards used for garden pathways, come to mind.

Another friend, Debi, sent me a text about the hardiness of Gladiolus. She specifically wanted to know if the corms had to be lifted in the fall and stored indoors over the winter.

While my short answer is yes, they do need to be dug up, there are certain micro climates that allow these plants to overwinter. Sometimes planting them right up against the foundation of the house is all the buffer you need.

Or drive east two hours and chances are they may squeak in hardiness-wise. Just that little bit of temperature modulation from the ocean puts some easterly locales in a zone or half-zone warmer than we are.

Anyway, read on to learn about proper overwintering practices.

Around the time of our first frost corms should be lifted from the ground with a spading fork or shovel. Cut the stem from the corm as closely as possible. Rinse under running water and allow to dry in a frost free airy location for two-three weeks.

Check the corms regularly, and when a corky area develops between the mother corm and the new corm break off and discard the mother. After drying is complete, store on trays or in mesh bags in a well-ventilated area at temperatures between 38 and 58 degrees.

The lower the temp, the better.

Inspect throughout the winter months and throw away any corms that begin to rot.

It's a lot of fun to answer questions – keep them coming!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

South Hadley's 'my way or the highway' Planning Board

To the Editor:

The South Hadley Planning Board is holding a public hearing on September 9th on "Proposed Zoning Amendments" and new "Zoning By-Laws". This public hearing will be held via the Zoom Virtual Platform. The alternative public hearing would be holding a "Hybrid Meeting" where taxpayers could physically attend the meeting and ask pertinent questions. The Virtual Format requires the taxpayer to log in on the computer or I-Phone.

At the Annual Town Meeting, May 8th, Article 28 was a petition to see if the Town Meeting would recommend the Planning Board change their meeting format from virtual-only to hybrid. This article was passed by a large majority. It was the feeling of the town meeting members that using the Hybrid Format as the Select Board and the Health Board do was more user friendly to the taxpayer.

At the Planning Board's June 10th meeting a discussion of their use of the virtual format versus the hybrid format recommended by town meeting was had. The board largely justified their use of the virtual format based on the fact that it was more conducive to their

work schedules. At no time did any member consider the encumbrances of the taxpayer using the virtual format or the advantages of the hybrid format to the taxpayer. The majority of the board voted to continue using the virtual format for their public meetings.

Following the June 10th meeting the board over the summer developed the 4 changes being presented at the September 9th meeting. These changes are big changes to the By-laws and the taxpayer should have a good understanding of their impact.

I feel that the only way the taxpayer can gain an insight to these changes is by having a hybrid format meeting. These changes were developed over the summer when the average taxpayer was involved in summer activities and piping into the Planning Board's virtual meetings was not going to happen.

As a Town Meeting member myself I cannot support a yes vote on these changes if presented to the Fall Town Meeting without having had a hybrid meeting allowing the taxpayer to gain a better understanding of the impact of these changes.

Marc Desrosiers
South Hadley

Planning Board needs to abide by the will of the citizens

Letter to the Editor

Planning Board of South Hadley needs to abide by the will of the citizens. The Planning Board of South Hadley has chosen to prioritize its own conveniences over the will of town residents. The May 2024 Town Meeting overwhelmingly voted to recommend that future Planning Board meetings be held in a hybrid format, in lieu of virtually as the Planning Board currently meets.

This topic was discussed at length in a recent Planning Board meeting. (<https://vimeo.com/956573700>, advance tape to one hour and 35 minutes.) Instead of moving forward to implement a hybrid meeting format, Planning Board members raised questions about logistics and details which all could easily be answered by the Town Administrator or another authority. The Planning Board focused on their personal conveniences rather

than what is best for town residents.

On September 9, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Proposed Zoning Amendments and New Zoning Bylaws. They insist upon a virtual format for these very important issues. A virtual public hearing prevents in person, face to face contact with Planning Board Members and limits discussion. It also makes it impossible for citizens without a computer to participate. Moreover, attendees cannot see who else is at the meeting.

In closing, I strongly urge the Planning Board to reconsider its opposition to hybrid meetings. Other boards, such as the Select Board successfully conduct hybrid meetings. It is high time for the Planning Board to follow suit.

Martha Terry
South Hadley

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Does some of my Social Security payment include repayment of my contributions?

Dear Rusty:

I have a question about my Social Security benefits. Would I be correct to assume that part of the monthly Social Security income I get is a repayment of what I contributed to the fund while I was working? If so, how much of my monthly benefit payment is my own money coming back to me?

Signed: Curious Beneficiary

Dear Curious:

I'm afraid that is not how Social Security works. The money you contribute to Social Security during your working years does not go into a special account to be repaid to you. Rather, the Social Security taxes you pay while working are used to pay benefits to all those currently receiving Social Security benefits.

The system is, in effect, a "pay as you go" program where all those currently contributing help pay benefits for all those now receiving. What your contributions do, however, is earn you "quarter credits" and, when you have enough credits, you become eligible for Social Security retirement benefits for life. Generally, someone must have about 40 quarters, about 10 years, contributing to Social Security to be eligible for SS retirement benefits.

How much you receive monthly is determined not by how much you contributed but, rather, by how much your work earnings were over your lifetime. You will get a percentage of your average pre-retirement work income as your monthly Social Security payment, but that is also affected by your age when you claim benefits.

It is your average lifetime earnings adjusted for inflation, which determines your "Primary Insurance Amount." Your PIA is what you get at your Social Security Full Retirement Age, but your age when you claim benefits determines if you get more or less than your PIA.

Claiming SS before your FRA means a smaller monthly benefit, while waiting longer than your FRA means a benefit higher than your PIA. SS benefits reach maximum at age 70. FYI, each person's FRA is different based on the year they were born, but full retirement age today is between age 66 and

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Town Clerk announces voter registration information

GRANBY—The state primary will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 3, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Granby Jr. Sr. High School in the gymnasium.

The last day to register to vote and change Party enrollment for the State Primary is Saturday Aug. 24.

In-Person Voter Registration will be on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Carnegie Building aka the old public library and from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office at 215 B West state street.

You may also register anytime during regular office hours in the Town Clerk's office, you can pick up mail in voter registration forms at the Granby Post Office, or the Granby Public Library.

With a valid Massachusetts Drivers' License, or Massachusetts ID you can register on-line at www.sec.state.ma.us under elections, or on our town website www.granby-ma.gov under the Town Clerk Department.

Mail in forms must be postmarked by the Aug. 24 to be eligible to participate in this primary.

If individuals did not mail back their 2024 Annual Town Census or voted in the past year, individuals may be listed as an Inactive Voter.

If individuals have any doubts about their voter registration, please call the Town Clerk's office 467-7178.

Early voting by mail requires no excuse this is "voting by will" the last day to file a "Vote By Mail" and an Absentee by Mail application for the Sept. 03, State Primary is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 27.

If individuals did not receive an application from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Elections Division, you may download an application by going on-line to our Town Website under the Town Clerk Department, or at www.sec.state.ma.us, or call the town clerk office at 413-467-7178.



Emailing the completed application with their signature on it to: townclerk@granby-ma.gov would be the quickest way for their application to be received.

If individuals wish to track their ballot, go to sec.state.ma.us voting status and click on Track My Ballot, or call the town clerk's office, 413-467-7178.

Early voting will be held in the Carnegie Building" AKA "Old Public Library" located at One Library Lane. Individuals can vote Early In-Person on the following days:

Carnegie Building Hours for Early Voting In-Person

Saturday, Aug. 24, Monday, Aug. 26, Thursday, Aug. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 30, from 9 a.m. to noon.

If individuals prefer they may drop their mail in ballot at the drop box located at the Town Hall Annex, 215 B West State St., the Election Ballot Box is for Ballots, and Elections Applications only.

The box is blue, red, and white and

clearly state "Elections Ballot Box." any other town business please use the black box label Town Drop Box.

Individuals must have one of the following reasons to apply for an Absentee Ballot:

A registered voter who is absent from the voter's city or town during normal polling hours; A registered voter with a physical disability; COVID-19 reasons; Religious belief; OR A non-registered voter who is absent from the state; or An active member of the armed forces or merchant marines, their spouse or dependent, or A person confined in a correctional facility, or a jail, except if by reason of felony conviction.

Mail-In Absentee Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 27 and the last day to vote Absentee In-Person in the Town Clerk's office is 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 30.

Questions or concerns can be directed to Kathy Kelly-Regan, Town Clerk at 413-467-7178.

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expedite the process. She would also be included in the process.

Martin added that the interviews would not then be in public session.

When they were hired, Sexton asked if Martin would be willing to stay on to help transition the town account. Martin is currently acting as the town's accountant and brings 23 years of experience in Granby and 40 years of municipal experience.

"He has a wealth of information and knowledge that impacts Granby," Sexton said. "It's something we have to look at as far as our budget to keep someone on plus a new employee."

Town Administrator position

The board is getting the duties of the Town Administrator so that it can post the position and email members of the newly created seven-person search committee.

Dufresne asked if Martin could put together a list of his duties.

Martin asked if the board wanted every single item.

"I'm the budget director for the town. Do you want to know what that entails in detail?" Martin said.

The board said yes.

He also told the board he would forward them the 2006 ad for the position, which would need to be updated based on the duties and job description.

Dufresne also said a search committee would need to be formed.

Martin recommended a committee of five.

"I would recommend (Highway Superintendent) David Desrosiers (Granby Police Chief) Kevin O'Grady, (former Selectboard) Wayne Tack, (School Committee Chair) Jen Bartosz and resident Kathleen Bronner," Martin said. "That's just me going through really quickly."

Sexton proposed alternatives of Mark Bail and Brian Hochschild as former Selectboard members.

The board expanded the search committee to seven members, considering members of the Selectboard, Finance Committee and Sexton's suggestions.

The Selectboard will discuss the job description at its next meeting so that the position can be posted.

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TIGER'S MARCHING 100: 50 Years since Pasadena

By Samuel Gelinias
Correspondent

Last weekend, former South Hadley Tiger Marching Hundred band members gathered to celebrate the band's accomplishments, including the 50-year anniversary of the band marching in the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, California – one of many instances which the band had performed on National stages in the 60's and 70's.

The group gathered at the high school Saturday morning for coffee and donuts, took a tour of the old band room, and recreated the band's iconic peace sign that was used in their football game halftime formations in 1970.

Paul Snopek, a band member from 1968-1972, shared the multidimensional significance of the "peace sign," speaking of its history, reception, and complexity.

"When this formation was designed in 1970, we were one year away from Woodstock and in the heat of Vietnam. The public's support of the war was rapidly changing. This was the first "TV" war in which we could see footage from Vietnam on the nightly news.

"We kind of shocked the

world by using this formation because we were a high stepping and energetic band. It was a very difficult formation because everyone had a precise spot to be in on the football field in order to present a very eccentric formation. The formation was accompanied by JS Bach's 'Jesu- The Joy of Man's Desiring.'"

Eager to return to the Parade of Champions in Philadelphia, "We knew what the level of competition was, we wanted to show the degree of difficulty we could present by creating the peace sign.



Alan Shaw of South Hadley donated the use of his cherry picker to film the recreation of the peace sign.



Two former members of the Girls Triple Trio, Karen Mard Gladwin '69 (who was also a band member) and Patty Kennedy '73 surprised the audience by singing a rendition of "For Good" from "Wicked" dedicated to Roger Farnsworth and Frank Fuller.

"Prior to our performance we were given a military grade inspection by Marine Corp personnel. I recall our inspector to be a Gunny Sergeant whose stare could send a high school kid into fright. The show was also adjudicated by military brass from different services. Little did we

expect, or know, that the peace sign was a most unwelcome formation which was greeted by boos from the audience and very unfair remarks from the adjudicators. The formation- used primarily as a show of difficulty-

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communication, as well as more involvement from the Selectboard surrounding Master Plan goals.

"The town administrator did say that she expected that the next town wide Master Plan forum, which would be in 2026, will focus on DEI," Therian said. "So I think that's a partial response to our eagerness for some more structure around it."

Therian explained that he saw some issues in the time line, stating, "I think we're still gonna have to work with sustainability and energy, and with other groups that we see focusing, thinking on, on some of the sustainability and resiliency goals."

"I also think its good that they heard from us that we are gonna be meeting with the clerk around trying to find ways to support the committees," Therian said.

Wong and her support of the Master Plan in supporting MPIC has made a great impression, and she is a "real ally", according to Therian, in getting these plans

through to completion.

Making the Master Plan accessible to other committees

In response to the discussions at the joint meeting, Therian shared a draft letter to send out to various committees across the town.

The goal in sending out a letter is so that it is "...clear that we wanted to meet with them to talk generally about their work and the Master Plan," Therian explained.

He shared that one of his primary goals in sending out these letters and creating meetings with these other committees is to make them aware of what it is the Master Plan is, as well as what it is trying to accomplish.

One of the areas the board found in attempting to make the Master Plan more accessible and understandable to the other committees is to make it clearer, and simpler, to understand.

Perry shared her thoughts that by defining and specifying goals, for example a graph shared that outlined the Sustainability

and Energy Commission Action Tasks, would make it easier for MPIC as well.

"For me... it's hard to know until I've had some experience kind of working with it," Maydew said. "So maybe... as we continue to talk as a group and as we work with our committees, maybe some refinements will emerge over the course of this cycle that we can then incorporate."

"I will say we need to post these spreadsheets to the town website as an ongoing record of work, but what we take to the committees could be simplified," Therian said.

Future meeting topics with committees

"My thought is that we would send them (the committees) along with the letter asking for an early meeting, the task list," Therian began, sharing a list of possible talking points for first meetings with entities in the fall.

This list including referencing a group's specific task list and reviewing the major Master

Plan goals with them, as well as ensuring that tasks are listed appropriately specific to the group and consider what goals should be removed or added.

The list also brought up points about ensuring reasonable timelines, appropriate partners are spelled out, and what are needed, and what groups may need help or new resources.

Another point was making sure that the town can develop a guide to how town government functions, as well as creating help sheets for committee chairs wanting to connect with the public and other committees or town offices, as well as scheduled meetings with MPIC.

This is to ensure that everyone is on the same page, being able to reference not only how each part functions individually, but also how it functions within the system of town government as a whole.

The last talking point Therian included detailed the possibility of providing updates on DEI trainings that are scheduled for

the fall, as well as when the next Master Plan forum will be, which will have DEI as its focus.

Therian also shared the importance of making sure MPIC would be available to address any concerns from the other boards or committees.

"We obviously can't over promise, but we should make it clear that cries for help coming from us and from them are important, and that the selectboard, the town administration, are looking to find what is needed to get certain things done," Therian said.

The committee members looked into what commissions and departments they are working with and divided them between them all so that the most can be helped and be in contact with MPIC to the best of their ability.

"I hope these first meetings can be meetings where we get a feel for where people are, and particularly where they see their tasks aligning with these goals, and whether they're new changes that should be made," Therian said.

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"The goal is to keep track of consistent reading, as being read to has shown to have a positive impact on the kids and their bonds with caregivers especially," Jenny Arch, the children's librarian, said.

The summer reading events at the library were designed to give kids a place to be during the summer, and to keep their minds going with fun reading challenges to earn prizes.

"We've got a variety of prizes. Every kid who signed up got a coupon to Cindy's Ice Cream, which was very generous of them," Arch said.

Some of the big prizes that could be earned included LED drawing tablets, Boston Bruins gear, donated by the team including a signed photo, a coupon to Yankee Candle, and Odyssey Book Shop donated three books for summer reading prizes.

The kids could also get a chance to win one of several museum passes, including the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Books in Amherst, tickets to Holyoke Children's Museum, Baseball Museum, and the USS Constitution Museum.

"It is fun to see the kids bring in their completed summer reading and share a new favorite book or author they found," Arch said.

The library hosted many different events for the kids to come and attend, with the most attended, for all ages, being Mini Golf at the library, where 125 people attended.

Trevor the Games Man brought in a crowd of over fifty, and Wildlife on Wheels, thought it had a cap at forty, more people came in to see the animals.

Smokie the Bear came to visit with the State Firefighters, and thirty people attended to hear a story read, and the story time at the Farmers Market was another

crowd-gatherer.

"Seeing the kids enjoy all the different programs is really great," Arch said. "I am happy to see so many enjoy their time at the library."

"All of our regular weekly and monthly programs happen through the whole year, and they don't stop," Arch said, sharing about the five Book Bingos through the summer where winners got free books to keep.

Rhyme Time, another popular weekly program, saw between 60 and 70 people on August 13, showing how much the community loves their local library.

Also available throughout the year are Legos, puzzles, and crafts, as well as a play group with Coordinated Family and Community Engagement, which sends a facilitator to run the play group and lead sensory activities.

A popular event Arch introduced to the library is the First Book Club. "It gives the kids a chance to get a school-related feel of reading a book together, and for kindergarteners got a chance to meet their upcoming kindergarten classmates," Arch said.

The group will be meeting again on Friday, August 23, at 3:30 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m. Keep an eye out for the October date.

Young kids could also participate in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, a program many libraries participate in, where young kids bring in logs of one-hundred books at a time to get to the 1,000 goal.

The teens also enjoyed summer reading, with Bethany Roberts, the teen librarian, creating events and challenges for the eighty-four teens who signed up.

"Teens are encouraged to read 20 minutes a day since everyone reads at a different pace or takes books in different ways," Roberts

explained.

Prizes the teens could get the chance to win included things like wireless earbuds, t-shirts, two Amazon gift cards, and other fun things.

The teens got a chance to participate in many fun events as well, including the Mini Golf in the Library event to end summer reading.

"The biggest attended program was my annual Night Rave," Roberts said. "That's our after-hours teen program that has pizza and an ice cream bar and is lots of fun. This year there were only 17 teens in attendance, but it was a blast for all!"

Some other events that Roberts created for the teens to enjoy included a "Snackternoon", a "Craft-ernoon", creating Paper Beads and Vision Boards, totes made from old T-shirts, and Moon Phase Banners.

"I enjoy doing Reader's Advisory during the summer as the teens get to read more for pleasure," Roberts said.

Reader's Advisory is a library term for talking about books; it allows the librarian to get a sense of what the reader enjoys, in order to make good recommendations for that specific individual, taking into account reading level, genre, style, and other appeal factors.

"I truly enjoy seeing the different takes on my crafting program that the teens have. I love being able to see a lot more of my regulars during the summer," Roberts said.

"My favorite part was welcoming new visitors to the library, guiding them to the resources they need, and introducing them to books and more," Arch said.

The South Hadley Public Library's joy in creating these events for kids and teens alike, with the goal of encouraging a love of reading in everyone, and an even stronger sense of community.

MISSING



SOUTH HADLEY – This is Willow, she went missing on August 19 from her home on Hollywood St., South Hadley. She is a 13-year-old all black, long-haired cat with graying on her chest and back legs.

She has only been an indoor cat so she does not have a collar. If there are any sightings of her please contact Sarah 413-351-5453 or Paul 413-313-1112. Her owners are desperate for her return.

Community Vaccination Clinic offered

GRANBY – The vaccine clinic will be for flu and COVID vaccines for any interested individuals ages 6 months and older at East Meadow School gym, 393

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And therein lies much of Social Security's financial dilemma; people are now collecting benefits for many more years than the current program is designed to support. And that is what Congress needs to fix as soon as possible. The Social Security trust funds, which now provide supplemental money to pay benefits, are

projected to be depleted around 2033, which will mean a cut in everyone's monthly Social Security payment, unless Congress acts soon to reform the program and restore it to fiscal solvency.

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Elle Jimmo takes a fading shot.



Grace Cooney gets the open shot.



Jenna Sanbourn sprints for the layup.

St. Pat's wraps up season

WILBRAHAM – St. Pat's of South Hadley wrapped up its summer season in the Spec Pond Summer Basketball League. The young squad has been a regular in the Wilbraham-based outdoor league for the past several seasons. Play wrapped up on Sunday, Aug. 11



Cadee Killian shoots in traffic.



Adela Wozniak fakes and then looks to shoot.

Pioneers, Mutiny wrap up great seasons

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The soccer aficionados from Ludlow and the surrounding communities had a lot of fun watching the New England Mutiny and the Western Mass. Pioneers play their home matches at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow this summer.

"You really never know how things are going to go prior to the start of the regular season," said Joe Ferrara during a recent interview. "Both teams had a great season."

Ferrara has several different titles, and he doesn't have very much free time during the soccer season.

He's the commissioner of the United Women's Soccer League and is the owner and Managing Director of the Mutiny, who have been playing their home matches at the 106 year old soccer stadium in Ludlow since 2019. He's also the General Manager of the Pioneers, who were founded in 1998.

Another person who didn't have very much free time this summer is Federico Molinari, who has been the Pioneers head coach for more than ten years. He was also the head coach of the Mutiny for the first time.

"I've watched Federico coach the Pioneers for the past several years, and he has a passion for the game of soccer," Ferrara said. "He's one of the best soccer coaches that I've seen particularly on gamedays. He always makes the right tactical adjustments. He also runs a very good training session. I've received tremendous feedback



Alexis Legowski, of South Hadley, was a regular in the Mutiny's lineup this season.

from the players on both sides about him. I'm hoping that Federico can coach both teams again next year."

The Mutiny finished the 2024 regular season with a perfect 8-0 record, while the Pioneers posted an 11-2-1 record.

The Mutiny began the U.W.S. playoffs with a 2-1 home win over Steel City FC on July 12. Two days later, they celebrated an exciting 1-0 victory against Sporting CT in the East Conference championship match. It was their final home match of the season.

The following weekend, the Mutiny played in the U.W.S. National semifinals and champi-

onship match, which were held at All-High Stadium in Buffalo, New York.

The Mutiny didn't have very much trouble dispatching the Michigan Jaguars, who captured the U.W.S. Nationals title a year ago, in the semifinals. The final score of that match was 5-0.

"We performed very well in the semifinals," Ferrara said. "We were able to score a couple of early goals, which took the pressure off of us."

On that same night, Molinari and the Pioneers players were in Virginia playing Lionsbridge FC in a USL-Two playoff match. Unfortunately, the Pioneers season came to an end following a



The Pioneers made it to the second round of the playoffs this season.

2-1 loss.

Alec Hughes, who's a post-grad student listed on the UMass men's soccer team, led the Pioneers this summer with 17 goals. He's the USL-Two Golden Boot winner and was also named as the Player of the Year. He'll most likely be drafted by an MLS team next year.

"Alec has really improved a lot in the two years that he's been playing for the Mutiny," Ferrara said. "He was a key player for us this year. I'm hoping he signs with a Pro team next year."

Scott Testori, who plays college soccer at UConn, chipped in

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Wroth named 'Umpire of the Year' in NECBL

NORTH ADAMS – Nic Lops, manager of the Sanford Mainers has been selected as the New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) Joel Cooney Manager of the Year, while Brian Wroth of the United Collegiate Umpires Association was voted Umpire of the Year for the 2024 season.

Lops' Mainers clinched the top wild card spot with a 26-18 regular season record, helping the Mainers finish the season on an 11-1 stretch, including an 11-game winning streak going into the season finale.

The Mainers went into the 2024 postseason as the No. 4 overall seed, earning home field advantage for the first round against the Keene SwampBats. After finishing 7-1 against their north division rival, the Mainers swept the SwampBats in the first round, matching up with the #1 Vermont Mountaineers in the semifinal round, a team that won 31 games during the regular season. After rain suspended game one, the Mainers took care of business at home and swept both games to advance to the Fay

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Locals help lead Western Mass. to bronze

WALTHAM – The Western Mass. representative in the Bay State Games for girls soccer captured the bronze last month. Here is a look at a couple of their matchups during the games.

In the bronze medal game, West won 3-0 over Coastal. West had an early lead on Coastal and was able to hold it throughout the game. The three goals that solidified the bronze medal for West were made by Katie Gilhooly (Chicopee, Chicopee Comp HS), Fallon Clancy (Belchertown, Belchertown HS), and Maya Tellier (Belchertown, Belchertown HS).

During the tourney, West scored a win over Central 4-0. In the matchup, Despite

Central taking some beautiful shots, the goalkeeper for West, Chloe Laizer (West Springfield, West Springfield HS) wouldn't let any past her. Kylie Marino (East Longmeadow, East Longmeadow HS), Allison Fleury (South Hadley, South Hadley HS), Gilhooly, and Clancy all made goals that ultimately led to their win.

In an early round game, West beat Coastal 5-1. Fleury had a great game with two assists and one goal. Both Brianna Ribeiro (Belchertown, Belchertown HS) and Megan McGrath (North Adams, Dury HS) had two goals. For Coastal, Savannah Parker (Lunenburg, Lunenburg HS) made the goal in their fight against West.

Bonsignore grabs second-place finish in Thompson 150

THOMPSON, CT – The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour returned to Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park on Wednesday night for the Thompson 150. Justin Bonsignore and the Kenneth Massa Motorsports team prepared a strong No. 51 Phoenix Communications Inc. entry, and Bonsignore came away with a strong second-place finish.

Bonsignore qualified third for the Thompson 150, then fell to fourth on the initial stint of the race. On the next restart, Bonsignore took second spot away, and never relinquished the position on the track again. After a pit stop, Bonsignore chased the back bumper of eventual winner Patrick Emerling for the remainder of the

distance.

The runner-up finish was Bonsignore's eighth top-five of the season in the first 10 races. He also took the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour points lead heading for the final six races of the year.

"Patrick's car was really good," Bonsignore said. "Track position would have been nice if I could have got the lead on the restart, but we had a great car. I got stuck in lapped traffic a bit in the final 10 laps and the tires just kind of gave out there at the end. It's getting towards the late summer and it's good to start putting some strong runs together with great speed like we've had the last few weeks. We will move onto Oswego and try to go win the Classic."

Quabbin League seeking to start fall league

The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League is looking to start an eight-game fall program for the over-28 population. The league, which plays a spring/summer regular season with six teams for 15 games followed by playoffs, is hoping to continue the fun into the fall with a short eight-game schedule for interested players.

Preliminary details are still being worked on, but the league is looking to have four teams with six "regular season" games followed by a semifinal in the seventh week, and a final/consolation game in the eighth week.

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Vincent Sr. Cup Championship with a perfect 4-0 record. The Mainers met the #2 Newport Gulls in the championship, winning game one at Cardines Field 7-1, however, dropping the next two games and falling a few outs short of the Fay Vincent Sr. Cup.

The 2024 season marked

Lops' fourth season at the helm for the Mainers and fifth overall with the club. Lops was also named the 2022 Manager of the Year after leading the Mainers to the semifinals that season as the #6 seed. Outside of his Mainers' tenure, Lops has helped Southern Maine win three of their seven consecutive conference titles, as he also earned the Yankee Small Conference Coach of the

Year all three seasons.

A member of the United Collegiate Umpires Association, Wroth was a part of the umpiring crew for the 2024 NECBL All-Star Game at Muzzy Field in Bristol, Connecticut. Wroth's son played in the NECBL for the Valley Blue Sox and won the Fay Vincent Sr. Cup with the team back in 2018.

2024 was Wroth's 41st year

umpiring baseball, 34th at the collegiate level and 28th with the NECBL. Wroth began playing baseball at the young age of seven and has been in the game since. Wroth was appreciative of all of the opportunities he received this year as part of the NECBL and more.

"This was a special year for me working my first Division 3 Regional, working in the NEC-

BL All-Star Game and to receive this award which could be given to several other umpires."

When asked about the honor, Wroth brought up one of his favorite baseball movies and how it connects him with the game.

"Kevin Costner was in a baseball movie called 'For The Love of The Game,'" Wroth said. "That's how I'd sum up my life when it comes to baseball."

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with 12 goals. Jared Smith led the way with nine assists.

One of the Pioneers local players was Mamadi Jiani, who graduated from Chicopee High School. He scored four goals this season.

The Pioneers assistant coaches are Dennis Gomes, Jay Willis, and Thomas Duben.

Molinari, along with Duben, coached the Mutiny in the championship match the following night.

The Mutiny, who played in the U.W.S. finals for the first time, faced the Santa Clarita Blue Heat, who lost to the Jaguar in the 2023 championship match.

The score was tied 1-1 at the end of the first 45 minutes.

Mila Dillard, who lives in Chicopee and is a sophomore on the Pope Francis girls' soccer team, netted the Mutiny's goal during the 43rd minute. It was assisted by South Hadley's Alexis Legowski.

The Mutiny took a 2-1 lead



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Mamadi Jiani, a Chicopee High graduate, played with the Pioneers this summer.

25 minutes into the second following a goal by Chioma Okafor,

which was also assisted by Legowski, who played college soccer at Northeastern University.

Okafor was one of the UConn women's soccer players listed on the Mutiny roster.

The Blue Heat scored the equalizer late in the second half and they wound up winning the title, 6-5, in a penalty shootout.

Following the championship match, Legowski, who signed with a professional team in Poland, was selected as the MVP of the U.W.S. National Tournament finals. The M.V.P. award was the trophy of a Buffalo.

"Alexis is now playing for a pro team in Poland, which is awesome," Ferrara said. "She played very well in the tournament and was selected as the M.V.P. of the championship game."

Legowski and Dillard were two of the players from Western Mass. listed on the Mutiny roster. The other local players were Maddie Theriault (Palmer), Hope Santaniello (Agawam), Sam Breton (Chicopee) Avery Klingensmith (Belchertown),

Chandler Pedolczyk (Westfield), and Emma Pedolczyk (Westfield).

"I always want the best local high school soccer players to play for the Mutiny," Ferrara said. "It builds excitement and fanfare within the local community. The local players have been the core of our team during the past several years."

Santaniello, who plays college soccer at UMass-Lowell, is the only remaining Mutiny player from the 2019 squad.

Okafor, who's from Blantyre, Malawi, is listed as a junior on the UConn women's soccer roster. Several of her college teammates also played for the Mutiny this summer.

The UConn women's soccer coach is Margaret Rodriguez, who's a former Mutiny player.

Carey (Dorn) O'Brien, who's currently the associate head coach at UConn, played for the team when they were known as the Springfield Sirens.

"Margaret and Carey played soccer for me, and we've built a very good relationship over the years," Ferrara said. "We're al-

lowed to have five players from a Division 1 school on our soccer roster. We are going to try our best to get the best players from UConn to play for us again next year. I'm looking forward to going to watch the UConn women's soccer team play this fall."

Okafor is only a junior, but she'll most likely be playing for a professional soccer team next year.

Cat Berry, who plays soccer at the University of South Carolina, only played in a couple of matches for the Mutiny at the beginning of the regular season, but she was also a fan favorite.

Before heading back to Ludlow from Buffalo, the Mutiny players and coaches visited Niagara Falls.

"The long bus ride home gave us the chance to reflect on the outstanding season," Ferrara said. "When we got back to the stadium, nobody wanted to say goodbye because they knew it would be their last time together as a team. It was a fantastic season."

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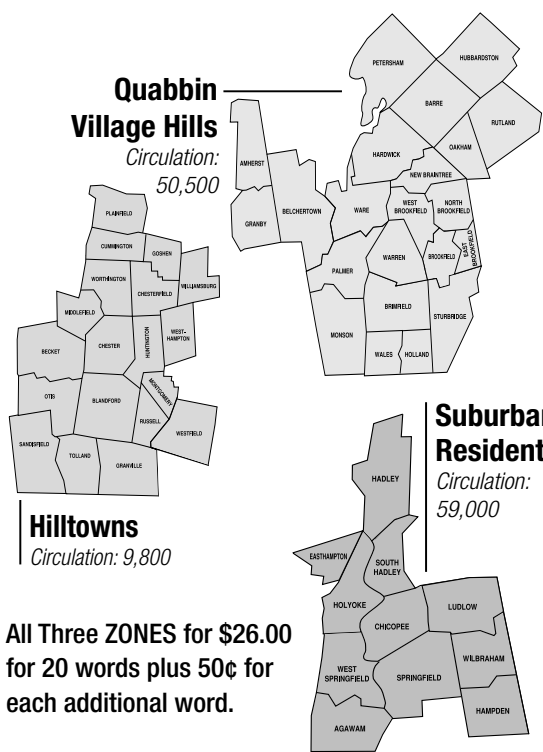
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RE: Transfer of License
Licensee Address: 460 Amherst Rd., South Hadley, MA 01075

LEGAL NOTICE
Town of South Hadley Selectboard - Licensing Authority Notice of Hearing
 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 15A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, that V&V Brothers, LLC d/b/a VJs Convenience has applied for a **Transfer of License** to be exercised at 460 Amherst Rd., South Hadley, MA.

The Selectboard as Licensing Authority will hold a public hearing on said application on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024 at 7:05 p.m. at 45 Dayton St. The hearing will be held in a hybrid fashion with the opportunity for both in-person attendance and remote. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person or virtual attendance accordingly. For purposes of in-person attendance, the Selectboard will host the meeting in the multi-purpose room with remote participation details

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Meeting attendees should mute phones (*6 for landlines) unless asking questions or commenting. AU attendees should wait to speak until other participants are finished.

Town of South Hadley Selectboard, Licensing Authority
 Andrea Miles, Chair
 Jeff Cyr, Vice Chair
 Carol Constant, Clerk
 Renee Sweeney, Member
 Nicole Casolari, Member
 Under M.G.L. Chapter 138, § 15A and §16C, any school, church, or hospital within 500 feet of 460 Amherst Rd., South Hadley, MA, 01075 wishing to object to the issuance of such license must voice objections in writing.
 08/23/2024



TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a request for an Order of Conditions filed by South Hadley Electric Light Department for a Line Replacement Project between Woodbridge St and 6 The Knolls. The project will abandon an antiquated underground conduit, install a new underground conduit along the southern property boundary, and relocation of the transformer. Map 52, Parcel 4.

The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, September 4 at 6pm virtually**. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of the request is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Mon - Fri. Plans are also available online at www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Neva Tolopko
 Conservation Chair
 08/23/2024

Town of Granby
Massachusetts

Conservation Commission
 The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on **Tuesday, September 10, 2024 @*1 Library Lane-Carnegie Building-Top Floor** to consider the following:

1. 7:30 p.m.: "RDA" filed by Timothy Roberge to see whether the area/activities depicted on the plan referenced are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations with regards to property located at 99 Kendall Street and known as Map 8-C-/8-8, in the Town of Granby.

Members of the public can attend virtually by phone

at +1 (312) 757-3121 using **Access Code: 282-289-4210** or by visiting <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/282289421>.

Anyone wishing information and/or to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated. The complete materials (including text and maps) relative to this "RDA" are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Selectmen's Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street. Additionally, copies of the application may be inspected on the Conservation Commission's web page at www.granby-ma.gov.

William Shaheen, Chair
 Granby
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The league will be a bit more informal than the regular spring/summer league with the goal being for players to have fun playing more baseball, work on field and batting skills through more innings in the field and extra at-bats, or potentially working on or trying out pitching.

As has been traditional in other fall leagues, the Quabbin League will likely be wood-bat only for the fall.

There is an interest form and survey interested players can fill out at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. The league is

open to all current Quabbin league players as well as players from other leagues who are age 28 and over during the calendar year of 2024.

The league will look to keep the cost very low for the league with preliminary indications having the league in the \$40-50 range to play eight games.

Games will likely be held in the West Springfield, Agawam, Southwick area and are likely to be held on Sunday mornings, though a few games may be held at alternate times. Games are scheduled to begin in September after Labor Day.

BAND from page 6

was not appreciated and resulted in a less than reasonable adjudication."

Dr. Roger Farnsworth, band director from 1965-1980, and former associate band director Frank Fuller were notables in attendance for the weekend.

Jimi Hopewell, percussionist from 1968 to 1971 was not able to attend the band reunion in person but sent a video that was shown at the band reunion Saturday night at the Elks Lodge in Holyoke.

Concerning

Dr. Farnsworth, Hopewell stated that, "I am sorry to miss celebrating this 87-year-old dynamo of a man that has inspired countless lives to seek their own greatness."

Hopewell had been head of the percussion section his junior and senior years in high school, and reminisced the discipline and attention put into his role:

"I can remember being overbearingly fastidious about

and insisting upon proper tuning/maintenance/handling/cleaning & storage of all of our equipment - I know some perceived our drum section as a mixed bag of arrogant elitists & wild animals, which was, of course, true, but when it came to protocol, pride & performing, we were all in."

The band wended down the reunion weekend on Sunday with a buffet breakfast at The Boat House and a cruise on the Lady Bea at Brunelle's Marina.

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 - Coconut palms
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 - Grandmother
 - Mammary gland of female cattle
 - Hill or rocky peak
 - Secret political clique
 - Songs to one's beloved
 - "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
 - Father
 - Chinese philosophical principle
 - Restrict the number or amount of
 - Combined into a single entity
 - Brother or sister
 - Evil spirit
 - Materials in the earth's crust
 - Partner to cheese
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 - Collection of sacred books
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 - Very fast airplane
 - Arm bones
 - Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
 - __ fide: legit
 - Gemstone
 - Counsels
 - Corporate bigwig
 - Cool!
 - Touch lightly
 - Small Milky Way constellation
 - Satirical website
 - Border lines
 - Soft drinks
 - Capital of Guam
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 - Bar bill
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 - Spy organization
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 - Former Brazilian NBAer
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 - __ Clapton, musician
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 - CNN's founder

Events announced for Hall of Fame weekend scheduled for Oct.

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced additional details, including start times for key events, regarding the Class of 2024 Enshrinement Weekend.

The Class of 2024 celebration will culminate with the Enshrinement Ceremony on Sunday, October 13, in Springfield, Mass. – the Birthplace of Basketball. The Class was revealed in April and

includes a total of 13 honorees.

Enshrinement Weekend will tip off at Mohegan Sun on Saturday, October 12, starting with the always-popular autograph session, followed by the headlining


Tip-Off Celebration and Awards Gala. The Class of 2024 and over 40 returning Hall of Famers will then journey to Springfield, Mass. for the annual celebratory events taking place at the acclaimed

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