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Holden Dedicates Athletic Fields to Honor WWII Hero

By KARIN WARZYBOK

On Sunday, August 24, the town of Holden held a ceremonial ribbon cutting to dedicate the new athletic fields on Industrial Drive in honor of Holden resident and highly decorated World War II Marine Corps veteran Stephen Nowak, who died in 2017. In addition to hundreds of excited residents, Nowak's son Garry, daughter-in-law Patrice, and 91-year-old sister Irene Morin also attended the dedication.

Throughout his life, Stephen Nowak received letters from crewmates who were aboard the USS Franklin that day in 1945 when the ship was bombed. At the field dedication, Garry read



An arial view of the new field construction.
Courtesy of Holden Community Television

one of those grateful letters, putting into perspective the magnitude of his father's heroic act.

Also attending the dedication

were a Marine Corps Honor

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We the People

By MARTHA AKSTIN

Since being appointed by the Paxton Selectboard in January 2025, members of the Charter Review Committee have met with more than 240 town employees, members of town commissions and boards, and town residents to help lay the groundwork to create Paxton's Town Charter. "The Town Charter is the Town's Constitution," explains CRC Chair Steven Rebesco during an interview in early August. "It is the guiding blueprint of how we operate as a town."

Some residents point to a document created in 2013 as the Town Charter. However, Rebesco explains, "Nowhere in that document is the word charter. Nor was it ever recognized by

the state as a charter. That document is a job description for the then-town administrator."

The CRC reached out to the Massachusetts State Archives, which is under Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin's office, and asked if there was any record of a charter for Paxton. "The state archivist couldn't find anything," says Rebesco.

Without a charter to guide Paxton's governance, Rebesco says the town would be at the mercy of the state. "So, you're stuck with whatever the state government tells you that you have to do. As opposed to you creating what is unique and specific to your community's needs.

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Guard and the Holden Police Honor Guard. The Mountview Middle School Band performed the national anthem. Food trucks were available, and music played throughout the afternoon, adding to the festive atmosphere.

The newly dedicated Nowak playing fields are part of a larger \$10 million project, about \$3 million of which was paid for with federal funding through the American Rescue Plan Act. The Industrial Drive project connects, via a footbridge and walking path, to the existing and recently renovated Dawson Recreation Area on Salisbury Street across from the Dawson School. In addition to the Holden town



Town Manager Peter Lukes cuts the ribbon at the dedication ceremony. Courtesy of the Town on Holden.

pool, that complex includes an improved tennis court, recently upgraded basketball courts, new pickleball courts, a newly constructed and fully inclusive playground, and a new synthetic turf baseball diamond and soccer field.

The Nowak fields include two synthetic turf fields for soccer, lacrosse, and other sports, which are equipped with lighting for night games. In addition, there

is an outdoor covered pavilion, a walking trail that encircles the field, a concession/restroom building and outdoor workout/exercise stations.

During the week following the ribbon cutting, the town updated the construction schedule, explaining that the Industrial Drive fields are not yet open to

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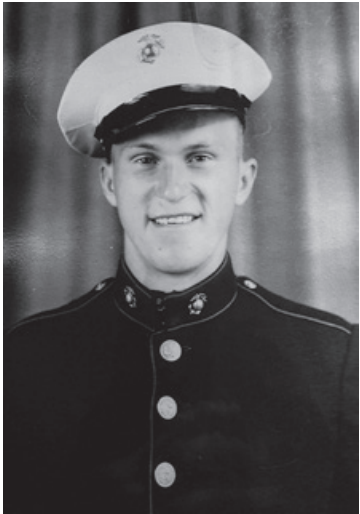
Bravery Amongst Chaos: Private First Class Stephen Nowak

By Karin Warzybok

Stephen Nowak, a lifelong resident of Holden, was born in Hardwick, the son of Polish immigrants, and grew up in Jefferson. When he was just 17 years old, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and was assigned to the USS Franklin.

Nicknamed Big Ben, the USS Franklin was one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built during World War II. It was the only US aircraft carrier to come close to Japan's coast, and it became the most heavily damaged aircraft carrier to survive the war, second only to the USS Arizona.

On March 19, 1945, Big Ben was about 63 miles from the shores of Okinawa when it was attacked by a solitary Japanese pilot. The carrier was struck by bombs that hit the lower decks,



PFC Stephen Nowak, United States Marine Corps. Photo courtesy of the Nowak family

causing a series of violent explosions. According to the USS Franklin Museum, the attack

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It also gives no resident the power or input into the definition of what governance should be and how they hold accountable the elected or appointed officials, department heads, etc.”

From its initial meetings, the CRC broke down its work into three parts: Information gathering, using that information to create the charter’s first draft, and then meeting with everyone they spoke with during the first phase to present that draft to them for their feedback and thoughts.

Gary Goldberg, an attorney and member of the CRC, says that through all their 58 meetings, they have asked for ideas from town residents and employees as to what is important to them regarding governance of the town. “We’re taking that feedback and we’re going to utilize as much of that as we can in the building of the charter,” says Goldberg.

The draft subcommittee,

of which Goldberg is a member, began working on the draft in July. Once they have a document that the committee is comfortable with, “Then we’re going to share that draft with the stakeholders that we met with,” says Goldberg, “get any additional feedback that we may have missed, and present that to the Selectboard – hopefully by the end of the year.”

“To a person,” says Rebesco, “we feel we will not rush just to get it done. We will do the proper diligence in the meticulous execution of our plan. Only when we feel it’s right and all the steps have been successfully completed, and we feel the town has an excellent understanding and we have a consensus will we then put it out to the Town Meeting.”

Members of the CRC also recognize the importance of looping in State Representative Kim Ferguson and State Senator Peter Durant to make sure the language and format are compliant with state requirements. “What we don’t want to

do,” says Rebesco, “is get all the way to the Town Meeting, have everything passed, send it to the state, but have it bounced back because of language or content issues.”

Goldberg and Rebesco, who have each lived in town for a number of years, have served on several town committees and admit that the CRC has been the most time consuming. “Our approach is recognized by people we met with as being very inclusive and collaborative,” says Rebesco. “And we need to continue to march to that as a foundation piece of our approach and execution.”

And they both understand the historical impact of the document that will be created. “Never have I worked on a more important and critical and community-impacting initiative than this,” says Rebesco.

On August 13, Rebesco submitted his letter of resignation from the CRC effective August 15 due to personal reasons. The CRC met on August 25 and elected David Johnson, a town



Members of the Charter Review Committee (l to r) David Johnson, Meaghan Puglisi, Chuck Putney, and Gary Goldberg. Unavailable when photo was taken, Paul Bertler. Photo Martha Akstin

resident for 36 years, as chair and Goldberg as vice chair. Also discussed were plans for a community event to be held on October 25. “This is an opportunity to bring town committees together” says Meaghan Puglisi, who handles communication for the CRC, “and have a fun, social, networking event.” It will also be an opportunity for town committees to explain what they do to Paxton’s residents and to recruit new members. Wachu-

sett Free Press will publish more details as they become available.

The CRC currently has two vacancies. If you want to be involved with creating Paxton’s Town Charter, you can apply to be on the committee through the town website. You must be a town resident and not currently serving on any other town commissions or boards to avoid questions of influence or impropriety.

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would eventually result in the deaths of 921 crew members.

At the time of the attack, PFC Nowak was below deck in the mess hall with 250 crew members. As smoke and fire filled the compartments, the men became trapped.

After five attempts, and without the aid of a breathing apparatus, Nowak finally found an escape route. Ordering the men to follow him, they made a chain by holding onto each other’s belts. Nowak navigated

the smoke-filled, suffocating compartments and led them to safety, stopping along the way to pick up and carry an injured sailor. He later would tell his family that he couldn’t believe the men followed orders from a 17-year-old kid.

In 1947, Nowak was awarded the Navy Cross for risking his life and “extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty” in the face of grave danger by leading the 250 men to safety.

While he was still enlisted, Stephen Nowak married Shirley Smith, whom he had met at a Worcester roller skat-

ing rink. They built a house in Holden across from the Holden Country Club, which is where he and Shirley, who were married for more than 61 years, raised their two sons Garry and Donald.

After serving his country, Nowak became a police officer and a mail carrier for the town of Holden. In addition, he worked at Miles Funeral Home, the Crompton and Knowles Foundry, and as a truant officer, a manual laborer, and a delivery truck driver. But his greatest love was youth sports.

An avid fan, he attended football and basketball high school games and helped with fundraising. When his son Garry started playing hockey, he went to all his games and eventually became a coach for Pee wee Hockey.

According to Garry, his father was well-known and much loved by the boys and girls of Holden. They enjoyed talking to him and would seek him out for advice.

For the rest of his life, Nowak would receive letters from crew members who thanked him for his courage. Bill Vaughn wrote, “I now wish to thank you for saving my life.

Also, my wife, three daughters, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren thank you.”

With the dedication of Nowak Fields, PFC Stephen

Nowak’s memory, love of youth sports, and the legacy of his courageous act will rightfully be remembered for generations.



The USS Franklin listing following the attack by a Japanese bomber, March 19, 1945. Photo courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command

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Anne-Marie Kelley

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• **Your personal beliefs** – As someone with civic, ethical and moral concerns, you may feel compelled to make charitable gifts throughout your life and then make philanthropy part of your legacy. To accomplish these objectives, you'll want to include gifting techniques in your financial strategy today and your estate plans for tomorrow. Of course, for the estate-planning component, you'll need to work with your tax and legal advisors.

• **Your purpose in life when you retire** – Having a purpose can bring fulfillment beyond financial security. Leading up to retirement, your purpose may involve providing for your immediate family, bringing value to your profession or contributing to your community. When you retire and step off your career path, you're entering a new world of possibilities. How will you define, and live out, your new sense of purpose at this stage of your life? Do you seek to broaden your

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• **Your health** – Your physical and mental health can play big roles in your financial plans and outlook. On the most basic level, the healthier you are, and the better you take care of yourself, the lower your health care bills will likely be during retirement, which will affect the amount you need to put away for health care. And you also may need to prepare for the costs of long-term care, which can be enormous — in fact, a private room in a nursing home can easily cost \$100,000 per year, according to Genworth, an insurance company.

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Jennifer Schofield, Publisher

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Anna Maria Athletics Aims High in New Conference

Anna Maria College football is also making headlines. The college joined the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) this year



and the Football AMCATS are ranked fourth in the preseason coaches' poll. Last season, the AMCATS finished with a 4-5 overall record but showed great promise, ranking 11th in the nation for passing and 16th for total offense.

Leading the team is 29-year-old Head Coach Tanner Kingsley, who is now the youngest college football head coach in the country. Under his leadership as offensive coordinator in 2023, Anna Maria had the top-ranked offense in New England,

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the public as contractors are still working on the complex. The town asks that folks stay off the area until October 1. The town will announce when the contractors have finished, and games and events will be able to be reserved. The Dawson Recreation Area is open for use.

When asked about the fields being dedicated to his father, Garry stated his dad would have been "touched and so humbled. There could be no better way to honor him with his love for youth sports." Garry and his wife Patrice agreed that the ceremony and afternoon had been well planned.

Dave White, chair of the Dawson Recreation Complex Committee, had suggested to

the Holden Selectboard that the fields be named in honor of Stephen Nowak, given his commitment to the town as a police officer and letter carrier. "More importantly," says White, "he was a recipient of the Navy Cross, the second highest medal someone in the Navy can receive."

The citation for Private First Class Stephen Nowak, USMC, can be found here: <https://valor.militarytimes.com/recipient/recipient-7745>.

To read an account of that day in March 1945 when a young Holden man put his life in danger to save others, see the accompanying article.

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Hope Blooms in Rutland

By MARTHA AKSTIN

More than a hundred people gathered on a recent Sunday for the dedication and ribbon cutting of Hope Blooms, a new garden tucked behind the Rutland Public Library. With a stone-dust pathway leading to it from the parking lot, the garden is meant to be a place of comfort for people to remember

gratitude we bless this garden as a sanctuary, a place of healing, and a beauty-filled reminder of our interconnectedness with the natural world and worlds beyond. It is love that brings memories to mind and it is love that renews our spirits. May love fill and nourish the hearts of all who come here for peace.”

Whitney MacLure and Lindsey Paul from Journey Within



loved ones who are no longer with them.

Hope Lives Here (HLH) is responsible for this quiet oasis off Rutland's Main Street. Sheri Roaf, board president of HLH, led the dedication. Reverend Pamela Reidy read the poem "In the Garden," by Rosemary Wahtola Trommer and led the blessing: "We gather today to bless this garden, a patch of earth rooted in love, embracing memories and growing hope. In

Yoga and Wellness provided the sound bath while people placed stones throughout the garden. "In silence, with reverence and love in our hearts, we place our stones, remembering the ones we love. Embrace the silence that speaks so beautifully around us," said Roaf.

The garden was more than a year in the making. "We wanted to do something different besides a 5k walk – which we'll resume next year," explains



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church to water the plants. Until the Rutland DPW heard about that challenge. While HLH paid for supplies, the DPW installed the water line and spigot – seemingly overnight.

"The intention is for the garden to be a living, breathing thing that will continue to grow," says Mayer, as there is more area in which to expand. "It's a wonderful place to see and enjoy that gorgeous sunset. Not everyone wants to go to a cemetery to remember their loved ones. If they don't want to do that, they can come here."

Mayer says that mothers who have lost a child and who have volunteered at the garden say it's an opportunity for them to have something to care for.

Hope Blooms is just the latest gift to the community from HLH, an organization that was born out of one family's tragedy.

In April 2015, Patty Inwood's son Luke died by suicide. Although Inwood was surrounded by family and friends who helped her grieve, she realized not everyone has such support. Inwood envisioned and began Hope Lives Here to help people survive such loss.

"She wanted to create a space in her community where others who were hurting from loss could come together and feel less alone," explains Mayer. "I was so moved by the fact that parents

Faith Mayer, a board member of the nonprofit and marketing director. "We looked for land in Holden, but nothing really worked out and then the Town of Rutland came forward and donated the land for us to use. Tomeca Murphy [executive assistant to Rutland's town administrator and select board] has been incredible, so wonderful to

work with. This wouldn't have happened without her involvement."

The garden layout was designed by HLH board members. Benches, arbors, raised beds, flowers, wind chimes, bird baths, and gravel were donated and installed by volunteers. Mayer describes how hoses had to be lugged from the garden to the

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Generations on the Move - The Right Move

When Kathy Benoit bought Generations on the Move almost three years ago, a company that had been in existence for 15 years, she did not realize the impact the business would have on her outlook on life. “It’s an amazing service,” explains Benoit. “It’s so gratifying to see how we assist people at a potentially difficult time in their lives. I feel like I’m going to a volunteer situation to help people every day.”

Generations on the Move serves clients primarily in Worcester County. While she and her team will help declutter your home – even if you’re not plan-

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Is it a move from a four-bedroom home to a one-bedroom? How much has been accumulated and stored over 20, 30, or even 50 years? How soon is the move? What are the priority items that need to be included? “Don’t be embarrassed if your cellar and attic are packed,” says Benoit. “Items add up over the years.”

Once the goal is identified, she will send a cost estimate within 24 to 48 hours, which can vary widely depending on the time it takes to pack, move, unpack, and then return to the house to take care of remaining items for sale and donation.

Benoit has a team of 10 employees, some of whom have been with the company for years, and who can handle multiple client moves at a time. She will visit the new location to take additional measurements to ensure everything will fit comfortably. “If you have 15 feet of hanging clothes but your new space has six feet – well, that needs to be resolved,” she explains.

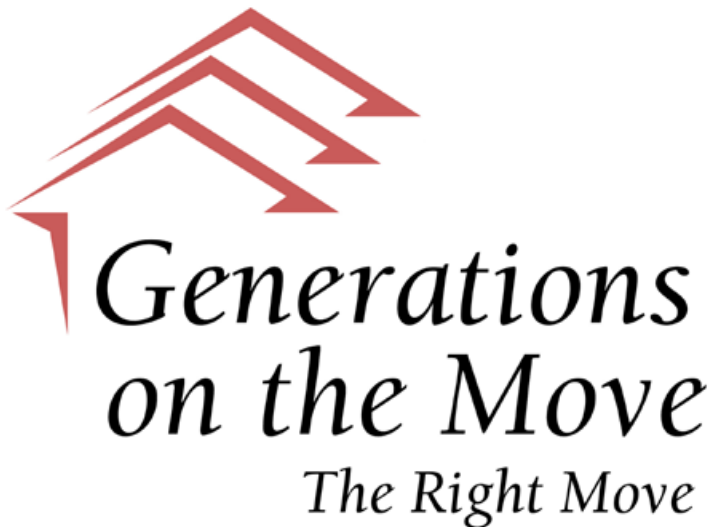
Photographs are taken of the current home so items can be placed accordingly in the new location. For instance, how are items displayed in the curio cabinet?



Owner of Generations on the Move, Kathy Benoit. Courtesy photo

Benoit describes how her team tackles an average move each day:

- Days one and two: Pack and label everything that has been identified to be moved.
- Day three: Meet the moving company and unpack and organize everything, make the beds, set up the kitchen and bathrooms and arrange furniture.
- Day four: Return to the original home where items are placed in three categories: sell, donate, rubbish. Depending on what is left she can arrange to have antique dealers, estate buyers and consignment shop owners purchase anything of value that remains.
- Day 5: Any items not sold are picked up for donations and rubbish, leaving the house ready for new owners.



If you anticipate your move might be sometime in the future and your physically able, Benoit recommends decluttering in place now. “If you have 12 bath towels, but you only use two a week, keep four and donate the rest. If you have 10 coffee mugs, keep four,” she suggests. Animal rescues can often use towels, sheets, and blankets (but call first). If you need assistance with this process, Benoit offers one-on-one sessions to help downsize in place.

Benoit also suggests having what she calls a reverse housewarming party. Arrange jewelry, china, mementos, artwork that you think family members would like to have. Host a potluck and talk about where the item came from and what it means to you. “One client loved to see her granddaughter wear her special ring,” says Benoit,

“so do it now when you can see them enjoying your treasures.”

Benoit stresses the importance of ethics, honesty and compassion to be involved in this work. She realizes that some clients have lived in their house for almost half a century – and items carry emotions and important memories. She also sees people when they walk into their new homes with furniture in place, kitchen, bath and bedrooms arranged – and packing boxes gone. “It’s like an HGTV reveal,” Benoit laughs. “Everything is perfect – that’s the best part.” And folks are ready to start the next phase of their lives.

For more information about Benoit’s company, contact her at 508-210-0345, email at kathy@generationsonthemove.com, or visit GenerationsOnTheMove.com.

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ning on moving – the bulk of their work is helping people, most of whom are seniors, prepare to move from their home to another location, whether a downsized apartment or condo, or a retirement community.

Benoit offers an initial free consultation where she meets with the family to walk through their home to get to know them and discuss what the objective is:

Chamber Hosts Information Session for Canadian Rockies with Train Trip

Area residents are invited to join the Wachusett Area Chamber of Commerce on a tour of the Canadian Rockies which includes train travel on the Rocky Mountaineer. The tour runs August 26 to September 2, 2026. A travel information session will be held Tuesday, September 16 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at The Manor Banquet Facility, 42 West Boylston Street, West Boylston. The trips are open to all area residents.

Trip highlights include Grouse Mountain, Stanley Park, Rocky Mountaineer, Lake Louise, Banff, Icefields Parkway, Athabasca Glacier

and Peyto Lake. The 8-day trip includes round-trip transportation to and from Logan Airport, roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, 13 meals, experienced tour guides and deluxe train and bus tours.

The trip is provided by the Wachusett Area Chamber in conjunction with Collette, a leader in group travel since 1918. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. For more information and the full itinerary visit: www.wachusettareachamber.org.

– Submitted by the Wachusett Area Chamber of Commerce

Letter to the Editor

The Paxton Garden Club would like to extend its sincere thanks to all those that supported our Summer Floral Fridays Fundraiser. To our members who made the arrangements, the community at large who purchased them and of course Carlos of Paxton Marketplace who sold them for

us; we are extremely grateful for the support towards our club.

Happy Planting,
The Paxton, MA Garden Club, Inc. (PMAGC)

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Paxton's Adam DeFronzo Elected International Youth Leader

Paxton's Adam DeFronzo has taken on a big new role with a small-town heart. The 20-year-old was recently elected International Congress Secretary for DeMolay International—a youth leadership organization for young

men ages 12 to 21 with about 12,000 members worldwide. It's a huge honor for someone from a small New England town, and DeFronzo is already representing his community on the global stage. Adam now works alongside

other youth leaders to support DeMolay chapters across the globe, helping young men build leadership skills, give back to their communities, and connect with one another. Since his June election, Adam has hit the ground running – literally - traveling to Oklahoma, Brazil, Arizona, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. Upcoming stops include Paraguay, Southern California, and Florida.

DeMolay, with Masonic origins, has been shaping confident leaders for over a century. Any young man can join, and no Masonic connections are necessary. Masonic lodges have a commitment to public service and charity, and the DeMolay chapters fall under that wide umbrella. Many Masonic lodges support their local DeMolay chapters financially and many DeMolay chapters meet in Masonic lodges, which helps the young men feel like they have a home away from home no matter where they

are across the globe. The Worcester chapter, where Adam began, marked its 100th anniversary in 2023–24 and includes members from towns across Central Massachusetts. Members run their own chapters, plan community service projects, fundraisers, trips, and sports nights. “At DeMolay, we learn by doing,” Adam says. “You run meetings, plan events, speak in public, and make decisions as a group. It's a great place to discover what kind of leader you want to be.”

DeMolay also awards thousands in scholarships annually to help members achieve educational goals. There is a similar organization for young women in Massachusetts—the International Order of Rainbow for Girls - offering parallel opportunities.

Adam credits DeMolay with shaping who he is today. “I joined when I was 12, and I've made memories and lifelong friends,” he says. From Central



Adam DeFronzo addresses conference participants in Brazil. Photo submitted

Massachusetts to the world stage, Adam DeFronzo's leadership journey is just beginning. Learn more about joining DeMolay at BeADemolay.org or follow the Worcester Chapter on Facebook at Worcester DeMolay. - Article submitted by Jennifer DeFronzo

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had the strength to create something like this, when they were coming out of a grief that I can't even begin to imagine.”

Located at 1085 Main St. in Holden, HLH offers support groups throughout the

trained facilitators for teens aged 12-17. There is no charge to attend any HLH support group or program.

HLH is seeking volunteers to help water, weed and tend to the garden. For more information about other volunteer opportunities or support groups, call HLH at 508-233-8984 or visit their website at hlhgrief.org.

Courtesy of Melisa Mantha Photos

month for those dealing with loss. Groups include loss of a child, loved one, partner, or pregnancy/infant. This month, the organization will launch a peer-led support group with

HLH also has a public Facebook page as well as a private one for those involved with its programs. Visit wachusettfreepress.com for more photos from the dedication.

44th Annual Holden Days



Smiles, sunshine, and friendship were everywhere on Saturday, August 23 as thousands of residents and visitors celebrated the 44th year of Holden Days. Organized by the Wachusett Area Chamber of Commerce, the parade down Main Street kicked off the festivities and set the tone for a day full of talented live music, delicious food, unique gifts from local artisans, and fun for children in the kids' court. Local businesses and nonprofit agencies handed out swag from their colorful tents and the Railers and Woo Sox mascots walked amongst the crowds and posed for pictures with families. The farmers' market offered fresh fruits, vegetables, and stunning flowers. WRTA buses provided free shuttle service, and an historic green trolley provided free transportation between attractions. It was a day that reflected pride in - and love for - such a unique community.

Paxton Faces New Multi-Family Zoning Bylaw

By MARTHA AKSTIN,
MANAGING WRITER

Paxton is facing a December 31 deadline to put a new zoning bylaw in place that would allow for (not require construction of) multi-family housing in town. The bylaw will be included on the November Town Meeting warrant. If the bylaw is not favorably passed at that town meeting, the town could face repercussions from the state that might include the withholding of state grants and facing competitive disadvantages for other state grants.

This has all come to pass due to The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's Communities Act (MBTA Communities Act) that passed the Massachusetts Legislature with almost unanimous bipartisan support and was signed into law in 2021 by then-Governor Charles Baker (R) as part of that year's economic development legislation. The intent of the law was and is to address the housing shortage across the state, especially for middle-class working families.

The Communities Act affects 177 Massachusetts municipalities: 84 communities with MBTA service and 93 communities that are adjacent to MBTA service. Locally, towns such as Paxton, Holden, and West Boylston are affected because they are adjacent to Worcester; whereas towns like Rutland, Sterling and Princeton are not.

Town residents Roberta Brien and Neil Bagdis have been working with consultants including those from the Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) to understand the law and its impact on the town. She and Will Rhatigan, the Communities Engagement Manager at CHAPA, presented an overview of the law at the August 11 Selectboard meeting.

For Paxton, it means designating six acres in town where the property owner will be allowed to build multi-family housing at a density of 15 houses per acre. There is no minimum number of houses that could be built in this zoning district. This does not mean the property owner must build multi-family housing; it just allows them to build multi-family housing on their land. Any development would have to comply

with all applicable state and local provisions.

At the August 11 Selectboard meeting, Rhatigan's presentation included this explanation: Homes that could be built on this six acres are intended to benefit middle-class people who do not have incomes low enough to qualify for affordable housing, but who cannot afford the \$554,000 median sale price for a single family home in Paxton. For context, an individual would have to make less than \$72,000 per year to qualify for deed-restricted affordable housing and would need to make more than \$138,000 per year to afford the average single-family home in Paxton. "Market-rate, multi-family housing may create more opportunities for people in that middle-income range," said Rhatigan.

Currently, Paxton's bylaws do not allow the building of multi-family housing. "The bylaw now simply says 'No'," says Brien.

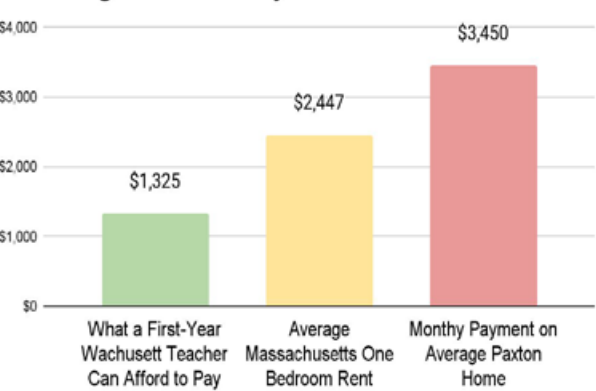
While 140 of the 177 communities impacted by the legislation have complied with the MBTA Communities Act, some communities have ignored deadlines that apply to them and have already lost eligibility for state grant funding. "Probably the most significant example," says Rhatigan, "is Marblehead, which is facing a loss of \$1.3 million in already awarded state grants for projects."

Roberta Brien explains that Paxton can influence how the bylaw is written. For instance, it can designate how much open space must be maintained on the six acres, what the road and side setbacks must be, building heights, required parking for each home, whether new homes must be screened from other properties by fences or vegetation, and other concerns that are important to residents. At the August Selectboard presentation, buildings such as townhomes, single-family cluster developments and apartment buildings were shown as examples that could meet the definition of multi-family buildings.

To comply with the law, "Paxton doesn't have to build multi-family housing on this land," explains Rhatigan. "It doesn't even need to have plans to build housing. It just has to put zoning in place that designates these six

Background: Why Was the MBTA Communities Act Passed?

Housing Affordability in Paxton



Sources: Zillow Home Value Index, Wachusett Regional School District Collective Bargaining Agreement

- Starting FY 2025 salary for Wachusett Teacher: **\$53,000**
- Income required to afford average Paxton \$560,000 home: **\$138,000**

Bottom line: Middle class people can't find affordable homes in Massachusetts



How does the law ask Paxton to reform zoning?

- Paxton must designate at least roughly six acres where property owners will be permitted to build multifamily housing at up to **15 homes per acre**
- Multifamily district can be anywhere in town, except
 - Publicly, educationally, or institutionally-owned land (except with permission)
 - Wetland resource areas, rivers, and streams
 - Protected conservation land
- **Allowing multifamily housing does not force property owners to build or to change existing land use;** it simply gives owners the option to build multifamily if they choose.



What does 15 units per acre look like near Paxton?



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1229 Main St, Holden
Residential Units: 23
Parcel Acreage: 0.85
Parcel Density: 27 units/acre

acres as available to build multi-family housing."

Paxton's website has a section titled MBTA that contains information about the MBTA Communities Act, the August 11

presentation by Rhatigan to the Selectboard, updates on public meetings, and a FAQ section.

There will be an information session on the MBTA Communities Act and discussion on the

best location for the multi-family housing zone in Paxton on September 18 at 7 pm at the Council on Aging, 44 West Street. Child-care and light refreshments will be provided.

Rutland's Citizens Police Academy

By MARTHA AKSTIN

If you see the Massachusetts State Police helicopter land in the center of Rutland soon, or several black Chevy Suburbans with dark-tinted windows parked in front of the Rutland Public Library, or K-9 dogs and their police partners walking

the lower level at the Rutland Public Library from 6 to 9 pm every Monday, McShea has recruited local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to participate. Open to residents 18 and older (or 17 with parental permission) McShea has also opened the program to surrounding Wachusett towns.

Center, the CMSC Driving School, and the Worcester County District Attorney's Office. Local departments participating include those from Barre, Leominster, Princeton, and West Boylston. There will be K-9 demonstrations by both bomb-sniffing and drug-sniffing dogs, and Princeton's comfort dog



Officer Brendan McShea (far left) is joined by Officers Jacob Deschamps (center) and Stephen DiGiovanni (right) at the Citizens Academy. Photo submitted



Chief Nicholas Monaco addresses Rutland Citizens Police Academy class, Sept. 1. Photo submitted

down Main Street, no need to worry that some emergency has called them to town.

For the second year in a row, Patrolman Brendan McShea will lead the Rutland Police Department's Citizens Police Academy (CPA), a 12-week program that started September 1 and ends on November 17. Held in

"It was phenomenal," says Leah Whiteman, who serves on Rutland's Selectboard and attended the program last year. "From a community perspective, it's extremely important to see all the work that this department does every day. You get a close, in-depth view of area law enforcement agencies and their inter-agency participation and cooperation."

A number of law enforcement agencies enthusiastically agreed to return as presenters, while McShea has also recruited new departments. Scheduled to participate in the CPA this year are the Massachusetts State Police, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the FBI, the Secret Service, the Massachusetts Environmental Police, the Massachusetts Probation Office, the Central Massachusetts Regional Emergency Communication

will make an appearance. A free CPR certification course is also available this year.

"The basis for this academy is to educate the public as to why various law enforcement agencies do what we do - and why we don't do things," says McShea.



Rutland Patrolman Brendan McShea and Leah Whiteman, Rutland Selectboard. Photo Martha Akstin

"It's an eye-opening opportunity," says Whiteman. "Sometimes we stayed past — well past — when the class was supposed to end, but some discussions were just so interesting or there were so many questions and the presenters were very generous with their time."

This year the Mass. State Police Air Wing will again send a helicopter. McShea plans a ride along in a Rutland Police Department cruiser and a tour of the Worcester County House of Correction for participants. "All those were very popular," says McShea.

Each class is divided into one and a half-hour blocks, as two agencies describe their work and community impact. Rutland Police Chief Nicholas Monaco welcomed participants to the first class on September 1 and gave a history of the Rutland Police Department. A history lover, Monaco also told the class that the first Central Massachusetts murder of a white European occurred in Rutland

in 1744. Daniel Campbell was murdered on his farm by worker Edward Fitzpatrick. Fitzpatrick was hung in Worcester for the crime and both men are buried in the little cemetery next to the Rutland library. After taking questions, Monaco then turned the evening over to McShea who spoke about policing and Massachusetts criminal law.

As to why he has taken on the logistics and details of this time-consuming project, McShea simply says, "I enjoy it. Community policing is important to Rutland. The academy provides an opportunity for us to explain the roles and responsibilities of many different sides of law enforcement. This kind of education and transparency are critical for understanding what we do."

If you are interested in participating in Rutland's Citizens Police Academy, email Officer McShea at bmshea@rutlandpd.us to see if he is still able to take new applications.

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Boys Soccer on the Move Up

By Christopher Tremblay,
Staff Sports Writer

While the Wachusett Regional High School boys' soccer team has historically been a force to be reckoned with, over the past five to seven years they have struggled. Three years ago, Rick Porter was brought on as head coach to start rebuilding the program and bring along the talent the school has coming up through the pipeline.

Porter has coached younger players in the area as well as at Assumption University.

"I had not only coached the kids but knew what was coming up on the horizon and felt that leaving Assumption for Wachusett was a good opportunity," Porter explains. "My job was to build the team back up and into a competitor once again."

Senior starting defender Damian Sporna is one athlete who the coach looks to as a leader for the team. Sporna is a talented competitor who will anchor the Wachusett defense once again this fall. Colby Chilton will also contribute on the defensive side of the field.

In addition to the senior leadership that Sporna will provide, Porter noted that the Mountaineers will have a large number of younger players gracing their roster. This makes the team unique playing in the Mid-Wach A against a lot of talented top-notch players.

Danny Graves started on the squad last year as a freshman, which is a rare occurrence. As a sophomore this year he should be a very dynamic

player.

"I will be looking for him to take on a more imposing role at midfield attack this year,"

Porter makes it clear that there is a good chance that the Mountaineers will field a rather young squad for the



Above, Danny Graves brings the ball down the field. Left, Damian Sporna will provide senior leadership to the team this year. Photos submitted

Porter says. "He is a goal scorer that is very smooth. As a freshman he had the size and skill to compete on the varsity level, but now that he has added muscle and confidence, I am expecting a really good year from him."

With tryouts still on the horizon at the time of this writ-

2025 season.

"It's an interesting scenario as we may very well be one of the youngest teams in Division 1 in the state," the coach explains. "Being young will bring its challenges, but I feel that we will be ready to take it on."

Porter will not have such a

young team set their sights or expectations on capturing a state championship. Instead, he wants them to work on getting back to being a strong overall team. If the squad can concentrate on that, then he can encourage the team to qualify for the state tournament down the road.

"Whoever makes the team, a lot of the kids will understand my system which will allow us to build for the future," Porter says. "By working with them more, I'll be able to give them the consistency of playing the same style of game that they are used to, and we can get to look better each and every year."

If Porter's projections are correct, the Mountaineers should be able to put their stamp on the Mid-Wach A within a few years. Then Wachusett will be well on its way to its former glory days on the boys' soccer field.



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Amy Belli Gets Back on Her Bike

By Christopher Tremblay,
Staff Sportswriter

In 2010, at the age of 19, Rutland’s Amy Belli was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, a type of cancer that has a high percentage of recurrence. She would go through intense chemotherapy and radiation for two, two-month rounds. Then she found that she would be given a better chance at life thanks to a stem cell transplant from her brother Matt. It would be another year before Belli thought of herself as “normal” again.

“It was a shock to me, an otherwise healthy college sophomore, but I am very grateful to Dana-Farber that my cancer was treatable,” Belli says. “The nurses there inspired me to go to nursing school and now I work with kids who have cancer at UMass Medical Center in Worcester.”

In addition to the nurses at Dana Farber, Belli had an incredible support system in the form of her parents, family, boyfriend (who is now her husband), and friends.

In 2014, Belli got on her bike and took part in her first Pan Mass Challenge (PMC), an 80-mile trek from Bourne to Wellesley. Every summer, PMC participants raise funds to benefit the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Rutland native was inspired by not only the ride and seeing all the riders around her, but also by the feeling of empowerment that gave her after everything her body had gone through. She rode the Pan Mass Challenge again in 2015.

Over the last ten years Belli has worked nights at the hospital and has found it difficult to find time to train for extended distances. She also had two children during this time. But following the birth of her baby in October 2024, she set a



goal of getting back on her bike to ride the PMC in 2025.

“I wanted to ride the PMC one more time with my dad before his surgery in the fall,” she says. Her father Rick Lane has been riding the event every year

enough.”

Belli feels that because of Dana-Farber, she is here and healthy enough to be able to train for an 85-mile bike ride, while many others are not as lucky. Having not been on a bike for ten years was initially tough, but Belli found that training with her dad got her through the hard times.

“I was very excited about that first ride again with my dad. At the end I felt very accomplished while very tired as well,” Belli says. “There was one point about halfway through our ride when we were going up a tough hill and I said to myself, ‘Why am I doing this?’ But that’s as far as it went.”

Belli and her dad both completed the one-day, 85-mile 2025 PMC from Wellesley to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Bourne the first weekend in August. It was a day that gave them perfect weather and brought back so many old memories - as well as created new ones.

“It had been over a decade

“It is also my 15-year anniversary of my stem cell transplant, which is also called my **Rebirth Day**, and I feel 15 years have been **long enough.**”

- Amy Belli

since her first ride in 2014.

“It is also my 15-year anniversary of my stem cell transplant,” Belli continues, “which is also called my Rebirth Day, and I feel 15 years have been long



Above, Amy Belli and her father Rick Lane pose under the 2025 Pan Mass Challenge finish banner in Bourne. Left, Amy and Rick after pedaling 85 miles in the 2025 Pan Mass Challenge. Photos submitted.

since I last rode the PMC and there was definitely a lot more people riding bikes as well as those along the route,” she says. “It was unbelievable, but really helpful along the way.”

Having not ridden this length in some years, Belli’s knees started to hurt as she got close to the end of the ride. Although she was in pain, the cheering coming from the crowds encouraged her to continue.

This was Lane’s twelfth PMC and ninth straight since 2017.

While he is unsure if he will be able to get on his bike next August, his daughter is very optimistic that he will.

“I would not be here today if it were not for the doctors and researchers at Dana-Farber,” Belli says. “I also want to show my kids that they can do anything they set their minds to, and this is why I decided to do the Pan Mass Challenge again this year.”

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If you have a non-profit event you would like included in the Calendar, please email information to Martha@localtownpages.com

Thursday, Sept. 11

9 am: Coffee and... Emergency Preparedness Month. The Holden Fire Dept will explain how to be prepared for when a disaster happens. Holden Senior Center. Register at the office or call 508-210-5570.

10 am: Lapsit Story Time, every Thursday starting 9/11 in the Program Room. Join Miss Rachel for songs, short picture-book stories, and more. Gale Free Library.

10:30 am: Paxton Council on Aging: Worcester District Register of Deeds Kate Toomey with the Paxton Police Department will lead a presentation on deed fraud, what every property owner should know.

10:30 am: Storytime for 2-year-olds, every Thursday begins today. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes and play. Rutland Public Library.

11 am: Preschool Story Time, every Thursday starting 9/11 in the Program Room. Join Mr. Kevin for lots of laughs and fun stories. Gale Free Library.

1-3:30 Adult Coloring Club Sept. 11 and 25th. Bring your coloring books, paper, pencils and enjoy coloring and conversation. Rutland Public Library.

1:30 pm: Holden Senior Center: Birch Tree Painting workshop, no experience required, \$10. Call 508-210-5570 to check availability.

3 pm: Knitting every Thursday for all levels at Rutland Public Library.

3-3:45 pm: Kids Yoga for 1st and 2nd graders at Paxton Center School Library hosted by Paxton Recreation. Sept 11, 18, Oct 2, 9, 23, and Nov 6. \$45 for 6 weeks..

7 pm: Holden Selectman Anthony Renzoni hosts a forum, Is the MBTA Communities Act Good for Holden? At the Holden Senior Center.

Sept. 11-13: Books & Blooms Flower Show runs for three days; Richards Memorial Library is open during its regular hours: Support two great Paxton community groups, the Friends of Richards Memorial Library and Paxton MA Garden Club, in their inaugural amateur flower show. A \$25 ticket Thursday night allows entry to Joan Laracy's how-to floral demonstration at 6:30 pm with light hors d'oeuvres. Ticket holders will be entered to win the arrangement Joan makes. Joan will provide another floral demonstration Saturday morning at 10 am – tickets also \$25. If you just want to

Friday, Sept. 12

enjoy the floral exhibits and vote for your favorite display, visit the library Thursday evening, Friday, or Saturday during its regular hours.

9 am-5 pm: Richards Memorial Library is open to the public during the Books & Blooms Flower Show fundraiser. While you visit the library to check out books or DVDs, remember to vote for your favorite flower show display. Ballots are available at the library.

10-11 am: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Scavenger Hunt with Community Connections, ages 2-5. On the library lawn, no registration required. Gale Free Library.

11 am: Paxton Council on Aging: Janet Huehls, registered exercise physiologist, begins another season of Mindful Movement, combining chair yoga, balance, and meditation. \$5 donation/class.

1 pm: Holden Senior Center: Create your own felted pumpkin using wool and felting needles. All supplies provided, \$15. Call 508-210-5570 to check availability.

Saturday, Sept. 13

9-9:45 am: Yoga in the Garden hosted by Holden Community Garden, 175 Highland St. Free for HCG members, \$10 for nonmembers. Rain date September 20.

10:30 am: Richards Memorial Library is open to the public as the fundraiser continues. At 10:45 am, Joan Laracy begins her how-to floral demonstration with coffee and light refreshments, tickets available at \$25. Ticket holders will be entered to win the arrangement that Joan makes. All proceeds benefit Richards Memorial Library and Paxton MA Garden Club.

11 am-noon: Cooking Club at Gale Free Library. Sandhya Jain, who has been teaching Indian cooking classes for more than a decade, shows how to prepare two gluten-free and delicious dishes. Registration required.

1-4 pm: Rutland Cub Scout Pack 141 and Rutland Scout Troup 141 host an open house in front of the Rutland Town Library. Demonstrations and activities to show what Scouting is all about.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

3-6 pm: Holden Farmers Market brings fresh produce and locally made

Wednesday, Sept. 17

products every Tuesday through the end of October. Route 31 North across from the Gale Free Library.

4:20 pm: Dot Day Celebration and Art Lesson, ages 5+ in the Program Room. Registration opens 9/9. Join art educator Mary E.L. Shepherd for another special story time and art lesson. Gale Free Library.

6:30 pm: Paxton MA Garden Club hosts An Apple A Day with Nancy Riggs, Mass. Master Gardner, who will discuss all things apples with taste tests. At the Paxton Council on Aging, free and open to the public.

6:30-9 pm: Adult Volleyball hosted by Paxton Recreation at Paxton Center School gym. \$40 for each 10-week session or \$5.00 per drop-in. Starting Sept 16 through June.

Friends of Paxton Council on Aging hosts a bus trip to Ogunquit, Maine. For information email Deb Grensavitch at grensavitchd@aol.com.

10:30-11:15 am: Outdoor Story and Playtime for pre-K children every Wednesday (follows the Wachusett Regional School District calendar for closings). Sing songs, go on scavenger hunts, tell stories, create and play. Moves indoors during inclement weather. Paxton's Richards Memorial Library.

1-1:45 pm: Medicare Supplemental Plans or Medicare Advantage Plans -which is right for me? With Luisa from BCBS. Richards Memorial Library.

1-2:30 pm: Caregiver's Support Group. Holden Senior Center.

4 pm: Flying High Dogs on the library lawn. See Mike and his four award-winning, flying high Frisbee dogs. This is an educational, interactive, dynamic show with these stunt-performing, high-jumping pups. No registration required. Gale Free Library.

6 pm: Ukulele Group: A relaxed, informal space for ukulelists, from beginners to more advanced, to gather, have fun, and learn from one another. Gale Free Library.

6-7:30 pm: Adult board game night, Rutland Public Library.

6:30-7:30 pm: Adult Zumba, Paxton Recreation hosts weekly Zumba classes at Paxton Center School's Cafe. \$70 for all 8 weeks, \$40 for 4 weeks, \$12 per drop-in. Program runs from September to June.

Thursday, Sept. 18

8:30 am: Gentle yoga using acupres-

sure and Reiki. \$5. Registration begins Sept. 3. Holden Senior Center.

10:30 am-noon: Via Zoom: The craft of writing: "Compression and the art of the unsaid." Look at ways a writer can lead a reader to leap from what is on the page to a whole history that's never fully told. Gale Free Library. Free but registration required by emailing galefreelibrary@gmail.com

12:30 pm: Paxton Council on Aging: Comedian Johnny Pizzi will perform his comedy show. Lunch is available before the show. To reserve call 508-756-2833 by Sept. 15.

4:20 pm: Graphic Novel Book Club, Grades 4+ in the Program Room. Registration opens 8/25. Read and discuss Fresh Start by Gale Galligan and learn about making comics. Once registered, visit the Children's Room to borrow the graphic novel. Gale Free Library.

6 pm: Paxton Women's Club monthly meeting at the Paxton Council on Aging.

7 pm: Public meeting on MBTA's Communities Act and how it affects Paxton's bylaws. Light refreshments and childcare provided. Held at the Paxton Council on Aging. This bylaw will be on the November Town Meeting warrant.

Friday, Sept. 19

Baypath Regional Vocational High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Rd., Charlton - Early release.

September 19-21

Holden Senior Center 3 day, 2 night trip to Lake George Balloon Festival. 3 meals and a dinner cruise included. Call Trip Line at 508-210-5579 for details and cost.

Saturday, Sept. 20

Wachusett Earthday (aka Wachusett Recycling Center), 131 Raymond Huntington Highway, will have a document shredding event today.

10 am – 4 pm Whether it's your first time or if you want to renew your certificate, a CPR and First Aid Class is offered at 234 Main St, Wood Studio (behind Historical Society) Rutland. Rutland residents receive a 10 percent discount using the code RUTLANDMA. Visit andersonadventuremedical.com

11am – 1pm The Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation Less and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center hosts Explore the Ware

River Watershed, a group hike near Rutland State Park. Meet at the Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT)/Mid State Trail Parking Area, Route 122, Rutland. Enjoy this 4.4-mile moderate hike in the Ware River Watershed. The route climbs/descends roughly 200 ft. in elevation. The hike begins/ends at the MCRT with a loop in the middle consisting of Camel's Hump, Long Meadow Road, and Prison Camp Road. Visit the following website for additional information: <https://www.trailforks.com/route/4-mi-inner-loop-near-rutland-state-park/>

Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. Register at: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/f208ca-793b8942ab90a15d366110a424>

Sunday, Sept. 21

11 am-1 pm: The Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation Less and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center hosts Hidden History: Webster Road Trail on Sept. 21 and again on Oct. 12. Relatively flat terrain, approx. 2.5 miles round-trip. Quabbin's ghost towns are hiding in plain sight – if you know where to look. This two-hour guided interpretive walk will teach you how to read the natural landscape as you uncover clues that reveal the hidden history of Webster Road. Explore old cellar holes and historic stone walls, get to know some native and invasive plants, and learn more about the families who lived in the town of Enfield a hundred years ago. Meet at Hanks Meadow parking lot. Please bring water and dress appropriately for the weather. All ages welcome. Dogs are not allowed on any Quabbin property. Register here for September 21: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/01985214c8667e778e72588a9b184523>

Monday, Sept. 22

5:30-7:30 pm: Wachusett Area Chamber of Commerce hosts Business After Hours at The Mill 185 Restaurant & Lounge, 185 West Boylston St, West Boylston. Networking, appetizers, cash bar, 50/50 Raffle – prize drawing. \$15 Preregistered chamber members / \$20 at the door. \$25

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HOLDEN Gale Free Library, 23 Highland St., Holden. 508.210.5569; galefreelibrary.org; galefreelibrary@gmail.com Holden Community Garden, Jessica Cosenza, 508.284.6612 Holden Recreation, 1420 Main St., Holden. 508.829.0263; holdenma.gov Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St., Holden. 508.210.5570; holdenma.gov Holden Garden Club, holdengardenclub.org	PAXTON Paxton Council on Aging, 17 West St., Paxton. 508.756.2833; townofpaxton.net; clove@paxtonma.gov Richards Memorial Library, 44 Richards Ave., Paxton. 508.754.0793; rmlpaxton.org; richards@cwmar.org Paxton Recreation: townofpaxton.net/recreation-department Paxton Garden Club: paxtongardenclub.com	RUTLAND Rutland Senior Center, 53 Glenwood Road, Rutland. 508.886.7945; rutlandma.gov; nancyn@rutlandma.gov Rutland Free Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland. 508.886.4108; rutlandlibrary.org; kerry@rutlandlibrary.org Rutland Recreation, Community Hall, 250 Main St., Rutland. 508.886.4100, ext 3011; rutlandma.gov; cfrohock@rutlandma.gov
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Preregistered future members / \$30 at the door. Register at wachusett-tareachamber.org.

7-9 pm: Wachusett Regional School Committee meets, Wachusett Regional High School, 1401 Main St, Holden.

Tuesday, Sep. 23,

10 am-2 pm: 5th Annual Health and Wellness Expo sponsored by Oriol Foundation. Free community event features guest speakers, health and wellness vendors, demonstrations, giveaways, and resources. Holden Senior Center.

10:30 am: Paxton Council on Aging: Families Together Adult Day Health Care sponsors a watercolor painting class, materials included. Free but RSVP to 508-756-2833 by September 16.

3-6 pm: Holden Farmers Market brings fresh produce and locally made products every Tuesday through the end of October. Route 31 North across from the Gale Free Library.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

10 am-1 pm: Paxton Council on Aging: CVS Pharmacy will provide a flu and Covid vaccination clinic. Bring your insurance card and ID. Open to the public of any age.

1 pm: Monthly Bereavement Support Group, Holden Senior Center.

6-7:30 pm: Art Club: Meets on the last Wednesday night every month. Bring your own supplies or use theirs – watercolor paints and paper, brushes, pastels, and more. For more information or to register, call the reference desk at Holden's Gale Free Library at 508-210-5569.

Thursday, Sept. 25

11 am: Medicare 101 an Educational Event. Presented by Joseph Best, independent Medicare agent: When and how to apply for Medicare, original Medicare vs Medicare Advantage, and more. Rutland Senior Center.

Friday, Sept. 26

10 am: Kidding Around Yoga with Miss Nicole for ages 2-5 in the Program Room. Little ones learn basic poses, with lots of music, movement and literacy incorporated. To register, email community-connections@wachusettcfce.com. Holden's Gale Free Library.

Monday, Sept. 29

10 am: Mindfulness Meditation, \$5. Holden Senior Center.

1 pm: Movie Monday. Holden Senior Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

10:30 am: Paxton Council on Aging hosts the Massachusetts Equipment Distribution Program (Mass EDP) that will discuss specialized phones

for people with hearing or sight disabilities.

10:30-11:30 am: Patrons of all ages are invited to meet Maggie and her person Kelly, a certified therapy team through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Maggie is so friendly, and loves to be petted, talked to, and even read to! Stop by anytime for a moment of joy - no registration necessary. Gale Free Library.

1 pm: Gary Landgren's Honky Tonk Piano concert, Rutland Senior Center. Call the office to RSVP your spot.

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Wednesday, Oct. 1

10 am: Paxton Council on Aging hosts the Schoolhouse Café. Stop by for your mid-morning coffee and snacks and enjoy conversations with new and old friends.

Friday, Oct. 3

Baypath Regional Vocational High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Rd., Charlton - midterm grades released.

Saturday, Oct. 4

8:30 am-12:30 pm: The Paxton Woman's Club will hold a Scholarship Toll Road at the Town Common. All proceeds help to fund a scholarship for a graduating Paxton senior pursuing higher education. Thanks to the Paxton Lions Club for providing signs, the Paxton DPW for supplying safety cones, and residents for their support.

10 am-1 pm: Maker's Market, Rutland Town Commons, the first Saturday of each month. Local creators, artisans, and small business owners. For details, go to the Rutland Event Committee on Rutland's website at rutlandma.gov or visit their Facebook page

Monday, Oct. 6

1:30 pm: Halloween Treat Bags created by you. Registration begins 9/18 through 9/30. You must register in person for only yourself, with \$8 cash. Holden Senior Center.

7 pm: Baypath Regional Vocational High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Rd., Charlton. School Committee meets in the Bachand Conference Room.

7-9 pm: Wachusett Regional School Committee meets, Wachusett Regional High School, 1401 Main St, Holden.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

3-6 pm: Holden Farmers Market brings fresh produce and locally made products every Tuesday through the end of October. Route 31 North across from the Gale Free Library.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Holden Senior Center fall foliage

day trip in New Hampshire and Mass., visit Cathedral in the Pines, Smith Country Cheese Shop, Red Apple Farm and lunch at Old Mill Restaurant. Call Trip Line at 508-210-5579.

12 pm: Holden Municipal Light Department's Luncheon for Holden residents only, catered by Dinos. Limited seating. Registration begins Sept. 12 through Sept. 26 or until full. Holden Senior Center.

Thursday, Oct. 9

6 pm: Paxton Women's Club monthly meeting at the Paxton Council on Aging.

Fridays, Oct. 10 and 17

1 pm: Advanced Coil Basket Workshop. This 2-part workshop requires participants to attend both sessions and have already taken a beginning class with Paul Leone. Registration begins Sept. 22 through Oct 2. Each person must register themselves in person with \$15 cash.

Sunday, Oct. 12

The Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation Less and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center hosts Hidden History: Webster Road Trail <https://goo.gl/maps/4RiEq17PCNEf6s9E7> Relatively flat terrain, approx. 2.5 miles round-trip. Quabbin's ghost towns are hiding in plain sight – if you know where to look. This two-

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the weather. All ages welcome. Dogs are not allowed. Register here for October 12: Quabbin's Hidden History: Webster Road. Sunday, October 12, 11am-1pm

Monday, Oct. 13

Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day. Federal and municipal offices and departments are closed.

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As a service to our readers, Wachusett Free Press will publish Recorded Land transfers in Holden, Paxton, and Rutland from the 15th to the 14th of the preceding months. For instance, this September issue publishes transfers from July 15 to August 14. This information is gathered from the Worcester Registry of Deeds website. Kathryn A. Toomey, Register of Deeds, took the time to instruct us on how to research the data. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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247 Wachusett St. July 15: Grantors Aldo Karkanjozi and Erlinda Oshafi Karkanjozi to Grantees Sandro Toma

and Refilwe Toma. \$798,000.

554 Wachusett St. July 15: Grantors Mark S. Maynard and Shirley R. Roman Est to Grantees Joanne Osgood and Michael Osgood. \$280,000.

79 Fox Hill Dr. July 16: Grantors Scott E. Heffernan, Jamie Heffernan, and Jamie L. Heffernan to Grantees Calla Noelle Simeone and Robert Paul Reese. \$856,000.

33 Harvest Circle July 18: Grantor Diane H. Cosgrove to Grantees Diane H. Cosgrove Tr and Diane H. Cosgrove Revocable Trust. \$100.

1572 Wachusett St. July 18: Grantors Kendall Cross, Kendall A. Cross, Janice R Cross to Grantee Janice R. Cross. \$100.

124 River St. July 21: Grantor Nona Antinarella to Grantees Serena Massey and Earl Massey. \$100.

15 Hawthorne Rd. July 22: Grantor Sandra J. Smith to Grantees Sandra Smith Living Trust and Sandra Smith Tr. \$100.

24 Kris Alan Dr. July 22: Grantors Paul M. Tonelli and Laurie A. Tonelli to Grantees Cheryl Ann Davis and Daniel Brett Wolfe. \$835,000.

111 Arizona Ave. July 22: Grantors Sandra M. Davel, Sean P. Smith, Sean Smith, and Sandi M. Davel to Grantee Kaitlyn Oreilly. \$725,000.

2003 Main St. July 22: Grantor FLA Realty LLC to Grantee Stony Brook LLC. \$600,000.

65 Deanna Dr. July 23: Grantor Jackson Woods Investments LLC to Grantees Andres Aguilar Franco and Yuly Tatiana Tovar Gutierrez. \$721,909.

70 Princeton St. July 23: Grantor ML Realty Group LLC to Grantees Shane Gregory McInally and Sana Khalid Tharadra. \$679,900.

19 Bullard St. July 24: Grantors Katlyn A. Glenn and Steven P. Kilcoyne to Angelo Iaconi and Jessica Baroni. \$630,000.

85 Harvest Circle July 24: Grantors Richard E. Letterman and Jean F. Fetterman to Grantees Richard E. Fetterman Tr, Jean F. Fetterman Tr, and Richard Edward Fetterman & Jean Flynn Fetterman Trust A. \$100.

54 Avery Heights Dr. July 25: Grantors Brian P. Duffy and Vanessa A. Duffy to Grantees Brian P. Duffy TR, Vanessa A. Duffy Tr, Brian P. Duffy 2025 Trust, and Vanessa A. Duffy 2025 Trust. \$100.

66 Tea Party Cir. July 28: Grantors Lowe Family 2020 Revocable Trust, Jeffrey S. Lowe Tr, and Renee F. Lowe TR to Grantee Myoung O. Han. \$600,000.

61 Meadow Wood Dr. July 28: Grantor Mary Ellen Smith to Grantees Jason M. Putnam and Colleen J. Murray. \$465,000.

47 Dorothy Ave. July 28: Grantors James B. Hansson and James Hansson to Grantees Kathryn Lohnes and Derek Denault. \$540,000.

216 Reservoir St. July 29: Grantor Pamela A. Regan to Grantee Margaret R. Walsh. \$370,000.

36 Walnut Ter. July 29: Grantors Jay L. Maki and Cynthia M. Maki to Grantees Jay L. Maki Tr, Cynthia M. Maki Tr, and Maki Family 2025 Irrevocable Trust. \$100.

14 Fairchild Dr. July 30: Grantor Mark J. Vanasse to Grantees Mark J. Vanasse Tr and Mark J. Vanasse 2025 Revocable Trust. \$100.

109 Highland Ave. July 30: Grantor Daniel J. Lavallee to Grantees Daniel J. Lavallee Revocable Trust and Daniel J. Lavallee Tr. \$100.

1 Redgate Ln. July 30: Grantor Den-

nis M. Sweeny to Grantees Matthew J. Dipilato, Jr. and Lindsay F. Dipilato. \$615,000.

45 Lexington Cir. July 30: Grantors Melissa A. Gleick Tr and Melissa A. Gleick 2021 Family Trust to Grantees James D. Jewart and Ellen R. Jewart. \$965,000.

128 Woodridge Rd. July 31: Grantor Charles P. OMalley to Grantees Kristen A. Upham, Katelyn A. McGarity Tr, Megan L. Freedman Tr, and Charles P. OMalley 2024 Irrevocable Trust. \$1.

896 Salisbury St. July 31: Grantor 896 Salisbury Realty LLC to Grantee Ryan M. Kirouac. \$480,000.

128 Woodridge Rd. July 31: Grantors Carolyn A. OMalley and Carolyn A. Mara to Grantees Kristen A. Upham Tr, Katelyn A. McGarity Tr, Megan L. Freedman Tr, and Carolyn A. OMalley 2024 Irrevocable Trust. \$1.

32 Erins Way July 31: Grantors John R. Gould, Jr. and Catherine R. Gould to Grantees David W. Harris Tr, Therese S. Harris Tr, and David & Therese Harris Revocable Trust. \$930,000.

24 Joel Scott Dr. July 31: Grantor Sean H. Rhyee to Grantees Patrick OCallahan and Lisa OCallahan. \$605,000.

8 Oakwood St. August 1: Grantors Douglas M. Stevens and Lizabeth Stevens to Grantees Lelia Koch and Richard C. Koch. \$450,000.

16 Stanjoy Rd. August 1: Grantor Stanjoy Road LLC to Grantees Nicholas Belone and Sarah Conger. \$480,000.

29 Woodland Rd. August 1: Grantors Barbara Kampersal and Barbara B. Kampersal to Grantees Meaghan O. Connell and Rory Foley. \$415,000.

47 Montana Dr. August 4: Grantors Gary Sotir and Piro Sotir Est. to Grantee Gregory Sotir. \$264,000.

62 Montana Dr. August 4: Grantors Christopher W. Appleby and Nicole I. Appleby to Grantees Noah R. Coates and Katherine A. Coates. \$499,900.

29 Salem Rd. August 4: Grantors Mark L. Schrank and Valerie A. Schrank to Grantees Mark L. Schrank Tr, Valerie A. Schrank T, and Schrank Family Trust. \$1.

43 Blossom Sq. August 5: Grantor Susan Sedgwick to Grantees William Brunell and Jean Brunell. \$550,000.

247 Reservoir St. August 6: Grantors Victoria Queiros, Robert E. Queiros, and Robert Queiros to Grantees Victoria Queiros Tr, Robert Edward Queiros Tr, and Queiros Family Trust. \$100.

115 Joel Scott Rd. August 7: Grantors Derek M. Brierly, Rachel P. Brierly, and Rachel Brierly to Grantees Derek M. Brierly Tr, Rachel Brierly Tr, and Brierly Legacy Wealth Trust. \$1.

1349 Main St. August 7: Grantors Kaitlyn E. Shea, Kaitlyn Erin Maloney, and Thomas Shea to Grantees Vladyslav

Pavlykha and Yuliya Nocco. \$424,900.

1220 Wachusett St. August 7: Grantors David R. Richardson and Mary A. Richardson to Grantee Shaw Development Inc. \$300,000.

42 Britney Dr. August 7: Grantor Virginia R. Belcher to Grantees John E. Belcher Tr, Amy Dexheimer Tr, and Virginia R. Belcher Irrevocable Trust 2025. \$100.

120 Newell Rd. August 8: Grantors Andrew H. Creen and Ariel Creen to Grantees Thomas Shea and Kaitlyn Erin Shea. \$640,000.

74 Wyoming Dr. August 8: Grantors David Lyons and Laura J. Lyons to Grantees Thais Inacio Gomes and Maria Madelena Inacia. \$430,000.

42 Phillips Rd. August 8: Grantors Laurel D. Mangan Tr, Daquila Family Irrevocable Trust, and Doris V. Daquila to Grantee Jeanne M. Nutt. \$299,000.

43 Blair St. August 8: Grantors Michael Collette and Amy Collette to Grantee Brandon Burns and Samantha Burns. \$739,900.

25 Birch Hill Rd. August 8: Grantors Michael W. George and Christin V. George to Grantees Andrew H. Creen, III and Ariel V. Creen. \$999,000.

12 Montana Dr. August 8: Grantors Madeline T. OConnor, Gerry W. Isaacs, Madeline OConnor, and Gerry Isaacs to Grantee Madeline T. OConnor. \$100.

12 Montana Dr. August 8: Grantors Madeline T. OConnor and Madeline OConnor to Grantees Madeline T. OConnor and Gerry Isaacs. \$100.

17 Torrey Ln. August 11: Grantors Patrick Ivan Conrad, Patrick Conrad, and Brittany Conrad to Grantees Michael W. George and Christin V. George. \$500,000.

265 Shrewsbury August 11: Grantors Ha Vannhoc Nguyen and Ivy Minh Pham to Grantees Ha Vannhoc Nguyen Tr, Ivy Minh Pham Tr, and Ha Vannhoc Nguyen & Ivy Minh Pham 2025 Revocable Living. \$100.

81 Winter Hill Rd. August 12: Grantors Paul R. Blanchard and Stefanie Blanchard to Grantees Paul R. Blanchard and Stefanie Blanchard. \$1.

321 Highland St. August 12: Grantors Brian R. Duval and Shihan Qin to Grantees Samuel P. Gunderman and Cassandra M. Collette. \$462,000.

55 Preservation Ln. August 14: Grantors Kevin Patrick OConnell, Kevin P. OConnell, Danielle Theresa OConnell, and Danielle T. OConnell to Grantees Elissa Kaminski, Edward Kaminski, Janean Anderson, and Glyn Anderson. \$829,000.

134 Fireside Ln. August 15: Grantors Minna Gregerman and Ira Gregerman

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- 8 Lowell Ave. August 15:** Grantors Lori B. Tokarowski, Lori B. Wagg, and Lori Beth Wagg to Grantees Lori B. Wagg and Thomas H. Wagg. \$100.
- 218 Reservoir St. August 15:** Grantor Dorothy M. Aubin to Grantees Kenneth Digiovanni and Lisa McNamara. \$310,000.
- 57 Highland St. August 15:** Grantors Lisa Hicks and Jason Hicks to Grantees RBW Realty Trust, Ellen C. Rauch Tr, Lynda J. Wills Tr, and Christine L. Butler Tr. \$939,000.

PAXTON

- 10 Mount View Dr. July 16:** Grantors Elaine L. Bernard-King Tr, Elaine L. Roberts Tr, NWK Revocable Trust to Grantee Elaine L. Bernard-King. \$1.
- 3 Squantum Rd. July 21:** Grantors Jeffrey Rocha and Diane Rocha to Grantees Michael R. Laliberte and Thomas R. Pauken. \$700,000.
- 837 Pleasant St. July 24:** Grantors Kevin Delaurie, Bethany Delaurie, and Bethany Fanning to Grantees Elijah Contis and Tayler Macayeal. \$335,000.
- 15 Shahandoah Dr. July 28:** Grantors Gail Lock Trust, Kathleen Mancini Tr,

Jennifer Beauvais Tr, Jennifer B. Lock Tr, and John P. Lock, III Tr to Grantees Edward Rzedzicki, Jr. and Alba Kocibelli. \$720,000.

- 13 Holbrook Ln. July 29:** Grantors Scott Louis Latour and Scott L. Latour to Grantee Erika Duval. \$130,623.26.
- 5 Camp St. July 30:** Grantors Morgan Macki, Bonnie L. Farrell, and Mohsen Sadegh to Grantee White Oak Land Conservation Society Inc. \$295,000.
- 65 Howard St. July 31:** Grantors Kenneth J. Kosla Tr and Kenneth J. Kosla 2021 Revocable Trust to Grantees Philip Jandrow, Jr. and Tara Jandrow. \$659,000.
- 15 Whitney Dr. July 31:** Grantors Susan E. Hodges, Susan McCormick, and Neil McCormick to Grantees Dennis Coache and Theresa Coache. \$565,000.
- 1 Laurel St. August 1:** Grantors Ryan A. Desrosiers and Erica Lucht to Grantee Ryan A. Desrosiers. \$130,000.
- 250 Marshall St. August 4:** Grantors James W. Burris and Elizabeth K. Burris to Grantees Elizabeth K. Burris, Sarah E. Whittier, and Nathanael Whittier. \$1.
- 18 Nipmuck Rd. August 6:** Grantors Daniel R. Massarelli and Sheila O. Massarelli to Grantee Sheila O. Massarelli. \$100.
- 18 Nipmuck Rd. August 6:** Grantor Sheila O. Massarelli to Grantees Daniel R. Massarelli Tr, Sheila O. Massarelli Tr, and Sheila O. Massarelli 2025 Trust. \$100.

442 1/2 Marshall St. August 13: Grantors James J. Lang and Roberta M. Lang to Grantee Roberta M. Lang. \$100.

442 1/2 Marshall St. August 13: Grantor Roberta M. Lang to Grantees Roberta M. Tr, James J Lang Tr, Roberta M. Lang Trust. \$100.

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- 89 Glenwood Pl. July 16:** Grantors Silvia Stachova, Silvia Ruzbasan, and Roman Ruzbasan to Grantees Richard A. LaChapelle and Lise LaChapelle. \$920,000.
- 2 Naquag St. July 16:** Grantors Anthony J. Begins to Grantees Anthony J. Begins and Kristine Begins. \$1.
- 19 Beechwood Dr. July 18:** Grantors Jeanne D. Cormier, Jeanne D. Powers, Edward R. Powers, III to Grantee Jeanne D. Cormier. \$1.
- Weaver Farm Rd. (no number) July 18:** Grantors Charles E. Patterson Tr, Ash Hill at Weaver Farm Nominee Trust to Grantees Robert Heipt and Kayla Heipt. \$140,000.
- 8 Woodside Ave July 18:** Grantor Brice Estates Inc. to Grantees Silvana Boaheng, Miriam Boaheng, and Joana Winfrey. \$615,055.
- 53 Grizzly Dr. July 29:** Grantor C B Blair Development Corp to Grantees Ryan D. Bonnet and Lauren E. Shimkus. \$611,293.
- 204 Barre Paxton Rd. July 29:** Grantor

Barre Paxton Realty LLC to Grantee West Rutland Commons LLC. \$545,000.

19 Finn Park Rd. And 0 Finn Park Rd. July 30: Grantor Michael J. Rheume to Grantees Ryan Mackay and Rachel Mackay. \$360,000.

11 Soucy Rd. July 31: Grantor Kathleen A. Grimley to Grantee Christine M. Dempsey. \$524,900.

5 Oakwood Rd. July 31: Grantors James C. Morris and Laurie Morris to Grantees Katie E. Landry and Anthony Capers. \$410,000.

29 Finn Park Rd. July 31: Grantors Paul R. Simoes and Paul Simoes to Grantee Michelle E. Sloan. \$242,000.

12 Prouty Ln. August 1: Grantor John F. Lugo to Grantees Andrew Barry and Angela Barry. \$700,000.

Wilson Rd. (no number) August 1: Grantors Paul A. Mason, Peter C. Mason, Diane J. Matthes, and Diane Mason Matthes to Grantees Peter C. Mason Tr and Eames Marsden Mason Trust. \$10.

64 Woodside Ave. August 4: Grantors Russell W. Frederick and Jamie L. Frederick to Grantees Christopher W. Appleby and Nichole I. Appleby. \$689,000.

6 Anthony Dr. August 4: Grantors Robert J. Judge and Robyn H. Judge to Grantees Robert J. Judge and Robyn H. Judge. \$100.

19 Village Way August 5: Grantors

James M. Soucy Tr, Patricia A. Soucy Tr, and Soucy Realty Trust to Grantee Doreen F. Holmes. \$319,900.

8 Rolling Ridge Rd. August 8: Grantors William S. Long, William Steven Long, Esther J. Long, and Esther Joy Long to Grantees William Steven Long Tr, Esther Joy Long Tr and Long Family Trust. \$1.

23 Marjorie Ln. August 11: Grantor Sean McSheehy to Grantees Sean McSheehy and Erin McSheehy. \$1.

21 Kosta Ave, 7 Kosta Ave. August 11: Grantors Veronica Jones Est, Meagan Jones, and Laura Jones to Grantee Lucas Ford. \$240,000.

2 Bushy Ln. August 13: Grantor William T. Taylor to Grantee Bennett J. Johansen. \$408,000.

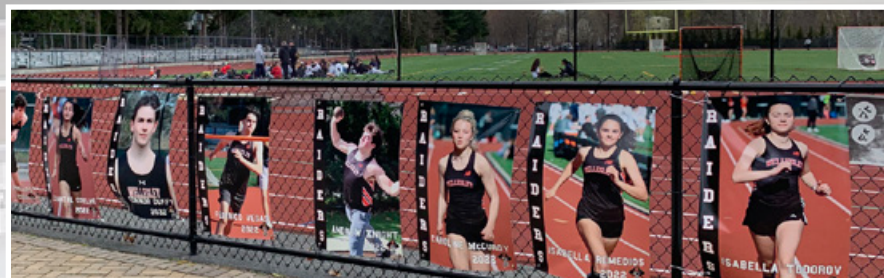
10 Juniper Ln. August 14: Grantors Paul F. Latino, Rita L. Latino, Paul F. Latino, III, and Rita Latino to Grantee Paul F. Latino, III. \$100.

236-238 Barre Paxton Rd. August 15: Grantors Miranda Greenhalgh and Miranda Buck to Grantee Keri J. Paradis. \$390,000.

3 Sycamore Dr. August 15: Grantors Susan L. Ethier and James G. Ethier to Grantees Aaron M. Pearl and Emily A. Pearl. \$660,000.

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