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About the Artist: Karen Carmean, Oil Painter

What could be more wonderful than being outside in some of the most beautiful places in the Berkshires with friends, drawing, painting, sketching, or photographing? Just watching others and learning how they create (and even stumble) is fascinating. Getting good advice, if you wish it, is just an added joy! This has been my dream, and the Guild of Berkshire Artists has made it possible for others to join in my pleasure.

The guild began in 2014, and we have been doing plein air and, until recently, live model painting and drawing. We learn from each other. I am learning, every day, how to see, how to simplify, how to pay attention to the depths of the darks and follow the light. This spring our member Chris Morel offered an excellent workshop, and my own work in more classic landscape painting has improved. My current goal is to do a hundred landscape paintings.

Simplicity is what attracts me. Yet I find myself getting captivated by the movement, the texture, the lines, the tiny spots of color. I realize that I am a fox who wants to be a hedgehog. I see many little things but am drawn to grand unifying principles.

During COVID I made scores of portraits of people. Watching television, I would quickly draw the moderator's head and then the two people being interviewed, adding to each portrait as the camera passed from one to the other. I got much better at drawing Judy Woodruff! I captured the variety of American faces who had died each week of the virus. This discipline added to my ability to see and to lift and to expand my world beyond the ongoing troubling news. I also love making quick brushstrokes in oil on paper of people and of tulips and irises. There is a freshness and transparency in this activity.



Charcoal drawing

If you never have drawn, at least in decades, I recommend *The Natural Way to Draw* by Kimon Nicolaides. This classic book, based on a course at the Art Students League of New York, is now available online and was a favorite of my mother, who also was an artist. Although at that time, I never got beyond six of the exercises, it was enough, and I have never stopped drawing since then.

Years ago, I found the molten gold in the cracks in a pineapple on a very dark day in November and ended up painting 50 pineapples using different brushstrokes. I explored every color I found on the fruit, from violet to turquoise to fire-engine red and dark green, just exaggerating their presence.

Learn more about where guild members are painting at www.BerkshireArtists.org. I hope you will join us.

Images courtesy of the artist



iPad painting

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 email notification of town events and meeting agendas by subscribing at <http://weststockbridgema.virtualltownhall.net/subscriber>].

Select Board Meeting Minutes June 6, 2022

Quorum present: Select Board Members Kathleen Keresey, Chair, Andrew Potter and Andrew Krouss and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

Marie called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and listed Select Board members present.

Marie opened the meeting by requesting a motion to vote on a new Chair for the Board.

Andy Potter made a motion to elect Kathleen as the Chair, seconded by Andy Krouss.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Potter Yes

Andy Krouss Yes

Kathleen Yes

Motion Approved.

Kathleen thanked the Board for the nomination as well as past Board members, Eric Shimelonis and Roger Kavanagh for their service to the Town. She then made a statement about the structure and future function of the Board to work together with respect and with proper procedure. Kathleen mentioned that there is a Selectmen's Handbook available through the Massachusetts Municipal Association which the new Board members may want to have.

Approval of Minutes:

Kathleen stated that past Select Board members, Roger and Eric have already approved the Select Board minutes of April 25, 2022, she then also approved those minutes.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Potter Yes

Kathleen Yes

Minutes Approved.

Town Administrator Update:

- Marie is scheduling a Special Town Meeting for Monday, June 27th at 6 PM to cover end of the fiscal year budget items.
- Police Chief Marc Portieri will discuss with the Board updates to his department. She then asked Marc to speak to this.

Marc explained that during past meetings with the previous Select Board, there were discussions in regards to hiring two additional full-time officers and rather than relying on using the part-time officers as frequently. Marc explained how this would help alleviate scheduling issues and benefit the Town by providing more coverage. He asked the Board for their approval, all members agreed this would be a benefit to the Town. Marc will attend their next meeting on June 21st and he will bring forth the candidates for the two full-time positions as well as a new Sergeant for appointment. He thanked the Board for their support.

Appointment of Max Lindner for Lifeguard at Card Pond – Caitlin Graham, Parks & Rec

Caitlin Graham, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, requested that the Board appoint Max Lindner as the lifeguard for Card Pond for the summer. She stated that he is a very polite, respectful and responsible young man that has been lifeguard certified. The Commissioners are very excited to have a lifeguard at the Pond again. Max introduced himself to the Board saying that he is excited for this opportunity and thanked the Board.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to appoint Max Lindner as the lifeguard at Card Pond.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Potter Yes

Andy Krouss Yes

Kathleen Yes

Motion Approved.

One Day Liquor License for Turn Park – Jared Gelomino, Turn Park Manager

Jared requested a One Day Liquor License for a TurnPark event on June 11, 2022. He stated they will hold the event from 4 PM – 10 PM with acoustic performances and a DJ from 7 PM – 9 PM.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to approve a One Day Liquor License for TurnnPark for their June 11, 2022 event.

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Remembering Anna Ambrose

By *Bernie Fallon*

My mother had a special beautiful energy. Countless people told me she brightened their day each morning. She'd describe her customers at the Public Market, which she owned from 1978 to 2006, as "amazing," "incredible," "great," and "awesome." She'd welcome newcomers to town with that same energy, inviting them to her family picnics.

Oh, that laugh! It was a laugh that made you feel you were heard and appreciated. She was so friendly. She laughed along with her favorite phrases: "I love it!" or "So perfect!" or "The best!" At the same time, she was in pain. She had lupus, crippling rheumatoid arthritis, and other ailments. When I'd ask, "How are you, Mom?" she'd answer, "I'm great. Excellent." Then she'd tell me a story, illustrating why she was feeling so good!

Mom was a member of the first West Stockbridge EMT class around 1982. As well as being on call, she was the unofficial daytime EMT at the Public Market for stitches, blood pressure readings, and advice. She also was the chair of the Kiwanis Festival. The proceeds benefited the Children's Pediatric Trauma Institute, and her Kiwanis donations contributed to a new wing for the hospital in Boston.

Children's health care mattered to her: As a first grader, my brother Jeff was hit by a car while waiting for the school bus. He was in a body cast for two months. At age 18, I was hospitalized for six weeks after a car crash. I had a square box of metal rods called a Hoffmann External Fixation System to hold multiple broken bones in place. She handled each trauma with grace. Her calm and optimism enabled our eventual healing.

When she was 5 years old, Mom's family of six kids lost their mother. At that time, my mother made a choice: She could be mopey, whiny—a victim. Or she could be the bossy older sister. Or she could be a smiling ray of sunshine that would radiate positivity. She carried her 5-year-old's positive energy into her 80th year, during which she cheerfully worked alongside my wife Isabel and me at Loeb's in Lenox.

Mom lived with adoring energy. Naturally, she adored her children and grandchildren. And she adored her friends. She adored the people of West Stockbridge. She adored my cat. She continually found things in which to see beauty.

It was she who was the *amazing* one. It was *she* who was the best. I understand now when I asked, "How are you, Mom?" Her answer described her beautiful state of mind. I'm not giving you a homework assignment, but if we all could add a little of *her way of being* to our lives, the world and the people in it would be uplifted and brightened.

It is difficult to realize that she is gone. Without her daily support, her smile, her laugh, I am as sad as I have ever been. At the same time, I am as grateful and inspired as I have ever been to have lived with her sunshine and warmth all my life.



*The "amazing" Anna Ambrose.
Photo courtesy of Bernie Fallon*

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Roll Call Vote:

Andy Potter Yes
Andy Krouss Yes
Kathleen Yes
License Approved.

Housatonic Valley Association – Allison Dixon

Allison Dixon from the Housatonic Valley Association spoke to the Board and gave a slide presentation in regards to the work they have been doing for the Town. This work has been supported by a grant. It is very important work to help mitigate issues with road-stream crossings around the Town. She explained that the draft Road-Streams Crossing Inventory plan is a living document and will be updated as time goes on. Once this plan is in place it will allow the Town to become eligible for grants to help with funding of corrective/proactive actions to be completed without using Town funds. She has been working with Curt Wilton, Director of Public Works and Marie to get this document completed. This document will keep an inventory of all the road-streams crossings, a flood risk analysis and provide priority areas that need improvements. She will be requesting adoption of the final version of the plan in the future but wanted to keep the Board updated on the process and the give them information about the document. The Board thanked her for the presentation.

Williamsville Traffic Issues – Curt Wilton, Director of Public Works

Curt explained to the residents of the Williamsville section of Town that he is working on the traffic issues happening there. The Town just approved money for a traffic study for that area which will take place in July. This survey will include a large amount of information and data that will help with solutions to the traffic issues. The residents have set aside money to purchase a flashing traffic speed sign and wanted to donate it to the Town. Curt ask them to hold off and allow the survey to be completed

and then they can go over the results and work together to find the proper solutions. Marc Portieri, Police Chief, recently attended a neighborhood meeting about the traffic issues there. He has set aside money, which was approved at Town Meeting, for traffic calming which will include more patrol on that section of road in Town. He feels that with the traffic calming and new signs after the survey is complete, will help with better traffic flow through that section of the Town. Resident Kristin Piasecki, stated that the residents feel like that section of the road is being used like Route 7 in Great Barrington and people just speed right through it and do not pay any attention to possible traffic entering the road from a side street or that they drive so fast that they just pass on the double lines. The residents are very concerned but are happy to hear that Curt and Marc have a plan. They look forward to working with them on solutions.

Annual Appointments of Committees and Boards and the new Community Preservation Committee – Marie

Marie read the list of Annual Appointments as well as appointments for the newly formed Community Preservation Committee.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to appoint the list of paid annual appointments which Marie read.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Potter Yes
Andy Krouss Yes
Kathleen Yes

All paid annual appointments Approved.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to appoint the list of non-paid annual appointments which Marie read.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Potter Yes
Andy Krouss Yes

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Parks & Recreation Update

By Cait Graham



Lifeguard Max Lindner.
Photo courtesy of Cait Graham

First of all, we'd like to shout out to everyone who came out for the 2022 Card Pond opening party on June 26. We had more than a hundred community members present! It was a wonderful time with families and friends, and we couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day.

Even if you couldn't make it to the party, we hope you've had a chance to check out the new and exciting improvements at Card Pond. With the expert help of the DPW, we've installed a new split-rail fence, deeply raked the beach area, combatted our goose problem, added new picnic tables and umbrellas, and welcomed Max Lindner, our new lifeguard.

Max is a recent graduate of the Hotchkiss School, will be attending Skidmore College in the fall, and recently became lifeguard certified at Berkshire South Community Center. Max made his first "save" on his very first day. A little boy got his foot stuck in the rope that divides the shallow end from the deep end. Max was in the water in a flash and untangled the boy. We feel safer knowing that Max will be protecting swimmers on Thursday through Sunday all summer!

Finally, we expect our tennis court to be refurbished shortly and look forward to seeing our friends and neighbors play on a smooth, beautiful surface. If you ever have questions or ideas to share with Parks & Recreation, we welcome your participation! You can email us anytime at weststockbridgeparks@gmail.com.



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August History Quiz Question:

Since the founding of the town in 1774, education of children has been a priority of the town voters. Financially, schools have always been the largest line item in the annual town budget. The earliest town appointment was a preacher who would also teach the children.

Early on, the town was divided into five school districts and taxed everyone in their district to support the local school. As the town grew, it expanded to seven districts. Each district had a one-room schoolhouse serving the elementary grades. In the mid-1800s, not every child went on to higher grades, but by 1884 attendance was up, and the town added an intermediate school and two high schools. Eleven school buildings were supported in total.

The intermediate school and the high school in the village center were substantial structures. But the small one-room schoolhouses were glorified shacks. Most are gone, but four remain now as private houses. Where are they?

(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)

When friends, neighbors, or relatives move, downsize, or just clean house, *please* ask them to think of the West Stockbridge Historical Society before they discard any old books, pictures, postcards, letters, or memorabilia of the Town of West Stockbridge. Email info@weststockbridgehistory.org or call (413) 232-4270.



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Kathleen Yes
All non- paid annual appointments Approved.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to appoint the list of Community Preservation Committee members which Marie read.

Roll Call Vote:
Andy Potter Yes
Andy Krouss Yes
Kathleen Yes

All Community Preservation Committee Appointments Approved.

Discussion/Vote to hold a Special Town Meeting – Marie

Marie requested that the Board vote to hold a Special Town Meeting on Monday, June 27th at 6 PM to cover the fiscal 2022 year-end budgets.

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to schedule a Special Town Meeting for Monday, June 27th at 6 PM to cover the fiscal 2022 year-end budget.

Roll Call Vote:
Andy Potter Yes
Andy Krouss Yes
Kathleen Yes

Motion Approved.

Select Board Speak:

Andy Krouss thanked all the voters in Town for their support. He also thanked past Select Board members, Eric Shimelonis and Roger Kavanagh for their service to the Town.

Andy Potter thanked Marie, Town Clerk Ronni Barrett, and the Registrars of Voters for all their hard work for the elections. He also thanked the Parks & Recreation Commissioners and the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a great Memorial Day Parade and ceremony at Town Hall. He was honored to participate.

Kathleen stated that she and Marie have been discussing how to proceed with the new Board members to get them up to speed and informed on what each department does at Town Hall as well as who works for the Town. Marie will begin scheduling different department heads to speak at future Select Board meetings.

Citizen Speak:

Jon Piasecki informed the Board that he plans on bringing forward a Host Community Agreement for approval from the Board in the near future. One of the requirements within this application is to hold a community outreach informational meeting which he hopes to have sooner rather than later.

Joe Roy, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, thanked the Board for a good meeting. He stated that the traffic study done a few years ago on Main street had a large amount of very useful data and he is happy to see one planned for the Williamsville area.

Roger kavanagh stated that the Town has created a process for an HCA application and hopes that Jon will be using that as he proceeds with his application.

Andy Potter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Krouss at 7:23 PM.

Roll call vote;
Andy Krouss Yes
Andy Potter Yes
Kathleen Yes

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan
Town Administrator

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2022**

Quorum present: Select Board Members Kathleen Keresey, Chair, Andrew Potter and Andrew Krouss and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and listed Select Board members present.

Kathleen noted that Citizen Speak will be at the beginning of the meetings in order for them to speak to any agenda item listed prior to the Board discussing and voting on each item.

Citizen Speak:

Joe Roy, Jr. asked if all Board/Committee meetings can be hybrid once the special State provision expires on July 15, 2022. Marie said yes, meetings may be hybrid as long as a quorum is physically present at the meeting location. Joe also asked that people be able to speak at the end of the meetings as well in case they may have more to say after the meeting is over.

Roger Manzolini, Chair of the Richmond Selectmen, spoke to the Board and welcomed the new members and introduced himself and his Board members, Alan Hanson and Neal Pilson. He stated that Richmond and West Stockbridge have a great working relationship and he hopes it continues with the new Board.

Approval of Minutes:

Andy Potter made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to approve the minutes of June 6, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:
Andy Potter Yes
Andy Krouss Yes
Kathleen Yes
Minutes Approved.

Town Administrator Update:

Marie explained to the Board that she has been working with Danielle Filio, Richmond Town Administrator, to create a shared ambulance service which includes hiring two full time EMTs. With the help of Austin White, an EMT in Richmond, Danielle and Marie have worked on the financial and logistical issues. After reviewing the benefits for each Town, it has been determined that the best way to proceed would be for Richmond to employ both EMTs so they have the same benefits. Richmond will bill West Stockbridge for their share of the cost. Once the agreement is finalized, Marie will ask the Board to vote to approve the agreement and sign it to enable Richmond to proceed with hiring the new employees.

Finance Committee New Member Appointment:

Bob Salerno, Finance Committee Chair, requested that the Board appoint Steve Sautman as the new Finance Committee member due to the resignation of Andy Krouss.

Andy Potter made a motion to appoint Steve Sautman as a Finance Committee member until the next Annual Town Election, seconded by Andy Krouss.

Roll Call Vote:
Andy Potter Yes
Andy Krouss Yes
Kathleen Yes
Appointment Approved.

Keresey Field Dedication: Kevin Larkin, Baseball Historian and Author

Kevin Larkin informed the Board that he will be holding a Keresey Baseball Field Dedication on July 6, 2022 at 5 PM followed by a reception at Chrissey Farm in Great Barrington at 5:30 PM. He explained that the field has a lot of history related to the Town of West Stockbridge and many local families. Gene Dellea had given Kevin some background information about the field a few years ago and Kevin became very interested and conducted more research himself into the history of the field and wrote a book about it. With the help of many local businesses by way of raffle

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Keresey Field Historical Sign Dedicated

By John Parker

A roadside historical sign marking the site of Keresey Field, home to Troy's Garage semi-pro baseball team from 1934 to 1941, was installed and dedicated on July 6. The site is on state land at the Flat Brook Wildlife Management Area off Route 41, about a quarter mile north of the village.

An appreciative crowd was on hand for the dedication, including baseball historian Kevin Larkin, Rep. William "Smitty" Pignatelli, and Kathleen Keresey, Select Board chair and grandniece of Joe Keresey, owner of the property at the time. Larkin requested permission and raised the funds to install the sign following publication of his book, *Big Time Baseball in a Small Berkshire County Town: A History of the Troy's Garage Semi-Pro Baseball Team*.

Troy's team, known as the Garagemen, played exhibition games against major-league teams such as the Philadelphia Athletics, Boston Braves, and Cincinnati Redlegs, as well as teams from the Negro Leagues and local and regional teams.



Baseball historian Kevin Larkin (at right) joined by Rep. "Smitty" Pignatelli and Select Board chair Kathleen Keresey. Photo by Bob Salerno

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donations, he was able to raise enough money to purchase an historical plaque which will be placed on a post at the Field Dedication. He invited the Board and everyone interested to attend and looks forward to seeing everyone.

Kathleen thanked Kevin for his work on this and encouraged everyone to attend.

Foundry Sign Permit: Amy Brentano, Foundry Owner

Amy Brentano requested a sign permit for a vinyl sign hanging on a wooden wall on her property.

Kathleen made a motion to approve the sign permit, seconded by Andy Krouss.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Krouss	Yes
Andy Potter	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

Sign Permit Approved.

One Day Liquor License & Permission to post signs on Town Property: Margie Skaggs, Guild of Berkshire Artists

Margie Skaggs, Member of the Guild of Berkshire Artists, requested a one-day liquor license and permission to post signage on Town property for their event at the old Town Hall. The event will be held on July 9th from 3 PM – 5 PM. She requested permission to post small signs on Town properties for approximately three weeks beginning this week through July 8th to advertise their event.

Andy Potter made a motion to approve a one-day liquor license for the Guild of Berkshire Artists event on July 9th, and permission to post signs on Town property for three weeks prior, seconded by Andy Krouss.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Krouss	Yes
Andy Potter	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

One-day liquor license and permission for signs to be placed on Town properties, Approved.

Police Department Update and Appointment: Police Chief Marc Portieri

Marc spoke to the Board about a discussion held with the previous Select Board regarding hiring two additional full-time officers. He stated that he would like the Board to approve the appointment of Michael Renton as the new Sergeant and Curt Wilton, III and Lauren Nelson as the two new full-time officers to the Department. Marc explained doing this will enable him to have 24/7 coverage in the Town and be able to use the part-time officers to fill in for vacations, absences, and details.

Andy Krouss made a motion to approve the appointment of Michael Renton as the new Sergeant and Curt Wilton, III and Lauren Nelson as the two new full-time officers as recommended by the Police Chief, Marc Portieri, seconded by Andy Potter.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Krouss	Yes
Andy Potter	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

Appointments Approved.

Shared Human Resource Employee Agreement; Marie Ryan, Town Administrator

Marie explained to the Board that she has been working with the Towns of Great Barrington, Monterey, New Marlborough and Sheffield to hire a shared Human Resource employee. They have recently hired Sophia Bletsos and she will begin working on July 5th. Sophia will be employed by West Stockbridge for two hours a week on average. Marie will sign the Intermunicipal Agreement and asked the Board if they any questions or concerns. There were no questions asked.

Select Board Speak:

Andy Potter noted that there is an event happening this Sunday, June 26th at Card Pond for the opening of the summer season. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Kathleen asked the Board members to please review and update themselves with the Police Union contract that is currently being negotiated. She said there is a lot of background information that they may want to get up to speed on.

Kathleen also encouraged residents to please contact the Select Board or the Town Administrator if they have any concerns or questions about what is happening in Town. Kathleen noted that she has seen many incorrect statements on social media and discouraged people from posting unless they were sure that what they were posting was true and verified. The Board is happy to answer any questions to ensure that the public has real facts on any given issue.

Kathleen then, allowed anyone to speak at this time if they had any additional comments.

Roger Manzolini, again welcomed the new Board members and said Richmond will help in any way they need. He looks forward to continuing to work with West Stockbridge.

Andy Potter made a motion to adjourned, seconded by Andy Krouss.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Krouss	Yes
Andy Potter	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan
Town Administrator

**Select Board Special Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2022**

Quorum present: Select Board Members Kathleen Keresey, Chair, Andrew Potter and Andrew Krouss and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

Others Present: Lucy Prashker, Chair and Peter Taylor, Vice Chair of the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board and Jake Eberwein, Consultant.

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and listed Select Board members present.

Marie introduced Lucy Prashker, Chair and Peter Taylor, Vice Chair of the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board along with consultant Jake Eberwein.

Lucy informed the Board that the Planning Board hired the research team headed by Jake Eberwein in June 2021. This team was charged with providing different models for the Planning Board to review and vote on the best overall model they feel will work for the Towns. The Planning Board voted on the model which the research team suggested as the preferred model. The model suggested would merge the 8 Towns into one district, maintain all the elementary and middle schools in their current place and merge the two high schools into one new high school on the Monument Mountain Regional High School campus. This model would expand educational opportunities through expanded programs and providing 8 vocational programs. Financially, it could save money through alignment of resources.

Lucy and Jake noted that there is a lot of work ahead for the Planning Board, especially with working on transportation planning and additional community outreach. The next step for the Planning Board will be to draft a new 8 Town agreement for the residents of the 8 Towns to vote on at their 2023 Annual Town Meetings.

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Great Blue Heron on Williams River.
Photo by Margie Skaggs

Grant to Support Healthy Aquatic Systems and Biodiversity

By Kelley Hall, Housatonic Valley Association

The Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) recently received a three-year grant that supports healthy aquatic systems and improved biodiversity in Berkshire County, two critical elements that effectively address climate change. HVA is partnering with several organizations on these aquatic restoration projects, helping not only to conserve the natural heritage of the Berkshires but also reduce the risk of flooding, protect water quality, and make sure better opportunities for outdoor recreation are available for residents and visitors.

On behalf of the Berkshire Clean, Cold, and Connected (BCCC) Restoration Partnership, the HVA has entered into a three-year Cooperative Agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) to support healthy aquatic systems and address climate change in Berkshire County.

The Cooperative Agreement is expected to provide approximately \$350,000 in grant funding to support a new BCCC Restoration Partnership coordinator position, based in HVA's Stockbridge office, and further aquatic habitat enhancement projects like culvert replacement and stream restoration. Funds were awarded by DER through its new Regional Restoration Partnerships Program, aimed at helping nonprofits and regional planning agencies increase their capacity to collaborate and advance ecological restoration work.

"If we want to effectively conserve aquatic biodiversity in the Berkshires in a changing climate, we've got to build capacity within and collaboration between conservation practitioners already doing great work to right-size culverts, remove dams, and restore streams and wetlands. We also need to bring other partners in to make these projects successful in the long term," said Mike Jastremski, director of HVA's Watershed Conservation.

The BCCC Restoration Partnership is a network of key stakeholders in Berkshire County—organizations, agencies, and communities—working to keep the Hoosic, Housatonic, and Farmington River watersheds healthy and thriving. BCCC Restoration Partnership organizations include Trout Unlimited (TU), Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC), Hoosic River Watershed Association (HooRWA), Farmington River Watershed Association (FRWA), and Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT).

In the first year, the BCCC Restoration Partnership will identify, develop, and prioritize aquatic habitat restoration opportunities to create a Restoration Partnership Action Plan for the region that includes the Housatonic, Hoosic, and Farmington River watersheds within Berkshire County.

The BCCC Restoration Partnership is a collaboration between Berkshire County conservation practitioners, local and regional stakeholders, and the Massachusetts Department of Ecological Restoration to build regional capacity to plan and implement critical ecological restoration projects. The work of the BCCC Restoration Partnership is meant to restore degraded aquatic ecosystems and increase climate change resiliency across its 766-square-mile Partnership Region in Berkshire County, including the Hoosic, Housatonic, and Farmington River watersheds.

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Peter Taylor commented that community outreach over the next couple of months will be key to getting approval of the model. He will be working on several different formats, such as surveys, focus groups to include students, staff and teachers as well as media resources. The benefits of the suggested model include a larger, more diverse student body and increased vocational and technology offerings. The many concerns include class size, the impact on teachers and staff, and transportation. Looking ahead there will be more public meetings, an effort to involve students and address their concerns as well as understanding both school cultures.

As for the educational aspect of the model, Jake believes this model will pull out the best of both current districts. The team will need to dig deep to understand what the needs are of both communities, what their shared values are and to get everyone to work together to make the new school district their own together.

Andy Potter asked if there has been any outreach to the Towns outside of the district, such as tuition agreement Towns. Jake responded that the research team was only assigned to look specifically at the 8 Towns but that they did expand the footprint. The team did recommend to the Planning Board to look at the tuition agreements and the different fees to charge each Town outside of the district. Andy then inquired if the model would have any impact to the transportation Chapter 71 money the district receives. Jake explained that currently the district receives about 70% of the transportation costs. He feels that this model would increase the chances of possibility receiving 100% due to the bargaining power that includes incentives of a shared district.

Kathleen asked what the Planning Board needs the Select Board to be doing to assist. Lucy suggested appointing another person the Planning Board since Roger Kavanagh has moved and his position should be filled for the Town of West Stockbridge. She also commented that if the Select Board has any new ideas to pass them along, especially if any comments or ideas come from the community.

The Select Board thanked Lucy, Peter and Jake for their presentation and update.

Andy Potter made a motion to adjourned, seconded by Andy Krouss.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Krouss	Yes
Andy Potter	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan
Town Administrator

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2022**

Quorum present: Select Board Members Kathleen Keresey, Chair, Andrew Potter and Andrew Krouss and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and listed Select Board members present.

Kathleen mentioned that Anna Ambrose, who recently passed away, was a lifetime member of the community in West Stockbridge. She was an EMT in Town and the face of the Public Market for many years. Anna was always willing to help anyone and always greeted you with a smile. She will be greatly missed.

Citizen Speak:

Frank Landsberger spoke on behalf of Joe Roy, Jr. and stated that they have been working on the Noise Bylaw per a request from the Select

Board months ago. Kathleen requested that they put their research and findings in writing and then present to the Select Board as an agenda item in the future.

Conservation Commission: Update from Chair John Masiero

John Masiero, Conservation Commission Chair stated that the Commission has been working quietly in the background. Their jurisdiction is predicated by State law and they do not have too much contact with other Boards or Committees. The majority of their work has to do with reviewing any issues related to the Wetlands Protection Act and striving for more open space and saving natural resources. The Commission only meets as needed. Kathleen thanked John for his update.

Host Community Agreement (HCA)– Jon Piasecki

Jon Piasecki requested that his Host Community Agreement be approved by the Board. The location for this project is on Baker Street and permission for this site has been recently approved at the Annual Town Meeting 2022.

Jon introduced his business partner, David Jadow who owns the property where the project will be located on Baker Street.

Jon explained to the Board that there are two separate tracks that need to take place for this project. The first is local control which is what he is asking for from the Board. If the Board agrees to the HCA, this would allow Town Counsel to approve an agreement between Jon and the Town. Once this HCA is signed, Jon will then will need to apply for a special permit from the Planning Board, followed by an application to the State Cannabis Control Commission for a license to proceed with his project.

Included in the agreement will be a 3% payment to the Town as well as a “Good Guy” clause that will ensure a locked in 3% for the Town even if the business is sold. Jon and David also would like to include an additional donation to the Town to be used to start up the Zucchini Festival again or to be used as a scholarship for local students.

Jon informed the Board that he will most likely deactivate his current business, Wisear Farm, which will enable him and David to invest in the much larger farm on Baker Street.

Jon reviewed his site plan map with the Board. The site includes landscaping, fencing and additional trees for screening to assist with minimizing the sight and smell of the plants. The property will also include a steel building with solar panels and a parking lot for 8-10 vehicles, of which both need to be approved by the Planning Board. The property will also have a security system that includes invisible infrared lighting and cameras. The property is a 26-acre lot and the planting only be spread out over 6 acres, which is the maximum 100,000 tier level that the State allows. Jon and David have been working on new technology that will also assist them in producing new strains of plants that can be used for medicinal purposes.

Jon expects to hire a diverse group of 10-20 people which will include a lab manager and a security manager. He hopes to allow for profit sharing at some point as well.

Kathleen then requested more time to review the plans and asked Jon to come back at the next meeting for the Board to vote. Jon agreed to return at the next meeting. Kathleen asked the Board to table this item until the July 18th meeting, all agreed.

Andy Potter made a motion to adjourned, seconded by Andy Krouss.

Roll Call Vote:

Andy Krouss	Yes
Andy Potter	Yes
Kathleen	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan
Town Administrator

West Stockbridge Chamber Players Offer a Powerful and Uplifting Concert in Support of Ukraine

By Liza Bennett

On a lovely Sunday afternoon in late June, West Stockbridge Historical Society President Robert Salerno welcomed an eager audience to the Old Town Hall, announcing it would be the West Stockbridge Chamber Player's 33rd benefit concert for the Campaign to Restore the Old Town Hall. He mentioned that the event, also organized to help raise money for Ukraine, would be followed by a guided tour of TurnPark Art Space that has led a donation drive for much needed relief funds for that besieged country.

Catherine Hudgins, the Chamber Players' artistic director, took the stage and explained that, as in all the programs she curates for the group, she likes to explore connections and themes in the music to be performed. In putting together this concert for Ukraine, she found that Franz Xaver Wolfgang Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus's son, had settled in Lemberg (now Lviv), where he founded the first music school in that city. This was also the first Chamber Players concert to feature a father and son; Franz Mozart's Quartet in G minor, Op. 1, which Hudgins had arranged for clarinet, would be followed by W.A. Mozart's Larghetto from the Clarinet Quintet in A major, K. 581.

Arvo Pärt's *Psalom for String Quartet* was next on the program. Pärt, an Estonian, had broadcast his support for Ukraine in a powerful speech that included "We bow before your bravery, bravery in the face of nearly unbearable suffering." The Ukrainian composer Evgeni Orkin's Quintet for Clarinet and String Quartet, Op. 43, with a second movement that echoed W.A. Mozart's Larghetto, concluded the concert.

This inspiring program was beautifully performed by clarinetist Catherine Hudgins, violinists Sarah Atwood and Amy Sims, violist Nathaniel Farny, and cellist William Rounds. Before the final piece by Evgeni Orkin, Ms. Hudgins said that she had been in touch with the composer, who told her how he hoped his music would help give the people of Ukraine a voice. His three-part quintet opened with music interspersed with poetry from the Japanese poet Shōtetsu. Historical Society board member Sybil Pollet supplied moving translations, as well as a dramatic reading of the poems.



Catherine Hudgins addresses the audience.
Photo by Robert Salerno



Sybil Pollet reading her translation of the poetry of Shōtetsu.
Photo by Carol Kuller



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Berkshire Bank Volunteer Day

By Bob Salerno

Every June, Berkshire Bank closes its offices and branches for one afternoon, and all staff and management volunteer to help in their communities. XTEAM is a nationally acclaimed employee volunteer program to help nonprofits improve their facilities, redirect resources to other mission critical projects, offer higher quality services, and achieve their missions. This year the West Stockbridge Historical Society was fortunate to be selected as one of the groups to receive help.

We drafted a long list of tasks, inside and out, for work in and on the Old Town Hall and its grounds. The building had been dormant through COVID, and it showed. A lot of maintenance needed to be done, various so-called relics had been accumulated that weren't that historic (like any old attic or basement), and we had a lot of outdoor cleanup that is needed every spring.

On a beautiful spring Wednesday, an amazing crew of twelve bank volunteers showed up, had lunch on the picnic tables at the Overlook, and then began work. What a great team! They worked with a lot of energy and good humor, knocked off the full-page list of tasks we had drawn up, and came back for more. These were some of the chores:

UPPER LEVEL: OVERLOOK PARK

- ✓ Spreading mulch and weeding the upper parking lot
- ✓ Trimming the bushes between the upper parking lot and the Masonic Lodge
- ✓ Weeding and relocating planters

LOWER LEVEL: REAR

- ✓ Spreading and raking a full (and heavy) truckload of pea stone to create a new outdoor break area
- ✓ Clearing litter in the town parking lot adjacent to our building

BUILDING:

- ✓ Removing old Christmas lights on the front of the building
- ✓ Washing first-floor windows (untouched for probably 50 years!)
- ✓ Sorting, boxing, and moving old law books from the treasurer's office, making them ready for donating
- ✓ Cleaning out the old police evidence storage room and discarding trash
- ✓ Cleaning up dropped paint chips from the library ceiling
- ✓ Resetting chairs for a jazz concert in Vaber Hall.

The volunteers did more than 50 man-and-woman hours of hard work, and the results are clear. The Old Town Hall has never looked so good, both inside and out. We really appreciate our partnership with Berkshire Bank and their commitment to the West Stockbridge community.

The group was assisted by our great members, Vaunie Graulty, Andy Krouss, John Masiero, Lisa Parker, and Jill Pixley, as well as the West Stockbridge Highway Department. You couldn't ask for a better group of people!



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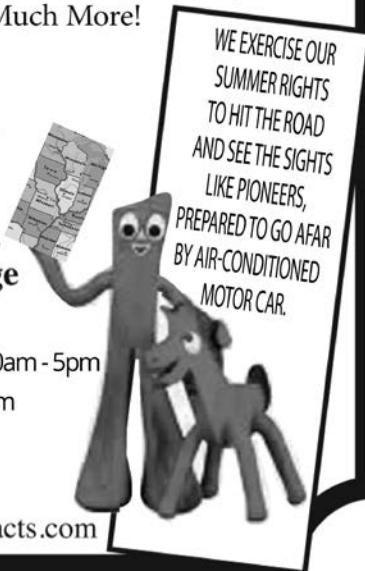
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So much summer fun is happening at the library this month!

Kids of all ages are invited to find the library fox, who will be hiding in a new spot each week.

ALSO: Miss Vicky's Tuesday 3 pm story times will conclude with a very special Kindness Rock craft event. Please join us!

We look forward to seeing you soon! Vicky, Rachel, and Brad

NEW ADULT FICTION

- Baldacci, *6:20 Man: A Thriller*
- Castillo, *Hidden One: A Novel of Suspense*
- Harper, *Wolf Den: Volume 1*
- Hilderbrand, *Hotel Nantucket*
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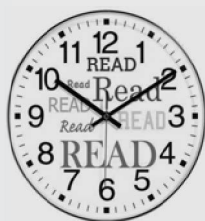
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- Holes, *Unmasked: My Life Solving America's Cold Cases*
- Kimmerle, *We Carry Their Bones: The Search for Justice at the Dozier School for Boys*
- Leibovich, *Thank You for Your Servitude: Donald Trump's Washington and the Price of Submission*
- Miles, *Trailed: One Woman's Quest to Solve the Shenandoah Murders*
- Seabrook, *One Person, One Vote: A Surprising History of Gerrymandering in America*
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August 9th



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1. Which resident was given high praise for decorating West Stockbridge flower boxes and also decorating for the holidays?
2. Who displayed a series of polar bear photography taken during a 2011 expedition to Churchill, Manitoba? Where was the presentation held?
3. What parcel was the first phase of a large acquisition project?
4. Where was the second land acquisition?

1. Lisa Parker
2. R.M. Hungate, the West Stockbridge library, on January 18, 2013
3. The 273-acre Flat Brook Wildlife Management Area (WMA) project that was partnered with the Berkshire National Resources Council and purchased in June 2011
4. The 190 acres of land along Maple Hill Road in West Stockbridge

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History Quiz Answer:



State Line School. Photo courtesy of West Stockbridge Historical Society

The seven school districts corresponded to the town's neighborhoods or hamlets where people were concentrated around the industries: State Line, West Center/Maple Hill, West Center-Four Corners, Williamsville, Freedleyville, Village Center, and Leete Ore Bed (the intersection of West Center Road/Route 102). Each district collected its own school tax and used that to build the schoolhouse and pay the teachers. The schools were heated by wood (or coal, if they were lucky). Privies were outside, and there was no insulation in the walls or roof. There was never enough money to maintain the buildings properly and pay the teachers. Surprisingly, many of these buildings were in use until the 1920s.

Four remaining structures survived fires and winter storms. The Williamsville and the West Center/Maple Hill Road schools were built with brick, not wood, and they are still standing. The State Line Road and Freedleyville (East Alford Road) schools were built with typical wood siding and survived. Both were closed as schools before the others, taken over by the town, and later sold to private parties.

The village center had an elementary school, intermediate school, and the higher grade school. Initially they were in the commercial buildings or houses on Main Street. In 1877, a new four-room school was built on the field next to the Congregational Church, replacing an earlier school. The new building accommodated all the Village Center grades with an average of 104 students. The Leete Ore Bed school had an average of 70 students. Class size was never mentioned as an issue. It wasn't until 1935 that the last one-room school was closed and students were transported to the village school in town.

Community News & Events

Due to the coronavirus health situation, 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.

Stockbridge Grange Dinner

No public dinners will be served at the Stockbridge Grange during July and August.

Council on Aging

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The Knitters Group

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2022

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August 5, TKG First Friday Reception,
5-8pm. "Mosaic" featuring Leslie Alfin &
Karen Dolmanisth. TKG Realty in Pittsfield.
Zoom link available.

August 6, Urban Sketching, 9-11am. Join
Jill Gustavis to have fun sketching/painting
around Pittsfield's downtown. See website
for how to register.

August 10, Monthly Meeting, 4-6:30pm.
TBD. Register for in person or zoom
attendance.

August 14, Potluck, 4-5pm. Join hosts
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August 16, Best Practices, 3pm. Panel
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August 2022 Calendar of Events	Due to the coronavirus health situation, 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.			
	8/1	Select Board meeting	6 pm	See town website for details
	8/4	Farmers Market	3–6 pm	The Foundry Green, Harris Street
	8/5	Cemetery Commissioners meeting	9 am	Rockdale Cemetery, Route 41
	8/10	COA luncheon	12 noon	Town Offices, 21 State Line Road
	8/11	Farmers Market	3–6 pm	The Foundry Green, Harris Street
	8/15	*** Deadline for the next Local Yokel ***		Send to info@thelocalyokel.org
	8/15	Select Board meeting	6 pm	See town website for details
	8/18	Farmers Market	3–6 pm	The Foundry Green, Harris Street
	8/25	Farmers Market	3–6 pm	The Foundry Green, Harris Street
	8/27	Book Sale	9 am–4 pm	Town Offices Gymnasium, 21 State Line Road
	8/27	WSHS Yoko Miwa Trio Jazz concert	7 pm	The Foundry, 2 Harris Street
	8/29	Select Board meeting	6 pm	See town website for details