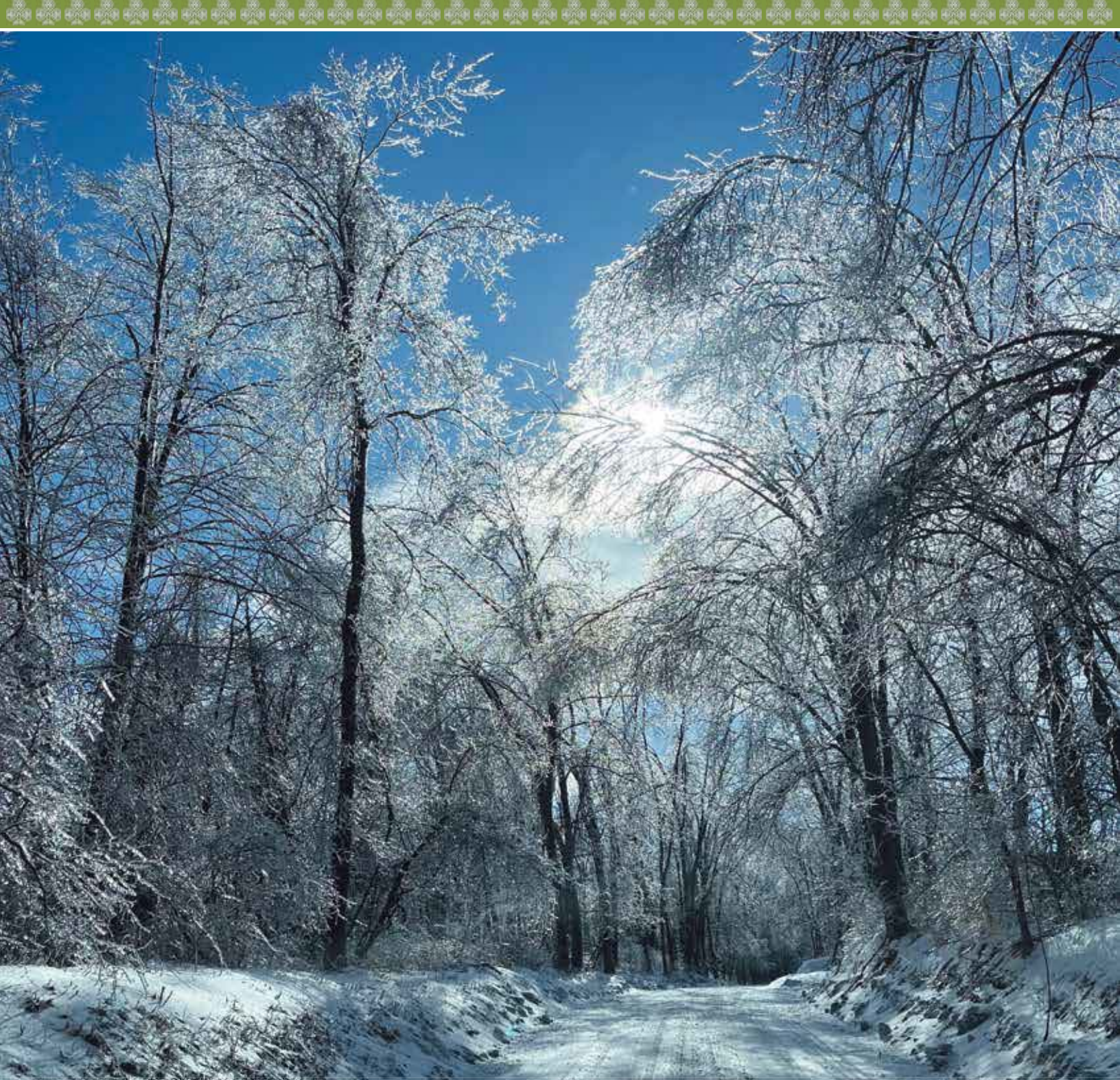


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# Select Board Meeting Minutes

[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 January 13, 2022

**Quorum present:** Eric Shimelonis, Select Board Chair and Member Roger Kavanagh, Kathleen Keresev and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

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

### Open Public Hearing for 5 Albany Road Cafe:

5 Albany Road Café LLC asked the Town Administrator what would be required of them to open a restaurant at 5 Albany Road. Marie discussed this with Brian DuVal, Building Inspector, who advised that they would need a special permit from the Select Board for the restaurant. At that time, Roger Kavanagh did some research with the assistance of the Planning Board Chair, Dana Bixby. They were able to locate an approved special permit attached to the property in 1999, suggesting that there was no further need for a special permit from the Select Board. The Board decided to make sure this was the case and discussed this with Town Counsel who confirmed that the applicant did not need to apply for a new special permit from the Select Board.

Roger and the Board expressed appreciation to Dana Bixby for her assistance as well as Brian DuVal.

Eric then read the letter from Bridget Cappel, Manager of 5 Albany Road Café;

*We request to withdraw our application for a special permit for a restaurant at 5 Albany Road as it appears it is not required by the Town for this property. Please accept our request.*

The public hearing was closed and Eric made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to accept the applicants request to withdraw their application for a special permit from the Select Board.

Roll call vote;

Roger Yes Kathleen Yes Eric Yes

Kathleen made a motion to adjourn at 6:04 PM, seconded by Roger.

Roll call vote;

Roger Yes Kathleen Yes Eric Yes

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie Y. Ryan*

Town Administrator

Documents:

-Special Permit Application by 5 Albany Road Café for Restaurant at 5 Albany Road

-Letter to withdraw special permit application from 5 Albany Road Café.

## Select Board Meeting Minutes January 18, 2022

**Quorum present:** Eric Shimelonis, Select Board Chair and Member Roger Kavanagh, Kathleen Keresev and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

**Others Present:** Police Chief Marc Portieri, Director of Public Works, Curt Wilton and Steve Mack from Foresight Land Services.

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

### Hazard Mitigation Plan – Steve Mack, Foresight Land Services

Steve Mack stated that the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town is a requirement for each Town to enable them to qualify for grants through FEMA and MEMA. This plan reviews possible threats and contains recommendations to minimize the effects of different hazardous events by category. This plan is meant to be reviewed, revisited and changed by the Town as often as needed. In the back of the Plan is a summary of all the possible hazards and recommended actions for West Stockbridge and a separate section throughout the Plan with expanded information on each type of hazard. There are currently two bridge listed which require replacement/repair for capital planning in the future located at West Center Road bridge (5 year plan) and Cone Hill Road bridge (3 year plan). Steve said this Plan could be used for Capital Planning for the Town working along with the Hazard Mitigation Committee to prioritize projects.

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**ADVISORY REGARDING FACE COVERINGS**  
**This Advisory has been updated as of February 14, 2021**

The Department of Public Health urges all eligible residents to get vaccinated and stay up to date on COVID vaccinations, including when eligible for booster doses. Vaccination remains the most effective protection against serious illness, hospitalization, and death.

Recognizing that Massachusetts is a national leader in vaccine acceptance, and in light of recent positive progress on COVID-19 indicators, the Department of Public Health now advises that a fully vaccinated person should wear a mask or face covering when indoors (and not in your own home) if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease or is unvaccinated.

As a reminder, there are multiple conditions that may put someone at higher risk for severe disease; information on those conditions can be found on the [Centers for Disease Control and Preventions website](https://www.cdc.gov). Your primary care physician can advise you whether you are at increased risk.

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- Be the highest quality mask that is comfortable and that you will wear consistently,
- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face,
- Be secured with ties or ear loops,

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Roger asked Steve if this document could be used by the Emergency Management Director. Steve responded that this document can be used as a guideline for the process during a hazardous event for the Director. The Director could create a shorter document from this Plan.

Eric thanked Steve for creating this useful document in a short time frame.

Eric made a motion, seconded by Roger, to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2021.

Roll call vote:

Roger Yes Kathleen Yes Eric Yes  
Plan Adopted.

**TurnPark Annual Entertainment License – Jared Gelormino, Manager**  
Marie mailed notices to all abutters of TurnPark to notify them of the discussion and vote tonight on the Annual Entertainment License for TurnPark. She did not receive any comments, calls or letters in return about this license.

Truc Nguyen asked Jared if there will be a cut off time for ending the music and Jared replied that most events are planned to end early, about 8:30-9 PM. He stated they only plan on holding one large event in June for the summer solstice which will go until about 10 PM.

Curt Wilton asked Jared to maintain control of the parking situation during the events. Curt said in the past they have done a good job on Moscow Road with parking and requested them to continue this way. Jared hopes to improve the parking situation by adding temporary lighting as well as more signage.

Roger told the Board that he felt that since the Foundry has restrictions on their Entertainment License that possibly the same restrictions should be attached to the License for TurnPark. Eric disagreed. He felt that the restrictions attached to the Entertainment License for the Foundry were

created by the two attorneys involved in the conflict during the Special Permit Process. There was no public process in the creation of those restrictions, nor did the Select Board have any role in shaping them, and they should not apply to other Licensees. Kathleen agreed with Eric. Eric explained that the Town has been working on creating a new and more substantial noise bylaw that will allow all businesses (and residents) to have a clear and uniform set of rules to adhere to, and give our Police Chief a clear method of enforcement. Public input and a majority vote at the Annual Town Meeting are critical to this process.

Eric made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to approve the Annual Entertainment License for TurnPark.

Roll call vote:

Roger Yes Kathleen Yes Eric Yes  
Motion Passed.

**Traffic issue in Town – Kathleen Keresey and Police Chief Marc Portieri**  
Kathleen expressed her continued concerns in regards to truck traffic and speeding throughout the Town that is an issue of safety as well as quality of life. Marc was asked to respond with his thoughts on how to best deal with these issues.

Marc explained that the Town normally has one officer working per shift and that officer does some traffic patrol but has all the other responsibilities to attend to as well while on shift. He does understand the frustration in Town with speeders. Once they know where the radar is set up they slow down then speed up after they go by. He also stated that due to the noise that the large trucks make, it sounds like they are speeding but they really are not. Marc said he is open to whatever process the Board would like him impose but it will be difficult with only one officer per shift. Eric explained that they all need to work together and come up with some solutions. There is a quality of life and safety issue that needs attention.

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Roger and Eric suggested that Marc include in his budget a line item for an extra officer each shift or a portion of each shift to just do traffic patrol, possibly during the busiest traffic hours. Roger suggested the use of the Part Time officers that do not want to attend the Bridge Academy to cover some shifts. Marc had previously mentioned that those officers would be given hours strictly for patrol. The Board agreed there is an issue that needs a solution and that if it requires a cost then the Town should try it for a year and see if it helps with the traffic issues.

Kathleen suggested using the traffic study that was completed in October 2020 on Main Street to determine a time frame for when the Officers should patrol Main Street. The Board discussed non-enforcement traffic calming as well such as speed bumps. These speed bumps would be seasonal. Curt cautioned the Board about placement of these speed bumps. He suggested a large community meeting for input in regards to the location of them due to the noise and possible complaints by the residents. He felt that once you get the community input then that is something the Town could install and see how that works.

Eric requested that the Board and Marc try to embrace some “out-of-the-box” thinking and come up with some innovative to address these problems, and the Board will revisit this issue in a month.

**Special Permit Process – Roger Kavanagh**

Roger requested to table this agenda item until the next meeting. The Board agreed to table this item.

**Right of Way – Town Aquifer – Roger Kavanagh**

Roger shared his screen to show a map of the Town Aquifer which is on two separate Town owned parcels of land (T1 and T2) off of Swamp Road. The parcel labeled T2 is approximately 9.6 acres and includes a right of way easement that was conveyed to the Town in 1994. This right of way

is restricted for use of the Town well. The T1 parcel was deeded to the Town in 1995 however, that deed did not include any language in regards to an easement or right of way. Roger explained that Town Counsel has suggested that the Town add an easement to the language of the deed for parcel T1 to make it a clean deed for permeant access to parcel T1.

Eric made a motion, seconded by Roger, to add language to the deed for parcel T1 for an access easement of parcel T1 to parcel T2.

Roll Call Vote:

Roger Yes Kathleen Yes Eric Yes

Motion passed.

Roger will begin looking into another right of way located on Lenox Road. He currently has information from the Assessor’s Office and will get a letter together with his information to send to Town Counsel to review soon.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Eric made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to approve the minutes from November 15, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Roger Yes Kathleen Yes Eric Yes

Eric made a motion, seconded by Roger to approve the minutes from December 13, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Abstain – Not present at that meeting

Roger Yes

Eric Yes

Eric made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to approve the minutes from January 3, 2022.

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People in West Stockbridge, as in many towns, bypassed the Prohibition restrictions as much as their urban counterparts. Fortunately, we didn't have the organized crime and murders featured in the Hollywood movies. However, we did have one major source of notoriety not found in other western Massachusetts towns. What was our claim to fame?

(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)

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Roll Call Vote:

Roger Yes Kathleen Yes Eric Yes

**Town Administrator Update:**

Marie informed the Board that the Town approved \$10,000 to purchase Moscow Road property at the Annual Town Meeting in 2018. The Town also, approved an additional \$12,000 for additional closing costs of the Moscow Road property purchase. To date, the Town has paid Town Counsel \$1000 and Foresight Land Services \$6741.75 leaving an approximate remaining amount of \$16,853. Roger had inquired about the additional costs and how much had been spent to date. Roger's concern was whether or not that additional cost was suppose to pay the legal fees for National Grid, which is what he believes that Town Counsel stated. Marie will look further into the matter and get back to the Board.

Marie asked the Board if they would like her to mail out the Town Reports this year as some residents requested last year. Marie explained that previously the Town had 800-1000 copies mailed out to the residents of which more than half were placed in the recycle bins at the Post Office. Last year Marie purchased 500, handed them out at Town meeting and Town Election and still had about 100 left over. After a short discussion, the Board and Marie agreed to stay with the process used last year but to also mail out postcards to the residents to notify them that the books are available and where to pick one up or request one be mailed to them. Marie will mail the postcards out around April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Marie explained that the Police Union, which was official in October 2020, currently does not have a contract. The Town will begin contract negotiations the week of February 7<sup>th</sup>. The Board asked Roger to work with Marie on the Union Contract.

**Select Board Speak:**

Roger reminded the board that it is time to complete Marie's annual review. He asked the Board to think about how they would like to proceed with that and discuss the process at the next meeting.

**Citizen Speak:**

Amy Brentano, owner of the Foundry, asked the Board why they did not put any restrictions on the Annual Entertainment License for TurnPark, similar to the ones placed on the Foundry's Entertainment License. Eric reiterated that the restrictions on her Entertainment License were a product of a private negotiation, and not something that the Board created, nor that a public process approved. The Board does not want to unilaterally place unvetted restrictions on all the licenses. Eric reiterated that the Town hopes to have a new bylaw voted on at the Annual Town Meeting to address all noise issues in town. The result of that public process should apply to everyone equally.

Kathleen made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 PM, seconded by Roger.

Roll Call Vote:

Roger Yes Kathleen Yes Eric Yes

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie Y. Ryan*

Town Administrator

Documents:

- Minutes from November 15, December 13, 2021 and January 3, 2022
- Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021
- Annual Entertainment License Application from TurnPark
- Right of Way information on Town Aquifer

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**Select Board Meeting Minutes  
January 31, 2022**

**Quorum present:** Eric Shimelonis, Select Board Chair and Member Roger Kavanagh, Kathleen Kersey and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

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

**National Grid Pole Location – Steve Hayward, National Grid Manager**  
Steve Hayward explained that National Grid would like the Board’s approval to locate a pole on Maple Hill Road. Notices were set to all abutters and Marie said she has not received any negative responses in regards to this pole placement.

Eric made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to approve the pole location on Maple Hill Road.

Roll Call Vote:  
Roger Yes Kathleen Yes Eric Yes  
Motion Passed.

**All Alcoholic Liquor License for 5 Albany Road Café LLC (Luigi’s) – Bridget Cappo, Manager**

After welcoming these new business owners to West Stockbridge, Eric opened the public hearing for an all alcoholic liquor license for 5 Albany Road Café LLC (Luigi’s) and read the public notice. Bridget Cappo, Octavio Nallin and Luigi lasilli all introduced themselves as the owners and requested the Board approve their application for the liquor license. Eric asked the Board if they had any questions and seeing none, he then invited public comment. With no one requesting to speak, Eric made the motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Roger.

Roll Call Vote:  
Roger Yes Kathleen Yes Eric Yes  
Motion Passed.

Eric made a motion, seconded by Roger, to approve the all alcoholic liquor license for 5 Albany Road Café, LLC (Luigi’s).

Roll Call Vote:  
Roger Yes Kathleen Yes Eric Yes  
Motion Passed.

**Annual Entertainment License for 5 Albany Road Café LLC (Luigi’s) – Bridget Cappo, Manager**

Eric asked Bridget if the entertainment would be for indoor and outdoor. She responded yes, for both from Monday through Saturday. She explained that even though it would be for entertainment everyday except Sunday, there won’t be planned entertainment every day, they just would like to have the opportunity of having it on any particular day. Roger suggested, that even though it is not required for this Entertainment License, he would like to have the abutters notified, similar to what was done prior to approving the Entertainment License for TurnPark. After a short discussion, the Board agreed to have letters sent to abutters prior to approval of the license at the next meeting. Luigi responded that he would like this to be done as well. He wants the neighbors to have an opportunity to be included in the discussion in order to work with the community. Bridget stated that they want 100% community support for their business. Marie will mail out letters to the abutters tomorrow and the Board will vote on this license at their next meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Town Administrator Evaluation – Roger Kavanagh**

Roger asked the Board if they would like to continue with the same procedure for the Town Administrator evaluation as it was done last year. He offered to take the lead and send out the forms and consolidate the responses. Kathleen and Eric agreed this was a good process last year and thanked Roger for volunteering to take the lead.

Eric suggested that other full-time town employees should be part of any evaluation process as well. Roger and Kathleen agreed. Marie will provide an evaluation form as well as job descriptions to the Board for DPW Director Curt Wilton and Police Chief Marc Portieri.

**Special Permit Granting Authority Changes in Bylaws – Roger Kavanagh**

Roger would like to have a joint meeting with the Planning Board to discuss any possible changes in the SPGA. Eric and Kathleen agreed. Marie will try to set up a joint meeting.

**Noise Bylaw Draft – Eric Shimelonis**

Eric presented his updated Noise Bylaw draft to the Board. Kathleen questioned Eric about including jake braking in the bylaw. Eric said he has not seen anything about that in any other bylaws he has looked at, but that he would research the feasibility of such an addition. Eric invited the Board to do some research on their own for any changes to this draft they may want to change or include. He would like the Board to go over any changes at the next Board meeting so they will be able to post the draft on the website to invite public comment to put forth the best possible draft for the Annual Town Meeting. Roger and Kathleen agreed to discuss at the next meeting and that this was a great starting point.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of January 13 and January 18, 2022, both need to be updated. The Board agreed to approve the minutes at the next meeting.

**Select Board Speak:**

Roger informed the Board that if the new Noise Bylaw is approved at Town Meeting, there is a 90-day period of time that the Attorney General’s Office has to review and approve it. The Bylaw then gets posted for 14 days to anyone to comment and appeal the decision. Roger wanted the Board to be aware that they can not implement the new bylaw until all of the approvals have been satisfied.

Eric told the Board that the Green Communities Grant will be covering the costs for the HVAC system repairs at Town Hall. He also informed the Board that the company that replaced all the lighting at Town Hall has returned to change the outside lights to be on a dimmer setting and a warmer color, so the neighbors will not feel the lights are so bright.

**Citizen Speak:**

No one responded to speak at Citizen Speak.

Eric made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 PM, seconded by Roger.

Roll Call Vote:  
Roger Yes Kathleen Yes Eric Yes

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie Y. Ryan*

Town Administrator

Documents:

- Minutes from January 13 and January 18, 2022
- National Pole Location Information at Maple Hill Road
- Annual All Alcoholic License for 5 Albany Road Café LLC (Luigi’s)
- Annual Entertainment License Application for 5 Albany Road Café LLC (Luigi’s)
- Draft of Noise Bylaw

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### Remembering Those Who Made This Series Possible

*By John Bormolini*



*John Bormolini as a ski instructor (with a guest) during the Christmas holidays. I enjoyed every moment working at Eastover. Truly a labor of love!*

Nearly every issue of the *Local Yokel* from February 2019 to March 2022 included an installment of the "We Remember When..." series. By my count, that's 37 articles. If someone had told me back at the beginning that the series would run to 37 articles, my take would have been, "Really"?

When we first decided to submit articles, the first person I talked to was John Parker, managing editor of the *Local Yokel*. My thanks to John for sticking with me the whole time. He was able to take what I sent him and turn "chicken doo-doo into chicken soup." He's the best and has been quite patient along the way.

The second person was Louise Pericolosi (Faggioni). I would chat with Louise about the proposed article, and she would give it a thumbs up or down. That's how we proceeded from month to month. It worked well. My thanks to Louise.

Peter Angelini wrote several articles including "Memorial Day in West Stockbridge." He was the bugler who marched and played Taps at the four cemeteries in town. He wrote "Summer Vacation Memories," another beautiful recollection and a story about his family attending the Great Barrington Fair. Peter also wrote two articles about Dr. William E. Persing and how his quick thinking saved Peter's mother Ruth's life (she ultimately reached 94 years of age). Peter contributed greatly to several other articles. I can't say enough about Peter's vivid detailed recollections and exquisitely written remembrances. I could not have done it without his help, no joke!

Judie Masiero (Bodner) provided her recollections about the tense moments that her family endured when her brother Richard was at the forefront of an international crisis in Germany, defying the Russians by preventing them from inspecting cargo that was being transferred from Berlin to West Germany. Judie also recalled interacting with Crane Lake Camp kids when they came to town to stock up on essential items.

Also, my good friend Bobby Romeo took time away from his busy real estate business to pen an article called "Treasured Memories" as he was growing up living with his grandparents, Julio and Rosy Delmolino, and their influence on him after he moved back to West Stockbridge from Connecticut.

Thanks to Helen Zanconato (Nolan) for her memories of cutting and gathering hay in "Helping with the Haying," and of Christmas when her father, Vosco, had to work on Christmas Day. Research by Helen's sister Anita Zanconato (Norton) added to the article on Crane Lake Camp. I called on her more than once, and she was always willing to help out.

I had the pleasure of reconnecting with John Masiero over an Italian-style luncheon with him, his wife, and others when I returned for the annual Williams High School reunion. John provided input into the article on the Great Barrington Fair and recalled that his parents would celebrate each New Year's Eve at the Card Lake Hotel while he spent the night across the street at Judie Masiero's home above their market.

John referred me to Peter Brogan, whom I had not seen for well over 60 years. Peter lived behind my house on Pittsfield Road. I enjoyed meeting with Peter and his wife Johanna at their lovely home on Great Barrington Road in Housatonic. Peter became a skilled home builder, pioneering the process of assembling the walls of a house on the ground and then raising the walls to avoid climbing ladders all the time.

Bruce Morelli remembered going up to the State Line Restaurant to pick up some “brewskis,” hiding in the back of the car because his mom and dad were working inside. (I mentioned that we were bad boys and smoked. Our favorite brand was Fatima. The pack featured a turbaned Turkish dude on the pack—quite sexy!)

Steve Salvi and I palled around together, and Gene, Steve’s brother, would join us occasionally. The three of us made the hike to the top of West Stockbridge Mountain and cooked hot dogs over an open fire before we did a speed race to get to the bottom. Fortunately, we didn’t sustain any injuries.

Jackie Moffatt helped me recall the time that I worked for Dick, her father-in-law, making syrup and delivering packages to customers in New York and around the Berkshires. Billy Pixley and I made Christmas wreaths a few times. The first year we didn’t do so well, but the following year we greatly improved our product. Mary Ann Raspuzzi (Hamlin) remembered my brother Joseph when he played Santa Claus at the town Christmas celebration. Lastly, I had the pleasure to work with Tony Balestro at Eastover during the fall of 1959. We worked hard and played hard. That’s all I can say about that!

I want to remember my mother, Anna, for her support. She was the glue that kept our family of three together after my father passed away in 1951. Love you, Ma.

I never imagined we would author 37 articles over three years. And we did it together, thanks to the people I’ve cited in this final installment.

With sincere gratitude, I’m saying, “That’s all, folks!”

*John Bormolini is a West Stockbridge “ex-pat,” now residing in Leavenworth, Kansas. Readers who would like to continue sharing their stories of 1950s West Stockbridge are invited to email John at johnbormo@aol.com.*

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Any household whose gross yearly income falls at or below the program income guidelines for the number of people in the household may be eligible. For example, a household of one can have an income of up to \$40,951; a household of two can have an income of up to \$53,351; a household of four can have an income of up to \$78,751; and a household of five can have an income of up to \$91,351 and be eligible.

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*Fuel Assistance, also known as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), can help low-income households with their heating bills. All heating types may be eligible for assistance: oil, propane, kerosene, coal, cord wood, wood pellets, natural gas, electric and even some households that have heat included in their rent.*

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6	\$ 103,951
7	\$ 106,314
8	\$ 108,676

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## 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.

### Community Health Association

Weekly blood pressure clinic schedule: every Wednesday from 9 to 10 am at the Town Offices, 21 State Line Road, West Stockbridge, and every Thursday from 9 to 10 am at the Richmond Congregational Church, State Road, Richmond. Info: Emilie Jarrett, RN, (413) 232-0122, or [Emilie@charws.com](mailto:Emilie@charws.com).

### Stockbridge Grange Dinner

On Sunday, March 13, the Stockbridge Grange will serve a takeout-only dinner at the Grange Hall at 51 Church Street, Stockbridge. The dinner will be New England boiled dinner, and lemon and chocolate cream pies for dessert. Cost is \$14. Pickup time is 12 to 1:30 pm. To place an order, call (413) 243-1298 or (413) 443-4352. The deadline for ordering is March 10.

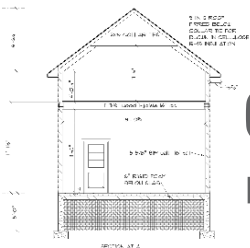
### Council on Aging

The COA will meet at noon on Wednesday, March 9, in the Community Room at the Town Offices, weather permitting. Please remember to bring your lunch and mask.

### The Knitters Group

The Knitters will meet every Wednesday from 2 to 4 pm in the Community Room at the Town Offices.

*Send your notices for Community News & Events to The Local Yokel, P.O. Box 238, West Stockbridge, MA 01266, email [info@thelocalyokel.org](mailto:info@thelocalyokel.org), or visit [thelocalyokel.org](http://thelocalyokel.org).*



# On the Home Front

By Thom Lipiczky

## Rent, Buy, or Build?

A January 15 post on Axios reported that owning a median-price home is more affordable than the average rent on a three-bedroom property in 58% of the United States. The article said that, nationwide, renting makes more sense in big metro areas. Owning a home is better in rural areas “where property prices are lower.” The report noted that some of the least affordable homeownership markets are in the Northeast—no surprise there. So here’s the question for this column: Is it more “affordable” to rent or own, and if you’re talking about “owning,” do you buy an existing house or build a new one?

This question is of concern to our town, of course. A recent town Master Plan Committee survey indicated that more than half of the respondents said housing for older adults and affordable so-called workforce housing is a high priority. Some new techniques for building may provide possibilities.

One option is coined a barndominium. The design is essentially a pole barn, found all over the Northeast, but set up as a comfortable, flexible living space at a cost considerably lower than the conventional stick-framed house. Most “barndos” (not to be confused with “bardos,” the transitional states between death and rebirth in Tibetan Buddhism—sorry for the confusion!) feature a slab-on-grade foundation, sometimes a steel-framed skeleton, and metal siding and roofing. Assuming local building and zoning codes permit these, the cost of the structure can be significantly cheaper than the current going rate of new construction.

Some dealers in the Northeast claim a turnkey barndo can cost between \$100 and \$120 a square foot, about half the amount in the Berkshires right now during the pandemic. That’s not a bad price for a decidedly rustic or industrial look. It remains a question whether such a structure would serve as older adult or workforce housing in downtown greater metropolitan West Stockbridge.

Another building option, common throughout the Northeast, is modular, or prefabricated, housing.

Modules or sections of these houses are assembled in large manufactured buildings and trucked to the building site (which already has a foundation prepared). Often the modules have preinstalled wiring, some insulation, wall coverings, windows, and even kitchen cabinets. Once on site, a crane lifts the modules onto the foundation, and the sections are bolted together. It can take as little as a week from setting the house on the foundation to having a weather-tight envelope ready for mechanical hookups and finishes. Costs range, depending on the plan, and the simpler the cheaper. But generally, modular buildings cost about 10 to 20% less than conventionally framed houses. Designs are somewhat limited by the size of the module that must be able to be trucked to the site.

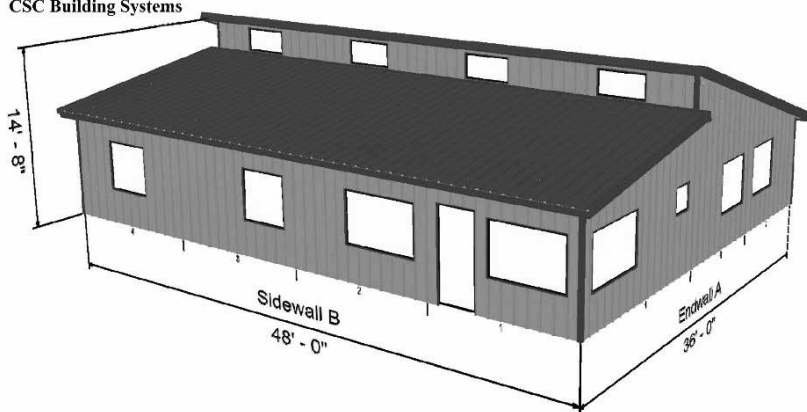
Catapulting us into the 21st century is the arrival of three-dimensional (3D) printed houses! I doubt that these will solve our current affordable housing situation, but the technology (known as “additive manufacturing”) is developing quickly. A giant 3D printer (Autonomous Robotic Construction System) is temporarily installed on site and extrudes concentric layers of concrete or other materials until the walls are complete. Habitat for Humanity built a test house in sunny California last year. Not ready for prime time yet, but more shall be revealed.

There’s certainly interest and some imaginative thinking going into the problem of providing affordable housing for our citizens. Our town boards are working on the problem, and some proposals may be presented in the near future. Watch this space.

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*Example of a barndominium.*

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Alexander and Zachary Roy with their grannie, Anne Roy, distributing the monthly *Local Yokel*. Photo by Joe Roy, Jr.



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The Municipal parking lot across from the Public Market and the parking area on Moscow Road, where the public bathrooms are, may be used for overnight off-street parking. However, vehicles in those lots must be moved by 8:00 a.m. to allow the Department of Public Works to manage snow and ice removal.

Anyone having questions about off street parking or the winter off-street parking ban can call Marc Portieri, Chief of Police at 413-232-8500.



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**FINE-FREE LIBRARY** Did you know that for some time now the library no longer collects fines? We joined other libraries around the state and the nation to eliminate fines, to encourage more people to enjoy this public service.

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Also, we are starting to loan **MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS!** Our very generous library user and musician Eric Shimelonis shared a ukulele and a children’s classical guitar for loans and learning. Please call or come in to pick one up!

**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** Even in the cold weather, townsfolk have been leaving some wonderful books at the little free library located in the middle of town. The perfect book might just be waiting for you to take it home!

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



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## NEW ADULT FICTION

Patterson, *Horsewoman*  
Yanagihara, *To Paradise*

## NEW ADULT NONFICTION

Magoon, *Revolution in Our Time:*  
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Richardson, *Laundry Love: Finding Joy in a Common Chore*  
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## NEW YOUNG ADULT AND CHILDREN’S BOOKS

Boulley, *Firekeeper’s Daughter*  
Elhillo, *Home Is Not a Country*  
Frazee, *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*  
McBride, *Me (Moth)*  
Myers, *A Bird Will Soar*



### Scrapbook Questions/created by Paula Farrell TEST YOUR TRIVIA KNOWLEDGE!

1. What is Charles H. Baldwin & Sons noted for ?
2. What river makes its way through West Stockbridge?
3. When was West Stockbridge incorporated?
4. What restaurants were in town in October 2012?

1. Vanilla extract  
2. Williams River  
3. 1774  
4. Rouge, Truc Orient Express, Shaker Mill Tavern, Ohio, and Nook and Cranny



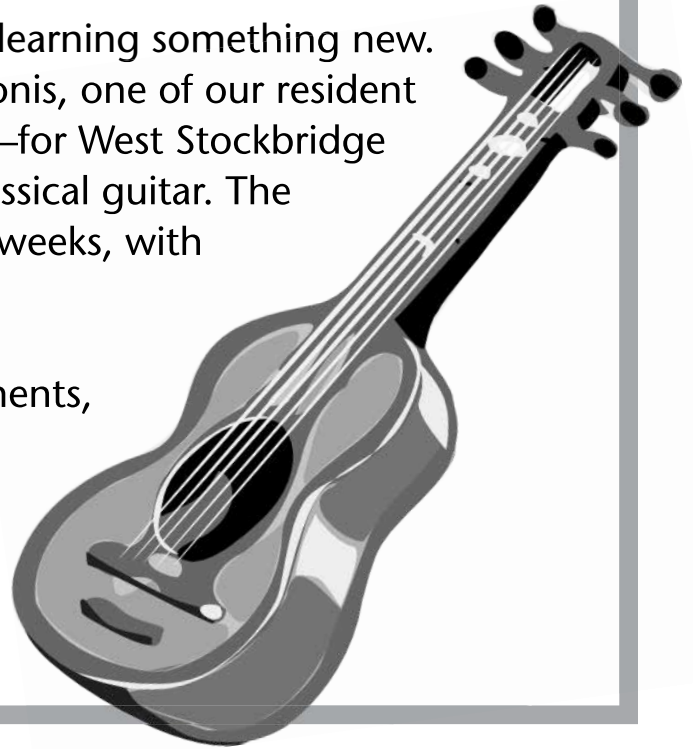
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# West Stockbridge Public Library Update

There is just about nothing better than learning something new. Thanks to the generosity of Eric Shimelonis, one of our resident musicians, the library now has on loan—for West Stockbridge residents—a ukulele and a children’s classical guitar. The instruments can be borrowed for three weeks, with extensions if possible.

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## History Quiz Answer:

Prohibition laws were violated throughout the county from the passage of the amendment in 1920 all through that decade. By 1928, the government was frustrated in its enforcement efforts and the weak penalties for violators. It passed the Jones Act, otherwise known as the Increased Penalties Act, to take effect on March 2, 1929. The goal was to combat large-scale bootlegging operations and clamp down on the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Raids on illegal stills immediately ramped up.

On the evening of March 19, 1929, a team of federal and state law enforcement officers and our local constable, Garrett Troy, raided the largest distillery in western Mass, located in West Stockbridge, near

the Stockbridge town line off Route 102 below the current Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club. (The Mass Pike didn't exist, and Route 102 was lower down the valley near the turnpike route.)

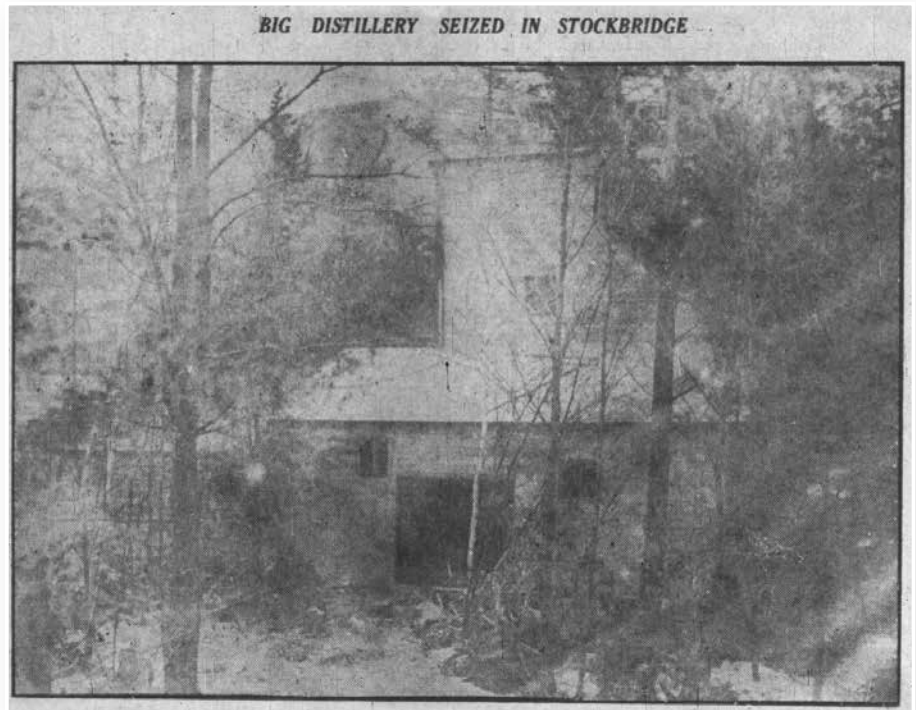
Touted as a major source of illegal liquor for western Mass and eastern New York, the still was the "most elaborate ever seen by federal officials." The barn was "located in a ravine hidden by prying eyes" with hidden electric wires from a residence and a special cupola to dissipate the fumes. Two stills, associated vats, and equipment manufactured 1,000 gallons of 182-proof alcohol. It was a big operation, supplying Berkshire County and eastern Mass.

John Astore was a businessman who owned several properties in town: the Old Freedley Quarry, a sawmill and restaurant in State Line, and the house, gas station, and sometimes dance hall next to the still on Route 102. The still was likely his most lucrative business.

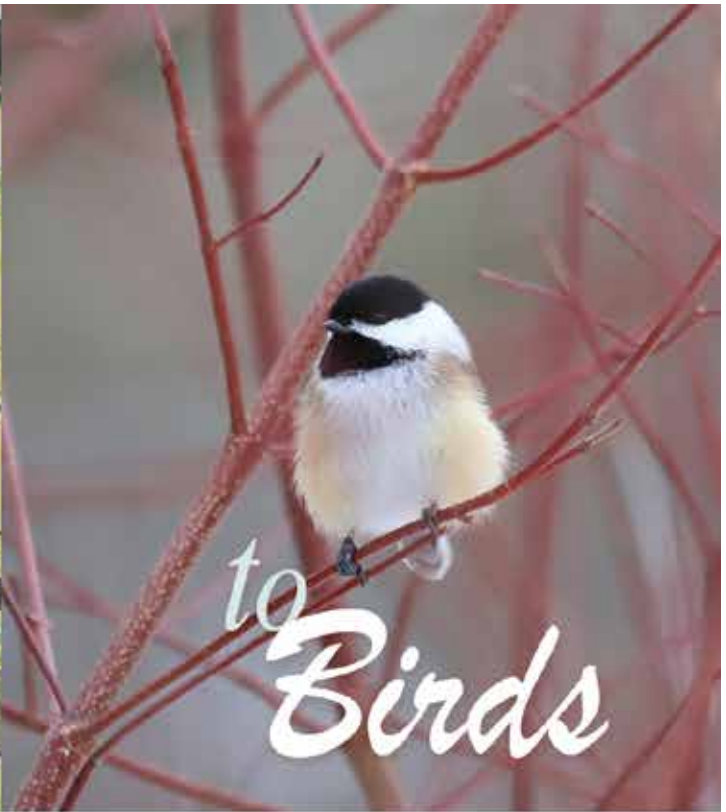
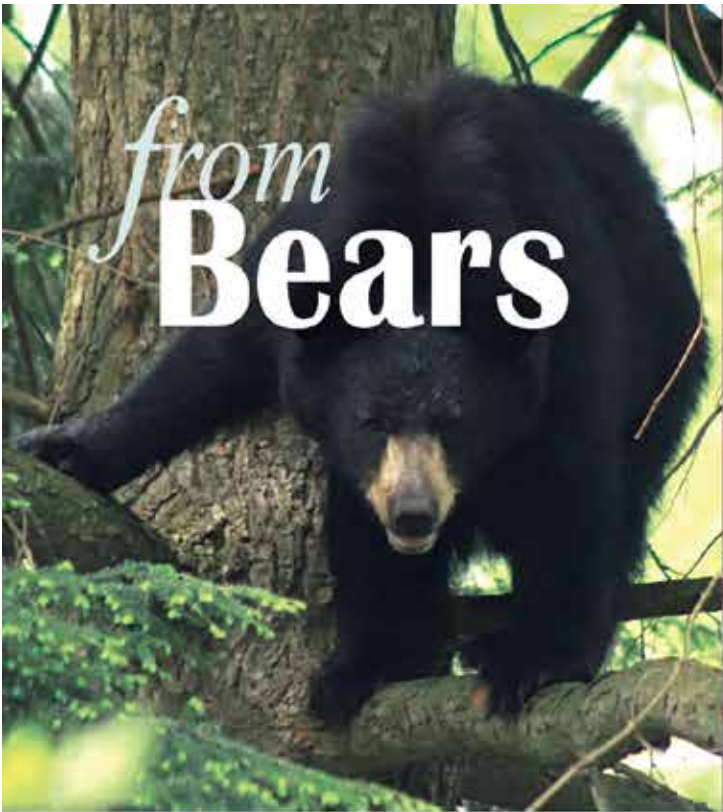
Five people were arrested in the raid, Astore and four from New York State. The four New Yorkers had their charges dismissed because the state police officer couldn't prove they were working in the distillery. Daniel Basso, one of the four, was the proprietor of the Pleasant Hotel in Canaan. We can guess why he was there. Another was charged with so-called gun toting, which was dismissed when it was found he was licensed to carry a weapon in New York.

Claiming he was only in business a few months, Astore alleged the production was barely 100 gallons. The feds estimated it at more like 1,000 gallons, and Judge Bossidy fined Astore the maximum of \$800, plus \$177.50 for court costs. The judge called the defendant a major supplier, not a home brewer, and deserving of the maximum fine. This was the largest bust in western Mass since Prohibition started and likely until it ended in December 1933.

West Stockbridge gained some notoriety for this incident and other Prohibition activities, even though the newspapers claimed it was in the other Stockbridge. There are more tales of West Stockbridge and Prohibition, and the Astore property continued with its own story, but that's for other history questions.



*Astore distillery raided 1929. Photo courtesy of West Stockbridge Historical Society*



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**Presenter: Zach Adams.** Zach has been studying birds since his childhood when he fell in love with the sounds of wood ducks and red-winged blackbirds in the marshes. He holds a BS in Environmental Science from Juniata College and has worked as an educator and program leader since the age of 16. From reptiles and amphibians to live skulking sparrows, he enjoys teaching on any topic in nature. Zach has been a Teacher Naturalist for Mass Audubon's Berkshire Sanctuaries since November 2018, where he leads programs in birding, hiking, tracking, and canoeing. He is passionate about ornithology and the opportunity to share his love for birds with everyone around him. "Each bird song is a glimpse into a different world, and you won't be able to keep from smiling when you hear your first warbler sing."

Photos by Zach Adams



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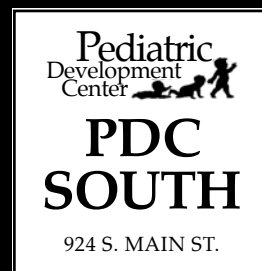
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Conservation Commission	<i>John Masiero</i>	232-7063		Leave Message for Inquiries
Council on Aging	<i>John Zick</i>	232-0300	ext. 340	Leave Message for Inquiries
Emergency Management	<i>Louis Oggiani</i>	528-2175		
Fire Department	<i>Steve Traver</i>	911 or 329-7153 (non-emergency)		Mon. 6:30–9 pm
Highway Department	<i>Curt G. Wilton</i>	232-0305		Leave Message for Inquiries
Library	<i>Rachel Alter</i>	232-0300	ext. 308	Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Sat. 10 am–3 pm; Tues. and Fri. 2–6 pm; closed Sun.
Police Department	<i>Marc Portieri</i>	911 or 232-8500 (non-emergency)		24 hours, 7 days/week
Post Office	<i>Colleen A. Wich</i>	232-8544		Lobby: 7 am–7 pm; 7 days/week; Window: Mon.–Fri. 9 am–4:30 pm; Sat. 9 am–12 noon
Sewer & Water Commission	<i>Michael Buffoni</i>	232-0309		
Town Accountant	<i>Elaine Markham</i>	232-0300	ext. 317	Leave Message for Inquiries
Town Clerk	<i>Ronni Barrett</i>	232-0300	ext. 300	Tues. & Thurs. 1:30–3:30 pm
Town Collector	<i>June A. Biggs</i>	232-0300	ext. 302	Wed. 3–6 pm; Thurs. and Fri. 10 am–2 pm; Sat. 10 am–1 pm
Town Historian	<i>Robert Salerno</i>	232-4465		
Town Treasurer	<i>Karen Williams</i>	232-0300	ext. 316	Thurs. 9 am–4 pm
Transfer Station	<i>Wayne Cooper</i>	232-0307		Tues. & Thurs. 10 am–6 pm and Sat. 8 am–6 pm
Tree Warden	<i>Andrew Fudge</i>	212-9206		
Veterans Agency	<i>Laurie Hills</i>	528-1580		
Zoning Board of Appeals	<i>C. Randolph Thunfors</i>	232-0300	ext. 300	

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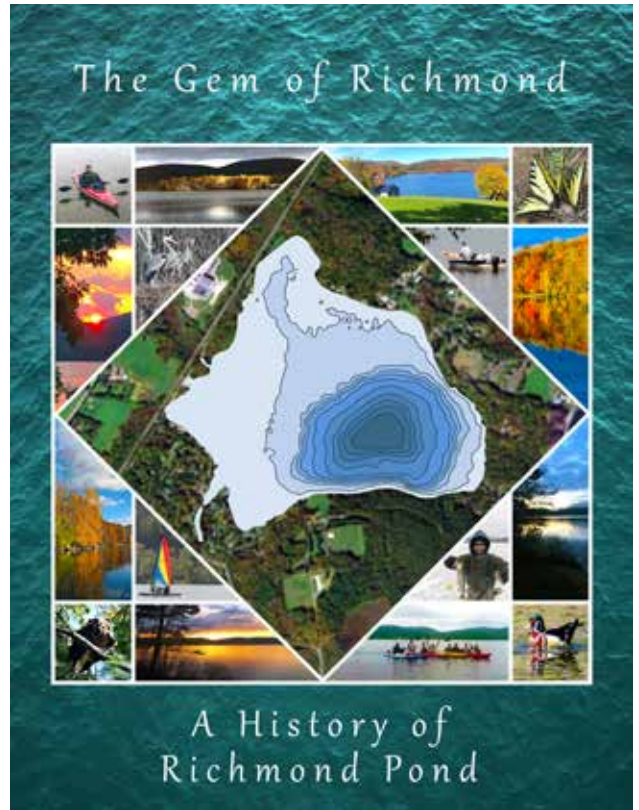
Book Publication Announced:

# The Gem of Richmond: A History of Richmond Pond

*The Gem of Richmond: A History of Richmond Pond* is a collectors' edition of the rich and deep history of the life and times of Richmond Pond. The story unfolds from the lives of early settlers and old timers, inhabitants of the first cottages, and the creation of and experiences in its eight camps, to current community associations and neighborhoods, businesses around the pond, and recent and future developments.

This 30-chapter book, written and edited by many dedicated volunteers, highlights more than 200 photos spanning the late 1800s and 1900s to the present day. Read about the efforts over the years to preserve, protect, and enhance the rural, environmental, recreational, aesthetic, and economic values of this treasured resource. The book recounts the story of so many people's efforts to balance the tension between the natural habitat, development, and recreation.

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### March Art Calendar

Guild of Berkshire Artists | [BerkshireArtists.org](http://BerkshireArtists.org) | [infoberkshireartists@gmail.com](mailto:infoberkshireartists@gmail.com) 2022

**March 1, Snapseed Workshop, 1:30-2:30pm.** Work on mobile photo editing with others via Zoom.

**March 8, Seminar, 3pm.** Marita Glodd, tonalist landscape oil painter. Shared in collaboration with local libraries.

**March 13, Potluck, 4-5pm.** Join hosts Freya Segal and John and Linda Mancia over Zoom. See website for more details.

**March 14, Collage & Mixed Media Workshop, 1:30-3:30 p.m.** Join Carolyn Abrams for Collage & Mixed Media.

**March 15, Best Practices, 3pm.** "Creating an Online Presence" Panel discussion with Susan and David Honneus.

**March 17, Artist Talk, 4-5pm.** Peggy Reeves. *Replay* of her Meet the Artist. See website for viewing information.

**March 23, Demonstration, 4-5pm.** Ilene Richard. *Replay* of demonstration of oil painting. See website for viewing information.

**March 27, Berkshire Photo Gathering.** Online. See following webpage for more information: [berkshirephotogathering.com/online-meetings](http://berkshirephotogathering.com/online-meetings)

**March 31, Art Book Gathering, 9:30-11am.** Share a favorite book: artist, or process. Visit [www.berkshireartists.org](http://www.berkshireartists.org) for more info.

**Artist Seminar**



**Marita Glodd**  
Tonalist Oil Painter

**Tues, Mar 8**  
@ 3pm

See our website for more details.



**ONLINE SEMINAR**  
**Marita Glodd: Tonalist Oil Painter**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 3pm**

**Mon & Wed, Art Together.** Join GBA artists together online using Zoom. See website for times.

**March 7 & 21, Procrastinator's Challenge!, 10-11am.** GBA members can join for a jumpstart on their creative productivity via Zoom.

**March 8 & 22, Positive Critique, 7:30-8:30 p.m.** Join Michele Caplan for a positive critique session for Guild members via Zoom.

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**March 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.

3/2	Ash Wednesday		
3/3	Finance Committee/Select Board joint meeting	6 pm	See town website for details
3/13	Stockbridge Grange takeout dinner		See Community News for details
3/13	Daylight Savings Time begins (set clocks ahead 1 hour)		
3/14	Parks & Recreation Committee meeting	5:30 pm	See town website for details
3/14	Select Board meeting	6 pm	See town website for details
3/15	*** Deadline for the next Local Yokel ***		Send to <a href="mailto:info@thelocalyokel.org">info@thelocalyokel.org</a>
3/16	Purim begins at sundown		
3/17	St. Patrick's Day		
3/20	First day of spring		
3/24	Annual town caucus	7 pm	Town Offices gym
3/28	Select Board meeting	6 pm	See town website for details