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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

[Editor's note: This is the text of the official minutes of the meetings, lightly edited for clarity, length, and format. Copies of the official board minutes are available at the West Stockbridge Public Library. Board of Selectmen meetings can be viewed on the town's Spectrum cable local access channel. Residents can receive notification by e-mail of town events and meeting agendas by subscribing at <http://weststockbridgema.virtualltownhall.net/subscriber>].

July 16, 2018

Open Meeting. Quorum present: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Doane Perry; Peter Skorput. Also attending: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber. Press present: Berkshire Record.

Board reviewed and approved previous meeting minutes as presented. Board reviewed and approved warrants payable.

Bernie Fallon opened the regular meeting and announced the meeting was being broadcast live on the Charter/Spectrum local access TV channel 190. He also referred to the Open Meeting law and stated that the board, although it welcomes the public, is here to conduct the town's business and will stay focused on that business. Unsolicited input from the audience is distracting. Bernie added that public input is always welcome and appreciated, but not while the board is deliberating on an issue.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- Resident and past Zucchini Festival organizer Marge Powell reminded the board that August 11 has been set for a Community Picnic to be held on the grounds of the Village School/Town Offices. She noted there will be local food vendors, games, events, and a band. All are welcome, but it will be a quieter affair than the Zucchini Festival. Board fully supports the event and thanked Marge for her volunteer efforts.
- Bernie thanked resident John Fulop for initiating the Swap Shop discussion. Although a custom-built structure to house a swap shop would be ideal, the board would like to start off more modestly with a preconstructed building, costing approximately a third less. A 12 x 30-foot structure could be purchased and delivered for approximately \$8,000 that would leave ample funds to install a concrete slab,

shelving, and other features. As a brand-new venture, Bernie would prefer to start the process cautiously and expand or adjust as future use dictates. Board instructed Mark Webber to finalize the ordering of a building. Board thanked Transfer Station attendant Wayne Cooper for his research and enthusiasm.

- Bernie discussed the Board of Health agent position and noted an oversight was made in his appointment. Documents recently produced show that, per Massachusetts General Laws and vote of the elected Board of Health, that board is the appointing authority for its agent, not the Board of Selectmen. Accordingly, the board's previous action on Board of Health agent Earl Moffatt is void, and the Board of Health's appointment stands.
- Board had a general discussion on downtown parking. For several weeks, Queensboro Package had placed a handmade "parking for package store customers only" on the sidewalk in front of one of the lined Main Street parking slots in front of the store. Board confirms there are no dedicated parking spots on Main Street other than for handicapped parking. No permission was sought for or granted for this sign; the store owner will be so informed. Board discussed other Main Street store owners displaying goods on the town sidewalks. Again, permissions to do so were neither sought nor granted. The building inspector will address the issue. Board discussed temporary event and political signs on town property. Board granted the Highway Department authority to remove any and all nonpermitted signs located on town property.
- Board discussed implementing 20-minute parking limits on sections of Main Street. Board decided to place 20-minute limit parking signs in the area of the Public Market and Queensboro Package. Board

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Halloween Events

Wednesday, October 31

Trick-or-Treating: 4–6 p.m.

Parade: 6:15 p.m.

Beginning by the Post Office and marching down Depot Street, over the bridge, down Main Street, and ending at the Congregational Church.

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But locally prominent people also played major roles in the development of the town, its physical nature and character. One person stands out as either the most, or one of the most, major players in the late 1800s, James S. Moore. How did he affect West Stockbridge?

(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)

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acknowledged that enforcement would be impractical; the town is not going to hire a parking officer for the limited occasions that downtown parking is at a premium. But the signs should send a message and help the Main Street merchants who rely on quick in-and-out customers.

- Resident Wayne Cooper asked why nonservice dogs are allowed in stores, particularly those that serve food. He was referred to the Board of Health.

July 30, 2018

Open Meeting. Quorum present: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Doane Perry; Peter Skorput. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber. No press present.

Board reviewed and approved previous meeting minutes as corrected. Board reviewed and approved warrants.

Bernie Fallon opened the regular portion of the meeting and announced the meeting was being broadcast on local access Channel 190. He stated the chief of police was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Accordingly, he will attend the next meeting to delivery his monthly report.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items

- Highway Superintendent Curt Wilton delivered his monthly report including these items: roadside mowing is taking place with two mowers going each day. All town roadsides are mowed twice a year; department is continuing with ongoing gravel road maintenance; 20-minute parking signs for specific Main Street areas have been ordered and will arrive and be mounted in the next 2 weeks; Great Barrington Road continuation paving project will have a bid opening on August 20; work will be concluded this fall; Highway Department crew is doing preliminary work on the road in preparation for the resurfacing project.
- Curt discussed recent vandalism at the Card Pond beach area. He sought board approval to remove 11 of the large evergreens along Route 41 that screen the beach area from public view. Permission will also be required from Mass Department of Transportation that owns the property. The trees to be removed stand between the two street lights and are hiding a third directional light pointed toward the pond. Removing the trees will give the police an unobstructed view of the area and may help deter ongoing vandalism and improve public safety. Board agrees with the plan.
- Mark provided the board with a Swap Shop update. The shed has been ordered. Curt is speaking with a concrete contractor to install a slab foundation and a conduit for future electric. Shed should arrive in 4 to 6 weeks. The town will need to fit the shed out with shelving and other fixtures to accommodate the Swap Shop items.
- Bob Salerno, Finance Committee chair, discussed current and future town debt scenarios, specifically the Village School debt that will be paid off in 2020. When that debt is retired, the associated annual debt appropriation of approximately \$150,000, or a portion thereof, might best be continued as an appropriation and placed in a trust fund to lessen the impact of future debt obligations such as the pending high school building project. Board agreed with the concept.

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Saturday, October 20, 2018

- Bernie led a discussion on a tax title property located at 16 State Line Road. The town is now able to schedule an auction of the property. Updated figures will be obtained from the town collector and treasurer to show exactly what the town is owed, including associated legal fees and outstanding town utility charges. Board agreed unanimously to schedule an auction immediately after an additional 30-day period from tonight's meeting to provide the last owner of record one final chance to redeem the property.
- Board will invite the owners of Troy's Garage to their August 6 meeting for a discussion of the property's Class II and III auto licenses. Bernie noted that each auto license holder in town will be called in for a review of their licenses, and each will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis but with certain standards applied across the board.
- Board and town collector discussed the status of the West Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club and the need to refile a corrected tax title taking of the property to eventually sell the property at auction and return the property to the tax rolls.
- Peter Skorput asked the board to consider changing the board's meeting night from Mondays to another night. Board agreed to consider a change this fall.
- Resident Lynn Ryan of Lenox Road spoke about the neighborhood's growing concerns with speeding traffic, particularly at the bottom section of the road. Board had a general discussion about placement of the existing speed warning signs there and the need for increased police presence. Board will discuss the matter further with the chief of police at their next meeting.

August 6, 2018

Open Meeting. Quorum present: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Doane Perry; Peter Skorput. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber. No press present.

Board reviewed and approved previous meeting minutes. Board reviewed and approved weekly warrants.

Chief of Police Marc Portieri gave his monthly report to the board. Chief gave a breakdown of speeding tickets issued and on which streets and states he is being proactive on speeders. Bernie Fallon asked that patrols be increased on Lenox Road in response to residents' concerns. Doane Perry asked about recurring vandalism at Card Pond. Chief responded that specific incidents are being investigated. He has suspects, and criminal

charges may be issued shortly. Board thanked the chief for attending the meeting.

Bernie opened a discussion on Troy's Garage Class II and III town-issued annual auto licenses. Bernie noted this topic was first discussed at a board meeting in March, attended by 30 to 40 interested citizens. The board has been in ongoing conversation with the D'Aniello family (Troy's Garage owners) since that time and has conducted research and consulted with town counsel and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the licensed property. Bernie stated that Troy's licenses are the first that the board is addressing, but all issued Class II and III auto licenses will be reviewed before their January 1 renewal date.

Bernie described the history of Troy's Garage, noting it has been in business continuously for approximately 100 years back when the owners were selling Model T's. He stated that the Class II (used cars) and Class III (junk cars) language needs to be clear and concise to be properly enforced. Bernie stated that the board intends to do what's best for both Troy's and the public at large.

Mark Webber stated that he requested and received all available records from the DEP regarding the Troy operation. Additionally, Mark had a meeting recently with a member of the Springfield DEP staff who had just conducted another site visit to Troy's. Mark stated that, according to DEP, there are no current or past violations regarding pollution or spills affecting the site, and more specifically the Shaker Mill Pond. Mark added that anyone can request and obtain the same DEP records for verification.

Bernie acknowledged there are ongoing property disputes between Troy's and abutters, but the board will not act as the arbiter over property lines. The board will focus and be clear on what activities will be allowed on Troy's licensed premises only. Bernie read aloud the board's letter, dated today, which will become the amended Troy's Class II and Class III licenses through December 31 of this year. All Class II and III auto licenses are reviewed and acted on for renewal annually during December.

Doane stated he was urged to run for the board by retiring selectman Curt Wilton who offered his advice on how to address used and junk car licenses: focus on the terms of the licenses and make them clear and concise. Now the board has developed clear and enforceable license conditions that will be revisited annually.

Peter stated he would like the recently installed stockade fence removed from the Gennari property that runs parallel to Albany Road and is

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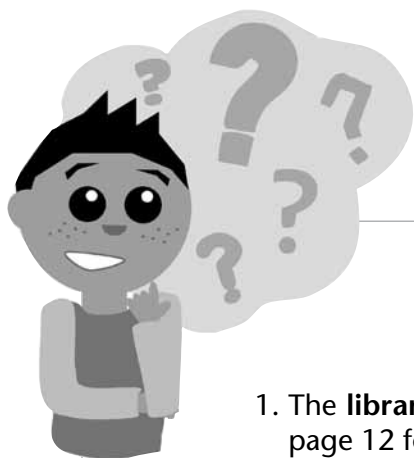


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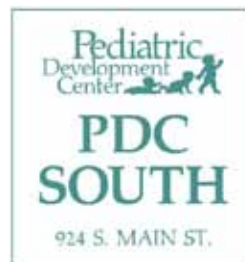
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screening Troy's licensed Class II auto display area. Chris Gennari, property owner, along with his siblings, said that if progress is made by Troy's in cleaning up the area and conforming with the new terms of the license, then, with the consent of his siblings, he would consider removing the fence. Chris noted there has been a history of encroachment on his property by Troy's, and he'd like it to stop. He particularly wants the vehicles stored on his property, next to Soma's, removed right away. Troy's agreed to get them removed.

Bernie noted the town will do some follow-up research on the fence and property lines where it was installed.

Mark noted that the used and junk car licenses are reviewed and issued annually by the selectmen. The board has the authority to place any and all reasonable conditions on those licenses. There is no so-called grandfathering attached to past practice or licenses. If the board is not satisfied with adherence to the terms of issued licenses, they have full authority not to renew them.

Abutting property owner Kardin Rabin thanked the board and all present for a thoughtful and productive session.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items

- Bob Powell gave the board an update on this coming Saturday's first annual Community Picnic.
- Mark provided the board with an updated amount due in past taxes and associated costs for a tax title property located at 16 State Line Road. The current amount owed is \$19,425.60.

- Board chose to lock in heating oil price for coming heating season as opposed to letting it float. The lock-in price for town buildings will be \$2.33 per gallon.
- Board approved temporary signs at various locations around town to advertise an upcoming event at the Old Town Hall.

August 20, 2018

Open Meeting. Quorum present: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Doane Perry; Peter Skorput). Also attending: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber. No press present.

Board reviewed and approved previous meeting minutes. Board reviewed and approved weekly warrants.

Bernie Fallon announced the bid opening for both cold in-place recycling of Great Barrington Road and asphalt paving of the road. He made a motion, seconded by Doane Perry, to close acceptance of the bids. Vote taken, 3-0, in favor to close further acceptance of bids.

Bernie read the bid notices as they appeared in the July 30 *Berkshire Eagle*, from Lane Corp., HMA Contracting, Palmer Paving, DelSignore, and Gorman Group, which the board will take under advisement and refer to Highway Superintendent Curt Wilton for his review and recommendation. Board will announce the bid awards at their next meeting.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items

- Bernie thanked Marge Powell for her considerable efforts in organizing this past Saturday's first annual Community Picnic. Bernie noted that the event reintroduced residents and others to the town's great facility at the Village School. The bands were great, food was plentiful, and the variety of games were enjoyed by all. It's a shame that the weather didn't cooperate. Doane also thanked Marge for her efforts and added that he enjoyed the event. Marge thanked everyone involved for their support and asked the board if they would endorse a similar event next year. Board enthusiastically approved.
- Board and resident Larry Tonini discussed a cancelled utility pole hearing originally scheduled for this meeting. It was determined the issues with a single pole siting have been resolved; Larry is satisfied with the new placement. He expressed concern that National Grid has not removed a brush pile as promised.
- Doane requested the board engage in a discussion about considering adopting the Community Preservation Act and noted that the town of Richmond is now considering adopting the act. Mark Webber noted that the topic has been raised in the past and failed to gain support. Bernie recommended this would be a topic for the newly formed Vision Committee. Doane agreed.
- Bernie reflected on a good meeting two weeks ago regarding Troy's Garage and their auto licenses and noticed that slow but continuous progress is being made at their location; he hopes they stay on track.
- Mark informed the board that town counsel and National Grid have revived discussions, as of last week, on the town meeting approved purchase of National Grid property adjacent to the post office running down Moscow Road. Mark added that the town may have to seek an additional appropriation if the cost of required testing and transfer costs exceed the \$10,000 appropriated.

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- Board will meet again next on September 5 and switch their normal meeting night from Monday to Wednesday thereafter.

September 5, 2018

Open Meeting. Quorum present: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Doane Perry. Peter Skorput unable to attend. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber. No press present.

Board approved previous meeting minutes with grammatical corrections. Board reviewed and approved warrants.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items

- Based on recommendation from Highway Superintendent Curt Wilton, Bernie Fallon made a motion to award the Great Barrington Road paving and cold in-place recycling to the low bidders: Gorman Group for cold in-place recycling at \$6.91/sq. yd. and DelSignore Paving for bituminous paving at \$67.00/ton in place. Doane seconded the motion. Vote taken, 2-0 in favor. Contractors will receive letters of award instructing them to contact the highway superintendent to discuss scheduling, mobilization, and other project details.
- Mark Webber informed the board that he has visited Troy's Garage on several occasions to monitor and discuss progress on adhering to the following compliance deadlines per their amended Class II and III auto licenses as signed by the board at their August 20, 2018, regular meeting: October 4, 2018, for Class III junk car license and October 19, 2018, for Class II used car license. Mark added that the holders of Class II and III auto licenses located at 44 Great Barrington Road will be asked to attend the board's September 19, 2018, regular meeting to have a general discussion about their licenses. Following a discussion and review of those licenses, the board will also invite William Kie to a meeting to discuss his Class II and III auto licenses at a future regular board meeting.
- Mark informed the board that he had a conversation with Planning Board chair Dana Bixby regarding the Planning Board's progress on presenting a marijuana zoning bylaw before the December 31, 2018, moratoria deadline. Dana felt confident the Planning Board will have a draft copy to present to the selectmen for review in a few weeks, and the Planning Board members were hopeful they could present a final version to town meeting before the December deadline.
- Board reviewed and approved a sign permit application for Shaker Dam Coffee House as presented because it is in compliance with zoning bylaw signage regulations.
- Mark informed the board that the town's annual audit conducted by Thomas Scanlon Associates was completed and distributed to the town clerk, town accountant, town treasurer, town collector, and Finance Committee.
- Finance Committee has set a tentative meeting date of September 21, 2018, at 3 p.m. □

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Greetings to all from the library! We have a lot of news to share with you for this beautiful month of Fall. Looking back on the summer, here's a picture of Adam Boscarino (right), our multitalented summer volunteer, enjoying a chess game in the library alcove with a friend (#analog-gaming-can-be-fun).



Staffing News

We were very lucky to have Vicky Cooper working at the library over the summer, and the great news is that she has agreed to continue to work with us. Stop in and see her on Fridays and Saturdays.

We also have Brad Havill working one shift per week. He is a master's degree student at Simmons University, so he's bringing the latest knowledge of library sciences for us to absorb while he's with us.

And we are thrilled to have Bobby Clady-Giramma volunteering on Friday afternoons. Bobby is a student in the Berkshire Hills District, and he is donating his time after school. Besides assisting with all library operations, Bobby is offering walk-in one-on-one help with electronic devices. For anyone from an experienced user to a cautious newcomer to all things online, come on in with your questions, and Bobby will do his best to help!



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Art Appreciation

Every day is a day to appreciate the beautiful pieces on display at the library, and we were gifted with another beautiful mobile during the summer, shown here being installed by the endlessly generous artist himself, Joel Hotchkiss. Things are always looking up at the library (pun intended), thanks to Joel!



NEW ADULT FICTION

Murakami, *Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage*
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Marlow, *Hurry Up and Slow Down*
Marsh and Ward, *Way Out in the Desert*
Spohn, *Dog and Cat Shake a Leg*

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Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales

- All Library Trustees Board meetings are open to the public. Please check our website for October's meeting date and time.
- Day passes to our year-round attractions are available at the library thanks to the Friends of the Library and the West Stockbridge Cultural Council.
- As always, we welcome suggestions on just about anything to improve our library.

—Rachel Alter

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Friends of the West Stockbridge Library Scrapbook Corner

1. What building in West Stockbridge had solar power units installed by EOS Ventures in 2010?
2. West Stockbridge resident Mike Kirchner was getting ready for his first visit to what country in 1970?
3. The prospect of a charter school in South County sent what through the Berkshire Hills?
4. Which neighborhood was locally known as the "Gold Coast"?

Answers: 1. The new Town Offices; 2. Vietnam; 3. shock waves; 4. West Center Road

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It's Official: The Rooster Will Crow On

After a season of uncertainty, nail biting, restructuring, tap dancing, and just plain hoping, it's been decided that the market will return for season 8 in 2019. Sarah and Peter Thorne and Jaylyn Olivo and Dale Flecker have confirmed their commitment to keeping the market running and will join the winter planning team of Terry Jo Dixon and Ginna and Roland Dudney to bring it back bigger and better than ever.

So many of the elements we loved about the market had to be eliminated this year due to lack of help—Fun with Kids, Kids' Carnival, Everything Apple, and Popcorn on Sale. We now can look forward to additional promotion, an ongoing search for new and different vendors, and warm and fuzzy additions to be added.

So enjoy the Spooktacular, and stock up your pantry for the long winter. Expect the unexpected again, and don't miss it!



The Market Rooster is ready to crow. Photo by Peter Cohen



A dollar and a dream! Photo by Robin Schmitt



Get them while you still can! Photo by Robin Schmitt

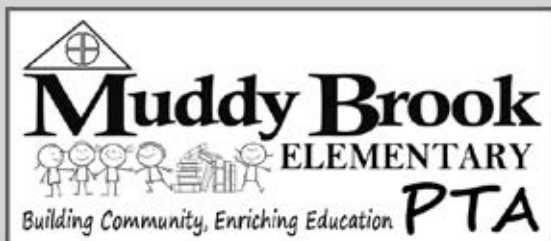
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Friends of the West Stockbridge Library will once again be distributing free books for children at the Spooktacular on October 4. Photo by Roland Dudney



October Events

- **Kindergarten Potluck:** Tuesday, October 9, 5:30–7, at Muddy Brook Elementary School in the cafeteria. Meet other kindergarten students and their families, mingle with the kindergarten teachers, and enjoy a potluck dinner.
- **PTA Meeting:** Wednesday, October 17, 6–7:30, at Muddy Brook Elementary. Child care will be provided.
- **Campfire Night:** Friday, October 19, 6–8, Muddy Brook playground. Come and roast s'mores, sing campfire songs, and hike by moonlight and head lamps at our third annual campfire night! (Check our Facebook page for rain date.)

Rewards for Muddy Brook

Clip and save Box Tops coupons from more than 330 participating products including Annie's, Nature Valley, Cheerios, Cascadian Farms, Ziploc, Lysol, and more. Each coupon is worth 10 cents when redeemed. Last year we earned over \$2,000 in Box Tops alone, and we're hoping to exceed that this year! Mail Box Tops to Muddy Brook Regional Elementary School PTA, 318 Monument Valley Road, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

Please join fellow parents and teachers in making this year very special for the students of Muddy Brook. Like us on Facebook for other upcoming events:

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Thank you for your continued support!



West Stockbridge Cultural Council Invites Grant Proposals for 2019

The WSCC has set an October 15, 2018, postmark deadline for local organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for 2019 state grants that support cultural activities in our community.

The WSCC is part of a statewide network of local cultural councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. In West Stockbridge our priorities are to provide a variety of cultural resources for our diverse community from preschoolers to senior citizens.

Our grants can support many kinds of cultural projects and activities including performances, lectures, school programs, workshops, and festivals. Subsidies may also be available for school-age children to attend cultural field trips to local museums and other cultural sites. The council typically grants a total of \$4,000 to \$4,500 annually.

For specific guidelines and complete information on the West Stockbridge Cultural Council, contact Marjorie Powell at ladyeasland@gmail.com or 232-0222. Application forms and more information about the local Cultural Council program are available online at www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.asp (click on "application process"). Application forms are also available at the West Stockbridge Town Offices and Library.

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No charge for attending the lecture only

When: Thursday, October 11, 5–7 p.m.

Where: St. Patrick’s Church Parish Center, Route 41, West Stockbridge, MA

~Reservations are Required~

When making your reservation, please indicate if you are planning to join us for both the dinner and lecture or the lecture only.

Contact: Emilie Jarrett: Tel.: 232-0122; e-mail: emilie@charws.com

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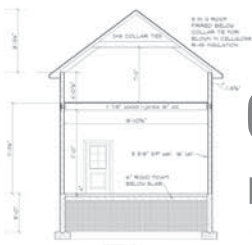
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On the Home Front

By Thom Lipiczky

I'm always fond of humorist Dave Barry's reminder that "Wood has been the preferred house building material for centuries because it not only rots but also burns." This is why *this* little piggy is building *his* house out of concrete and Styrofoam! More on Styrofoam next month.

Since our last report on our excellent adventure (our new house), we've gotten the hole dug, footings set and poured, foundation walls erected, and footing drains installed. In conventional house building, the foundation would be a poured concrete wall. A concrete subcontractor typically assembles the wall by hoisting in place plywood forms over the already poured footings. The forms are hooked together with metal wales and locked in place. Then the concrete truck arrives and pours the liquid slurry of concrete between the forms that hold the slurry until it hardens, or cures, at which point the forms are removed. Then the outside of the concrete wall is waterproofed (yes, concrete absorbs and releases water) and insulated on the outside.

Our plan for the new house was to make it as well insulated as possible, so we chose to use insulated concrete forms (ICFs) for our foundation wall for the lower level. ICFs have been around for more than 20 years, and recent improvements make them an excellent choice.

Measuring 48 inches long by 16 inches high, each ICF block interlocks with those above and below, much like Legos, to form a solid wall. The width of the form is determined by the desired thickness of concrete placed between the walls, made of 2½-inch-thick Styrofoam. We chose to use 8 inches of concrete, so the total thickness of the form is 13 inches.

For strength, steel reinforcing (rebar) is placed in the heavy-duty plastic webs that hold the two sides of the form together at 6-inch intervals. Rebar is placed horizontally and vertically every 16 inches. Specially formed blocks provide rigid corners. The result is a solid easy-to-assembly wall that provides an insulating value of R-22. This compares with an R-value (measurement of heat transference) of less than 2 for an uninsulated concrete wall. Concrete is *not* a good insulator! But it *is* an amazing material nonetheless.

For literally thousands of years (think the Roman Coliseum), a mix of lime, sand, other aggregates, like crushed stone, and water have been made into a slurry that hardens quickly (and continues to harden over time) into a strong, rigid material—like liquid stone.


Modern concrete uses Portland cement as the binder that when mixed with water creates a chemical reaction. It sets up a matrix, locking whatever aggregate—usually stone crushed to ½ or ¾ inch in size—together. Depending on how it's finished, concrete can have a very smooth surface when cured, lately even being used in kitchen countertops.

So now we have a frost wall (short wall that is deeper than the 48-inch depth of frost hereabouts) as well as a tall wall for the back of the lower level, we're awaiting the concrete slab for the floor. Then on to the framing!



Thom, Arthur, and Jeff, the concrete pump operator, pouring the wall. Photo by Mike Wilser

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Richmond Cultural Council Seeks Grant Applications

Proposals from organizations, schools, and individuals applying for grants that support cultural activities in the community are due by October 15, 2018.

These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in and around Richmond, MA, including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

Previously funded projects include scholarships to the Berkshire Children's Chorus, the 2015 Richmond/West Stockbridge Fine Art Show, the Fall Festival of Shakespeare, as well as various field trips and art programs at Richmond Consolidated School.

Grant application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council (LCC) program are available online at http://www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.aspx. Although the online application is strongly suggested, application forms can be downloaded and are also available at the Richmond Town Hall, the Richmond Library, and the Richmond Consolidated School. Please be sure to complete and sign each application and answer all the questions on the RCC cover sheet. For specific information on the RCC, contact Sandra Flannery at smflann@ix.netcom.com.

The RCC is part of a network of 329 LCCs serving all 351 cities and town in the Commonwealth. The LCC program is the largest cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, that then allocates funds to the community.

Contact: Catherine Gamberoni; (413) 698-2882; OL4eyes@gmail.com

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Chuck Kennedy in the White House. Photo: Joyce Nalchayan Begharian



Official White House Photo by Chuck Kennedy

Former White House photographer, Chuck Kennedy, will present a program at the Old Town Hall with an exhibit and reception to follow at the Shaker Dam Coffee House.

Tickets can be purchased online at weststockbridgehistory.org.

Community News & Events

Community Health Association

Blood pressure clinics are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 9–10 a.m., at the CHA office at the West Stockbridge Town Offices. For more information, contact Emilie Jarrett, RN, at 232-0122.

Stockbridge Grange Dinner

On Sunday, October 14, the Stockbridge Grange will serve a family-style stuffed breast of chicken dinner in the Grange Hall at 51 Church Street, Stockbridge, from 1 to 2 p.m. Cost \$12 adults, \$6 under 12, and under 5 free. Takeouts available, 298-3185.

Council on Aging Potluck

The Council on Aging will meet in the Community Room at the Town Offices for our monthly potluck luncheon at noon on Tuesday, October 9. We'll be looking for you!

West Stockbridge Congregational Church

The Annual Harvest Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 21, with seatings at 4:30 and 6:15 p.m. The meal will feature turkey with all the trimmings, apple pie, and coffee/tea/apple cider. Adults \$12, children under 12 \$8. Raffle prizes, 50/50. At the West Stockbridge Congregational Church, 45 Main Street. Call 232-4256 for tickets; credit cards accepted.

The monthly bake sale will be held on Saturday, October 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of Baldwin's Extracts.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with this year's town Halloween festivities (for example, setting up decorations, making snacks, running a game during the party, etc.) should contact Cait Graham at wscongregationalchurch@gmail.com or (413) 329-6095.

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History Quiz Answer:

During the post-Civil War period through the early 1920s, James S. Moore was like the character in the 1983 Woody Allen movie *Zelig*, who was involved with, or present at, every major development in town. Born in 1842, he was old enough to enlist in the Civil War in the 49th Mass. (the southern Berkshire regiment formed in West Stockbridge), survived, and returned to town in 1863. He married Emma Nicholson, from a local prominent merchant and quarrying family, and they had two daughters.

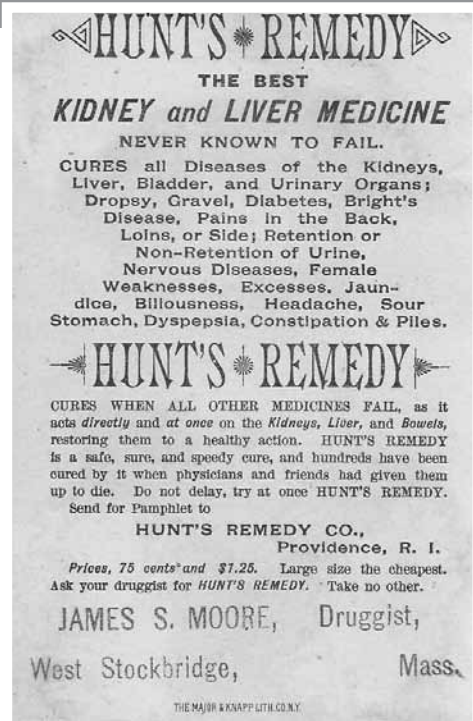
By 1867, James opened up the first drugstore in town in the space housing the Equator antique shop. That first building burned in the major town fire of 1876, and Moore rebuilt in its present form. He had a reputation for selling goods that are "purely pure," a real credit in the pre-FDA age of alcohol- and opium-laced pharmaceuticals. (See the ad for Hunt's Remedy.) James operated the drugstore for 40 years, and during that time he became very involved in local activities.

The list of his civic activities is impressive: state representative, town selectmen, treasurer, town clerk, School Committee, Fuel Committee, and postmaster. Commercially, he was even more active as director of the East Mountain Water Company, Miners Savings Bank, and the Hudson and Berkshire Railroad. He started the first telephone company in town in 1904.

Moore's real impact came with his real estate activities. He bought and/or held mortgages on over 67 properties in town. His position as pharmacist had him in contact with everyone in the community. Moore bought a number of these properties from survivors/heirs of recent deaths. (There's a great opportunity for conspiracy theory or a mystery novel here.) He even became licensed to sell insurance in 1917. It's likely he had his hand in or knew about every piece of real estate in town.

The Moore family lived at 6 Stockbridge Road and called the house "Elmcote." It was originally his father-in-law's house. As part of James's real estate dealings, he bought up much of the flat farmland across the street, behind the current houses lining Stockbridge Road. In 1908, he converted the farmland into a space for outdoor church services, town picnics, and installed a community tennis court, our first park.

James Moore died in 1929, our longest living Civil War veteran.



*Hunts remedy, sold by Moore Drug Store.
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Board of Selectmen	<i>Bernie Fallon, Peter Skorput, Doane Perry</i>			
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October Art Calendar

See a demo, watch other artists, work till noon, then join us for lunch followed by a positive critique for helpful suggestions. Bring your supplies & lunch. We recommend a NARM level membership. **Creating Art Outdoors**
Mt. Hancock Shaker Village. Meet at picnic tables.
T. Great Barrington: Great Barrington: Downtown, Riverwalk, Bard College at Simon's Rock.
W. Stockbridge: Berkshire Botanical Garden. Town center and other Stockbridge locations
Th. The Mount. Meet in lower parking lot by 9:30.
F. Lenox: Ullac Park, Library Park, Eastover. Sign in at Mansion and other Lenox locations
Sa. West Stockbridge: meet at parking lot across from Post Office. TurnPark, Shaker Mill
Su: Norman Rockwell Museum grounds.
 See Facebook "Berkshire Plein Air" at 8 am for daily update

Figure Painting, Open Studio Tuesdays in October 2-5pm. JS 183, Stockbridge. \$20 members, \$25 nonmembers. Bring your supplies. RSVP 413-298-5252x100.

Art seminars and Business Meeting. Wed. Oct. 3, 4:00pm. Demo Thea Baker: Pastel. RSVP BerkshireArtists@gmail.com 5-6:30. Guild Meeting to plan. Community Room Town Hall, 21 Stateline Road (Route 102) West Stockbridge (WS)

Meet the Artist: Amy Butterworth, Ceramics. Wed. Oct. 10. 12:15-1:30, Six Depot Roastery/Café in W. Stockbridge

Positive Critique. Th. Oct. 11, 4-6pm. Bring 2-3 pieces of your art. WS Town Hall. RSVP required and reading

Photo Explorers. Join Carole Quinn on Fri. Oct. 12 at 8:30 am. at Cokewalk 56 Main St., Lee. Explore at Tyringham Valley together. Join Plein Air later.

Members Potluck. Oct. 14, 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m. In West Stockbridge. Bring main dish, hors d'oeuvres or dessert for ten and what YOU want to drink. Partners welcome. RSVP

Artist to Artist Open Studio. Wed. Oct. 17, 6-9pm. Bring art you want to finish, get advice, try out a new process or technique. Informal chance to do art together for fun! WS Town Hall, 21 Stateline Road. Rt. 102. You must rsvp:

Berkshire Photo Gathering. Sun. Oct. 21, 2-4 p.m. \$5. Berkshire South Regional Comm. Center, 15 Crissey Road, GB Great Barrington, MA 01230 Put Photos on website to share.

Meet the Artist: Julie Edmonds, Painter, Thurs. Oct. 25 Both 12:15-1:30, Six Depot Roastery/Café in W. Stockbridge

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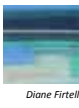
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Guild of Berkshire Artists

Studio Tour

Meet 20 local artists in 9 studios

Oct 6 • 11 am - 5 pm

Use Google Maps to locate each studio, listed here from north to south

Walter Patis

Kathleen Emery

Lisa Gaudy

Diane Firtell

The Stationery Factory

100 North St. Box 404

Proctor, MA 01201

Mark Mulligan

Marion Grant

Kerry Hamilton

401 Denby Rd. Box 100

Belmont, MA 01224

Karen Andrews

Praga Segal

2 Furness Rd.

West Stockbridge, MA 01266

Joel Haskins

8 Center St.

West Stockbridge, MA 01266

Marcelene Mosca

Karen Carman

Barnard Inn

29 1 Box Church St.

Lenox, MA 01240

Karen Dalmatish

160 West St.

Lenox, MA 01240

Ther Baker

Barbara Shea Tracy

Rose Tannenbaum

12 Square Park Rd.

Great Barrington, MA 01230

Kath Davidson

Mary Davidson

7 Putney Dr.

South Egremont, MA 01258

www.berkshireartists.org



7th Annual Spooktacular Market

Thursday, October 4, 3:00 - 7:00 PM

Rain or Shine! Merritt Green on Harris Street
2018 Season Grand Finale

Finest Local Produce + Artisan Wares
Pumpkin Decorating + Scarecrow Building
Pumpkin Patch/Prizes + Piñata/Games/Surprises
Fabulous Food + Live Music + Outdoor Movie at Dusk
Hay Rides

www.WestStockbridgeFarmersMarket.org

This event is co-sponsored by W. Stockbridge Parks & Recreation
Live Music co-sponsored by W. Stockbridge Cultural Council

Meet the Artist 2018

Amy Butterworth

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Potter

"I feel like I have just barely scratched the surface of pottery!"

Wed. October 10
12:15-1:30 pm
Six Depot,
West Stockbridge



Join Amy Butterworth on Wednesday October 10 at Six Depot, West Stockbridge from 12:15-1:30 pm for an informal discussion over lunch. You will be able to ask her questions. RSVP: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090544a5a72ca7fa7-meet>

"I have been working with clay for over 10 years and with each passing year have become more and more entranced by its possibilities. Most of my pieces are functional but I seem to be wading into purely visual territory.

On a recent trip to the coast of Maine I was struck by the beauty of the weathered cabins and brightly colored towels and quilts strung from the clotheslines. That led to a series of small clay houses (complete with clotheslines!) attached to driftwood and rocks that had been beautifully shaped by the surf. I'm also drawn to little critters that can sit happily on a window sill or mantel.

There are endless possibilities and directions in any form of art. I feel like I have just barely scratched the surface of pottery!"

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Julie Edmonds

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Painter

"The more you look, even if it is at a photograph, the more you see."

"I get energy from what is in front of me."

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Th. October 25
12:15-1:30 pm

Six Depot,
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"For me painting is a unique experience, an energetic act -- with or without results. The process is key. At my best, I approach an idea or the subject with a new mind, feeling it's a new beginning. I don't know what will happen but want to be open to new directions that might come up as the work progresses. I expect that the subject (that I already have a feeling for) will speak to me in some new way. I get energy from what is in front of me -- a person I have a feeling about, or a landscape I am learning more and more about. I may already be in love with the subject -- but there is always a new looking, a new appreciation, a new awareness, a new love. The more you look, even if it is at a photograph, the more you see. I want to explore in painting -- that new vision."

"Paint is my language, construction my principal, but the subject is always my inspiration. My goal is to express through painting a link between what is seen to what is felt. Integrating non-visual ideas -- whether they are spiritual, intellectual, or emotional -- with painterly ones can produce a resonance that is experienced as beauty. Many artists have inspired me, but I mostly revisit Lucien Freud, Alice Neel, David Hockney, Van Gogh, Cezanne and the marvelous painters of the Renaissance."

West Stockbridge
Local Yokel

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October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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October 2018 Calendar of Events

10/3	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
10/4	Farmers Market/Spooktacular	3-7 p.m.	Merritt Green
10/4	Board of Health meeting	6:30 p.m.	Town Offices
10/8	Columbus Day		
10/9	Council on Aging Luncheon	12 noon	Town Offices Community Room
10/9	American Legion meeting	7 p.m.	Town Offices
10/10	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
10/11	CHA/COA Dinner & Lecture	5-7 p.m.	St. Patrick's Church Parish Center (Rte. 41)
10/12	Chuck Kennedy: Photographing the Obamas	6 p.m.	Old Town Hall, 9 Main Street
10/13	Apple Pressing at Johnson Barn	Noon-5:30 p.m.	170 Great Barrington Road (Rte. 41)
10/14	Grange Dinner	1-2 p.m.	Grange Hall, 51 Church Street, Stockbridge
10/15	*** Deadline for the next Local Yokel ***		send to info@thelocalyokel.org
10/17	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
10/20	W.S. Congregational Church Bake Sale	9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	In front of Baldwin Extracts
10/21	W.S. Congregational Church Harvest Dinner	Seatings at 4:30 and 6:15 p.m.	West Stockbridge Congregational Church 45 Main Street
10/24	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
10/31	Knitters & More	2-4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room
10/31	Halloween:		
	Trick or Treating	4-6 p.m.	Downtown area
	Parade	6:15 p.m.	Begins at Post Office
	Halloween Party	6:30-8 p.m.	West Stockbridge Congregational Church 45 Main Street
	Obstacle Course	7:30 p.m.	On lawn next to Congregational Church