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## BERKSHIRE COUNTY — 1858

### A Rare Map Is Restored

By Joe Poindexter

While digging through old documents in the Town Hall, members of the New Marlborough Historical Society came across a rare 1858 “map of the County of Berkshire.” It was faded, creased, and flaking, and yet, according to Massachusetts state conservator Rachel Onuf, on hand to help the Society develop a system for preserving records and ephemera, our map was in better condition than others of this same edition she had seen. She recommended restoration. Seizing the initiative, Historical Society Board member David Hosford drove the map more than half way across the state to a Shrewsbury, Massachusetts specialist in antique maps, Green Dragon Bindery.

A restoration of this kind is not for amateurs — or the faint of heart. As described by Wes Carpenter of Green Dragon, the renovation began with a removal of the old varnish on the map, which then went into a water bath to separate the paper surface from its linen backing. Originally, the map was printed in four panels, but over decades of exposure to the elements and successive rollings and unrollings, the panels had cracked and separated into pieces. How many, Mr. Carpenter was asked. He paused as he consulted with Christine Carpenter, who did the actual work. “At least several hundred,” she said.

The pieces were reassembled on a sheet of acid-free tissue with archival paste (a process using a wheat-based glue that can be undone if needed). Blank spots that had chipped off were filled in with paper that



photo by Larry Burke

In all its glory, the restored “Map of the County of Berkshire, Massachusetts,” from 1858. The map measures roughly five feet square.

was dyed to match the surrounding hues. Color was then added to restore the original intensity — typically, said Mr. Carpenter, blues and greens fade to 50 or 60 percent of the original, reds to 90 percent. Finally, the map was attached to a new linen backing. “It should last another hundred years,” said Ms. Carpenter.

The map resonates with history. It provides only a few original road designations but is speckled with family names that live on to this day. In New Marlborough, for example, it shows a Huxley near Huxley Cemetery, a Palmer near Palmer Cemetery, a Calkins on the corner of Calkins Cross and Hartsville Mill River Roads, a Rhodes (sic) on what is now Rhoades and Bailey Road, and a Hart at the location of the former Red Bird Inn just north of Hartsville. Clayton, alas, is missing: What was to become New Marlborough’s fifth village had not yet been acquired from Sheffield. East Sheffield, as it was then called, became part of New Marlborough in 1871.

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Berkshire County map, continued

(The full, fascinating story of the annexation of East Sheffield was told by John Sisson in the third issue of the NM5VN's first year of publication – July, 2000. Seek it out at the Library!)

On May 4, the “map of the County of Berkshire” came home. At this writing, the Historical Society was still searching for a suitable place in which to hang it. □



Right: New Marlborough as it appeared in the 1858 map of Berkshire County. The dotted line represents the area annexed from Sheffield in 1871, and hence, the current town lines.



## ELECTION RESULTS

In the Monday, May 8 elections, 247 ballots were cast, from a total count of 1,090 registered voters. The vote tallies were as follows:

**Moderator**, one-year term: **Barry Shapiro**, 199 votes

**Selectman**, three-year term: **Nat Yohalem**, 168 votes

**Assessor**, three-year term: **Freddy Friedman**, 201 votes

**Planning Board**, five-year term: **Peter Tiso**, 183 votes

**Finance Committee**, one-year term: **Sandra Fusco-Walker**, 179 votes

**Finance Committee**, three-year term: **Robert Miller**, 192 votes

**Finance Committee**, three-year term: **Steven Klein**, 138 votes

**Town Clerk**, three-year term: **Katherine Chretien**, 224 votes

**Board of Health**, three-year term: **Lawrence Davis III**, 212 votes

**Tree Warden**, one-year term: **William Ruane**, 194 votes

**Cemetery Commissioner**, three-year term: **James Palmer**, 220 votes

**Library Trustee**, three-year term: **Maureen Hosford**, 209 votes

On the single ballot question, for an override of Proposition 2-1/2 for the sum of \$150,000 the question the question lost, 112 votes for, 118 against.

## A (FLAVORFUL) WALK IN THE WOODS



If you would like to discover a treasure of edibles in full view but still pretty much invisible, take a walk in the woods with Tes Reed. Tes has been a champion of edible woodland plants since her childhood in an 1870s farmhouse on Calkins Cross Road that her father (a dentist “who really wanted to be a farmer,” says Tes) bought before she was born. The library shelves in the farmhouse were filled with volumes on nature and books on plants in the wild, including that seminal Ewell Gibbons text, *Stalking the Wild*

*Asparagus*. “I grew up with it, so I thought everyone knew about woodland edibles,” she says.

Asked to give readers of the *5 Village News* a brief introduction to what they are missing, Tes takes a reporter to a patch of woods near the Calkins Cross Road house where she and husband Paul have lived, raising two daughters of their own, since the death of her parents. Stopping along a wood road, the reporter looks for the pathway he assumes will lead to a hidden trove of wild delectables. But no, the trove is right at his feet. Tes looks down and says, “Here’s what I see.” In quick succession, she points out colt’s foot, wild red clover, plantain, wild strawberry, young golden rod, stinging nettles, garlic mustard, Japanese knotweed, and yarrow.

It’s a bravura performance: “Wild food has so much energy, vitamins, and nutrition. A handful of leaves is all you need for a day’s nutrition,” says Tes. How about calories, protein? Wild foods have plenty of protein, she says. Exhibit A: the Eastern White Pine. “The White pine is the most incredible provider. Pine nuts are packed with fat and protein. You can make tea from the needles and a Balsamic-like vinegar by soaking the needles in



photo by Joe Poindexter

Tes Reed, with a basketful of woodland edibles.

white vinegar. A flour can be made from a residue scraped from the inside of pine bark. There is so much vitamin C, it’s ridiculous.”

As they progress to another spot, a bit farther from the house, Tes reveals a patch of ramps. “When you find a ramp patch, protect it,” she says, by which she means that one should be careful not to spread the word too widely. “People tend to over-harvest ramps, so that the patch doesn’t regenerate,” she says. “They are as valuable as morels.” She advises ramp seekers to carefully snip off the stem and leave the bulb intact. Back at the house, Tes puts in a word for Public Enemy No. 1 among lawn perfectionists, the dandelion. According to Tes, there is no greater delicacy than the dandelion fritter, produced by dipping a dandelion flower in hot oil. Then there is grilled cheese and ramp salad: “Dee-lish,” she says. Late spring and early summer, she adds, is prime-time for woodland edibles.

“I feel a deep connection to plants, and I have studied them as much as I have time for,” says Tes. “The woods are my church.” □

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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**April 18:** With two selectmen Nat Yohalem and Michele Shalaby present, the meeting began at 7:10 p.m. **Joshua Seitz, who appeared at the April 11 meeting, presented again to the Board an update regarding his intent to purchase the Kolburne School property.** Mr. Seitz stated he is not sure whether the purchase will go through because someone else has made another offer. Nevertheless, Mr. Seitz asked the Board if the Town would view favorably his intended usage of property as a marijuana production facility. Mr. Seitz reiterated that this project would bring jobs, taxes, and other benefits to the community.

Mr. Yohalem stated the Board had requested at the prior meeting a one- or two-page summary sheet detailing Mr. Seitz's plan. The Board intended to submit this to town counsel to find out exactly what steps needed to be taken and what types of permits would be required. Mr. Yohalem also told Mr. Seitz that, "In terms of the Town being okay with this, we haven't heard enough of the plan yet. I, for one, have no idea what the project is and I'm not going to opine on it. I will repeat I am open to discussion, but can't tell you I am in favor of something so vague." Ms. Shalaby stated that Tom Carmody, our building inspector, is the front-line person in all of this. She advised Mr. Seitz to discuss his plans with Mr. Carmody. She continued, "You can obtain a special use permit. You can go to Tom and say this is what I want to do and Tom will tell you who to go to. All the abutters are then notified, and anyone in town can speak to the project. We are definitely open to this process."

The board then reviewed the warrant for the Town Meeting. Discussion among the selectmen and Town Administrator Mari Enoch mainly centered on the different possible scenarios that might arise during the

annual Town Meeting on articles that involve the choice of raising and appropriating funds or transferring funds from Free Cash. The board then discussed the tree maintenance project, Article 31, in which the amount of \$30,000 of Free Cash would be expended upon the trimming of trees, starting at the Transfer Station on Route 183 and continuing onto Route 57, going west as far as the funds would take it.

The Board then recognized **Cindy Schmulsky who expressed her concerns about the increasing numbers of black bears in the area.** Ms. Schmulsky stated that in 1970 there were about 100 black bears and recent counts in 2015 show that number to be as many as 4,500 black bears. The Board asked Prudence Spaulding, Town animal control officer to speak, and she advised that the state recommended keeping food sources locked up, placing ammonia in your trash, and not putting out bird feeders before December or after the first signs of spring. Mr. Yohalem concluded the conversation by suggesting Ms. Schmulsky call the Department of Wildlife and talk with them directly regarding her concerns.

Mr. Yohalem stated that the Town had received a copy of a complaint filed by Egremont regarding the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. Mr. Yohalem said if the relief requested by Egremont is granted, then the Egremont school program would be reinstated and he asked that the complaint be added to next Monday's agenda for discussion.

Ms. Shalaby announced there will be a budget presentation on Saturday, April 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the upstairs room of Town Hall. Ms. Shalaby said the budget has been updated according to all the changes made.

Returning to the upcoming Town Meeting warrant and the **override question that will be voted upon the**

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following week, Prudence Spaulding of the Finance Committee raised the question of whether the \$150,000 requested for the override could be brought down to \$100,000. "I understand we are also including a \$50,000 cushion in the override, so basically we are not that far off, if you look at those figures," she said.

Ms. Shalaby responded that we are not taxing for that \$150,000 of the override; that we tax for what is approved at Town Meeting less revenues and revenue amounts are the big question until later this year as the state operates on a different fiscal year. She went on to clarify that the legislature doesn't tell us what our state aid will be although we usually receive about \$200,000 in state aid per year. Ms. Shalaby went on to say: "We give people a guess. I think that's what everyone needs to remember.

There is no such thing as asking for an override in the actual amount that we need because we don't know the actual amount." Ms. Enoch stated **you can approve an override for \$150,000 but you don't have to spend it, and it does not determine how much you tax:** "What determines how much you tax is what you pass in the budget at Town Meeting."

Sandra Fusco-Walker asked the Board whether the override of \$150,000 becomes a permanent increase in our budget in the years to come. Ms. Shalaby responded that it does not but it gives us the room to set the tax rate for what the budget is.

Town Moderator Barry Shapiro then addressed the Board about the **proper phrasing of articles involving the use of Free Cash**, saying that, "When a warrant article says 'raise and appropriate', it does not mean you can transfer from Free Cash. It is not in the scope of the warrant article and I would not permit it. Similarly if you had an article to transfer funds from Free Cash and someone made a motion to 'raise and appropriate'

the funds instead of transfer, I would not permit that either." He continued to say that some towns use the phrase, "To see if the town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, etc.," but that, as things stand, New Marlborough's articles are not crafted that way. Ms. Shalaby stated she didn't think we should change the phrasing at this point, but that we can revisit this in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

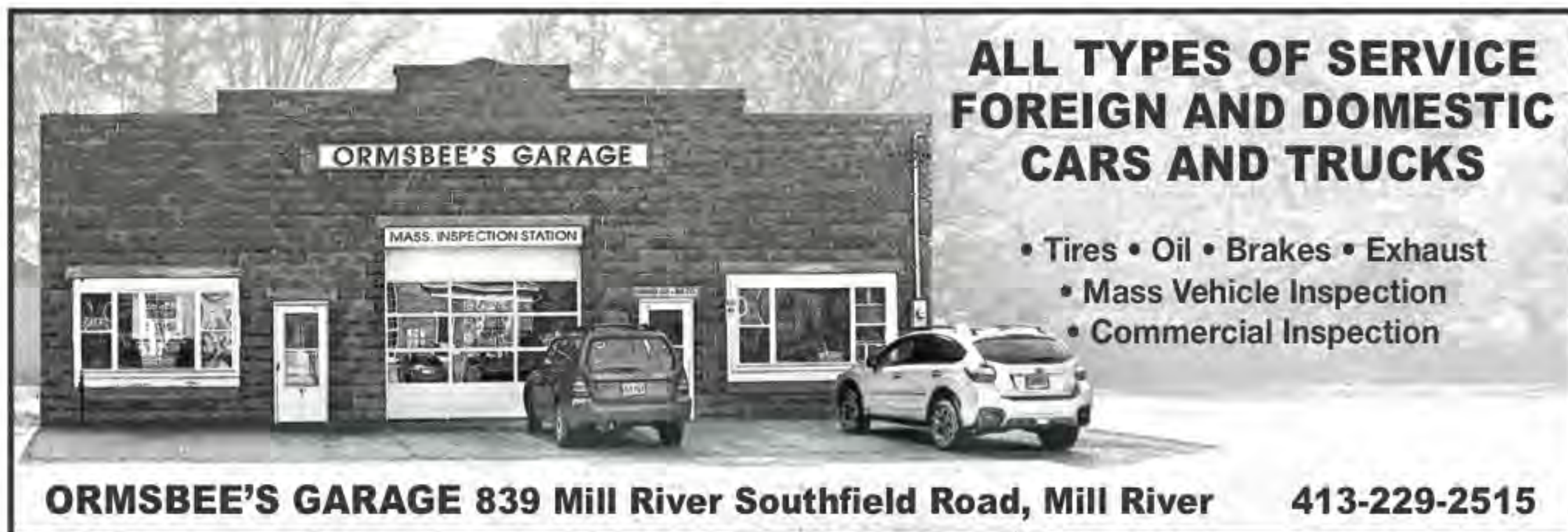
*Sandra Fusco-Walker*

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**April 24:** With all three selectmen present, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. Before turning to the evening's agenda, **Chairman Yohalem** took a moment to acknowledge the passing of **Edgar Zukauskas**, a long-time Town resident and husband of Selectman Tara White. As Mr.

Yohalem noted, Mr. Zukauskas was very active in town affairs, serving on the Finance Committee for many years as well as chairing it. He also served as Town Constable, Town Moderator, was a Commissioner of the Umpachene Falls Park Commission, and a member of the Fire Department. "He was everything to this Town," Mr. Yohalem said, "in many ways the heart and soul. We will miss him, and we're all saddened by his death."

After approving the minutes of the previous four meetings, the Board discussed the town of **Egremont's lawsuit against the Southern Berkshire Regional School District** regarding the closing of the Egremont School, and specifically that New Marlborough's **Town Counsel, Jeremia Pollard**, is representing Egremont in the suit. "The problem I have with that," Mr. Yohalem said, "is that it's a serious conflict of interest. What if the Town decides to intervene in the suit, become a party to it? We wouldn't have an attorney, no counsel to guide us," he said. He then proposed drafting a letter to Attorney Pollard, pointing out to him the conflict and



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asking him not to represent Egremont in the suit. "We're not terminating him, not at all," Mr. Yohalem was quick to add, "but if he doesn't withdraw, we can discuss what action, if any, we should take at that time." The Board agreed copies of the letter should also be sent to the four other school district towns, to the School Committee, and to Superintendent David Hastings. *Editor's Note: Mr. Pollard has since withdrawn from representation of Egremont in this matter.*

In other matters, Mr. Yohalem mentioned the Town is considering a proposed contract with a payroll company, Worcester-based Harper Payroll Services, which would take over payroll duties now handled by Treasurer Marilyn Fracasso, "to free her up to do other duties," Mr. Yohalem said. He asked Town Administrator Enoch to follow up with the Town's other financial officers "to give them a chance to weigh in on it."

Mr. Yohalem also said a second meeting with Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad is being scheduled to **discuss the staffing of ambulance calls as part of a shared services initiative.** In addition to New Marlborough, he expects the towns of Monterey, Sandisfield, Otis, and Tolland to attend. Mr. Yohalem later confirmed the meeting has been set for Thursday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the New Marlborough firehouse.

The final discussion of the evening concerned the state's **Open Meeting Law.** It was included on the agenda at the request of Town resident Tom Stalker who previously filed an Open Meeting Law (OML) complaint against the Board with the state attorney general. What he wanted to know, Mr. Stalker said, was whether the selectmen and other town officials have certified, as required by state law, that they have received copies of the OML regulations and related educational materials and that they understand the requirements of the law and the consequences of violating it. He said it was his

impression that this is not being done.

In response, Mr. Yohalem said that "first of all, this is the province of the town clerk, not the Board," but that, as far as he knows, it is being done by everyone serving on a Town board or commission. Town Administrator Enoch added that the clerk keeps the signed certificates on file, and that Mr. Stalker is free to make a public records request for copies.

Mr. Stalker also mentioned that for the past two years the Planning Board has not included the starting time of its meetings on its posted agendas. But as Selectman Shalaby pointed out, the members of the Planning Board, as elected officials, are not under the management of the Board of Selectman, and

she suggested that Mr. Stalker speak to Planning Board Chairman Patricia Hardyman about it. "I'm sure she'll be very receptive. It's probably just an oversight," Ms. Shalaby said. And with that the meeting was adjourned.

**May 1:** Because of the Town Meeting, scheduled for 7:00 p.m., the Board had agreed to start its meeting at 5:45 p.m. to take care of routine business and to meet with Moderator Barry Shapiro and Town Counsel

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Pollard in preparation for the annual meeting.

Chairman Yohalem gave an update on the **status of the broadband negotiations with Frontier Communications.** He said the four Municipal Lighting Plant (MLP) towns of Sandisfield, Monterey, Tolland, and New Marlborough are scheduled to meet in Sandisfield on Wednesday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. to go over their issues with the contract. He said he's also waiting to hear back from Frontier on when it can meet individually with New Marlborough, and added that Sandisfield has already worked out the basic terms of its agreement with Frontier.

As Mr. Yohalem explained, there will be a general contract between Frontier and the four MLP towns, but that some of the terms of the contract will be specific to each town. "For example, [the contract] may say points one through ten apply to all four towns, and that Schedule A applies to New Marlborough, Schedule B to Sandisfield, etc." He said he's hoping "we can wrap ours up in one day."

The Board, acting in its capacity as the MLP Board, then voted to extend the contract deadline by 30 days, until June 6. As Mr. Yohalem explained, the RFP provides that the contract be finalized within sixty days, or by May 7, and that the Board will not be meeting again before then, hence the need for the extension.

The Board approved the minutes of the April 24 meeting, and then moved on to convene the Annual Town Meeting. (An account of the Annual Town Meeting appears on page 10.)

**May 10:** Because of Town elections on Monday, May 8, the Board moved its weekly meeting to Wednesday morning at 9:30. This being the first meeting following the election, the Board, as is customary, **reorganized, electing Selectman White chairman and Selectman Shalaby vice-chairman.**

With Ms. White taking over the gavel, the Board approved the minutes from the May 1 meeting and then, based on a recommendation by Highway Superintendent Chuck Loring, **voted to award the Clayton Mill River Road paving contract to LB Corporation of Lee.** There were five bidders, with bids ranging from \$668,300 to LB Corp.'s low bid of \$567,300. The project, as previously reported, is being funded by a \$1,000,000 MassWorks local infrastructure grant.

But the main item on the morning's agenda was a discussion of the results of the Annual Town Meeting and election and **what to do in the wake of the narrow rejection of the \$150,000 override.** The vote was 118 to 112, leaving the Town with a budget that's out of balance by \$46,000.

As outlined by Ms. Enoch, the Board essentially has three options: cut the budget by \$46,000; use Free Cash to make up the deficit, or float another override at a reduced amount. As she noted, the first option would require approval of the budget cuts at a special town meeting; the second would also require a special town meeting, but it would have to be held prior to the June 30 deadline when the Town can no longer use its free cash until it's recertified by the state, usually in the late fall. And another override would require another ballot vote.

Complicating the issue, as Mr. Yohalem noted, is the **uncertainty surrounding the Southern Berkshire Regional School District budget,** which was also rejected when two of the five district towns, Egremont and Monterey, voted it down. Depending on what the School Committee does, the Town won't know whether its budget is going up, down or remaining the same as a result of a revised school assessment.

**In the end the Board decided to do nothing and will wait until the school budget is resolved.** But it was clear from the discussion that the selectmen are leaning

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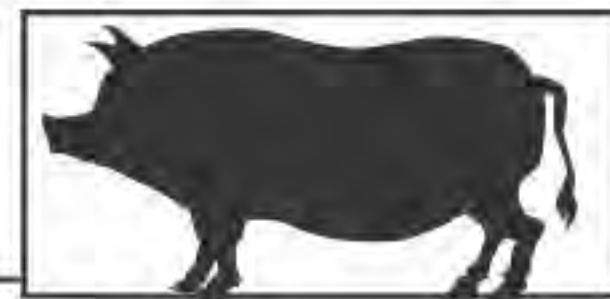
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towards another override vote in an amount of \$100,000 or less. That was certainly Ms. White's preferred option. "I'm not in favor of cutting budgets," she said, "we did that last year [when a previous override failed], but the budgets are down by so much now, we don't have a lot to work with and that makes me nervous."

Indeed, as Mr. Yohalem pointed out, **cutting budgets at this point would mean cutting salaries, letting people go, and cutting services.** Hence the Board's tentative decision to go with another override, with a ballot vote likely in late summer or early fall. In the meantime, as Ms. White noted, the Town will begin the new fiscal year on July 1 with an unbalanced budget.

In discussing another ballot vote, the Board also noted there are currently three vacant positions that will require election by the voters – town constable, and vacancies on the Finance Committee and Planning Board. The Board agreed to publish notices seeking candidates for the positions and will likely make appointments to fill them on an interim basis until a qualifying election can be held. (See box, below right.)

The Board received a letter from **conservation agent Ned Wilson saying that due to increased workload and family responsibilities, he's resigning from the position effective immediately.** However, he will continue to serve as a member of the Conservation Commission. Meanwhile, Mr. Yohalem said he'll be bringing this up at his next shared services meeting, noting that both Sheffield and Sandisfield are also looking for people to handle conservation agent duties.

Ms. Enoch said a meeting with the state Department of Transportation has been scheduled for May 24 at the department's District One offices in Lenox regarding the Town's request for funding for survey and engineering work on Route 57. As previously reported, this would be the first step in what is expected to be a major reclamation effort of the New Marlborough portion of Route 57, which Highway Superintendent Loring estimates will cost "not less than \$5 million." As Ms. Enoch said, the survey and engineering work needs

to be completed for the project to become eligible for funding under the DOT's Transportation Improvement Program (TIPS).

Under selectmen's updates, Ms. White said she would like Tree Warden Bill Ruane to join the state's Tree Wardens and Foresters Association and look into the possibility of getting a grant to help the Town put together a plan for its tree work.

Ms. White said she also **wants to identify additional sources of revenue for the Town.** She said it's her understanding that the land trust in Sheffield pays that town money every year, and she'd like to approach the New Marlborough Land Trust about a similar arrangement. "I don't know what the arrangement [in Sheffield] was or how it was made, but we need to look into it," she said. She also plans to take a hard look at land that's currently classified as recreational under the state's Chapter 61B statute. Typically 61B land is taxed at twenty-five percent of its assessed value. "We need to look at that, too," she said. "Our revenue is our tax base, and it's killing us." And with that the meeting was adjourned. □

Peter Schuyten

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- Tree Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE BOARD

With Annual Town Meeting and elections behind us, we're heading to the beginning of the next fiscal year with some unfinished business. Thank you to those who participated in the meeting and the town elections. We have some new participants in Town government and we look forward to working with them. There are also a few positions to fill via appointment. If interested, please contact us so you may be considered.

Early, post-meeting deliberation of the Board was focused on the budget. Because of the negative vote on the \$150,000 Proposition 2 ½ override, we must rebalance so that our tax rate can be set in November. The Board is in agreement that, because we made significant reductions to balance the FY17 budget, we are at a point where further cuts will become detrimental, school included.

Our sense from conversations and comments is that the amount of override requested was a factor in the negative vote, and that the Board has requested amounts that are too far above the amount actually needed. Some frustration was voiced about not having a more exact amount requested or not being informed about how significantly tax bills will increase. Unfortunately, at Town Meeting, we could not get into an explanation of what are the remaining, unknown factors that will affect our taxes so here is a list:

**State aid:** Presently, the proposed state budget will provide us with approximately the same as FY17. However, the state revenue receipts for the first half of the fiscal year are significantly lower than anticipated. This data can lead the governor and legislators to revise proposals. When we set the new tax rate in November/December, we will have a better idea of what this amount will be, but, at this point, it's a guess.

**Motor Vehicle Excise:** This can change as residents purchase new vehicles or if a business with numerous, large vehicles closes or leaves town. Additionally, the timing of the issuance of mid-year excise bills by the Registry of Motor Vehicles can change the Town's revenue for a particular fiscal year.

**Building Permits:** These are a percentage of the value of a project. Numerous and sizable projects can give us a bump in revenue and a lack of building can decrease revenue.

**Interest and Penalties (on property taxes and motor vehicle excise tax):** This can vary with economic conditions.

**Overlay and other state assessments:** These, unlike other factors listed, are expenses rather than revenues. Overlay is an amount of levied taxes that must be abated or are uncollectable. There are other small but varying amounts that the state compels us to pay. These are the only expense items not voted upon at Town Meeting.

**Other revenue such as transfer station permit fees:** As conditions are steady, these are fairly consistent but are a small fraction of revenues.

In total, our non-taxation revenue is approximately \$475,000. When requesting an override, it is prudent to account for some change in these estimated amounts. If the estimates change (even a 10 percent decrease can mean that we're \$47,500 out of balance) and we have no excess capacity, the Department of Revenue will not allow us to set our tax rate in November.

As voted at the Annual Town Meeting, our budget is approximately \$46,000 over the legal taxable amount. At the time of setting the tax rate in November/December, we will have about four months of receipts and can estimate our revenue and state-compulsory expenses with greater accuracy. For now we need to conservatively estimate and, if excess capacity is not needed, residents will NOT be taxed for it. Our \$46,000 of budget that exceeds Prop 2 ½ limits, plus 10 percent of non-taxation revenue (\$47,500) equals \$93,500. The amount the Board will seek in override needs further deliberation.

As needed, changes to the budget will be presented at a special town meeting and another override will be presented on a special vote. Please watch the town news for these decisions and, if we have a meeting and ballot vote, please be sure to attend. If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact us or attend a Board meeting. □

*Michele Shalaby*

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## THE 2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: *Democracy in Words and Action*

The annual town meeting, held this year on the first day of May, was largely an exercise in civility and efficiency. Following a moment of remembrance of former Town Moderator Edgar Zukauskas, current moderator Barry Shapiro led the 171 attending citizens smartly through the first seventeen of the thirty-seven articles, with nearly unanimous agreement on each.

Article 18, the school budget, which, as always, represented the largest appropriation of the annual budget, sparked a good deal of discussion. School Committee representative Fran Lartigue addressed the crowd, enumerating all the areas where the school administration had made cuts in order to hold down the overall increase. John Wrinkle of Mill River and Mark Carson of Hartsville were both of the opinion that the school district was on a path of “unsustainable growth,” even with declining numbers of students. Selectman Michele Shalaby said that our district is not alone in facing reduced numbers of school-age children, but that, “... it is not a problem



School Committee Representative Fran Lartigue presented the case for passing the school budget.

that can be solved through budget cuts.” She continued on to say that the solution will not be immediate, but that reimagining the shape of public education is the focus of a newly organized Berkshire County task force. After some further back and forth, and after an explanation from Selectman Nat Yohalem that New Marlborough’s assessment is higher this year because of an increase in the Town’s proportion of students than other towns in the district, the article passed by a large majority. (In the week following this vote, the towns of Egremont and Monterey voted down the Southern Berkshire Regional School District budget, thus defeating the budget overall and rendering New Marlborough’s vote moot. More on the District’s next steps in the July issue of the NM5VN.)

Moving on, the next point of some polite contention came with Article 25, which asked the voters to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$50,000 for the Stabilization Fund. After Sandra Fusco-Walker made a motion to amend the article to be a transfer of \$50,000 from Free Cash, Selectman Shalaby said that while there is a long-standing precedent of raising the funds through taxation, and while this is something the selectmen would like to maintain, the current fiscal year finds Free Cash in a very good position. Selectman Yohalem echoed Ms. Shalaby, saying that he would not stand in the way of a vote in favor of the amendment. The ensuing vote to amend the article carried easily. Subsequent bids to further amend the article – increasing the amount to \$150,000 (Tom Stalker), or \$100,000 (Barbara Marchione) – failed to be adopted, and then the original article, as amended, passed.



Town Moderator Barry Shapiro set the tone for civil discourse as the meeting got underway.



Ned Wilson, of Mill River, spoke of the possible drawbacks of a solar energy moratorium.



Planning Board Chairman Patricia Hardyman spoke in favor of the one-year moratorium on large solar panel arrays.

Notwithstanding a respectable number of pointed questions and satisfactory answers, the meeting encountered clear sailing all the way through until the last piece of business – Article 37, in which the Planning Board proposed a one-year moratorium on large-scale solar energy facilities.

Planning Board Chairman Patricia Hardyman’s presentation of the board’s case was met by some strong opposing views. Former selectman and current head of the Highway Department Chuck Loring said, “We don’t need this, it’s the wrong approach.” Ned Wilson, who lives in Mill River and who is in the solar energy industry pointed out that, if the moratorium is in place for a full year, tax

incentives that are now available will have expired. Planning Board member Mark Carson countered by saying that a large solar panel array may have a negative impact on the property values of abutters. An amendment to limit the moratorium to just three months failed to pass, and then, when it came time for the article itself to be voted upon, it too failed to muster the required two-thirds favorable votes.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:55 p.m., making for a very civilized one-hour-and-fifty-minute exercise in civic responsibility.

Larry Burke



Prudence Spaulding did not need the microphone to express her appreciation to the townspeople for supporting the Council on Aging.



Selectman Michele Shalaby had a busy night ably fielding questions on finance.

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## GOING SOLAR?

### *There's No Moratorium, But You Still Need a Permit*

Article 37 of the 2017 Warrant, calling for a year's moratorium on the installation of large-scale solar panels, was decisively rejected by New Marlborough residents voting at the May 1 Annual Town Meeting. Consequently, land owners may continue to seek a special permit to build solar arrays, no matter what the size.

Voters, however, may have thrown the baby out with the bathwater: they retained one right but lost another. The Article specifically excepted roof-mounted panels generating up to 10Kw. It stated that these could not only continue to be installed but that they were allowed "by right," that is, without the need for a special permit. The by-law currently on the books requires special permitting for any and all solar panel installations.

Patricia Hardyman, chair of the New Marlborough Planning Board, fears that many voters saw only one side of the proposed revision. "We were concerned," she says, "that, though they voted down the moratorium, people weren't aware that they still needed to go through the permitting process for roof-mounted solar panels. The

revision would have eliminated this need." As of now, homeowners considering solar would need to apply to the Board of Selectmen, which most likely would then refer them to the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and possibly even the Board of Health.

Meanwhile, the effort to update the solar installation by-law continues. While the Planning Board awaits the assignment of a technical assistant from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, it is rereading solar by-laws in place in surrounding jurisdictions — picking out elements of them that will work for New Marlborough. "The problem in New Marlborough is that we are all in one zone," says Ms. Hardyman. "We can't simply copy the Great Barrington by-law, for instance, which is written to apply to multiple zones." She expects the Board to have a draft revision within the next six months. It would then go for approval by the state attorney general and, finally, come before the Town for ratification. "It's important to note that we are not opposed to solar power," says Ms. Hardyman. "But we want a by-law that works for New Marlborough." □

*Joe Poindexter*

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## LAND TRUST NEWS

The Land Trust is pleased to announce that Tom Brazie of The Farm New Marlborough has been chosen to partner with the Trust to restore the east and west meadows of the New Marlborough

Preserve. His proposal to use rotational grazing will help us fulfill three goals: to preserve the natural resources and open space of the site for public benefit; to exhibit how agriculture can help steward and strengthen the resources of the land; and to provide educational opportunities for the community to learn about natural systems, agricultural production, and land stewardship. Look for his cows, pigs, and chickens working the fields.

In addition to the agricultural project underway at the Preserve, volunteers have roughed out a fantastic new trail, which features the dramatic landscape of Willow Creek and the Umpachene River. Volunteer Ron Brecher of Mill River has been “chief trail designer.”

We are grateful for his expertise, his enthusiasm, and his dedication to making the trail a unique experience of water and land. Stay tuned for details about the opening celebration of the Preserve, scheduled for Saturday, July 15 – a gathering to thank all the donors who have helped make the Preserve a reality.

The Land Trust hosted the bi-annual Road Cleanup on April 29. With over forty volunteers we managed to clean up miles of our town’s roadsides and haul off over 400 pounds of garbage. Bud Light beer cans were by far the winners of the abundant garbage award. Special thanks to the younger crew members who helped out this spring!

Despite its disrepair, the Rooney farmhouse has been put to good use storing items for the upcoming White Elephant Sale on Burritt Day! As a side note, the Land Trust welcomes any creative ideas about the future use of the Rooney farmhouse. □

Martha Bryan



photo by Larry Burke

Roadside: Possibly the largest turnout in the history of the Road Cleanup cheerfully tackled the clearing of six months of litter along our beautiful byways.

## A FEW GOOD SIGNS

In 1976, in the spirit of bicentennial observances taking place nationwide, the New Marlborough Historical Society created signs highlighting significant aspects of the town’s past and erected them throughout the five villages. With brief explanatory notes, they celebrated the Konkapot River and the paper mills it powered, the route of the Hartford-Albany stagecoach and its overnight stop at the Old Inn on the Green, the home of first settler, Benjamin Wheeler, the town-meeting form of government, Umpachene Falls Park, Turner and Cook in Southfield, and the clay works in Clayton.



In the intervening decades, the signs faded or simply disappeared. However, a member of the Society Board at the time, Harold Bains, had the foresight to make a duplicate set, which, miraculously perhaps, recently emerged from storage. Even better, in early May, with the help of a grant from the New Marlborough Cultural Council, they were remounted in their original locations.

So once again, your rest stop during a bike ride or a walk around town will be rewarded with a bit of New Marlborough history. □

Joe Poindexter

photo by Joe Poindexter

## ENVISIONING A CHILD'S WORLD: THE MEETING HOUSE GALLERY'S FIRST SHOW

An invitational mixed media show will launch the 2017 season of the New Marlborough Meeting House Gallery on June 23 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Using the theme of *A Child's World*, artists will present their interpretation of events and experiences from this important phase of life. The show will continue through Sunday, July 23.

One of the eighteen participating artists in the show is Erika Crofut. Erika is a whirlwind of artistic creativity. She paints, sculpts, draws, works in clay, and recycles found materials...and that's just among other artistic pursuits. A visit to her studio in Canaan, Connecticut is like going to several separate art shows all in one building. In her garden alone, one finds paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, woodworks, and whimsical outdoor assemblages.

Connection and continuity of traditions are two underlying themes of Erika's work. The subject of her paintings is often the people with whom she feels connected. They might be relatives, friends, or others she may once have known. The energy in much of her work comes from the importance in her life of family, home, and garden. One may detect the influence of Marc Chagall in several of Erika's paintings of the rituals and routines of rural daily life.

Erika believes everything has a story, and she can find a story in most anything. She likes to make connections between her home and her artwork, seeing imagination and creativity as a constant presence in daily life. Once she has a new idea for a project, her active mind begins to develop the narrative, and various familiar themes and connections begin to merge. People, experiences, and memories return to her mind, and she starts to sketch. She often works on more than one project at a time. She could be decorating a wooden table at the same time she is illustrating a classic fable. Functional art is of



"Mr. Bear," a painting by Erika Crofut, for the Meeting House Gallery show, "A Child's World."

special interest to Erika – ceramic lamps, unique vases, and even hand-carved canoe paddles!

For several years Erika was on the faculty of the Salisbury School, where she chaired the Art Department and taught young men. She was commended for "her great passion for her students, her family and her art." She has recently begun teaching adults and has been gratified by how quickly they improved in a short time.

Other artists participating in *A Child's World* include Diane Barth, Teresa Bills, Eugene Cleary, Sally Eagle, Karina Fassett, Shawn Fields, Robin Goldberg, Nikki Hayes, Elizabeth Lombardi, Eleanor Lord, Dan Mead, Olga Schwede, Honey Sharp, Larry Silk, Elizabeth Torsay-Wilson, Michele Waldman and Winston Wilson.

The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from June 24 - July 23. The Meeting House Gallery is located on Rte. 57 on the New Marlborough Village Green and is sponsored by the New Marlborough Village Association. □

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## UPCOMING: *Events Calendar for June and July*

**June 2: Eleven Cemeteries**, a brief history of who's buried where in New Marlborough, a First Fridays program, sponsored by the New Marlborough Historical Society, 7:30 p.m. at the Meeting House Gallery; wine and cheese following the talk

**June 3: Hannah Cohen, violin, and Noah Krauss, piano**, the season's first Music at the Southfield Church concert, 7:00 p.m., free and open to the public, contributions welcome

**June 10: Paul Celebi, piano**, 7:00 p.m. at the Southfield Church, free and open to the public, contributions welcome

**June 10: Collection for white elephant sale**, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Rooney House on New Marlborough Southfield Road, opposite the former Kolburne School administration barn

**June 13: New Marlborough Library Free Film Series**, 7:30 p.m. at the Library in Mill River: *Into the Inferno*, Werner Herzog and volcanologist Clive Oppenheimer travel the globe to visit volcanoes in Indonesia, Ethiopia, and even North Korea in an attempt to understand man's relationship with one of nature's most violent wonders.

**June 17: Eagles Brass Ensemble**, 7:00 p.m. at the Southfield Church, free and open to the public, contributions welcome

**June 23: A Child's World**, eighteen local artists re-imagine youthfulness in the new season's first exhibit at the Meeting House Gallery; wine and cheese opening: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.; thereafter, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until July 23

**June 24: The Zolla Boys**, Bluegrass Brothers Harmony, 7:00 p.m. at the Southfield Church, free and open to the public, contributions welcome

**July 7: The Civilian Conservation Corps in the Berkshires** — and how the CCC built York Lake; a First Fridays program of the New Marlborough Historical Society, 7:30 p.m. at the Meeting House Gallery, with wine and cheese following the presentation

**July 8: White Elephant sale collection**, the second collection day, same hours — 10:00 a.m. to noon, Rooney House on the New Marlborough Southfield Road opposite the former Kolburne School administration barn

**July 18: New Marlborough Library Free Film Series**, 7:30p.m. at the Library in Mill River: *Cameraperson*. Exposing her role behind the camera, Kirsten Johnson reaches into the vast trove of footage she has shot over decades around the world. What emerges is a visually bold memoir and a revelatory interrogation of the power of the camera.

**July 22: The Great American Solar Eclipse of 2017**, a free Music & More lecture/demo by Ruben Kier. Free safe-viewing eclipse glasses to be distributed. The Meeting House, 4:30 p.m.

**July 28: Out of Many, One: e pluribus unum**, the second of the summer's three art shows at the Meeting House Gallery, examining how disparate elements can unite to achieve unity; wine and cheese opening: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.; thereafter, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until August 27

**July 29: Norfolk Festival Fellows**, 4:00 p.m. at the Southfield Church, free and open to the public, contributions welcome

## NEIGHBORS



Edgar Zukauskas, of Southfield and Mill River, passed away at the age of sixty on April 20, after a long illness. He had been a resident of New Marlborough for nearly fifty years, and for the past twenty years had served the town in a variety of positions. He was town moderator and constable for many years. As a member of the Umpachene Falls Park Commission, he oversaw the development and upkeep of the park, maintaining it as a place of peace and natural beauty. He was superintendent of the Mill River Water Takers Association; in addition to monitoring the water source and quality, he could also be seen in all sorts of weather tracking down and fixing leaks in the water system. More recently he became

a dedicated member of the New Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department until ill health caused him to resign. Edgar was a longtime member and chairman of the town's Finance Committee. Fellow member David Herrick praised Edgar's skill as chairman, managing to keep the inevitable conflicts among committee members under control. Joyce Scala, another committee member, reflected that, "It may sound odd, but Edgar made working on the Finance Committee fun."

Al Lenardson recalls introducing Edgar to photography years ago, and was impressed with how rapidly he developed into a skilled photographer. The two men partnered in Ice House Studio in Mill River for years, covering weddings and family gatherings. In later years Edgar was a postal clerk in Great Barrington and Sheffield.

Edgar and his wife Tara White were married in 2008 and lived in Southfield with their dog, Savior, two cats, and a horse. Besides their mutual interest in Town government, they shared a love of projects at home and life in the woods.

Edgar was an important contributor to community life in New Marlborough, and will be sorely missed.

Virginia Ryan Joffe, known as "Dinny," of Cagney Hill Road in Southfield and West End Avenue in New York, passed away on April 21 at the age of seventy-four at her home in New York City, surrounded by family and friends. A tall redhead, Dinny had a strong constitution and effervescent personality. She grew up in Delaware and graduated from the University of Denver, and then earned an MS in social work from Columbia University.

In her earlier days, while raising her family of four children, Lisi and Ryan DeHaas and stepchildren, Katherine and David Joffe, she was an administrator for the Dalton School, a college placement advisor at the Walden School, and a beloved school counselor at the Spence School. Later she moved into the arts and became a world traveler, photographer, and film producer. Not least, she was the wife of the late Robert Joffe, lead counsel of Cravath Swain and Moore, one of the largest law firms in New York, but a man who was equally happy to look out the window at the beauty of the Berkshires every weekend when he could get away with her.

She was a fighter, a woman of heart and substance, a wonderful mother, artist, communicator, and a great neighbor to her many friends in Southfield and New York City, helping to raise money to benefit women through the New York Women's Foundation. She also struggled against breast cancer for over thirty years.

Dinny loved exploring what makes people tick. Her daughter, Lisi, describes her mother's intense desire to truly see and listen to each person she met like this: "It was a magic skill she had to get the whole story right away – and in approximately five minutes she could, from everybody – friends, colleagues, cab drivers, people on the street, people all over the world. She brought this intensity to all her roles: social worker, philanthropist, photographer, film producer, forever redhead, kick-ass mother, and doting grandmother."

Lifelong Southfield resident Virginia Consolini passed away at age ninety-two on April 19. She was a graduate of New Marlborough Central School, and then became a rural mail carrier for Southfield and Mill River. She later graduated from LeBaron Hairdressing Academies in 1964, and opened her own business, Virginia's Beauty Shop, first at her home on East Hill Road and then on Norfolk Road. She was very active in the Immaculate Conception



Edgar Zukauskas



Virginia Ryan Joffe



Church in Mill River, a member of the Willing Workers and the Altar Guild. She also loved playing cards and bingo, gardening and flowers, and in Florida, collecting shells and shark's teeth on the beach.

She and her husband, Antonio, were married in 1939 and lived in Southfield. (Tony predeceased her in 2006.) In later years, they acquired a home in Nokomis, Florida, where they spent the winter. A welcome sign of spring for Southfield residents was Tony and Virginia's return from Florida each year: "It must be spring – Tony and Virginia are back!"

**D**ianne (Dee) Goodnow, of Southfield and Darien, Connecticut, passed away on April 24 at the age of eighty-seven. She and her husband, Ned, have been owners of extensive property in New Marlborough, including Blue Hill Farm in Southfield, for decades. They have always been generous supporters of the Town of New Marlborough, as well as its community organizations such as the Village Association, the Land Trust, and the 5 Village News.

Her good friend Gretchen Long, of Mill River, shared this remembrance of Dee: "Dee Goodnow was a tall, impressive, strong woman, who was a great friend and happy adventurer. Dee had a great, dry sense of humor, and a lovely laugh, which sounded like a chuckle. She loved her farm here in New Marlborough, and was always happy on her land and in her gardens. She was a great tennis player, and an even better golfer. But she was game for many an outing. We traveled together with other New Marlborough friends to Yellowstone to cross-country ski in the winter of 1990, and I remember her saying, 'Yellowstone is even more beautiful in winter than in the summer.' We hiked in the Canadian Rockies too, and she was inspired by its beauty. As Ned's wife, and the mother of three children, I think she enjoyed every minute of her life. She had a great fondness for the Berkshires, and she will be missed."

**B**ill Goewey, of Clayton, passed away on April 30 at the age of sixty-one. He was a 1974 graduate of Monument Mountain Regional High School, and in 1975 married his wife, Debra. Bill was a skilled and resourceful auto mechanic, and for years had his own shop, BG Repairs, behind his house. His hobbies centered around cars as well – various clubs, muscle cars, drag racing, and restoring his 1970 Plymouth Barracuda.

He was also a captain and chief engineer for the New Marlborough Fire Company for many years. The Fire Company's tribute to him follows:

"New Marlborough lost a good man this month. Bill Goewey lived and worked in Clayton and, for about twenty years, was a member of the New Marlborough Fire Company.

Anyone who has put in time with a volunteer organization knows that it takes all kinds to make an organization run smoothly, and Bill was the best kind: dependable. Add to that his knack for anything mechanical, his possession of that increasingly rare capability of applying simple common sense to solve a problem, and his thoroughly even disposition — whether in the meeting room or amid the chaos of a call — and Bill became an even better kind: indispensable.



Virginia Consolini



Bill Goewey

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Working for himself, Bill didn't have the luxury of paid vacation, comp time, or calling in the next day when the pager beckoned. He turned out at all hours of the night. On workdays, he dropped his tools and responded, either losing those hours, or, more likely, making them up on nights and weekends. He gave to this community, and did it for twenty years, always bringing his steady dedication, sense of humor, and all-around good nature.

New Marlborough is far better for Bill's contributions, and he will be greatly missed. We could use a few more like him."

And the lone cheerful entry for this month's Neighbors comes from Jean Pollock of New Marlborough Village: Quinlan Xavier Pollock, 17, participated in the Special Olympics held on May 3 at Monument Mountain High School in Great Barrington. He took three medals; one in

the long jump, one in the 100-meter dash and one in the softball throw. At right is a picture of Quinn with two of his three medals. Congratulations, Quinn!!



Quinlan Pollock

Neighbors compiled by Barbara Lowman: [deeuell@yahoo.com](mailto:deeuell@yahoo.com)



photos by Larry Burke

The New Marlborough Farmer's Market opened for business on the Village Green on a somewhat cool and damp May 6, and the following Saturday, May 13, the Annual Plant Swap saw its largest turnout ever, also under gray skies.

**OUR WILDLIFE NEIGHBORS**

Ed Harvey, of Clayton, sent in this sighting: "Our 'just-for-fun' game camera recently caught this backyard visitor [a bobcat] on April 28. The time stamp was about 2:00 a.m."

On May 1, Robin Tost summed up her happiness at the coming of spring with this succinct comment: "Baltimore orioles on my suet!"



photo by Ed Harvey

Bobcat

On May 10, another sign of spring appeared in Larry and Jane Burke's farm pond – a Canada geese pair with six goslings making their first outing on the water.

Leslie Wheeler reported the following on May 15: "Lots of avian activity on my Cagney Hill property. On Saturday morning we awoke to the sight of a male turkey strutting his stuff with tail outspread on our driveway. Alas, he didn't seem to have found any takers, because he was still solo when we saw him the next day in the "back forty." Canada geese visited the pond



photo by Larry Burke

Canada Geese

periodically, as did a wood duck Sunday morning, and mallards on Saturday and Sunday. At the bird feeder, we saw a resident blue bird, who occupies a house on the property, two rose-breasted grosbeak couples, a beautiful grackle with its shiny blue-black feathers, red-winged blackbirds, blue jays, various finches, and a red-breasted woodpecker (though why it's called that I don't know, because the red is most prominent on the top of its head rather than its breast)."

Don Beauchamp, in the environs of Clayton, wrote: "Whew, busy month! On April 23, I spied a pair of pileated woodpeckers on East Hill after a Land Trust walk; on April 30, a yellow-rumped warbler; on May 1, hummers came to their feeders, and orioles to the grape jelly I had put out; next day, a white-crowned sparrow arrived and stayed for a couple of days. On May 6, a scarlet tanager, and American redstarts showed up. On May 11, I spotted some early-arriving butterflies, and then sighted some tree and bank swallows. It seems that my bluebirds were driven from their house by a house wren, who then left, and now it seems that the tree swallows are moving in!"



Spotted by Leslie Wheeler: red-breasted woodpecker, rose-breasted grosbeak, and wood duck.

photos by Leslie Wheeler

photo by Don Beauchamp



White-crowned sparrow

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## THE BEAVER CORP OF ENGINEERS

Recently, there have been increased sightings of North American beavers (*Castor canadensis*) in our local ponds and waterways. You may see a beaver splashing into the water with a handful of sticks in its mouth, or the teeth marks on trees as they begin their task of constructing and repairing houses and dams for the coming year.

The beaver is a remarkable animal, thanks to its sturdy, vice-like claws, and strong teeth, which like all rodents, self sharpen as they grow just as fast as they are gnawed down. With these simple tools, they're able to construct homes and dams that shape the ecology of the land, moving over ten times their body mass each day.

Beaver dams and homes, constructed over several months, shape much of our water ecosystems. Over this time, they construct the dam by layering rocks with sticks, then the lodge by creating piles of sticks in three sections, a nesting area, an eating room, and a nursery. These dams can flood a considerable area, which may wreak havoc on your property, so beavers are often considered pests. However, the wetland that they create provides a home for many creatures, where they come to breed, eat, and hunt. These remarkable places rival tropical rainforests in terms of biodiversity, and freshwater wetlands have been considered as the most important land-based ecosystem. Along with their use as a remarkable habitat, beaver dams and wetlands are also considered "Earth's kidneys", purifying water as the silt build-up sifts out dangerous products, and prevents excess flooding or erosion.

When not building these remarkable feats of engineering, beavers live a fascinating life. They mate for life in their third year, and have one litter, between 1-4 kits, each year. The young typically stay with the parents in their lodge for two years, and often act as babysitters for the new litter. Their main diet consists of the bark of the trees that they cut down, and they use the leftover branches for constructions. During the winter months, beavers isolate themselves with their families in lodges, occasionally swimming out into the frozen pond for the food they have stored for the winter beneath the ice.

So, next time you drive by the Konkapot, and see a beaver gnawing on a tree, don't forget to say hello to our wildlife neighbor.

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## BROADBAND UPDATE

### SBRSD's New Superintendent Arrives

By Barry R. Shapiro

Peter Platt, owner of the Old Inn on the Green in New Marlborough, is impatient. "Things are moving way too slowly on broadband," he says. "We really need this as a town and I really need this for my business. My guests are incredulous that we don't have service here other than DSL which is way too slow. We need to get going!"

Chef Platt may soon have his wish.

"We are getting close," said Selectman Nat Yohalem, who remains the primary negotiator with Frontier Communications. In early May, Mr. Yohalem indicated that he was expecting to sit down with Frontier shortly and that he was "hopeful that we can reach an agreement. Tolland and Sandisfield, two of the four towns in our negotiating group (New Marlborough and Monterey\* are the others), have finished their points and are ready to move forward," said Mr. Yohalem. "Richard Long (chairman of the Broadband Committee) and I had a one-on-one meeting with the Frontier technical people in mid-April which went well. All that remains is a meeting, and hopefully only one meeting will be necessary, with the Frontier business person. Once the meeting is over, our counsel is ready to send over an agreement for review. The deadline to finalize our deal with Frontier was May 8 but has now been extended to June 7."

Once the agreement with Frontier has been finalized, Mr. Yohalem envisions that the following steps would occur:

- The Broadband Committee will review the draft agreement with Frontier.
- The Committee is then expected to ask WiredWest to come in and present to it.
- The Committee will next analyze the Frontier agreement and any WiredWest proposal and make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen as to how to proceed.

- The Board would then either approve the Committee's recommendation or consider any alternatives.
- If Frontier is recommended and approved by the Board, informational meetings will be set up with a Frontier representative present to answer questions. The meeting would be open to all voters. Questions about why Frontier was selected over WiredWest would be appropriate at this meeting.
- If Frontier is not recommended and WiredWest is, the same process (i.e., informational meeting) would be followed, although a contract would first have to be negotiated with WiredWest.
- If neither Frontier nor WiredWest is recommended, the Board of Selectmen and the Broadband Committee would have to consider other options.
- After the informational meeting, assuming that either Frontier or WiredWest is recommended and approved by the Board, a special town meeting would be called. "If we go with Frontier, we do not technically need voters' consent but we wouldn't move forward, even if not required by law, without voters' approval to proceed," said Mr. Yohalem. "If we were to go with WiredWest, we need voters' consent to incur the debt which their proposal contemplates and we would need a special meeting for that purpose." If Frontier were to be recommended and approved by the Board and the voters, the Town could be in contract with Frontier before the end of June and the process for which Chef Platt and so many others have been waiting, patiently or not so patiently, will at last be underway with the first homes moving into the 21st century within two years thereafter. □

\*Since this article was written, Monterey has apparently dropped out of negotiations with Frontier.



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In 1975, John Sisson, deciding it was time to start preserving the town's past, led a group of residents to form the New Marlborough Historical Society. Forty-two years later, the Historical Society decided it was past time to recognize the contribution of time, effort, and inspiration of John Sisson. So on May 21, two dozen members of the Society gathered in the Meeting House Gallery to express their appreciation and thank him for his four decades of service to the community.

John used the occasion to donate an old photo of the now washed-out dam on the Konkapot, upriver of the Hayes Hill Road bridge. And he surprised the gathering with a display of the brilliantly colored quilts he and wife Irma have been creating over the past few years.

"It's fair to say that without John the Historical Society would not exist," noted Joe Poindexter, president of the Society. "Every American town should have a John Sisson, it is our good fortune to have the original." □



photo by Joe Poindexter

John Sisson and, from left, great-granddaughter Maya Lang, wife Irma, and granddaughter Aimee Lang

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## THE LOG

### POLICE DEPARTMENT (SELECTED ENTRIES)

- Apr. 3 11:13 a.m. A Mill River resident reports a property dispute over a shared driveway; an investigation determines that this is a civil matter beyond the Department's jurisdiction.
- Apr. 4 11:14 a.m. Following a call from a Hartsville New Marlborough Road resident that five or six cows were loose in her yard, contacted the owner, who agreed to corral them.
- Apr. 6 4:33 p.m. A land dispute between relatives over their shared driveway on Canaan Southfield Road is deemed a civil matter.
- Apr. 7 9:05 a.m. Alerted that a bumper and other car parts were littering Route 57 near the Sandisfield town line, officer removes the debris.
- Apr. 8 11:29 a.m. Canaan Southfield Road dispute continues with caller demanding payment for trees cut down on shared driveway; caller is advised to seek a harassment order from the Southern Berkshire District Court.
- Apr. 11 7:46 p.m. Two dirt bikes, two trucks, and a small car reported tearing around the cornfield on Clayton Mill River Road.
- 9:21 p.m. Assist Sheffield Police when the driver of a pick-up truck is ejected from his vehicle in a roll-over accident on Hewins Street in Ashley Falls.
- Apr. 13 10:28 a.m. A Mill River resident is served a warrant, arrested without incident, and driven to the Great Barrington courthouse.
- Apr. 14 8:06 p.m. An officer assists in extinguishing an outdoor burn of wood and construction materials, "with flames higher than the house," at a Clayton Mill River Road residence.
- 11:21 p.m. Following a motor vehicle stop on Canaan Southfield Road, the driver is arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.
- Apr. 15 12:17 p.m. Assist Fire Department with a large brush fire on Rhoades and Bailey Road. (Equipment from seven towns were called in or put on standby; fire rekindled twice during the following thirty hours.)
- Apr. 16 1:50 p.m. A check of Umpachene Falls Park reveals trash barrel overflowing and multiple wood pallets dumped at the edge of the woods.
- 6:57 p.m. A Canaan Valley Road resident reports illegal dumping of garbage into her dumpster.
- Apr. 18 3:30 p.m. The Department obtains permission to park in the driveway of a Canaan Valley Road resident who complained of speeders on the road between 6:00 and 8:00 a.m. and during afternoons.
- 3:39 p.m. A New Marlborough village resident reports that an unauthorized credit card was opened in his name at a Florida Walmart — but canceled before any charges were made on it.
- Apr. 19 6:53 p.m. A motor vehicle is disabled on Hartsville New Marlborough Road.
- Apr. 22 3:24 a.m. A bear hit by a motor vehicle on Mill River Great Barrington Road is dispatched by an officer and removed the following morning by the Highway Department.
- 2:00 p.m. Assist Sheffield Police with an arrest on Cedar Street, Sheffield.
- Apr. 24 9:12 a.m. Mill River village resident reports that his tires were slashed the previous night.
- Apr. 25 2:15 p.m. The Mill River General Store reports shop-lifting of nip-size bottles of liquor.
- Apr. 26 10:59 a.m. Mill River Great Barrington Road resident reports a four-figure theft of money via an Ebay scam requesting payment in gift cards.
- 5:06 p.m. Southfield resident, reporting that his friend is unresponsive following a heroin overdose, is instructed to lay him on his back and await Rescue 1, which arrives and transports him to Fairview Hospital.
- Apr. 27 9:36 p.m. A driver reports hitting a deer on Norfolk Road.
- Apr. 28 2:28 p.m. A resident reports a dirt bike driving erratically and doing wheelies up and down Canaan Southfield Road.
- Apr. 29 11:31 a.m. Officer serves a warrant and places a Southfield resident under arrest without incident.
- 4:53 p.m. Mill River resident reports the theft of a 40 caliber Glock 22 pistol from his residence.
- 11:12 p.m. Following a report from a Mill River Great Barrington Road resident that strangers with a flashlight are walking in a field next to her house, an officer determines that the trespassers are out stargazing and asks them to move on.

*Police Chief Graham Frank*

## THE LOG: FIRE AND RESCUE

April 4	3:37 p.m.	Shunpike Road Medical Call	April 25	1:05 p.m.	South Sandisfield Road Medical Call
April 15	12:11 p.m.	Rhoades and Bailey Road Brush Fire	April 26	5:06 p.m.	Canaan Southfield Road Medical Call
April 15	9:30 p.m.	Rhoades and Bailey Road Brush Fire	April 26	9:18 p.m.	Hartsville New Marlborough Road Medical Call
April 15	1:21 p.m.	Canaan Southfield Road Brush Fire	April 27	6:43 p.m.	Norfolk Road Medical Call
April 16	7:30 a.m.	Rhoades and Bailey Road Brush Fire	April 28	8:59 p.m.	Brewer Hill Road Fire Alarm
April 16	7:15 p.m.	Rhoades and Bailey Road Brush Fire			
April 17	11:46 p.m.	Knight Road Fire Alarm			
April 19	6:53 p.m.	Hartsville New Marlborough Road Medical Call			

## 2017 FIRE COMPANY SPRING DANCE

Thank you to all who turned out to support the New Marlborough Fire Company's 2017 Spring Dance at Gedney Farm in New Marlborough. An estimated 135 people were in attendance, and it was a great evening with family and friends. We hope to see all again next year! In addition to recognition of the Canaan Fire Company and others who assisted at the recent brush fire on Rhoades and Bailey Road, time was taken to recognize former Firefighter Edgar Zukauskas and Irene Weigle, mother of Firefighter Travis Weigle, both of whom recently passed away.

Many thanks are in order for a wonderful evening:

- Brad Wagstaff, Leslie Miller, Michael Smith, and the staff of Gedney Farm.
- Sponsor Michael Sobol
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- Firefighter Winonah Carpenter, who chaired the event
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Mark Your Calendars: The Fire Company's annual Pig Roast and Block Dance will be held on Saturday, August 19, at the Fire Station in Southfield.

*Fire Company President David Smith*



photo by Ed Harvey

*A panoramic view of the festivities at the Fire Company's Spring Dance.*

## SCHOOL NEWS:

### SBRSD's New Superintendent Arrives

There is great excitement within the Southern Berkshire Regional School District in anticipation of Beth Regulbuto's arrival on July 1 to assume the role of superintendent. Since she first arrived for the public interview before the school committee on March 2, she has impressed everyone she has met. On that first visit she spent the day touring all four schools, meeting teachers and administrators, and those community members who came to the afternoon "meet and greet." Through the evening's three-hour public interview with the School Committee she showed herself to be poised, informed, and ready for the many complex questions that were posed about every aspect of the District, including budget, community relations, state testing, and the current challenges of our small schools. Overall she was optimistic that the financial and programmatic issues could be solved. She described her painstaking approach to financial analysis that often reveals where new savings can be made.

At the conclusion of the interview the school committee and public audience heard more about her from the members who had visited the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District, where Ms. Regulbuto has worked for the past ten years, first as Director of Business Services, then Assistant Superintendent for Business, and now Associate Superintendent. Fran Lartigue, School Committee member from New Marlborough, reported how the twenty-eight people they met, from both the education and business sides all gave Ms. Regulbuto high praise, describing her as "fair, honest, balanced, professional, objective, and realistic."

Our new superintendent has demonstrated amazing curiosity, stamina, and dedication during her varied life experiences. She is a creative thinker and strong financial leader, both valued skills for Southern Berkshire Regional Schools. Her connection to the arts began in childhood. At a young age she developed a passion for dance that led her to thirty-four years of teaching dance at various studios. Even while enrolled in Central Connecticut State University to get a degree in accounting, she continued teaching dance part-time. Over the years she was involved in many projects with community theaters where she choreographed and directed, she served on various arts councils, taught at national conferences,



*Incoming SBRSD Superintendent Beth Regulbuto shared a pleasant moment with families at the New Marlborough Central Science Fair recently.*

and worked to promote dance education. Ms. Regulbuto said, "I always found that my dance students taught me more than I taught them. The best part was having my daughter by my side from the time she was two years old. She has found her love for dance and is majoring in dance at Roger Williams."

After graduation in 1992, Ms. Regulbuto began working in private accounting focusing on the areas of public accounting and taxes, insurance, investment, and cost account-

ing while continuing to teach dance. In 2006 she was recruited by the superintendent at Hampden-Wilbraham to be their Director of Finance and Operations. She said, "This was the start of blending both things I loved – education and business." While maintaining her new position as Assistant Superintendent in that district, she returned to school to earn an M. Ed. in Organizational Management from Endicott College in 2010-2012.

Ms. Regulbuto is the devoted mother of three children Leeza, Zachary, and Jake. She is committed to keeping her home in Somers, Connecticut for two years so that her youngest son can complete high school there. She referred to the 75-minute commute to Sheffield as an opportunity to reflect without interruption, a very valuable time.

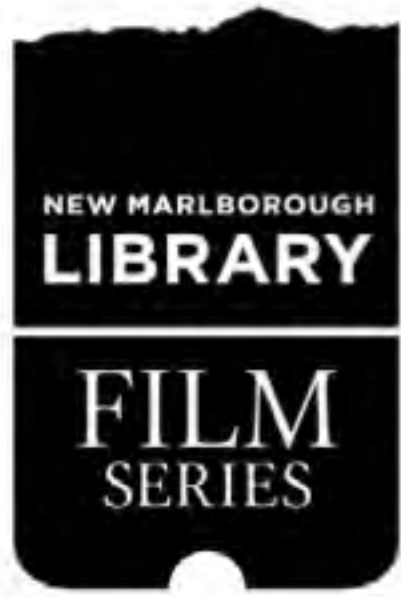
Ms. Regulbuto has been visiting the district since offered the job. Fran Lartigue commented, "Beth has been actively engaged in getting to know the SBRSD staff, students, and the greater town communities through frequent visits and attendance at district wide events. On her May 9 visit, she attended the New Marlborough Central Science Fair and Alford's annual town meeting."

Ms. Regulbuto is eagerly looking forward to assuming her post. She said, "I have had a chance to be at several different meetings and activities in recent weeks, and plan to attend many more before my official start on July 1. It has been an absolute joy to see students, parents, and families, and to be present at Town Meetings, participate in the pep rally, and to spend time with administrators and School Committee. There is much change, but with change comes opportunity, and I can't wait to see what is next for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District!" □

*Jane Burke*



New Marlborough Library Free Film Series



Tuesday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.

**Into the Inferno**

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