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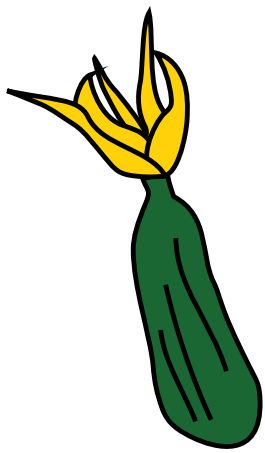
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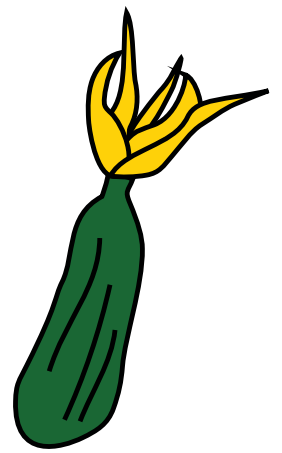
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A West Stockbridge "Ent"?
Photo by John Parker



West Stockbridge Zucchini **20** Festival **25** Sat. August 9th



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WSZF 2025 Fact Sheet

What & Why? The West Stockbridge Zucchini Festival is an all-day, family-friendly event that celebrates our unique Berkshire community and of course everyone's favorite staple, summer squash! Sponsored by the W.S. Cultural Council and organized by volunteers, neighbors and friends. **Come One, Come All!**

When? August 9th, 2025 - 10am to 10pm

Where? Downtown W.S. on Depot & Center Street

Festival Info: www.wszucchinifest.org

How to Get Ready for WSZF?

Start Plotting Your Patch

Over here? Over there? Everywhere? Make room to start growing the next Blue Ribbon zuke for the **WSZF Zucchini Weigh-Off Competition!** Home-grown zucchinis of all shapes and sizes welcome.

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Train up Airbud, Garfield and Woodstock to kick off this year's festival with the **WSZF Pet Parade!**

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Registration Info & Details Coming Soon!

wszucchinifest.org

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Be a Real Zucchini & Voluntini! West Stockie Folks, Sign Up Now to Volunteer!

Hang out with friends, neighbors and meet some new folks too by pitching in to prepare and run this year's festival! WSZF is only made possible when you and all of the great folks in our community come together. Any time you can give is welcome!

• Big Need for Day-of Volunteers!

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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 can 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

April 14, 2025

The quorum was present remotely: Select Board members Andrew Krouss and Chair Andrew Potter, Kathleen Kersey, and Town Administrator Marie Ryan.

Andy Potter opened the meeting at 6 PM.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to approve the minutes from March 13, 2025 Executive Session and March 31, 2025.

All were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

Citizen Speak:

Joanna Yurman, a Baker Street resident, asked her Attorney, Bill Martin, to speak on her behalf. Attorney Martin stated that the Select Board originally planned to have an agenda item for tonight to discuss Wiseacre Farm, which was canceled. He noted that his client hopes there will be a discussion about Wiseacre Farm soon.

Town Administrator Update:

Marie informed the Board that she had submitted two grant applications this week. One grant is through the Community Compact Municipal Fiber Grant. This grant will provide free Wi-Fi outside Town Hall, near the Fire Station, Main Street, and Card Pond. She applied for the second grant through MVP (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness). This grant would fund a feasibility study for a public safety building between the two cemeteries on Albany Road.

Marie also completed and applied for a grant to fund free wireless internet connectivity on the Town Hall grounds, Main Street, near the Fire Station, and at Card Pond. She has been working with Andy Krouss, Bob Salerno, Berkshire Regional Planning grant coordinator Karen Pelto, and Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Digital Equity Specialist Wylie Goodman.

Marie also said that the state has offered one free procurement class for each town. She applied to have Highway Superintendent

Jamie Boyer receive this free tuition valued at \$1,885. He has been accepted and will take the course free of charge. She feels this will assist Jamie as he begins taking over the Highway Department's bid process.

Marie informed the Board that she had completed the official easement with the Gaston Family and recorded it at the Registry of Deeds.

Public Hearing for Baldwin Farm for an All-Alcohol-on-premises Liquor License

Andy Potter explained that before he opened the Public Hearing for the Baldwin Farm liquor license, he wanted to explain to everyone that he would allow others to say within 3 minutes after the applicant speaks. The speakers must address the Board, not anyone else in the room. There will be no cross-talking between the speaker and others in the room.

Andy Potter opened the public hearing and asked Baldwin Farm Bistro, LLC, Attorney Andrew Hochberg to speak.

Attorney Hochberg stated that he represented Toby Casey, owner of Baldwin Farm at 25 West Center Road. Baldwin Farm wants the Select Board to approve an All-Alcohol On-Premises liquor license. They run a small store and a trailer concession stand at the Farm, serving a small amount of food. The food is mainly created using products from the farm. The Farm is looking to the future and trying to expand. Currently, they allow for Bring-Your-Own-Beverages (BYOB). Toby feels he has no control over the drinking and would like to have this license to be able to always be in control. They have never had any issues with drinking but want to make sure nothing ever happens, either. They have no TV screens or other entertainment that would create a situation where people would sit and drink for hours. Toby stated that people come and enjoy the food, beverages, and scenery.

Discussions by attendees:

Attorney Brian Horan spoke to the Board on behalf of his client, Nancy Kopans. Attorney Horan stated that when Baldwin Farm

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Annual Town Meeting Results: A Summary

Compiled by John Parker

Sources: Town of West Stockbridge, The Berkshire Eagle, The Berkshire Edge

West Stockbridge held its annual town meeting on Monday, May 5, in the Town Offices gymnasium, attended by 77 registered voters (6.6% of the town's total). New town moderator Joe Roy Jr. led the meeting, replacing Gene Dellea, the state's longest serving moderator, who retired last year.

A total of 35 of 38 warrant articles passed, including the town's FY 2026 budget of about \$7.4 million, a 6.1% increase over the previous year. A significant increase in Fire Department expenses resulted from the town sharing Stockbridge fire chief Vince Garofoli as the communities move toward joint Fire and EMS operations. Voters also approved a \$3.5 million assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, a decrease of about 3%. Finance Committee member Bob Salerno explained that the town's tax rate (\$9.62 per \$1,000 assessed value) ranks about in the middle of Berkshire County municipalities.

However, voters rejected a proposal to enter into a shared inspection services agreement with several other towns, replacing Brian Duval, the town's current building inspector, largely due to the \$31,000 increase in cost for the shared services program. Residents also spoke of the advantages of having a local building inspector, hired by the town, with an office in West Stockbridge. The Finance and Planning Committees had both previously voted not to recommend the shared services agreement. Voters also tabled a proposal to add an additional associate member of the town's Planning Board.



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2025 Annual Town Election Results

May 12, 2025

TOTALS

MODERATOR

Joseph Roy, Jr.	98
Write-ins	3
Blanks	6

Select Board

Andrew Potter	70
Write-ins	6
Blanks	31

Town Clerk

Veronica Barrett	92
Write-ins	0
Blanks	15

Tax Collector

Kelli Bradbury	99
Write-ins	0
Blanks	8

Board of Assessors

Edward Sporn	84
Write-ins	2
Blanks	21

Finance Committee (1 for 3 years)

Write-ins Curt Wilton	46
Write-ins Deb Bowen	32
Write Ins	1
Blanks	28

Planning Board (1 for 5 years)

Dana Bixby	63
Write-ins	9
Blanks	35

Board of Health

Earl Moffatt	83
Write-ins	2
Blanks	22

Library Trustee

Molly Meador	86
Write-ins	1
Blanks	20

Cemetery Commission

Marion Loring	92
Write-ins	0
Blanks	15

Question 1: Town Clerk to Appointed Position

Yes	54
No	43
Blanks	10

TOTAL VOTERS for this election

TOTAL VOTERS

107
1171

Baker Street Bridge Closing

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation will be conducting maintenance on the Baker Street bridge in West Stockbridge. The bridge will be closed to traffic, beginning Wednesday, February 12, through August 2025. Please make alternative travel plans in that area.

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went before the Zoning Board of Appeals, they said they had no plans on selling food, but here they are now selling food. Their farm sells food, which contains mostly products from the farm, creating an Agricultural Exemption; however, alcohol is not produced from the farm and should be allowed. This is not the proper location for serving alcohol. Attorney Horan also stated that last year, when asked, Toby Casey said they had no plans to sell alcohol, and now they are asking for a liquor license in a residential zone. Attorney Horan urged the Board not to approve this liquor license application.

David Capeless of West Center Road said that he is pleased with everything that Toby Casey has done to improve the farm. However, David feels that selling alcohol is not appropriate in the residential neighborhood and urged the Board not to approve this application.

Betsy Capeless of West Center Road stated that she is a big fan of the farm. She would love to see them do more community events and that they have community partnerships with other local vendors by adding some of their products to their store. However, she feels this is not an appropriate location to sell alcohol.

Joe Roy, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, reminded people that the Farm already allows alcohol on its property. Several other locations in Town, such as Heirloom Lodge, sell alcohol in residential neighborhoods, and there have not been complaints. He believes this license will work out fine, just like it does at the other businesses located in residential neighborhoods.



Batter Up! It's time for a spring cleanup, and the DPW has been hard at work!

Thanks to our great Department of Public Works team of John Lyford, Tim Magner, and Frank Alfonso for working on the baseball field to make it look amazing and professional. The spring cleanup was done recently, and they did a great job!

Source: Town of West Stockbridge website

Attorney Hochberg noted that the Farm had opposition when it started in 2022 but has had no complaints over the years. They will make no changes in the neighborhood's character. They do not plan on having any significant events because they live on the property.

Carol Potts, who lives up the hill from the farm, encouraged the Board to approve the license. She supports the farm and believes this license will only improve the farm. She feels confident that Toby will continue to make the farm have a positive impact on the community and be enjoyed by all while ensuring they respect their neighbors.

Gunnar Gudmunson, a West Center Road resident and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, is extremely confident that if this is approved, it will not negatively affect the neighborhood.

Attorney Hochberg wanted to clarify some statements made by some people. This license is not approved by the ABCC (Alcohol Beverage Control Commission) before the Select Board's approval. The Select Board must approve it, and then it goes to the ABCC for final approval. There has been some discussion that the Select Board should not even consider approval of this license because the ABCC has not yet approved it. Attorney Hochberg wanted to clarify the process.

Toby Casey said that while he appreciated all the comments regarding Baldwin Farm, he assured everyone that they lived there and did not want any events on the property. They want to allow people to enjoy the scenery like the family does. He informed everyone that he intends to have knowledge and control over any issues that may arise from drinking on the property. While they allow BYOB and there has never been a problem, they have no control over what and how much people drink. Should the Farm get approval for the liquor license, he will have that control and ensure there is never an issue.

Kathleen inquired if Toby would be amenable to discussing contingencies to ensure no issues at the Farm. Toby replied yes, though they would need to think about those. She also asked if they plan on having amplified music, and he responded no.

Andy Potter then asked the Board if they agreed to continue this hearing to the next meeting. He explained that the Board had just received information from Town Counsel and would like time to review it before making any decisions. The Board agreed and asked Attorney Hochberg to be prepared to discuss possible contingencies. The hearing will continue on Monday, April 28th.

Select Board Speak:

Kathleen mentioned that she felt the Board was not adequately prepared at the Finance Committee Public Hearing on the budget. She would like something written up to explain why the Board asked the voters to approve the Building Inspector line item increase. This includes the Town entering a Shared Inspectional Service with Stockbridge, Lee, Lenox, and Great Barrington. Andy Potter agreed.

Andy Potter asked the Board if they would agree to him inviting the Planning Board Chair, the Zoning Board of Appeals Chair, and Brian DuVal, Building Inspector, to the next meeting on April 28th to discuss the Building Inspector job description and oversight of that position. He stated that he was uncomfortable with the Board reappointing Brian every year and never meeting with him to discuss the position. He feels they must entertain a mutual

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Southern Berkshire Emergency Medical Services Task Force Launches New Website

Contacts: Heather Barbieri, Task Force Chair: Hbarbieri@bhs1.org,
Kevin Wall, Task Force Vice Chair: kwall@sbvas.com

Communities across Southern Berkshire County are facing a critical challenge: demand for emergency medical services is rising, but the capacity to respond is not keeping pace. In response, 14 towns, two ambulance service providers, and a regional partner have come together to form the Southern Berkshire Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Task Force.

With support from the Collins Center for Public Management, the Task Force is developing a regional EMS model designed to ensure reliable and sustainable emergency medical services for Southern Berkshire County.

“The Task Force’s goal is to improve the availability of EMS services through planning and improving the efficiency of existing services. With leadership from former State Representative William “Smitty” Pignatelli, this ongoing process dates back to 2018. The pandemic naturally had an impact on our progress. Although this is important to my role at BHS, it is also very personal because my family, friends, and loved ones are here in the Berkshires. The few times I have had to call for an ambulance, the response was swift and professional, and I want to ensure that continues for all families for decades to come.” – Heather Barbieri, Task Force Chair

To keep community residents updated, the Task Force has launched a website, Sbemspartners.org, where you can find this information:

- Updates on upcoming meetings and public events
- Resources and background information on the regional EMS initiative
- A list of Task Force representatives by town
- A contact form for questions
- Community surveys when open for responses

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understanding of accountability with that position. Kathleen asked if they could invite Town Counsel, and Andy Potter responded yes.

Andy Potter informed the Board that he attended the first meeting of the Extended Reducer Responsibility Program in Boston. This group will be responsible for creating solutions regarding recycling, reduction, and disposal of products, such as paint cans and lithium-ion batteries. He noted that the Board had previously voted to support the initiative regarding the paint recovery program. He will keep the Board updated as they move forward.

Andy Krouss motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kathleen, at 6:50 PM.

All approved, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan

Marie Y. Ryan
Town Administrator

Select Board Meeting Minutes April 28, 2025

The quorum was present remotely: Select Board members Andrew Krouss and Chair Andrew Potter, Kathleen Keresey (participated remotely), and Town Administrator Marie Ryan.

Andy Potter opened the meeting at 6 PM.

Andy Krouss made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to approve the minutes from April 9 and 14, 2025.

All were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

Citizen Speak: None

Town Administrator Update:

Marie informed the Board that the Town Hall parking lot will be paved between May 28 and June 9th, 2025. The company will pave one half at a time so everyone can still access Town Hall.

Marie has received seven applications for the Police Chief position. The screening committee will meet on May 21st to review the applications and set a date in early June to conduct interviews to narrow down the candidates for the Select Board to interview.

Last week, Police Officer Nicole Miller held a camp for kids, which went very well. All the kids had a great time. Nicole will hold other camps throughout the year.

Marie stated she is working on a contract with Clark & Sons, which won the bid to construct the dog park. She is also working with Michael Bolognino, Dog Park Committee Chair, on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town and the Committee and between the Town and the Stanton Foundation. The Stanton Foundation is where the grant money is coming from to construct the dog park. She will send final copies of the three documents to Town Counsel for review before signing any of them.

Annual Entertainment License for the Farmers' Market – Lily Davenport

Lily stated that this is the 14th year of the Farmers' Market on the Foundry's lawn. The market will be held on Thursdays from

3 PM to 6 PM from May 22nd through October 2nd. They plan on hosting live music with a maximum of three musicians per act and amplified sound. Lily requested that the Board approve an Annual Entertainment License for the Farmers' Market.

Andy Krouss moved, seconded by Kathleen, to approve the Annual Entertainment License for the Farmers' Market.

All were in favor, motion approved.

Housatonic Water Company Phase 4 & 5

The Board had previously voted to approve Phase 3 of the Housatonic Water Company agreement. Phase 3 was to allow the Housatonic Water Company to attach to the Great Barrington Fire District's system on Long Pond Road. This phase would allow water to be available to the customers if the current system failed; water would come from the Fire District.

The Board has been asked to vote on the approval of Phase 4 (a new storage tank) and Phase 5 (repairing and replacing certain water mains) of the Housatonic Water Company agreement.

Andy Potter, seconded by Kathleen, motioned to vote not to support Phases 4 & 5 of the Housatonic Water Company agreement.

All were in favor, the board voted not to support Phases 4 & 5.

Shared Conservation Commission Agent:

David Evans, Conservation Commission Chair

David Evans informed the Board that the Commissions of Monterey, Alford, and Egremont contacted the Conservation Commission regarding a proposal to have a shared Conservation Commission Agent. All four towns currently share an administrative assistant, Shannon Poulin. Shannon is working on her certification as a Conservation Commission Agent. Davis said they would like to research the possibility of this shared position and hope it will be Shannon; however, he acknowledged that they will go through the hiring process. David asked the Board for their thoughts and approval to gather information to see if this would benefit the Town. The Board all agreed this was worth researching. David said he would keep the Board updated.

Continuation of the Baldwin Farm Bistro Liquor License Public Hearing

Andy Potter opened the Public Hearing for any additional comments from the public.

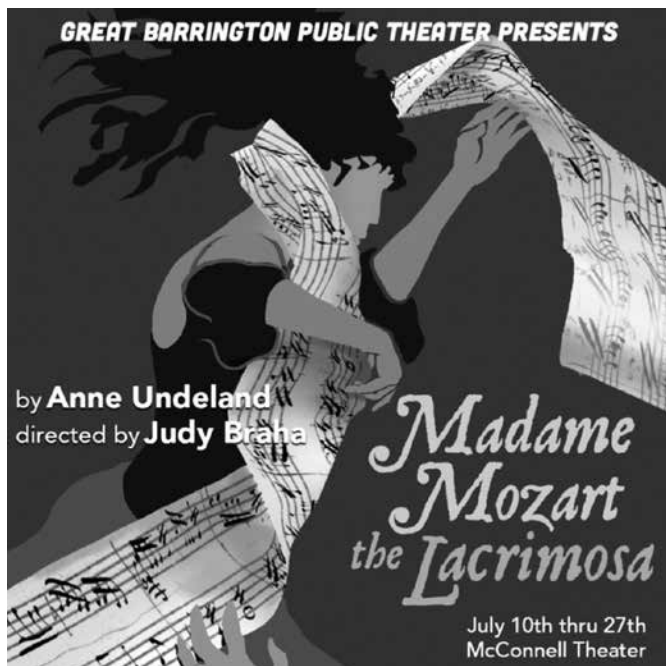
Attorney Brian Horan encouraged the Board to focus their decision on several issues. He said that Baldwin Farm had demolished a barn with no permit, as well as created a large burn pile from the demo, also without obtaining a burn permit. He said the Board has discretion on whether or not to issue the liquor license and urged the Board to consider that Toby Casey disregards the law and cannot be trusted to follow the rules if given this liquor license. He said the trailer was able to get a permit to serve food through the agricultural exemption; however, once they serve alcohol as well, like a restaurant, then that no longer meets the agricultural use exemption. Attorney Horan also stated that Baldwin Farm Bistro does not have a current permit to serve food.

Attorney Andy Hochberg, Baldwin Farm Bistro Attorney, had concerns about Attorney Horan's inaccurate and irrelevant information. He stated that the barn was not demolished; it fell down on its own. As far as the burning of the wood only, they believed that was covered under the agricultural exemption and did not require a burn

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Madame Mozart Premieres at the McConnell Theater: Play Based on Story by Local Author and Musician

By Gerald Elias



Mozart died at the age of 35 in 1791, leaving Constanze, his widow, penniless and deeply in debt. They had two sons, one a toddler, the other an infant. Four others had already died before the age of 1. Constanze was 29 years old.

The commission for Mozart's immortal *Requiem* was to be their financial lifeline. Without it, Constanze would lose everything. Mozart's pen was literally in his hand on his deathbed, unable to finish it.

Music historians have long considered Constanze a spendthrift air-head. But if that was true, how did she manage to have the *Requiem* secretly completed and publicly performed? And then she parlayed that success into a thriving publishing enterprise, establishing Mozart's unmatched legacy.

A few years ago, local West Stockbridge author and musician (that's me) wrote a short story based on real history, presenting my take on Constanze Mozart's miraculous achievement against all odds in Vienna's 18th-century male-dominated society. That story has been adapted into a play, *Madame Mozart, the Lacrimosa*, by acclaimed local playwright Anne Undeland. It will be premiered by the Great Barrington Public Theater at the McConnell Theater on the Simon's Rock campus, running from July 10 to 27.

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permit; that was a misunderstanding. Attorney Hochberg informed the Board that Fire Chief Garafoli met with Toby today and approved everything to open except two items, which Toby has a year to complete. Baldwin Farm Bistro has all its permits to open at this time.

Andy Potter noted that the Board had contacted the Zoning enforcement Officer, Brian DuVal, for information on the legality of the liquor license on the premises. The Board would also like to get his opinion on this liquor license before the Board's approval. The Board has not heard back from Brian yet, so they would like to continue the public hearing until they do. The Board will contact everyone once they have a date for the continuation.

Select Board Speak:

Andy Krouss reminded everyone to attend the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 5th at 6 PM and vote at the Annual Town Election on Monday, May 12th.

Andy Potter stated that he would be working on a State grant for the town to improve digitalization and increase workflow. This grant will be submitted in January 2026. He will continue to gather the necessary documentation to apply for this grant throughout the year.

Andy Krouss motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kathleen, at 6:30 PM.

All approved, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan

Marie Y. Ryan
Town Administrator

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2025**

The quorum was present remotely: Select Board members Andrew Krouss and Chair Andrew Potter, Kathleen Keresey (participated remotely), and Town Administrator Marie Ryan.

Andy Potter opened the meeting at 6 PM.

Citizen Speak: None

Continuation of the Baldwin Farm Bistro Liquor License Public Hearing

Andy Potter allowed Board of Health Agent Earl Moffatt to speak regarding the Baldwin Farm food service.

Earl stated that Baldwin Farm currently holds two food permits. One permit they have is to sell their products at the Farm Store, and the other permit is a Mobile Vendor License to serve food from the food truck when parked at events in town. Earl questioned how they are allowed to operate by serving food on their property since the zone in which the farm is located does not allow fast food or a restaurant, which Earl believes is the type of food service they are providing. Earl spoke with Brian DuVal, Zoning Enforcement Officer, who informed him that he had given Baldwin Farm a "cease and desist order" for the food service about two years ago. Baldwin Farm then requested a hearing with the Zoning Board of Appeals, which voted to overturn Brian's order and allow their food service. Most recently, when the Town Administrator asked Brian if he knew of any zoning issues with Baldwin Farm receiving a liquor license on premises, Brian responded that he saw no problem.

Andy Potter then closed the public testimony portion of the public hearing and requested that the Board have its discussion on the license.

Andy Krouss requested a condition on the license that liquor stop being served at 9 PM or closing, whichever occurs sooner. Kathleen agreed and added two additional conditions she would like to include.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to approve the liquor license for Baldwin Farm Bistro and to include the following conditions;

1. Operations shall begin upon approval by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission and continue until January 2025 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
2. The License shall be approved only for Beer and Wine.
3. All alcohol shall only be purchased if accompanied by a food purchase.

All were in favor, and the license was approved with the above-mentioned conditions.

Select Board Speak: None.

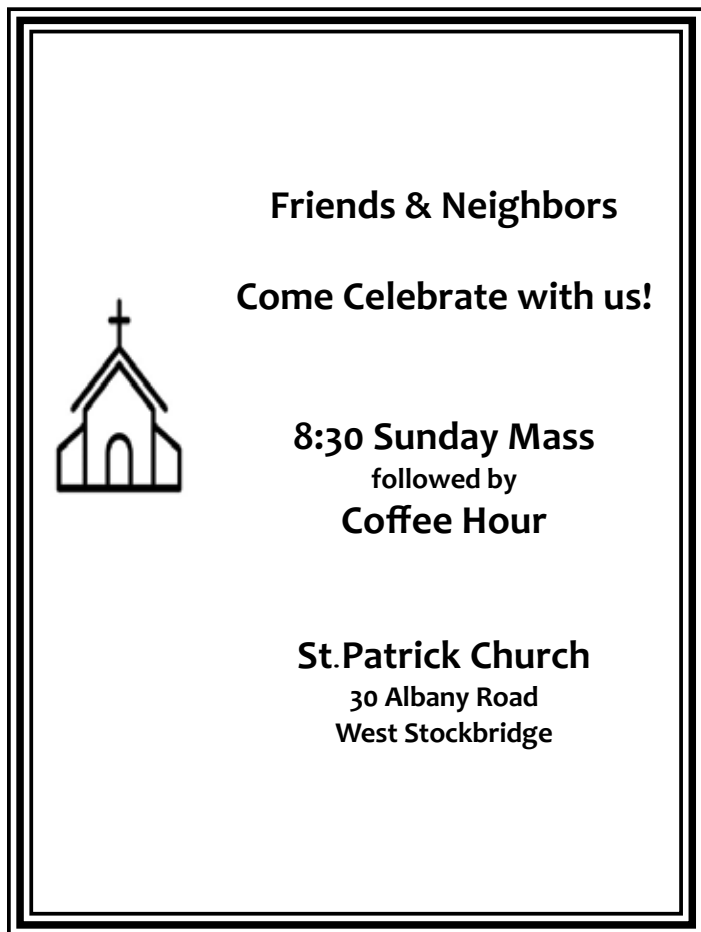
Kathleen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Andy Krouss, at 6:18 PM.

All approved, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan

Marie Y. Ryan
Town Administrator



Dog Park News

By Jackie Murray, Dog Park Committee



Photo courtesy of Dog Park Committee

Spring flowers are blooming, leaves on the trees are turning green, and the West Stockbridge Dog Park groundbreaking is getting closer to fruition. The bidding process for the park's construction has concluded, and the town awarded the project to Clark and Sons. They will coordinate with the Berkshire Design Group for a start date, hopefully sometime in June. The Dog Park Committee would like to thank everyone involved, including the Stanton Foundation, which gifted the grant for the park, and our town officials for making this project possible.

Please stop by our table at the West Stockbridge Farmers Market on May 22, June 5 and 19, July 3, 17, and 31, and August 14. Our members will also be at the Zucchini Festival on August 9 and happy to answer any questions you may have. You can view a site map of the park showing where it will be located and how it will be set up. We will have a sample of an honorary brick that can be inscribed with the name of a furry or human loved one that will be available for purchase and installed at the entrance of the dog park. In addition, you can get an adorable bandana for your dog, or you, to wear with every \$20 donation.

Thank you to everyone who submitted logo ideas. The competition was fierce and the decision hard, but ultimately it was local artist Kenny Fajardo's design that best captured how we feel about our favorite town in the Berkshires. Thank you, Kenny!

Please visit friendsofwsdogpark.org for more information, to let us know if you would like to be involved, make a donation, and join our Facebook community. You can also reach us directly with any questions at info@friendsofwsdogpark.org. Stay tuned for our upcoming newsletter to keep up to date on all dog park happenings.

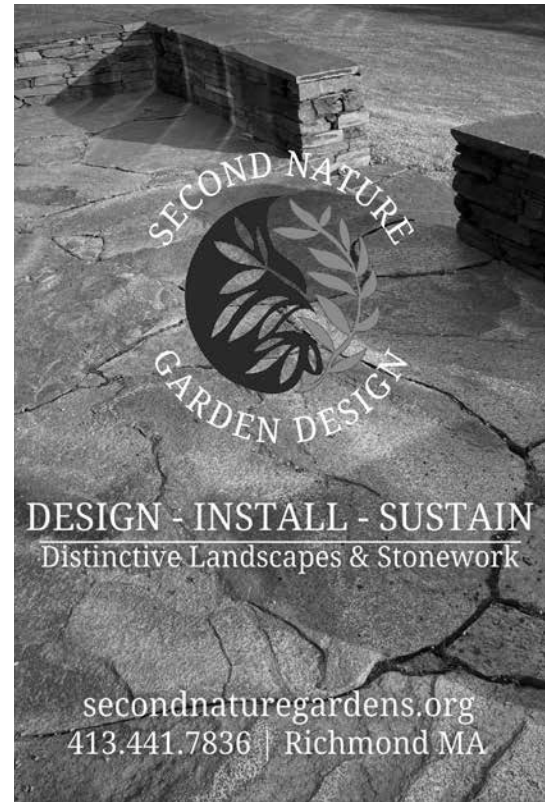
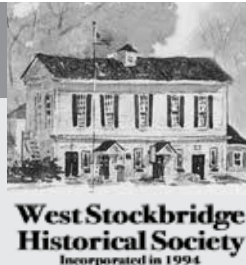
History Question:

The geography and topography of West Stockbridge seem to have an influence on our weather. A higher elevation than the Hudson River Valley to the west makes the town the first stop for western weather patterns and even lake-effect snow. Also, the north-south orientation of the rivers and hills can funnel weather up from the south. Major storm systems usually come from the south or west with the occasional Nor'easter in the winter. Steep hills with a low level of topsoil on top of hard clay or rock feed the runoff to Williams River and its tributaries. Our weather can be exciting.

West Stockbridge has experienced three major weather events in the past 150 years. One event caused the most significant damage and broadest impact on the town, yet is it not well known or spoken about. What happened and when? (Hint: It wasn't the 1973 tornado.)

(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) 232-4465.



TurnPark Art Space Opens 2025 Season

Annual Summer Festival, Exhibitions from Jim Morris, Paul Chaleff, John Clarke, and Martine Kaczynski Highlight Park's Ninth Year



Paul Chaleff's tablets and vessels on display in the Garage Gallery.
Photo courtesy of TurnPark Art Space

TurnPark Art Space, the sculpture park and contemporary art center in West Stockbridge, presents its 2025 season from May 17 through October 31. The park's ninth year features four new exhibitions, the annual Summer Festival, a Fairy Houses Festival, monthly film screenings, and other public events that will continue to amplify the TurnPark's commitment to exposing the widest possible community to unique contemporary art; showcasing emerging, mid-career, and established artists; preserving the park's natural beauty; and facilitating a platform to explore the critical issues of art through multiple artistic perspectives.

Exhibitions

Concurrent exhibitions in the Gate House and Garage Galleries will open in the 2025 season. In the Gate House Gallery, Jim Morris's *Leaving Traces* (May 17–August 4) depicts the ways dynamic real-world events are visualized. Focusing on themes of power and flux, Morris uses archaic and modern charts, maps, architectural plans, satellite photographs,

surveillance feeds, and medical records to capture states of transformation, volatility, and turbulence, offering a visual form to ideas and data that provide a bridge to understanding select aspects of our world.

In the Garage Gallery, *Sculpture - Tablets - Chargers* (May 17–July 31) from renowned ceramist and sculptor Paul Chaleff bridges ancient traditions and contemporary concerns through Chaleff's signature blend of rough gestural forms, imbued with the artist's unique philosophical outlook. *Sculpture - Tablets - Chargers*, comprising Chaleff's tablets and vessels, draws inspiration from Neolithic pottery, Japanese anagama kilns, and the sculpture of Isamu Noguchi, Anthony Caro, and others.

John Clarke's *Passing Through* (August 11–October 31) is TurnPark's second Gate House exhibition. An artist whose work revolves around a combination of abstract drawing/painting and photography, with a firm connection to sound as a stimulus, Clarke creates landscapes that undulate with emotion. In addition to select paintings on view in the gallery, *Passing Through* will feature the construction of a temporary pavilion on park grounds, where Clarke will work on site, drawing on the ambient sound emanating from Mass Turnpike that abuts the property for inspiration. Designed to echo the shape and volume of the TurnPark Gate House, the pavilion's transparent walls will invite visitors to witness this creative process.

Martine Kaczynski's *Daily Deviation* (August 11–October 31), the second exhibition in the Garage Gallery, challenges and navigates our psychological interaction with architecture and the semiotics of the constructed world. Recreating archetypal forms that stray from normal function and origin, Kaczynski examines the unstable nature of house and home, and the fragility of our perceived status and security. Kaczynski's work—distilled and stylized would-be fences, guard rails, signs, and canopied shelters—is best described by *unheimlich*, the German word for “uncanny,” referring to those things that should offer safety and comfort yet do the opposite.

TurnPark Summer Festival 2025: Roots and Wings

The annual Summer Festival, TurnPark's day-long event of music, dance, performance art, immersive installations, wearable sculptures, meditative rituals, and a bonfire, will take place on June 14, from 3 to 10 pm. This year's theme, “Roots and Wings,” celebrates the deep-rooted connections that shape us while simultaneously embracing the soaring possibilities of the future—roots to be grounded and, when it's time, wings to be able to fly! Festival tickets are now available for advance purchase on the TurnPark website at [turnpark.com](https://www.turnpark.com) or in person at the Visitor's Center during regular park hours.

Outdoor Film Screening

Throughout the season at the Amphitheater, TurnPark will present an outdoor film series around the theme of “movies that shape us” on the last Thursday of each month, starting June 26.

Fairy Houses Festival

Finally, on October 11, TurnPark will present its first Fairy Houses Festival. A new initiative that will create lasting memories in a serene and enchanting setting, the Fairy Houses Festival will feature a stunning display of fairy houses, intricately crafted by local artists and community members. It will also invite guests to build their own Fairy Houses and a chance at a prize. Other highlights of the Fairy Houses Festival are interactive workshops, storytelling sessions, and live performances across park grounds.

TurnPark Art Space is located at 2 Moscow Road in West Stockbridge. For more information visit <https://www.turnpark.com/>.



Support Our West Stockbridge Library

The federal administration issued Executive Order 14238 in March, intending to dismantle the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The IMLS has since placed most of its staff on administrative leave and has begun to terminate grants and contracts nationwide. These actions are likely to impact our West Stockbridge Public Library. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) is the state agency that oversees library services and administers state and federal grants across the Commonwealth. Federal funds this agency receives from the IMLS help support many of the services our community relies on, including access to these benefits:

- Online unified catalog that allows library users to locate and request library materials from all across the state and have them delivered directly to their home library.
- Libby, a platform used to borrow eBooks and audiobooks.
- A statewide database that provides online resources such as newspapers, journals, and magazines. Our students use these materials to research homework assignments.
- Programs supporting youth literacy.

Although a temporary restraining order was granted to block the Executive Order for now, MBLC has already made cuts to library services and grants because access to federal funds for this year and in the future remains uncertain. In addition, the MBLC now must show that its programs comply with new federal government policies. The agency is responding with the requested information, but it is uncertain if it will meet the requirements to receive the necessary funding.

The MBLC and the Massachusetts Library Association are working with state legislators to increase its funding amounts in the 2026 state budget that begins on July 1, 2025. Unless this critical financial support level is met, it is unlikely they will be able to fill the budgetary gaps created by the Executive Order.

Please step up for your library today! Here are some steps you can take now to support our library and protect much needed funds and programs:

- Send a message to our U.S. senators and your representative to protect IMLS funding.
- Let your Massachusetts legislators know you support increased funding for libraries in next year's state budget.
- Write a letter to local newspapers and magazines to personalize the importance of local libraries and how the loss of federal dollars will impact our communities.
- Share your concern with friends and neighbors in person or on social media.
- Stay informed by checking out relevant websites such as the MBLC, the New England Library Association, or the American Library Association. These groups offer up-to-date information and suggestions on how to get involved and make your concerns known to our national and local leaders.


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Hello from West Stockbridge Public Library!

On the heels (or should we say trotters?) of our visit from Gilbert the Party Pig, we have a new story walk set up around the playground, stuffed with facts about pigs. Please enjoy!

Libraries around the state are celebrating this summer with the theme “Level Up at Your Library!” Our programs will officially start once school is out.

We also invite all kids to try our proven winner reading challenge to read in 100 different places this summer. Please ask us about it!

April at a glance:

- 624 hardcopy items were borrowed and renewed
- \$10,200 was saved by library users because they borrowed instead of buying
- 544 eBooks, eMagazines, and streaming audiobooks borrowed
- 447 library visitors

We look forward to seeing you a lot this summer! Vicky, Rachel, Sarah, Francesca

NEW ADULT FICTION

Backman, *My friends*
Baldacci, *Strangers in time: a World War II novel*
Box, *Battle Mountain*
Hall, *Broken country*
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Rose, *The perfect divorce*
Vuong, *Emperor of gladness*
Yarros, *Onyx storm*

NEW ADULT NONFICTION

Brooks, *Memorial days: a memoir*
Chernow, *Mark Twain*
Leslie, *John & Paul: a love story in songs*
Lewis, *Who is government?*
Wynn-Williams, *Careless people: a cautionary tale of power, greed, and lost idealism*

NEW TITLES FOR ALL AGES

Dahl, *Matilda*
Eaton, *Survival scout: lost at sea*
West, *Cave of the Crystal Dragon: A Branches B*
West, *Haunting of the Ghost Dragon: A Branches B*
West, *Night of the Dream Dragon: A Branches B*

NEW DVDs

Gladiator; Moana 2; Dog Man Collector's Edition



Scrapbook Questions/created by Paula Farrell

TEST YOUR TRIVIA KNOWLEDGE!

1. Who was the pastel artist who presented a workshop on pastel painting at the West Stockbridge Library in February 2015?
2. Which West Stockbridge resident was president of Fairview Hospital?
3. For what project did the Massachusetts Department of Transportation select West Stockbridge?
4. Who wrote an opinion piece in the *Berkshire Eagle* concerning coercing 61 homeowners in West Stockbridge to lower or mitigate water and sewer fees by issuing unfounded mandates?

1. Gregory John Matchack
2. Gene Della
3. The location for several solar arrays as part of a statewide green energy program
4. Richard Squallia



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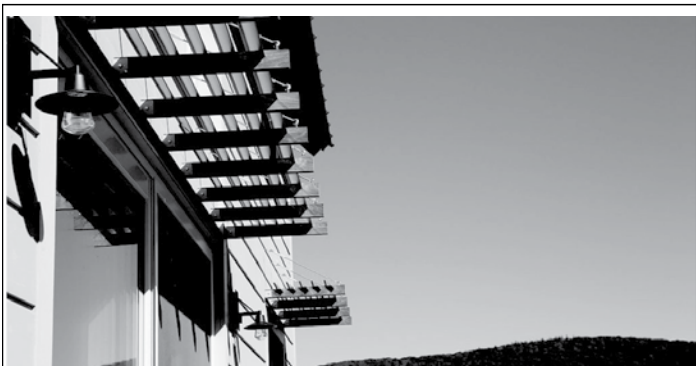


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A Handy Checklist to Help You Work with the West Stockbridge Conservation Commission (Or, What's with All Those Forms?)

By David Evans, Conservation Commission Chair



Last month in the *Local Yokel* we described the responsibilities and role of the town's conservation commission and the kind of work that falls in our jurisdiction.

All of which raises this question:

What steps should I take to do any kind of work in or near a resource area or may be under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission?

We understand it's often hard to know if the work you're considering needs referral to the commission. The best advice is simply to ask us.

You can file a **Request for Determination of Applicability ("RDA")**, available online from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as "WPA Form 1." The form asks for a brief description of what you want to do, what steps are involved in the project and in what order, a timeline for the work, and other relevant information. The application fee of \$250 for the RDA is payable to the Town of West Stockbridge; it covers required legal notices and other administrative costs.

The commission then reviews your RDA at its next meeting and decides whether the work falls within our jurisdiction or not. If it doesn't, you need do nothing further and are free to proceed.

If the commission finds that your project *does* fall under our jurisdiction, you are typically asked to take the next step and file a **Notice of Intent ("NOI")**, online as "WPA Form 3." It requires a more detailed description of what you plan to do, as well as any steps you propose to take to minimize or remediate any impact of your project on the area.

We recommend you get help with the NOI from a professional engineer with experience in the process (many are familiar with it). Similar to a building permit application, the NOI also requires the posting of legal notices as well as the notification of abutters (i.e., your neighbors). The NOI must also be filed with the Massachusetts DEP that will assign your project a file number.

Once the NOI is filed, the commission schedules a hearing on your project at an upcoming meeting. The commission reviews the NOI with you (and your engineer if appropriate), as well as any public input from neighbors and others. Based on the hearing, the commission then usually issues another form, called the **Order of Conditions** ("WPA Form 5"), in which we outline the conditions under which the project can proceed.

All this may sound complicated, but it's really not. Many proposals are resolved at the RDA stage and don't require any additional work.

But we do highly recommend that you go through the process. Failing to do so could result in action by the DEP or the commission after the fact, requiring you to reverse or remediate some aspects of your project, which can be both complicated and expensive.

For more detail on the process just described, see the FAQs the commission has posted on its page on the West Stockbridge town website.

At the end of the day, our goal is to help you align your project with the applicable regulations, so you can avoid unnecessary hassle and expense, and move forward with peace of mind.

Questions or comments: Please email the commission at Conservation@weststockbridge-ma.gov.

Photo courtesy of West Stockbridge Conservation Commission

Art on Main Gallery

38 Main St. West Stockbridge
Guild of Berkshire Artists

"Go Figure"
June 5–June 29,
Thursday–Sunday, 11–4
Reception: June 7, 2–4

Artists Jane Craker, Julie Love Edmonds, Pattie Lipman, and John Huffaker bring life to their subjects with paint, sculpture, and prints, connecting the complexity of human emotion and engaging the viewer to experience a wide range of thoughts and ideas.



Jane Craker, Yellow Raincoat; Julie Love Edmonds, Composition in Blue and Yellow; Pattie Lipman, Untitled; John Huffaker, Pondering the Ineffable

John Huffaker - Pondering the Ineffable, bronze, 6" tall

"My current work is representational but not naturalistic. The work is small because I scale it to my hand. I like to pick up a piece, turn it, work it, and repeat the process to refine it. The flow of forms and light across the forms is more important to me than any anatomical precision, but I do want the viewer to be able to identify the basis of the piece."

Pattie Lipman - Untitled, Etching and sugar-lift print, 3.75" × 3"

Pattie is showing earlier figurative pieces using a variety of drawing, printmaking methods, and a few sculptures.

Julie Love Edmonds - Composition in Blue and Yellow, oils, 36" × 36"

Julie's paintings can be described as "expressive realism." Her subjects include still life, landscape, portraiture, and people in context. She uses oil paints, alternating between landscapes and portraits depending on what imagery captures her at the time. In portraits, she looks for emotional impact, a glance into the psyche. For that she stays close to the visual reality of the subject while trying to integrate her painterly objectives.

Jane Craker - Yellow Raincoat, cold wax/oils, 32" × 25"

The world of make-believe comes alive in Jane's paintings of kids. When the subjects put on their favorite raincoat or costume, they are transported into another world. When painting, Jane's intention is to capture the moment and spirit of the subject she's painting to make the connection between the seen and the unseen, a welcome reminder of our own relationship to that world.

Community News & Events

Stockbridge Grange Dinner

Take a night off from cooking and order this month's takeout-only Stockbridge Grange dinner on Sunday, June 8, with pickup at the Grange Hall, 51 Church Street, Stockbridge. Dinner entrée: ham and baked beans; chocolate and lemon pies for dessert. To place an order, call (413) 243-1298 or (413) 443-4352. Pickup time is 12 to 1:30 pm. The next dinner will be in September.

Council on Aging

We will be making origami gift bags on Tuesday, June 3, at 9:30 am in the Richmond Town Community Room. Pre-register to reserve your space and materials by calling Heather at Richmond Town Hall (413) 553-7793. The class is free to residents 60 years of age and older from Richmond and West Stockbridge. It's a fun time—hope to see you there!

The Knitters Group

The Knitters Group meets every Wednesday from 2 to 4 pm in the Community Room at the Town Offices. All crafts are welcome.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library Committee meets every second Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the Community Room at the Town Offices. All are welcome.



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History Quiz Answer:

Our first recorded major weather event was the infamous "Great Blizzard of 1888" that dumped 50 inches of snow with 40 mph winds. Many major snowdrifts blocked all the roads and rail service in the county and our town. The *Eagle* reported snowdrifts on the road to Great Barrington up to 12 feet. Even so, it only took one day to clear the snow and restart the railroad lines that were the primary means of travel between towns at that time.

The 1973 tornado was our more recent significant weather event. The tornado slashed from southeast to northwest, running from West Center/Maple Hill across the Kie farm and the former truck stop, then on to Dean Hill in Richmond. The F4 tornado killed 4 people and injured 36, leveling the truck stop and damaging homes along its 6-mile path. Fortunately, destruction was limited to that lightly inhabited path.

The one event that caused major damage and impacted the largest part of the town was the 1938 hurricane, known as the "Long Island Express" or the "Great Long Island-New England Hurricane." West Stockbridge, although not in the direct path of the eye of the Category 5 storm, experienced the greatest flooding in its recorded history. The storm hit Long Island (Fire Island), crossed the sound into Connecticut, and the eye traveled up the Connecticut River Valley to Vermont. Connecticut and Rhode Island were severely damaged from the storm surge on the coast.

The Berkshires were on the western edge of the storm. We did not experience the high winds (125 mph), but we did have 4 to 6 inches of rain in a few hours. What made the storm even more deadly is that the area had just received 2.5 inches of rain a few days before. The ground was already saturated when the hurricane hit. Given the mountainous topography and the light amount of topsoil for adsorption, flooding was inevitable.

On September 20, 1938, the *Berkshire Eagle* had forecast some rain for the next day. Many dams were already in danger from the previous storm and being watched. When this hurricane hit, bridges, railroad tracks, roads, and streets in the county were flooded, and many of them washed out. All road and rail travel was halted. East Lee, Adams, North Adams, and parts of Pittsfield were hard hit.

The impact on West Stockbridge was significant. The concrete bridge on the Richmond Road (Route 41), built in 1929, was washed away. Water overflowed the Shaker Mill and Center Street bridges by 2 to 3 feet. Main Street buildings were all flooded, and the Fire Department was called on to pump out basements. All electric power and telephone service was out.

The low-lying areas of State Line had it the worst. Flatbrook went from being a lazy stream to a roaring river. Wetlands along Route 102 became lakes with 4 feet of water over the road. The *Eagle* reported two cars stranded and abandoned (owned by Reno Delmolino and Peter Skorput, Sr., respectively). The bridge on West Center Road was in danger of being washed out. Cattle were stranded in the fields, and the rail yards and station at State Line flooded.

On the south end of town, damage was extensive along the Williams River with the Freedleyville and Rockdale neighborhoods flooded. Route 41 was impassible, particularly near the Cobb Road and lower Pixley Hill Road intersections. For two days, all roads in and out of town were blocked, rail travel halted, and many people were trapped in their homes. West Stockbridge was isolated. There was no dollar estimate of the damage because data were not available, but the cost of a storm like that now would clearly be significant.



Shaker Mills and Bridge. Flood waters from the 1938 storm overflowed the Shaker Mill and Center Street bridges by 2 to 3 feet. Photo courtesy of West Stockbridge Historical Society

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Town Treasurer	<i>Benjamin Gelb</i>	232-0300	ext. 316	Tues. 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>Tom Beasley</i>	528-1580		
Zoning Board of Appeals	<i>C. Randolph Thunfors</i>	232-0300	ext. 300	

Official Town Government Website: weststockbridge-ma.gov • Community and Business Website: visitweststockbridge.com



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Saturday, August 9, 2025
9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Lee Wastewater Treatment Plant
379 Pleasant Street, Lee, MA

Participating Towns
Alford * Becket * Egremont * Gt Barrington * Lee * Lenox * Monterey * Mt Washington * New Marlborough * Otis *
Richmond * Sandisfield * Sheffield * Stockbridge * Tyringham * Washington * West Stockbridge

What Can I Bring?

From the Yard/Garden	From the Workbench	From the House	From the Garage
Pesticides, Fungicides Herbicides Insect Sprays Rodent Killers Flea Powder No-Pest Strips Chemical Fertilizers Moth Balls Lighter Fluid Pool Chemicals Cesspool Cleaners	Rust Preventers Wood Preservatives Wood Strippers/Stains Paint Thinners Muriatic Acid Lead & Oil-Based Paint Varnish Full Aerosol Cans Sealants Adhesives Solvents Creosote	Drain Cleaners Oven Cleaners Floor Cleaners Metal Polish Arts & Craft Supplies Photo Chemicals Chemistry Kits Rechargeable Batteries Button Batteries Fluorescent Bulbs Thermometers Thermostats	Fuels: Gasoline/Kerosene Brake/Transmission Fluids Car Wax/Polish Engine Degreaser Motor Oil Swimming Pool Chemicals Driveway Sealer Antifreeze Car Lead/ Acid Batteries

What Can't I Bring?

Commercial Waste: Latex Paint, Standard Batteries, Asbestos, Fireworks or Explosives, Ammunition, Construction Debris, Smoke Detectors, Propane or Gas Cylinders, Radioactive Material, PCB's, Fire Extinguishers, Electronics, Medical Sharps, Medications

How to Safely Transport Waste

Leave materials in original containers
Tighten caps & lids
Pack containers in sturdy, upright boxes
NEVER MIX CHEMICALS
Never Smoke while handling
Pack your vehicle and go directly to site

Pre-Registration is Required
Registration Portal Will Open July 2025
Visit www.tritownhealth.org or call (413) 243-5540 for more information.

WEST STOCKBRIDGE FARMERS MARKET

on the foundry green



**Thursdays
3-6PM**

Rain or Shine!

**We double SNAP thanks to Berkshire Ag Ventures
Plus, we double WIC & Senior Coupons, too!**

Farm fresh produce • Meat • Cheese • Eggs • Maple syrup • Bread & baked goods • Jams • Flowers • Prepared foods • Ice Cream • Artisan goods & more • Plus, Live Music!

WESTSTOCKBRIDGEFARMERSMARKET.ORG

June Art Calendar

Guild of Berkshire Artists | BerkshireArtists.org | infoberkshireartists@gmail.com 2025

May 1 - June 1, "Earth Sea Sky"
featuring 4 artists. Art on Main Gallery, West Stockbridge, MA.



June 5 - June 29, "Go Figure" featuring 4 artists. Art on Main Gallery, West Stockbridge, MA.
Reception: Saturday June 7, 2-4PM

June 12 then Daily except Sundays, Plein Air. Various Berkshire locations. Learn more & sign up: <https://www.berkshireartists.org/pleinair>



June 20 - 22, Plein Air Workshop with Chris Morel West Stockbridge. Learn more and sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/5cxzuef6>

June 22, Berkshire Photo Gathering. See web: berkshirephotogathering.com/online-meetings

See www.berkshireartists.org for all the in-person and online events offered by the Guild of Berkshire Artists!

**Reception:
June 7, 2-4pm**

Go Figure
*Jane Craker | Pattie Lipman
John Huffaker | Julie Love Edmonds*
June 5 - June 29, 2025

Art on Main
38 Main Street, West Stockbridge

The West Stockbridge Historical Society presents:

WEST STOCKBRIDGE JAZZ SERIES



FELIPE SALLES QUARTET

with Nando Michelin,
Keala Kaumeheiwā,
Bertram Lehman

**Saturday, June 21, 2025
at 7pm**
The Old Town Hall
at 9 Main Street
Tickets: \$35 Members/
\$40 Non-members

weststockbridgehistory.org

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West Stockbridge
Local Yokel
 P.O. Box 238
 West Stockbridge, MA 01266

thelocalyokel.org



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June Calendar of Events

6/3	Affordable Housing Trust meeting	9 am	On Zoom only
6/3	Council on Aging Craft Group meeting	9:30 am	Richmond Library History Room
6/4	Knitters Group	2–4 pm	Community Room
6/5	WS Farmers Market	3–6 pm	Foundry Green, Harris Street
6/8	Stockbridge Grange Takeout Dinner		See Community News for details
6/9	Select Board meeting	6 pm	Town Offices and on Zoom
6/11	Knitters Group	2–4 pm	Community Room
6/11	Friends of the Library meeting	3:30 pm	Community Room
6/12	WS Farmers Market	3–6 pm	Foundry Green, Harris Street
6/14	Flag Day		
6/15	*** Deadline for the next <i>Local Yokel</i> ***		Send to info@thelocalyokel.org
6/15	Father's Day		
6/18	Knitters Group	2–4 pm	Community Room
6/18	Memoir Writing Workshop with Lara Tupper	5–7 pm	Town Offices
6/19	Juneteenth holiday: Town Offices closed		
6/19	WS Farmers Market	3–6 pm	Foundry Green, Harris Street
6/21	Felipe Salles Quartet Jazz Concert	7 pm	Old Town Hall, 9 Main Street
6/23	Select Board meeting	6 pm	Town Offices and on Zoom
6/25	Knitters Group	2–4 pm	Community Room
6/26	WS Farmers Market	3–6 pm	Foundry Green, Harris Street
Note: Town Offices (including Community Room and Library) are located at 21 State Line Road, West Stockbridge.			