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Landscape and cityscape artist Thor Wickstrom paints a West Stockbridge street scene. Photo by John Parker

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By John Parker



Portrait artist Vivian Outlaw with work in progress.

Large scale, vibrantly colored, and bold painterly strokes—these are just a few adjectives to describe Vivian Outlaw's oil on canvas portraits hanging in her new West Stockbridge studio and gallery at 3 Center Street, next door to Rouge Restaurant & Bistro.

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Born and raised in Atlanta, Vivian was just a child when she started drawing people. She studied painting in the southwestern United States and in the south of France before moving to New York City in 1999. After earning her master of fine arts degree from the Pratt Institute in 2002, she has been painting portraits of people and their pets ever since. Vivian moved her family from Brooklyn to West Stockbridge in 2020 during the pandemic, and she says she's happy here, enjoying the clean air and the people.

Vivian expects West Stockbridge will be a good place for her business. In Brooklyn, her studio was out of the way, lost in the crowd, and few ever saw her work, whereas here, her studio and gallery is highly visible, right off a busy street with plenty of foot traffic. Hours may vary with the seasons, but for September, the studio is open 11 to 3 on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, by appointment, or just stop in if she's there. For more information, visit vivianoutlaw.com, e-mail vivoutlaw2@gmail.com, or call (917) 776-7869.

Photos by John Parker



The studio as seen from Center Street.



Self-portrait of the artist.

Select Board Meeting Minutes

[Editor's note: At the town administrator's request, the Select Board minutes here are reprinted verbatim with no editing of text. Official board minutes are available at the West Stockbridge Public Library and on the town website, <https://www.weststockbridge-ma.gov/>. Select Board meetings are on Zoom and may be viewed by clicking on the link in the meeting agenda posted on the town website calendar. Residents can receive e-mail notification of town events and meeting agendas by subscribing at <http://weststockbridgema.virtualltownhall.net/subscriber>].

Select Board Special Meeting Minutes Meeting via Zoom May 24, 2021

Open Meeting

Quorum present: Eric Shimelonis, Select Board Chair, Roger Kavanagh and Kathleen Keresey, Select Board Members, and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

Others in Attendance: Curt Wilton, Director of Public Works and Marc Portieri, Police Chief

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and identified the Board Members present remotely as follows: Eric Shimelonis, Kathleen Keresey and Roger Kavanagh

Roger made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2021 and to approve the April 26 and May 11 minutes at the next meeting, seconded by Kathleen.

Roll call vote:

Eric, Yes Roger, Yes Kathleen, Yes

Motion Passed.

Town Administrator Update:

Marie told the Board that as of the June 15th end of the State of Emergency date, the public meetings will need to return to in person meetings. She explained that the Legislature is currently reviewing this and most likely will extend remote meetings. Marie will keep the Board updated on this.

The Town will hold a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 23rd at 6 PM to transfer money to pay for yearend bills and repairs for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Appointment of Part Time Police Officers: Police Chief Marc Portieri

Chief Portieri asked the Board to approve the appointment of two new part time police officers: Lauren Nelson and Curt Wilton. They recently graduated from the Part Time Police Academy and will be an excellent addition to the force. Chief Portieri told the Board there will be no additional cost to the Town and it will allow him more officers to fill needed shifts.

Eric made a motion to appoint Lauren Nelson and Curt Wilton as Part Time

Police Officers, seconded by Kathleen.

Roll call vote:

Roger, Yes Kathleen, Yes Eric, Yes

Motion Passed.

Chief Portieri then gave the Board a quick update on Police Department activity. The police issued 48 speeding tickets, had 5 motor vehicle accidents and 6 domestic calls in May. All officers are continuing with their training of the required 80 hours. Officer Michael Renton has been approved a waiver to work fulltime until he begins the Full Time Police Academy in the fall. The police have given a few parking tickets at the Post Office parking lot. Marc stated there are parking signs there and usually the Post Office employees also put up a barrier which they have not done yet this year. He will speak to them about doing that again this year.

Letter to the Local Yoke:

Eric explained that the Board is working on a letter to be published in the Local Yoke to provide information regarding the false assumption by some residents that the 2021 Annual Town Meeting was not legal. Roger created a draft letter which Eric and Kathleen both agreed to use. Roger asked to make a few minor revisions to the letter and he will present it to the Board for final approval at the next meeting before forwarding on to the Local Yoke.

One Day Liquor License: Jeff Palfini

Jeff Palfini from the Boondock Film Society is requesting to have a One Day Liquor License at TurnPark for a film Society event on June 23rd. He will be having a food truck, cocktails and a DJ who will spin records on old phonographs. He also applied for an Entertainment License which the Board will approve at the next meeting. Eric and the Board didn't see any issues with the event but would like to vote on the whole package (Liquor License and Entertainment License) all together at the next meeting. Jeff agreed and will return at the next meeting.

At this point Eric moved up the last agenda item at this time.

Establishment of a Welcome Program for New Residents:

Eric said that a while back, the Vision Committee had an idea to have a Welcome Program to introduce the available Town services, give contact informa-

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Remembering Peter David Anderson

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By Bob Powell

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For years, we had run into each other at parties and around town. As I soon found out, he too was from “that place.” We found much in common, and our friendship grew quickly and deeply. We talked about everything: from family, friends, and local politics to brain surgery, ceramics, and the best way to tie your shoe.

Peter was very well read and knowledgeable, offering advice on anything and everything. He would come up to our old house and critique my work, always giving suggestions and help, often with a gift in hand that he had found earlier that morning at a tag sale.

He touched many people of all walks of life, not only here in West Stockbridge, Lanesboro, Otis, and Lee but also while abroad on skiing trips and in Colorado and Florida, where he most recently spent his winters. During this time, we would talk on the phone three to four times a week. He would converse with anyone and everyone, easily forging connections and of course always generous with his advice.

The memories are as vast as the void he leaves behind. His family and all of us have suffered a huge loss. If you knew Peter and are reminiscing about your chats and encounters, I am sure you are smiling.

We all love you, Peter. You will be missed and remembered fondly by all you have touched. And I will miss our phone calls, my friend.

**One of Peter’s great passions was skiing and helping others experience the sport. Donations in Peter’s honor can be made to Stride Adaptive Sports at Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort in Hancock, MA (www.stride.org).*

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September History Quiz Question:

In the 1850s, West Stockbridge didn’t have many roads because building and maintaining them was difficult. What routes we did have were practical, mostly leading from the village center to adjoining towns along old trading paths and early commercial so-called turnpikes. The village did have some local streets, such as Depot, Hotel, and Main Streets, but no side streets branched off them. Houses and farms were on the main roads, and if there was a resemblance to a driveway, it was a farm path to the barn or fields.

West Stockbridge has six major routes leading to other towns, with practical names like Lenox Road, Richmond Street, and Albany Road. One of the six roads was not linked to a destination but instead named after a person. Where was Dorr’s Street, and why was it named after Henry P. Dorr?

(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)

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tion and what type of local businesses we have in the Town to new residents. Joe Roy stated that at the most recent Vision Committee meeting, they discussed this idea, and added that they believe this type of program is also good for current residents.

Eric introduced Joseph Grochmal, a resident of Great Barrington who helped create such a program in Great Barrington. He said that Joe would be a great asset to assist West Stockbridge in creating its own program. Eric asked Joe Roy to work with Joe Grochmal on getting this project started. He agreed.

Harris Street Extension:

Eric gave an introduction about the history of Harris Street and the Harris Street bridge, which was changed from a vehicle bridge to a pedestrian bridge over 20 years ago. He said that the Master Plan Committee, on which he serves as the Select Board representative, has been discussing the possibility of developing a Harris Street extension which would allow traffic to flow from Moscow Road to Harris Street. He shared his screen to show a map of the area and pointed out where the Harris Street extension could be built. He noted that he had discussed this idea with Curt Wilton, Director of Public Works, and he asked Curt to speak about it.

Curt spoke about the history of that area of downtown. He stated that when the Town changed the Harris Street vehicle bridge to a pedestrian walkway, it was believed that the Town owned the land from Center Street to Harris Street, now known as Merritt Way, but it did not. This created a land locked area for private property owned by the Nguyen family, where their home and businesses are located. He agreed that creating a Harris Street extension is a good idea, especially now that the Town is almost complete in their purchase of land on Moscow Road. He added that this does not, however, help with the immediate issue of access to the Orient Express property when Merritt Way will be closed during events at the Foundry. Curt said the future for access will be by Moscow Road.

Eric then asked Planning Board Chair, Dana Bixby to speak on this. Dana was in agreement about creating the Harris Street extension. She said that restoring the flow of traffic in this part of downtown is part of what will be proposed in the Master Plan and added that she would also like to see the Town acquire Merritt Way.

Eric then made the following motion:

I make a motion that we instruct Curt Wilton and the DPW, in consultation with the Planning Board and other Town boards, to begin, and to make a top priority, the Harris Street extension project and to bring it to completion as soon as possible.

An audience member (Abby Pratt) interrupted the meeting saying that she objected to the process because the Board shouldn't be voting on this motion without public comment. Eric politely disagreed and asked Curt to speak about the Harris Street extension.. Curt asked Eric to first recognize

Dana Bixby, who had raised her hand.

Dana said that she saw this as a motion to create the authority to do a feasibility study, to find out if it's possible to cut this road through there, i.e., can the engineering be done, can the grading be done, will it work. She said the Town needs information from a Professional Engineer on those issues.

Eric repeated the motion at the request of Abby Pratt and clarified that completion could mean that if the project is not feasible then it would be complete, adding that if it is feasible, it would still have to go through public hearings and a town vote to appropriate the funds.

Abby Pratt asked Eric if he could put the word feasibility near the beginning of the motion. Eric asked Kathleen and Roger if they wanted to modify his motion or 2nd it.

Roger asked if Marie would first answer the process issue raised by Abby Pratt before the motion is seconded. Marie said that the public comment was not supposed to have happened, that Eric had been interrupted. She said the process is: first the motion gets made and gets seconded, and then there can be discussion, among the Board first and then it can be opened up to the public, if the Board chooses to ask for public comment.

Kathleen said she thought it would be prudent to insert the word "feasibility" into the motion.

Eric restated the motion as follows: I make a motion that we instruct Curt Wilton and the DPW, in consultation with other town boards, to begin and to make a top priority the Harris Street extension project, beginning with a feasibility study. Kathleen seconded.

Eric called for Board discussion.

Roger said he was uncomfortable with the motion because he knew the feasibility study was not funded in the FY22 budget. He suggested the motion be changed to authorize Curt to only get competitive estimates for the cost of the feasibility study and bring those back to the Board for discussion about next steps.

Eric asked Kathleen which version of the motion she preferred and she said she is comfortable with Roger's suggestion. Eric asked Roger to rephrase the motion.

Roger said:

I make a motion to ask Curt Wilton, Director of Public works, to seek competitive bids to do a feasibility study for a project that could be called the Harris Street extension. Kathleen seconded.

To clear the way for a vote on this motion Eric rescinded his original motion. Before calling for a roll call vote, Eric asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak about the Town committing to a feasibility study for a long-term solution to a land-locked street.

Joe Roy said the town needs to fix the situation it created by cutting off the Nguyen's vehicular right of way to their property and that going forward with a plan to fix that is not optional.

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A roll call vote was taken.

Roger, Yes Kathleen, Yes Eric, Yes
Motion Passed.

Harris Street Access During Summer Events:

Eric then read a statement recapping the events leading up to the current situation and the issues to be addressed next in the meeting.

He said the Foundry submitted plans for Summer 2021 programming to the Select Board in March. He said that although the Foundry made it clear at Select Board meetings where the summer program was reviewed that it had done its best to coordinate with surrounding businesses, in recent weeks the collaboration has broken down.

He said the Foundry feels it needs to operate safely outdoors and to fully capitalize on its property for these 8 hours a week to survive and that Truc's Orient Express feels that access across the Foundry's property is its right and the closing of Merritt Way for 8 hours a week is an undue hardship. He said that puts the Board in a difficult situation, as we wholeheartedly support both businesses and do not want to have to choose one business over the other; or to have a detrimental effect of any kind.

He noted that Board members have proposed a number of solutions to try to settle the dispute and that none have been accepted, so the Board asked Town Counsel to provide guidance on the situation. Town Counsel has searched for documents related to the Harris Street addresses and found nothing that could be considered an official easement related to Merritt Way. Eric concluded his statement saying that Town Counsel advised the Select Board to consider the full property at #2 Harris street as private property; that the dispute about access to the Nguyen property is a private property dispute and the Board is advised against inserting itself into the dispute, especially since the temporary closure relates to safety protocols for an outdoor event and if the Town were to insert itself into the dispute that the Foundry's liability for that property would transfer to the Town.

Eric asked if the Select Board wanted to comment on Town Counsel's advice. Roger said yes and asked to read a statement in which he said:

The Foundry planned its summer schedule as all outdoor events due to pandemic restrictions that precluded using its indoor facility. The plan outlined in its presentation to the Selectboard stated events would be for up to 100 people, ~ 50 seated in front of the new stage on the west side of the Foundry building and ~50 people seated on the green. Food and drink would be available following Covid guidelines. Start time would be 7pm and end time between 9-9:30.

At the 4/12/21 Selectboard meeting Amy introduced her food service plan, informing the Selectboard that she would be closing access to Harris Street. She presented that information in good faith, believing she had an agreement with Truc.

I believe that the Selectboard failed in its responsibility to ensure that both parties to this verbal agreement understood the implications of the access road being closed from 5pm to 9:30 pm every Friday and Saturday evening for several summer months. Apparently, the implications of the road closure were not fully understood by both parties which is why the Board is now engaged in a discussion of the access road closure.

The question on the table, from my point of view is: can a property owner, whose property includes a road that has been used for 40+ years as the only access road to abutting properties, a road that has been maintained, plowed and improved by the town, choose to close that road and isolate the abutting property owners who operate a restaurant and live there? That's a complicated question, with no immediate answer.

Short of a compromise that meets the immediate need of both parties, there is an expectation that the Board will take some action to resolve the issue. I believe the Board has only one option – to mandate in the short term that the access road be kept open at all times, until some other options can be defined and agreed upon.

Kathleen said that she could understand and appreciate Roger's sentiments and certainly would like to see a viable solution for all, but that Town Counsel has informed the Board that it cannot insert itself into the process.


Andy Potter suggested that the Board should revoke the Foundry's entertainment license. Roger said the entertainment license was not the issue at hand since it is a requirement for the Foundry to operate its business, indoors or outdoors. He said the issue that needs to be addressed and resolved is the temporary closure of Merritt Way during the Foundry's events.

Ronni Tonini suggested that Orient Express customers could park on Main Street and walk to the restaurant like they have to in neighboring towns. This led to an exchange of ideas, pro and con, among audience member about the feasibility and practicality of this suggestion. Truc ended the discussion by saying that this was not an option she would consider, for health, staffing and operational reasons, reminding the Board and the audience that Truc's Orient Express is her family's business and she is the only person who will decide when and how she will open and operate the business.

Truc reiterated the point that after Amy announced on April 12 that she would be closing the access road during Foundry events, no one on the Board had checked with her to ensure that she knew of and agreed with that plan (a fact that the Board had already acknowledged as a failure on its part).

Amy said that her understanding when spoke to Truc in March was that Truc was not opening for indoor dining. She said she did not go the Board with her plan until she talked to Truc and was told she was going to continue pop up take out. She added that she offered to make signs & pay for them, that she has paid staff at the top of the drive to tell people where to detour if they don't know they have to detour to go pick up food.


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Eric proposed that if the audience and the Board could spend the next 20 minutes talking about ways to make this work instead of butting heads we could start putting ideas forward that will work for both parties.

Sharon Vidal said that 45 years ago Merritt Way was a road, that the Town has a right of way and we should just take the road.

Mark Webber said there are too many components to this issue to call this a neighbor dispute and asked why we can't revisit the entertainment license. He said that the entertainment license was issued on the premise of Covid and suggested the Foundry should be told to move back inside.

Amy said she is not closing the road that she owns, that she has no intention of closing down the road and that she is not moving 100 people inside yet, which would be irresponsible to her staff. She said that she is offering, as a solution, to pay for runners to take the food over the bridge for Truc's customers who are not able to make the walk from Main Street.

Kathleen said that we can't make presumptions about how anyone feels about their health in the midst of a global pandemic and there is no directive that business owners who are operating outdoors have to move back inside.

Any Potter said that when outdoor operations negatively impacts another business and the Selectboard takes no action to deal with that negative impact then the Selectboard is acting as the arbiters of who wins or who loses in this town, a role that no one wants from the Selectboard.

Frank Landsberger suggested that the Town look into the concept of adverse possession to establish Merritt Way as a Town right of way. He added that the primary question is who is the owner of that road, noting that the Nguyens have had constructive use of the road for decades.

Eric said that adverse possession is not a solution he could support, that he didn't want the Board to start taking private property from property owners, adding that the court process of gaining a right of way through adverse possession could take longer than building the Harris Street extension.

Roger asked what happened to the option that was suggested at one point to leave the road open until 6:30 - 6:45 PM.

Amy explained that at 6:30 - 6:45 her patrons would be in the road, picking up tickets at the box office and lining up to get their meals at the food truck, so leaving the road open would be a safety concern for her staff and patrons, and a liability issue for the Foundry.

In response to statements made by Lori Rose regarding Amy's rights of ownership of the Foundry property, Mitch Greenwald said that property ownership is not as straightforward as Lori stated, that there are different people with different kinds of rights in property and with an area like this, that's been used in a mixed way for a long time, those differing rights need to be addressed.

Eric said the Town is taking action to deal with the problem by proposing the extension of Harris Street. He noted that Curt believes it is feasible and not super expensive. He then restated his position that building the Harris Street extension would be his preferred option, because it is a more equitable solution than adverse possession, which will probably take just as much time to process through the courts.

Dana Bixby said that, in her opinion, the Town should build the Harris Street extension and acquire Merritt Way to complete the grid in the Town and make the traffic pattern much better. She stated that she doesn't see this as an either / or choice, she believes both steps should be taken.

Eric said that he wanted to bring the discussion back to the Board, stating that no one on the Board has ever dealt with a situation like this before and we are trying, in good faith, to address the long term issue created by the Harris Street bridge closure while the property owners work on potential solutions to access issues during Foundry events.

Kathleen said that she wished a resolution to the property owners dispute had been worked out in this meeting and hoped that both parties will con-

tinue to work together to find a solution that they can live with near term while the Town explores a long term solution to the Harris street closure.

Roger said he was also disappointed that we were leaving this meeting with the same issue we had when we came into the meeting. He reiterated his position that the closure of the Harris Street bridge without providing a permanent right of way between Harris Street to Center Street is at the core of the current issue and is something the Town needs to fix now.

Eric made a motion to adjourn at 9:02 PM, Kathleen seconded.

Roll call vote:

Eric, Yes Roger, Yes Kathleen, Yes

Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie U. Ryan

Town Administrator

Documents: One Day Liquor License Application – Jeff Palfini

Select Board Meeting Minutes July 12, 2021

Open Meeting

Quorum present: Eric Shimelonis, Select Board Chair, Kathleen Keresey and Roger Kavanagh, Select Board Members, and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

Others in Attendance: Police Chief Marc Portieri, Police Sergeant Rosario Messina, and Fire Chief Steve Traver

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Kathleen made a motion to approve the minutes from June 24 and June 28, 2021, seconded by Roger, all were in favor.

Police Union - MassCOP: Police Sergeant Rosario Messina

Sergeant Messina presented paperwork to the Select Board that explains that MassCOP is a Police Union that works as an advocate for Police. He is requesting that the Select Board voluntarily sign off and approve the West Stockbridge Police Department joining this union. Among the reasons the full-time officers would like to join this union is for legal protection in the event that the police are involved in a major critical incident such as a shooting.

Roger mentioned that in the second paragraph of the letter the Town received from MassCOP attorney, Jennifer Smith, it states, "Normally, MassCOP would file a petition with the Department of Labor (DLR) for written majority authorization certifying MassCOP as the exclusive bargaining representative for the West Stockbridge Police Officers." Roger would like to see this go through the normal process and not take any shortcuts. Rosario said that there are currently only two officers that would be in this union if the Board will voluntarily sign off on this without going through the normal process. Roger is in full support of them joining this union however, he still would like to see this go through the normal process. Rosario will have Retired Police Sergeant Bobby Murphy, Treasurer of MassCOP or MassCOP Attorney, Jennifer Smith attend the next meeting and explain the two different procedures that can be done to join the union. The Board agreed this would be helpful.

Discussion of Extension of Shared Fire Chief with Richmond:

Marie and Richmond Town administrator Danielle Fillio will be presenting a contract to extend the Shared Fire Chief to the West Stockbridge Select Board and the Richmond Selectmen on Wednesday, July 14. This contract is similar to the previous one from a year ago, with some modifications. Essentially this contract would be to extend the Shared Fire Chief for two years Marie will send a copy of this new contract to the Board prior to the Wednesday, July 14th meeting.

Roger asked Chief Traver if he has a 2nd in command in the West Stockbridge Fire Department and the Chief replied, yes, Assistant Chief Larry

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Fall History Walk: The Cemetery of St. Patrick Catholic Church

Saturday, September 25, 10:30–Noon

For this fall's annual history walk, being held in conjunction with the Housatonic Heritage Walks, we will explore the town's largest cemetery. Established in 1870, St. Patrick's cemetery is the final resting place of many of our town's most prominent citizens from the height of the industrial age through the present. For example, the largest funeral procession in South County was for one of St. Patrick's burials. The cemetery also reveals the changing nature of our population as many of our Italian and Irish immigrants were members of this Catholic church. The walk will be an interesting look at our town's history and some of its more famous residents.

To register, e-mail info@weststockbridgehistory.org. We will meet at St. Patrick's cemetery on Route 41 (Albany Road), one mile north of the village center.



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Morse. He added that the chain-of-command in Richmond will also be a backup when needed.

Eric asked the Chief if, as part of the shared services, the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) at Richmond F.D. could be updated and adopted to apply uniformly to both towns. Chief Traver responded that he is working on doing just that, and has asked for assistance from Bob Czerwinski, the retired Chief from Pittsfield F.D. who now works as a consultant.

Rouge Public Hearing – Wine and Malt Beverages Package Store Liquor License – Maggie Merelle

Eric opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM:

Aaron DuBois represented Maggie Merelle at this meeting. He stated that Maggie is requesting approval to have a Wine and Malt Beverages Liquor License to sell mostly high-end wines in the small retail space at 3 Center Street. This package store/boutique will be open all year during the days and hours that the Rouge Restaurant is open (approx. 5 days a week in the evenings). She is trying to diversify to stabilize her income.

Eric opened the discussion to the public:

Steve Dixon, Owner of Queensborough Package Store, objected to the approval of this license. He feels there is no need for more liquor licenses in this small town. Steve felt this new store will take away from his profitability since his store is 100 feet away and sells some of the same items. He also felt this approval will create parking challenges in town.

Aaron DuBois said that Maggie is not interested in competing with other businesses, she wants more choices for consumers, create new jobs (2 positions), and will still be purchasing her items from the same distributors. Maggie wants to continue the same community feeling for the downtown area.

Many voiced that they are customers of Queensborough Package Store and will still continue to be whether or not Maggie gets approval for this license.

Eric closed the public hearing at 7:09 PM and asked for Board discussion.

The Board agreed there is no reason to not approve this liquor license. Eric reiterated that this Board strives to always be supportive of town businesses, and that any responsible merchant that wants to pursue new avenues that are legal should be allowed to. He stated further that the organic forces of the free market are a more fair and effective governor of competition than the Select Board, and that the Board blocking a legal business from opening or expanding would be counter to its purpose.

Roger made a motion to approve the Wine and Malt Beverages Liquor License for Maggie Merelle, Kathleen seconded, and all were in favor.

Select Board Speak:

Roger asked about the status of the new Department of Public Works employee. Marie said she is waiting until Curt, Director of Public Works, comes back from vacation next week and then they should be able to meet and determine who Curt would like to hire. Roger asked if the issue about creating marked parking spots on Great Barrington Road, Oak Street and Moscow Road could be on the next agenda. He would also like the agreement for the parking lot at 6 Depot and Werkshires on the agenda as well. Roger requested that Curt come to the next meeting and give an update on the bids he received for the feasibility study of the Harris Street extension. The last item Roger discussed was Indigenous Peoples Day which Eric asked the Board to consider for October 11th. Roger expressed discomfort at this as taking place of Columbus Day. Eric agreed to speak in more detail

about the proposition when it is on the agenda for consideration.

Citizen Speak:

Truc Nguyen wanted to bring to the attention of the Board her ongoing issues with noise in the downtown area. She gave some noise measurements to the Police Chief, who passed them on to the Board. Chief Portieri asked the Board to have a discussion on enforcement and how the Board would like to handle it. Eric committed to doing further research on possible guidance and enforceable limits in Mass General Law, as there are none in the local bylaws for commercial zoning – especially for music within the scope of an entertainment license. The Board will work with the Police Department on what types of measurement and/or enforcement can be done.

Kathleen made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM, Roger seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan

Town Administrator

Documents: Minutes: June 24 and June 28, 2021; Brochure for MassCOP Rogue Application for Wine & Malt Liquor License

Select Board Joint Meeting With Richmond Selectmen in Richmond Minutes July 14, 2021

Open Meeting

Quorum present: Eric Shimelonis, Select Board Chair, Roger Kavanagh and Kathleen Keresey, Select Board Members, and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

Others in Attendance: Richmond Selectmen; Alan Hanson, Neal Pilson and Roger Manzolini, Richmond Town Administrator Danielle Fillio and Fire Chief Steve Traver

Neal Pilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Shared Fire Chief:

The Richmond Selectmen stated they feel that the shared Fire Chief has worked very well over the past year and agreed they would like to continue this and renew the agreement.

Eric stated having Chief Traver in West Stockbridge has been transformative for the town. There have been many notable improvements to the Fire Department over the past year, and he highly recommends continuing the agreement.

Roger and Kathleen agreed with Eric and said this agreement has had a huge impact on the West Stockbridge Fire Department, including getting the apparatus and gear up to date.

The Boards will review the agreement and once in proper order, they all agreed to sign the new two-year agreement for a shared Fire Chief.

The West Stockbridge Select Board were dismissed and the Richmond Selectmen continued on with the rest of their agenda items.

Meeting ended for West Stockbridge Select Board at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan

Town Administrator

Documents: Draft of two-year Shared Fire Chief Agreement



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Town of West Stockbridge Announcements



The Board of Health strongly encourages everyone to wear a mask when indoors.

Due to the highly contagious COVID-19 variants, the West Stockbridge Board of Health urges everyone to wear a mask while inside any public building, regardless of your vaccination status.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Great Barrington Recycle Center at 601 Stockbridge Road (Route 7), Great Barrington.



ANOTHER PLANNING SURVEY OPPORTUNITY: West Stockbridge is developing an Open Space & Recreation Plan, and your input is vital!

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Community News & Events

Due to the coronavirus health emergency, many meetings and events are being cancelled or postponed. We are including all information available to us up until publication, but with the likelihood of changes, readers should check with the office, department, or organization for the latest information.

Community Health Association

Weekly blood pressure clinic schedule: every Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Town Offices, 21 State Line Road, West Stockbridge, and every Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Richmond Congregational Church, State Road, Richmond. Info: Emilie Jarrett, RN, 232-0122, or Emilie@charws.com.

Stockbridge Grange Dinner

On Sunday, September 12, the Stockbridge Grange will serve a 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 are available. If guidance on indoor gatherings changes due to the virus, there will be takeout only. Please call (413) 298-3185 to check on the status.

Council on Aging

Council on Aging meetings remain suspended until further notice.

The Knitters Group

The Knitters will meet on Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Room at the Town Offices.

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Lange, *We Are the Brennans*
Lapena, *Not a Happy Family*
Livesey, *The Boy in the Field*
Macomber, *It's Better This Way*
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Rodrigues, *All the Water I've Seen Is Running*
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Slimani, *In the Country of Others*
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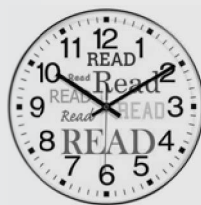
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Scrapbook September 2021: TEST YOUR TRIVIA KNOWLEDGE!

1. In 2012, that particular Zucchini Festival was number what?
2. Who sponsored the W.S. Zucchini Festival?
3. What did the West Stockbridge road crew fix before the arrival of First Lady Michelle Obama?
4. The Department of Environmental Protection was at the W.S. Town Offices for what reason?

1. Nine
2. The W.S. Cultural Council
3. Potholes on Furnace Road at Gov. Deval Patrick's request
4. To test for contamination from a massive fire at TCI in West Ghent, NY.

Back to School Campaign Community Thank You!

*By Joanne Wodecki,
West Stockbridge Congregational Church*

This year the West Stockbridge Congregational Church collaborated with Western Mass Labor Action in Pittsfield to provide school supplies to children from low-income families in Berkshire County.

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"We Remember When . . ."

Growing Up in West Stockbridge in the 1950s

A Series of Recollections by John Bormolini and Friends

More About Dr. William E. Persing

By John Bormolini

Last month's installment of this column featured Dr. William E. Persing, a physician and humanitarian who served the community of West Stockbridge from 1931 to 1966. In response to publication of that article, I was delighted to receive the following e-mail from William R. Persing, who kindly gave us permission to share his thoughts:

Dear Mr. Bormolini:

I am the oldest grandchild of Dr. William E. Persing of West Stockbridge. I have been enjoying your articles on West Stockbridge in the 1950s in the Local Yokel for some time, and I was particularly pleased to see you honor my grandfather. We, too, remember him with great affection. My grandfather actually first studied to become a pharmacist and did so; but he always dreamed of becoming a doctor, and after he married my grandmother, she encouraged him to follow his dream. After he completed his internship, he consulted a list of towns in Massachusetts that needed doctors—I have no idea who put out the list; perhaps the Massachusetts Medical Society?—and, luckily for all of us, West Stockbridge was on the list.

I have spoken with a number of people who remember my grandfather with affection, as do I and the rest of our family. My grandparents made West Stockbridge heaven on earth for us growing up, and it still makes me happy to walk there. I was born in 1953 and started to go to West Stockbridge at the age of four days. By the way, I remember your mother very clearly! One of my cousins remembers her giving my cousin a "ride" on the back of the tank vacuum cleaner she was using! I was amazed to find out that the person writing these tales of West Stockbridge in the 1950s was the son of Anna, who I well remember.

Again, thank you for this article!

Yours sincerely,

William R. Persing.

By the way, my grandfather, as you know, was William E. Persing; my father, his oldest son, was William N. Persing, and I am William R. Persing. But three is plenty!



Persing family photo, December 1936. Left to right: Dr. William E. Persing, John (on his lap), Nancy, William N. (Stephen Persing's dad), and Dorothy. The scene is the living room of their home in West Stockbridge. Photo courtesy of Stephen Persing

I e-mailed the following reply:

Dear Mr. William R. Persing,

I was exceedingly pleased to receive your email. I've received a few e-mails since embarking on my monthly "We Remember When..." articles in the Local Yokel that began in February 2018. Yours is the best. Along the way I was able to use remembrances other than just my own. I owe Peter Angelini a debt of gratitude for his memories and storytelling. The latest was in the August issue about how Dr. Persing's fast action probably saved the lives of Pete's mother and sister.

In addition, I owe others a debt a gratitude for their input over the past two and half years. Perhaps you know the family names: Louise Faggioni (Pericolosi), Bob Romeo, Bruce Morelli, Jackie Moffatt, Jimmy Dellea, Anthony Balestro, Judie Masiero (Bodnar), Helen Norton (Zanconato), and Anita Norton (Zanconato). Also Peter Brogan, Billy Pixley (deceased), and Bernie Fallon. And finally the Local Yokel editor, John Parker, who sometimes turned a thought into a decent article.

Also, thanks for remembering my mother Anna. She was one of a kind, and I plan to do the October article in her memory.

Respectfully,

John Bormolini

John Bormolini is a West Stockbridge "ex-pat," now residing in Leavenworth, Kansas. Readers who would like to share their stories of 1950s West Stockbridge are invited to e-mail John at johnbormo@aol.com.

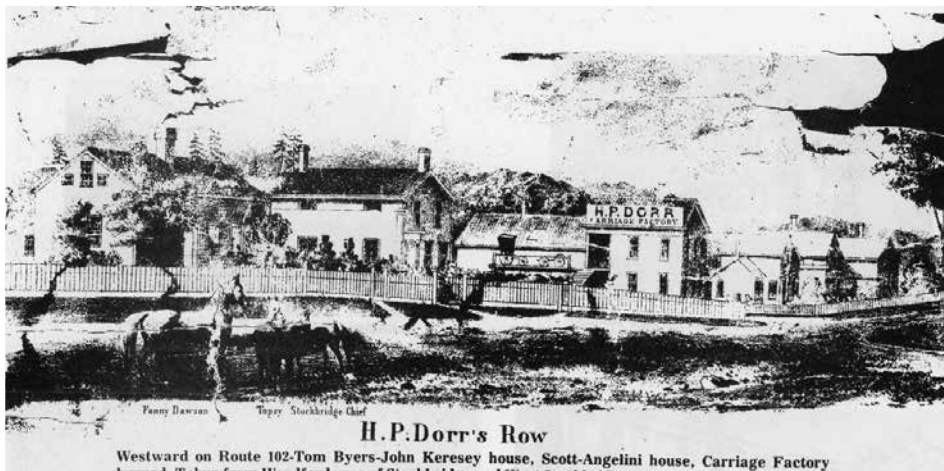
History Quiz Answer:

In the mid-19th century, West Stockbridge was a crossroads with streets running east to the other Stockbridge, Stockbridge Road (Route 102) and Lenox (Lenox Road); north to Richmond, Pittsfield Street (now Swamp Road); south, Great Barrington Road; and northwest, Albany Road (Route 41). Dorr Street was our due west road, now called State Line Road or Route 102, and it enjoyed the distinction of being the only major road named after a person and his business.

Henry Palmer Dorr was born in Chatham, New York, in 1817, and during the 1840s, he moved to West Stockbridge. Henry began as a farmer in Austerlitz, but by 1850, he was listed as a blacksmith. Five years later, Henry built the Dorr Carriage Factory on the south side of State Line Road, two houses west from the intersection with Albany Road. The 1855 lithograph shows a sizable operation.

Henry lived next to the factory and had a large household: his wife and two children, an Irish servant, and eight workers. The workers' homes were on both sides of the street. His employees came from Canada or Ireland and likely were recruited to work in his operation. Henry was one of the largest employers in town with a major road named after him. He must have been the West Stockbridge version of Tesla or GM.

But by 1860, all had crashed. The family lost a son, and the factory burned down in a fire. Henry and the family retreated to a farm in Canaan where he lived until 1890. Dorr Street became State Line Road (Route 102). As you drive up State Line Road from Albany Road, note the open spaces on the south side and some smaller houses on both sides. These are likely the only remains of the Dorr Carriage Factory.



Lithograph of Dorr Street ca. 1855



Dorr Street, now State Line Road

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Annual Card Pond Party a Success!



The annual Card Pond party on August 1, hosted by West Stockbridge Parks & Recreation, was a delightful event attended by about 50 community members. Despite the postponement and a threat of rain, everyone was able to enjoy two hours of sunshine and a hotdog picnic lunch! We hope to expand the event further next year. We encourage everyone to stop by Card Pond to see all of the beautiful improvements that have been made.



Photos by Caitlin Graham



September Art Calendar

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2021

Workshops and Events

May 26 - Sept 22, Summer Online Art Show. Visit www.berkshireartists.org for more info. Last month on display!

September 6 & 20, Procrastinator's Challenge! 10-11am. GBA members can join Diane Firtell for a jumpstart on their creative productivity via Zoom.

September 7 & 21, Snapseed Workshop, 1:30-2:30pm. Work on mobile photo editing with others via Zoom.

September 3, First Fridays Artwalk at TKG, Pittsfield, 5-8 p.m. For more info on what will be on display, visit www.berkshireartists.org.

September 13, Collage & Mixed Media Workshop, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Join Carolyn Abrams for Collage & Mixed Media.

September 14 & 28, Procreate Workshop, 1:30-2:30pm. Work on digital art and editing with others via Zoom.

September 14 & 28, Positive Critique, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Join Michele Caplan for a positive critique session for Guild members via Zoom.

September 26, Berkshire Photo Gathering, 2-4pm. Online. See following webpage for more information: berkshirephotogathering.com/online-meetings

September 30, Art Book Gathering, 9:30-11am. Share a favorite book: artist, or process. Visit www.berkshireartists.org for more info.

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September

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September 2021 Calendar of Events

Due to the coronavirus health emergency, many meetings and events are being canceled, postponed, or held online. We are including all information available to us up until publication, but with the likelihood of changes, readers should check with the office, department, or organization for the latest information.

9/1	First Day of School		
9/2	WS Farmers Market	3–6 p.m.	The Foundry Green, Harris Street
9/6	Labor Day		
9/6	Rosh Hashana begins at sundown		
9/7	Parks & Recreation Commissioners meeting	5:30 p.m.	See town website for details
9/7	Select Board meeting	6 p.m.	See town website for details
9/9	WS Farmers Market	3–6 p.m.	The Foundry Green, Harris Street
9/12	National Grandparents' Day		
9/15	*** Deadline for the next Local Yokel ***		Send to info@thelocalyokel.org
9/15	Yom Kippur begins at sundown		
9/16	WS Farmers Market	3–6 p.m.	The Foundry Green, Harris Street
9/20	Select Board meeting	6 p.m.	See town website for details
9/21	Vision Committee meeting	6 p.m.	See town website for details
9/22	First Day of Autumn		
9/23	WS Farmers Market	3–6 p.m.	The Foundry Green, Harris Street
9/25	National Public Lands Day		
9/30	WS Farmers Market	3–6 p.m.	The Foundry Green, Harris Street