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## CANNABIS COMMITTEE MOVES FORWARD

By Sandra Fusco-Walker

The New Marlborough Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee's (CAHC) efforts over the past few months, gathering information about marijuana businesses and town options, culminated in an informational meeting attended by over sixty people on September 24 at Town Hall.

After setting the tone with a brief video displaying scenic views of New Marlborough, Dan Doern, chairman of the CAHC, prefaced his presentation by stating that marijuana is legal in the state of Massachusetts and the options presented by the Committee would have no effect on residents' ability to grow or possess marijuana for personal consumption. He also clarified that, by state law, the Town cannot ban medical marijuana establishments, and therefore, medical marijuana was not included in the presentation.

Mr. Doern then proceeded to detail each of the eight



photo by Larry Burke

Above: Over sixty people gathered for the informational meeting on marijuana businesses.

Left: Chairman Dan Doern made the presentation.

photo by Sandra Fusco-Walker



licenses created by the state, using examples of proposed and ongoing marijuana businesses from various states to illustrate each category. Potential scenarios were also presented including guesstimates as to how much revenue a business might bring to the Town through property tax, the sales tax, and community impact fee. These

would be spelled out in a host community agreement, which is required by the state before a license can be issued to any marijuana business.

Mr. Doern stated, "The concept of the community impact fee is that it is revenue neutral because costs incurred have to be directly related to increased costs to the Town as a result of the facility."

Host community agreements signed across the state vary. Great Barrington has completed two agreements and included a requirement that the business make a \$10,000 yearly donation to a local charity that provides health, wellness, and/or substance abuse education programs. Sheffield also signed two host community agreements and included an impact fee of 3 percent on marijuana gross retail sales and a requirement that the companies host three educational or charitable

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Cannabis Committee, continued events for the benefit of the town per year. Both towns' agreements also included that the businesses will give job preferences to qualified residents.

Mr. Doern explained the Town's four options: 1) Allow all marijuana establishments and write new bylaws to address marijuana businesses; 2) Allow all marijuana establishments and use

existing bylaws and the special permit process; 3) Allow some and prohibit other marijuana businesses; 4) Prohibit all marijuana businesses, which is also known as 'opt out'.

The audience was reminded any vote to prohibit some or all marijuana establishments requires a 2/3 majority vote at Town Meeting in addition to a majority ballot vote. The state set a higher bar to prohibit these businesses for towns like New Marlborough which, in 2016, overwhelmingly voted in favor of legalizing marijuana.

Mr. Doern advised everyone that the Committee would be distributing a survey in October to gather residents' opinions of the four options presented and encouraged everyone to keep an eye out for it. Before opening the floor to questions, Mr. Doern announced that there was a suggestion box at the back of the room and the Committee looked forward to receiving written comments also.

Questions regarding the status of sobriety tests, property values, and whether all residents, full time and part time, would be able to participate in the survey were answered quickly by Mr. Doern. He stated the Massachusetts State Police are presently working on a sobriety testing program; there are no rigorous studies, to date, to determine property values as a result of marijuana establishments opening in a town; and all residents, part time and full



Barbara Marchione at the microphone.

photo by Sandra Fusco-Walker

time, would be invited to fill out the survey, although only voters in New Marlborough can vote at Town Meeting and at the ballot box.

A question was raised about potential employment opportunities. Committee member Eric Schaeffer explained the information is still being developed in states that have had legal cannabis for a few years, but

that University of California at Davis did a study showing that a 5,000 square foot cultivation facility needs six full time employees and a 100,000 square foot cultivator would need 120 full time employees in addition to seasonal staff. Mr. Schaeffer stated that there is a substantial amount of labor required and every employee has to pass stringent requirements in order to work in this business. He went on to state there is a higher bar to enter into this business than for any other in the state.

Tom Stalker of Hartsville asked how a medical marijuana establishment is different than the options presented at the meeting. Mr. Doern explained the state already regulates medical marijuana, and those businesses grow their own product, manufacture it, and sell only to those with a medical card.

Discussion surrounded the potentially negative effects of marijuana and raised questions as to whether testing this product is not done because marijuana is illegal. It was pointed out, however, that the United States government owns the largest marijuana growing and testing facility in the country, in Mississippi, and the federal government mandates all marijuana used in research has to come through the federal government. The effects of marijuana have been studied in areas of health such as glaucoma, pain, and cancer. Recently, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first controlled clinical trial in the world to evaluate smoked medical marijuana as a treatment for veterans with PTSD.

Doug Trumbull of Southfield pointed out that in past meetings townspeople had expressed concern over potential light, air, and water pollution. Mr. Trumbull asked why none of these issues was being discussed by the Committee.

Mr. Doern responded the Committee's focus is bylaws, planning, and zoning, and its charge is to find out whether the people in town want these establishments here. If they do, a next step would be to develop requirements and protections through bylaws. He continued that zon-

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ing and where these businesses might go is also part of the undertaking. Mr. Doern cautioned that environmental impacts can vary so much from one facility to another that there is not one blanket statement one can make about all cultivators or any of these businesses regarding their effect on the environment.

The meeting concluded, and in the following weeks the CAHC met to prepare for its second informational meeting on November 3 at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall, and to design and finalize its survey. After many revisions, the completed survey was mailed to all registered voters' households and is also available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nm-cannabis-survey-5VN>. Included with the survey is a one-page information sheet (see page 4), which also lists links to further information located on the town website, and contact information for those who might have questions. CAHC members encourage everyone to return the completed survey by November 9, 2018. The CAHC will report the results of the survey to the Planning Board at its regular meeting on November 14, 2018.

With the town's input, it will then be up to the Planning Board to implement next steps. □



## LAND TRUST NEWS

From a distance, it looked a bit like a Happening from the 60s – a bunch of people standing around in the middle of a beautiful, enormous field. What was actually happening was a gathering of folks to celebrate the New Marlborough Land Trust's acquisition of 300 acres of fields

and forest, a gift from longtime Southfield resident Ned Goodnow. (See map and details on p. 18 of the October NM5VN.)

On a damp but mild Columbus Day, more than fifty people, plus three goats, gathered to enjoy an al fresco lunch, hear words of gratitude to Ned from Executive Director Martha Bryan and President Ian Devine, observe the judging of the pie contest (ably handled by Peter Fields and Jess Holcomb, wearing stovepipe hats fashioned by Shawn Fields with the grand prize going to, of all people, Peter's mom, Kenzie Fields!), enjoy eating said pies, and finally, take a hike through the fields and into the woods in the company of Hannah Bracken's goats, Sapphire, Calypso and Wisteria.

The land, which has been given the temporary name of "The Konkapot Project," is accessible through an opening in the stone wall at the base of Collins Hill, where the Southfield Mill River Road meets Hadsell Street, and it is open to the public. For further information, contact the Land Trust: [nmlandtrust@gmail.com](mailto:nmlandtrust@gmail.com), [nmlandtrust.org](http://nmlandtrust.org), or Martha at 413-229-8633. □

Larry Burke



photos by Larry Burke



The Cannabis Ad-Hoc Committee would like to know what you think about Adult-Use (recreational) Marijuana Businesses coming to New Marlborough. Your responses to the survey will help the Town determine the next steps in addressing adult-use marijuana businesses.

### **SUMMARY of our options:**

(Personal growing and consumption are both legal in Massachusetts and would not be affected by the adult-use marijuana business options below.)

#### **A. PROHIBIT ALL adult-use marijuana businesses from operating in town (Opt Out).**

If you would like to keep all adult-use marijuana businesses out of NM then a bylaw amendment is written to ban all adult-use businesses so none could open or operate. It must pass by 2/3 at Town Meeting and a majority on a subsequent ballot vote. We cannot, by state law, ban medicinal marijuana businesses.

#### **B. ALLOW ALL adult-use marijuana businesses to operate in town.**

If you would like to allow all adult-use marijuana businesses to operate in NM there are two ways to do that.

1. Write new custom bylaws to specifically regulate marijuana businesses. This means that new bylaws would be written that would govern all adult-use marijuana businesses. This would give the Town the ability to limit the number of businesses, zone to restrict location, create setback, aesthetic and lot coverage standards, control signage, and regulate some operations. It would allow the Town to implement and require a thorough, standardized special permit application process that could include reports on water, light, odor, noise, traffic impacts, and other information.
2. Rely on the existing bylaws and the special permit process. This means that applications are considered on a case-by-case basis and any conditions placed on a business would be at the discretion of the Select Board. The existing bylaws give the Town the right to control signage, and regulate some operations. Additional conditions (i.e. setbacks, aesthetics, lot coverage) and submission requirements could be sought by the Select Board from a project and would be negotiated with the applicant. If no new bylaws are written by the moratorium's end all adult-use marijuana businesses would be allowed and governed this way.

#### **C. ALLOW SOME TYPES and PROHIBIT SOME TYPES of adult-use marijuana businesses in NM.**

If you would like to allow some adult-use marijuana businesses but not others, then we PROHIBIT some types as in Option A and ALLOW some with either Option B-1 or B-2. The 8 state-regulated businesses are:

1. Cultivator - Grows, processes and packages marijuana indoors, in greenhouses, or outdoors.
2. Craft Cooperative - A jointly and democratically owned grower made up of small-scale local farmers.
3. Product Manufacturer - Obtains and processes marijuana into products such as edibles and oils.
4. Retailer - Sells marijuana and products to consumers from a physical retail store.
5. Research Facility - Grows or acquires marijuana to conduct research on marijuana and products.
6. Testing Laboratory - Performs tests (THC levels, pesticides, mold, etc) on marijuana and products.
7. Transporter - Delivers and transports marijuana, products, and money to other marijuana businesses.
8. Micro-Business - A small-scale grower and/or manufacturer made up of Massachusetts residents.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

- Go to <https://vimeo.com/291986881> to see the video of our first informational meeting.
- Go to our page on the town website:  
[http://www.newmarlboroughma.gov/Pages/NewMarlboroughMA\\_BComm/Cannabis/index](http://www.newmarlboroughma.gov/Pages/NewMarlboroughMA_BComm/Cannabis/index)
- Contact Dan Doern, Chair of the Committee, at [NMCAHC@gmail.com](mailto:NMCAHC@gmail.com) or 413-229-2440
- Come to our second informational meeting on November 3, 2018 at 10 am at Town Hall.

### **PREFER TO TAKE THE SURVEY ONLINE? KNOW OTHERS WHO WANT TO TAKE IT TOO?**

**GO TO:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nm-cannabis-survey-5vn>

**Your opinion is important. PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY BY NOVEMBER 9, 2018**



## Town Business Is Your Business

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN



**September 24:** Because of a joint session with the Finance Committee scheduled for 6:00 p.m., the Board, with two members present and Selectman Yohalem calling in by phone, met briefly on its own at 5:45 p.m. to take care of some Board business.

First on the agenda was a meeting with the Agricultural Commission to discuss a request to put up “right to farm” signs on some of the roads leading into town. But when it turned out no one from the Commission could attend tonight’s meeting, the Board moved on to the next agenda item, which was to approve the meeting minutes from August 27 and August 30, but not September 11, which were held pending a rewrite.

There was one update from Town Administrator Mari Enoch regarding Emergency Management Director Ed Harvey, who she said had applied for and been awarded a Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) grant of \$2,460 on behalf of the Town. She said he intends to use the money to purchase two electronic message boards that can be mounted on a trailer and used to warn cars of upcoming traffic hazards such as downed trees and accidents on the road ahead. The Board voted to authorize Ms. Enoch to sign the contract with MEMA.

The only other item of note was from Chairman Michele Shalaby who said in response to a question from Mr. Yohalem that **the Board still has not heard back from Charter Communications regarding the cable franchise agreement** the Board emailed to Charter on August 30. At the time Charter said it needed a week or so to go over the draft with its operations people, but that was nearly three weeks ago and the Board still hasn’t heard anything. So Ms. Shalaby said she’ll call Massachusetts Broadband Institute’s Chairman Peter Larkin tomorrow to discuss how best to handle.

And with that the Board voted to adjourn, and then convened its joint meeting with the Finance Committee, whose members included Chairman Steve Klein, Sandra Fusco-Walker, Robert Miller, Prudence Spaulding, John Pshenishny, and Marilyn Fracasso. Only Doug Newman was missing.

The main purpose of the session was to meet with Southern Berkshire Regional School District Business Administrator Chris Regan to discuss proposed changes to the school assessment formula. But first the combined group met with Police Chief Graham Frank to consider his request for \$10,560 from the Reserve Fund to cover unforeseen training and salary expenses.

Reading from a memo he prepared in advance, Chief Frank explained the department recently filled three unexpected vacancies with new part-time officers, and **while one of them has nearly completed his training and will soon be ready to work on his own, the other two still need to be trained.** That works out to 224 hours of training at \$16.50 per hour for a total of \$3,696 in unanticipated expenses.

In addition, Officer John Mullen will be attending the full-time academy starting October 15 for what Chief Frank was expecting to be an eighteen-week course, but which turned out to be twenty-six weeks instead. As he explained, the Municipal Police Training Committee voted last year to shorten the curriculum to eighteen weeks. However, the new curriculum is still being tested. So Officer Mullen will not be available for evening and weekend shift duty for an additional eight weeks. But instead of asking for \$2,116 for the additional eight weeks of shift duty, Chief Frank asked for \$6,864 for the full twenty-six weeks, and the surprising thing was the Finance Committee gave it to him with no one asking why he was requesting money for the full amount, when it was only eight weeks of coverage that was unexpected.

And then it was Chris Regan’s turn, who said by way of background that the School Assessment Committee, formed early last summer, had **three goals in mind in revising the assessment formula: eliminating the financial peaks and valleys that have resulted in fluctuations of more than \$100,000 for some towns; bringing more predictability to the budget process; and keeping the per-pupil cost for each of the five district towns in basically the same range.**

The Committee, comprising a selectman and a finance committee member from each of the five towns, with Ms. Shalaby and Finance Committee member Sandra Fusco-Walker representing New Marlborough, looked at “many, many” different methods of calculating the assessment formula, according to Ms. Regan, but over the summer months narrowed it down to just one. **That method, if approved by the voters in all five towns, would be based on a five-year rolling average of the state’s Chapter 70 minimum required contribution, to include the town’s student population, property values, and income level.**

Under the current method, the assessment amount is based totally on a single year’s Chapter 70 required minimum contribution. As part of her presentation Ms. Regan distributed three spreadsheets with charts showing how the changes in the formula would have



affected the district towns' assessments for the fiscal years 2014-2019.

Finance Committee Chair Steve Klein asked if she could prepare an additional spreadsheet using the proposed formula in which the school budget is held constant over the five-year period, so that each town could see how its individual budget would be affected under this scenario.

Ms. Regan said she plans to meet with each of the five towns to explain the changes, and that she's already met with Alford which was not enthusiastic about the change. Alford, she said, with its small school-age population, prefers a formula in which the current number of students rather than a rolling average is a determining factor in the assessment calculation, although Ms. Shalaby noted the Alford representative on the committee indicated the town might be willing to consider a change if it would help the other towns.

**October 1:** With two selectmen present and Mr. Yohalem again conferencing in by phone, the Board met with Jan Johnson of Mill River Farm to discuss the Agriculture Commission's request to put up right to farm signs on the major entry points leading into town. Ms. Johnson said the Commission has a budget of about \$200 and is proposing to use it to put up four to five signs — whatever the budget will allow — that would say something along the lines of "New Marlborough, a Right To Farm Community." She said the signs would be mounted on existing town-owned signposts on roads such as Route 57, County Road, Canaan Southfield Road, and possibly Mill River Great Barrington Road. The Commission has already talked to Owen Wright of the Building Department and Highway Superintendent Chuck Loring about it, and indicated both are okay with the concept. Mr. Yohalem suggested also discussing it with Police Chief Frank, which Ms. Johnson said

they also will do. And with that the Board gave the Commission its blessing.

The selectmen met with Brian Mikesell, chairman of the Library Trustees, who informed the Board that the library assistant, because of a change in her personal situation, had to resign on short notice. In addition, he said, a long-time library volunteer, who's been critical to the operation of some of the library's programs, has also had a change in situation and very likely will be departing.

He said given that it will be difficult to replace the long-term volunteer with someone willing to commit to the library in that way, the library will be proposing to upgrade the library assistant job to a twenty-hour-a-week, fully-benefited position in

the 2020 fiscal year budget in the hopes of attracting someone for the long term. He said the increased hours would also help make up for some of the volunteer hours the library will be losing. Currently, the library assistant works a fifteen-hour week and receives no benefits.

In the meantime, he said Librarian Deb O'Brien is picking up the slack while looking for a replacement for the fifteen-hour-per-week position, and noted there's enough money in the current budget to have the assistant work "a little bit extra in any given week that we need additional coverage, and that will get us through the year," Mr. Mikesell said.

In response, Ms. Shalaby thanked him for the early heads-up on the budget, adding, "Yes, if the [current] budget allows for it, someone can work up to nineteen hours per week, but it's about the benefits where we'll need to have a full discussion," she said, and that budget season gets under way in earnest in January.

Ms. Shalaby began this week's broadband update, saying she'd spoken with MBI Chairman Peter Larkin to tell him the Town has heard nothing back from Charter regarding the cable franchise agreement and

*The Southern Berkshire Regional School District is proposing changes to the school assessment formula that will provide relief from the yearly fluctuations and enable a more predictable budget process for the member towns.*

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that two deadlines have already passed. He told her MBI is in essentially the same position, having heard nothing from Charter regarding the broadband grant agreement.

But there are signs of activity. Town Administrator Enoch said she **recently received a right-of-way agreement** from Charter representative Melinda Kinney, and that Ms. Kinney is waiting to hear back from the Town on how soon it can be signed. That agreement, which is being reviewed by counsel, would give Charter permission to move through the Town for the purpose of determining details of the build-out. Ms. Kinney also mentioned she's waiting for a green light on the project, presumably from higher ups at Charter.

And Finance Committee Chair Steve Klein reported that Charter technicians are already driving around town, and when he stopped one of them to ask what he was doing, the technician said he'd been directed to do a pole inventory. "This was on a Sunday," Mr. Klein said, "and I assume the guy was getting overtime. So it was somebody's idea of a priority." He said the technician also told him they'd been given four days to complete the inventory. "He literally was counting poles, inspecting them, and jotting down pole numbers," said Mr. Klein, adding, "I'm not sure exactly what it means, but I guess it's better than their not being here."

After further discussion it was agreed Ms. Enoch should give Charter's Ms. Kinney a call, with a follow-up email, to let her know the Town is prepared to sign the right-of-way agreement with an expiration date of October 31, by which time the cable franchise agreement, which will supersede the right of way agreement, should be in place.

Under Selectmen's updates, Ms. White said the **five Route 57 towns** of Monterey, Sandisfield, Tolland and Granville, plus New Marlborough, are reviving their

effort to develop a strategy for getting state assistance in rebuilding the road, which in some spots is now almost down to the dirt. She said officials from all five towns will be meeting Wednesday, October 3, at the New Marlborough Town Hall, and that there's "a real determination to get something done this time." The multi-town Route 57 effort began in 2015, but that effort, in Ms. White's words, "eventually got bogged down," and there hasn't been an official meeting of the towns in several years.

In other matters, Tara White said the Federal Emergency Management Agency, has approved a grant in the amount of \$7,500 for the Town to update its Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Under the terms of the grant the Town will be reimbursed for up to 75 percent of "approved, allowable and eligible costs" and is obligated in turn to contribute an in-kind match of 25 percent. The plan will address the Town's vulnerability to hazards such as flooding, severe weather, and wild fires. The previous plan, approved in 2013, expired last February.

Finally, the Board discussed a memo from Board of Assessors Chair Marsha Pshenishny, in which she indicated the Division of Local Services (DLS), an arm of the state's Department of Revenue is apparently "satisfied" with the number of inspections that have been completed for the 2017 cyclical inspection program, according to Bureau of Local Assessment Field Advisor Joe Barbieri. That's despite the fact that **330 properties out of total of about 1,800 have not been inspected yet.** The state requires towns to inspect every property in the town on a ten-year cycle and to revalue the properties every five years based on sales and other market data. The Town's outside assessor, Paul S. Kapinos & Associates handles both tasks for New Marlborough.

The memo raised a number of questions for the

*The Board raised questions about assessed property values and the ten-year cyclical inspection program.*

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**Board**, one being whether the DLS is aware that nearly one-fifth of the inspections haven't been done yet. The Board was adamant that the inspections be completed, even if the DLS is satisfied. "The reason these are done every ten years," Ms. Enoch explained, "is to catch things that have changed. If, for example, your barn falls down, you shouldn't be paying [taxes] on it anymore. It's an obligation to the taxpayers."

For these and other reasons the Board agreed "it's a good time to have a conversation with the Board of Assessors to talk about our concerns," Ms. Shalaby said. That meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 10 at 8:00 a.m.

Separately, Ms. Pshenishny indicated in her memo that the annual inspection of building permits by the Kapinos firm, which are used to establish the Town's new growth, will be completed in October, "in plenty of time to set the tax rate," she said.

**October 10:** Because of the Columbus Day holiday, the Board, with all three members present, convened its weekly meeting on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m., with the first item on the agenda being the meeting with the Board of Assessors to discuss the cyclical inspection program.

Because Board of Assessors member Wendy Miller hadn't arrived yet, the Board began the meeting with Town Administrator updates, with Ms. Enoch reporting the Town has received notification from the state that the Hadsell Street bridge project is now officially complete, and that the bridge has been "turned back to the Town." The actual completion date, she said, was July 12.

Then it was Board Secretary Sharon Fleck's turn, who said she's drafted, for the Board's approval, letters of appreciation to the Town's veterans for their service to the country in preparation for Veterans Day, which the Town will be observing on Monday, November 12.

She also said she's working with newly-appointed Tree Warden Nate Redman on a grant application to the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Urban and Forestry program for funding to maintain the Town's heritage trees, which are older trees with a circumference of at least thirty-two inches. According to the Town's tree service contractor, John Field, there are as many as ten heritage trees on the Village Green. The grant, if awarded, would require an in-kind match from the Town.

At that point, the Board went ahead with its meeting with the assessors, minus Ms. Miller. But the session yielded more questions than answers.

The selectmen wanted to know, for example, **how assessed property values in the Town are impacted**

**by the ten-year cyclical inspection program**, which, as reported earlier, is two years and three hundred and thirty inspections behind schedule. They also wanted to know **when the inspections would be completed**. As Ms. Shalaby noted, the Board has an obligation to insure Town contracts are fulfilled, and said that it's also a matter of fairness to taxpayers that all property owners be treated equally.

The selectmen also wanted to know whether the recently reported \$8 million drop in property values in town was in any way related to the delinquent inspection program. And there were more questions about the Town's contracts with the Kapinos firm.

In the end, following up on a suggestion from Mr. Yohalem, Ms. Pshenishny offered to **set up a meeting for the Board with Mr. Kapinos and Joe Barbieri of the Bureau of Local Assessment**. "Yes, let's get them in," Mr. Yohalem agreed, clearly not fully satisfied with the assessors' answers. "That's a great idea. We'll make ourselves available whenever you can do it." And that's where it was left.

There was also a brief discussion on the efforts to structure a payment in lieu of taxes, program for the 5-megawatt solar field being installed by CVE North America just off Mill River Great Barrington Road. According to Ms. Enoch, there's a disagreement between Mr. Kapinos and CVE over the method by which the value of the field is calculated, with Mr. Kapinos saying the value should be based on the income generated by project, whereas CVE is saying it should be the cost of constructing the field. In the end, the Board decided to leave it in the hands of Town Counsel Jeremia Pollard to sort out, since he'll be negotiating the agreement in any case.

In the latest broadband developments, Ms. Shalaby reported that Charter, according to MBI's Peter Larkin and Associate General Counsel Michael Baldino, wants assurances the Town intends to go forward with the Charter system and is asking for copies of the Board's minutes at which the decision to go with Charter was made, which Ms. Enoch will provide.

It also wants confirmation that the Town has an agreement with the state to repay the so-called funding gap money that the state will be advancing to Charter on the Town's behalf.

And finally, Charter, according to Mr. Larkin, is asking that the language in the grant agreement with MBI be made more generic, specifically that the term fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) be replaced with a specific rate of speed for the system and that the phrase "national pricing"

*The five towns on Route 57 have restarted the effort to develop a strategy for getting state assistance in rebuilding the road.*



be changed to “safe harbor pricing,” to be defined as the same pricing applied to all towns within one hundred miles. Both FTTH and national pricing were included in the agreement specifically at the Town’s request. (*For these and other details, see the Broadband Update on page 11 of this issue.*)

**October 15:** With all three selectmen present the meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m., with the first order of business being a conference call with MBI Chair Peter Larkin to **discuss the broadband-related agreements that need to be signed for the project to go forward.** These include the cable franchise agreement between the Town and Charter, the grant agreement between Charter and MBI, and an assessment agreement between the Town and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

But as the meeting wore on it became clear the **Town has concerns about the direction of the project,** and is looking for assurances from Charter – and by extension MBI — that it’s getting a fiber-based system, that the broadband build-out will include both public and private roads, and that the project will move forward at a reasonable pace and be completed on or about a date certain.

The Town also has concerns about the role being played by Mr. Larkin, and sees him acting more as a mediator between the two sides instead of advocating on behalf of the Town in its dealings with Charter. (*Again, see the Broadband Update on page 11 for additional details.*)

In other matters the Board approved the minutes of the October 1 and October 10 meetings and then, on the recommendation of Planning Board Chairman Peter Tiso, voted to hire Joshua Mack of Great Barrington as the Planning Board’s secretary, replacing Jane Tant, who stepped down.

It also voted to extend the term of temporary wiring inspector Jim Kerns through October 31, by which time the Board expects to have a permanent hire in place. As of this writing, five people have applied for the position, according to Town Administrator Enoch.

As usually happens at this time of year, the Board set trick-or-treat hours for the Town’s Halloween from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, and as in past years, the selectmen will be at Town Hall handing out candy.

Under Town Administrator updates, Ms Enoch wanted to **recognize the efforts of Highway Department Superintendent Chuck Loring and his crew** for the outstanding work they’ve been doing dealing with

damage to the Town’s dirt roads from the intense rain storms that have hit the area recently. As she noted, “it’s been very frustrating for the Highway Department. Every time they fix a road, it seems two days later there’s a downpour and it gets washed away again.”

She said the Department has gone through virtually all the gravel it had on hand for the entire year. In addition, Mr. Loring has had to bring in Joe Wilkinson to do road repair work that wasn’t anticipated. “Probably every gravel road in town needs grading,” she said, “and there are a handful of them that still need serious work. If you’ve driven around town, I’m sure you’ve seen it, the gullies and trenches running down the sides of the road and across people’s driveways. I think we should

thank him and offer him our support in any way we can,” she said, a sentiment with which the Board agreed.

Under selectmen’s updates, Ms. White gave a recap on the meeting two weeks ago of the five Route 57 towns of Monterey, Sandisfield, Tolland, Granville, and New Marlborough. The purpose of the meeting was to begin mapping out strategy for repairing Route 57. She cited one estimate, without providing a source, which puts the cost of reclaiming the road through all five towns at \$30 million.

The meeting, which took place at New Marlborough Town Hall, was well attended, she said, with some thirteen town officials showing up, including selectmen and town administrators. It was the first time the group has gotten back together after a hiatus of several years. “We’re going forward,” she said. “We’re not going to drop the ball this time.”

The towns also discussed the \$5 million in the 2018 Environmental Bond Bill earmarked for Route 57 culvert and drainage repairs in Monterey, Sandisfield and New Marlborough. But as Ms. White noted, it’s not at all clear “how we can access [the money], how we can use it, and what it can be used for,” she said. “There are so many questions.”

Related to that, the Board last week received a letter from state Rep. William (Smitty) Pignatelli addressing some of the questions. For example, the letter cautions the Board that a bond authorization is not the same as a budget allocation, and that the funding therefore is not “immediately guaranteed.” The letter also notes the towns will be required “to provide plans [including the engineering] specifying how this funding would be used, and highlighting the areas of greatest need.”

Finally, the letter states that while the bill specifically names Monterey, Sandisfield, and New Marlborough

*Ms. Enoch noted that the Town has been notified by the state that the Hadsell Street bridge project, which re-opened on July 12, is now officially complete.*



as the recipients of the \$5 million, it encourages the towns "to approach the allocation of these funds in a regional and cooperative manner by including Tolland and Granville in the process."

The next meeting of the Route 57 towns is tentatively

scheduled for November 8, a date on which it is hoped Rep. Pignatelli and state Senator Adam Hinds can attend. It will be held in Sandisfield. □

*Peter Schuyten*

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**September 22:** Commission members Freddy Friedman, Rona Easton, David Hosford, and Dave Herrick convened the month's meeting.

The meeting started by voting to approve last month's minutes.

Chairman Friedman noted that the Scheffey hearing involving the drawdown of the pond and dam work on North Road would be continued to next month because the permit has not yet been filed with Monterey.

The Commission then moved to the Request for Determination for Marc Gourevitch and Sabrina Cherry of 98 Lumbert Cross Road. Mr. Gourevitch explained that the scope of the work to be permitted involved removing roughly forty trees, primarily conifers, around his residence. He explained that several of the trees pose a safety hazard to his residence and that their removal will improve the light and climate of the house. The Commission noted that because the work is in the riverfront resource area of the Umpachene River, a Notice of Intent (NOI) would be required. Shannon Boomsma from White Engineering was on hand and agreed to draw up the additional permit for Mr. Gourevitch.

Ms. Boomsma then presented an NOI for Michele Shalaby of 1055 Clayton Mill River Road. Ms. Boomsma explained that the permit covered new construction of a 24- by 40-foot garage and a 16- by 23-foot screened porch at the existing single-family home. At issue is the proximity of the work to Brewer Brook and an intermittent stream. Ms. Boomsma explained that there would be appropriate mitigation and restoration of the area according to the regulatory standards. The Commission approved the permit without any special conditions.

Ms. Boomsma then continued to present an NOI from her client, Ian Devine of 61 Steepletop Road. The work involves dredging Harnett Pond, a 33-acre pond, that is being choked by native species including pond weed and white and yellow lily pads. She described her client's commitment to a technology that would involve five phases of work over a four-year period and that they hope to start this fall. The Commission was impressed by the commitment of Mr. Devine to engage in such an extensive, high-quality approach to the restoration of the pond. Because the Department of Environmental Protection had not yet issued a file number, the hearing was continued to next month's meeting.

Lastly the Commission addressed the outstanding Enforcement Order issued to Deanna Mummert of 105 Hartsville Mill River Road. Both Ms. Mummert and a concerned abutter, Paul Marcel, were in attendance. Ms. Boomsma was there as well on behalf of her client, Ms. Mummert. The Commission reviewed the expectations of the order: 1) that before September 26, a plan showing the delineation of the resource areas – both the riverfront and the bordering vegetated wetland – would be submitted; 2) that by October 8 a restoration plan and a letter describing the work at issue would be submitted to the Commission. Ms. Boomsma delivered both requests and described what actions would be taken to restore the area. She noted both poison ivy and multiflora rose would be removed by hand in the future. Ms. Boomsma also stated that before the meeting Ms. Mummert had asked that the letter submitted be corrected to include that some of the work was not done by hand and that a light covering of soil was spread on the area for grass seed and clover. Ms. Boomsma explained that those activities did not alter the resource area.

Mr. Marcel addressed the Commission with several concerns about how the Commission handled his complaint that Ms. Mummert violated the wetland protections act by not having the proper permit in place before work was done. Mr. Marcel showed the Commission pictures to verify his objection that the work had altered the riverfront area, that all of the work had not been done by hand and that fill was brought in which altered the resource area. After much discussion, the Commission restated their commitment to the process of the enforcement order and confirmed that Ms. Mummert is acting on all suggested reparations.

Richard Stebbins of 83 North Road then addressed the Commission asking for a review and suggestions about how he might proceed to dredge a fire pond on his property. Chairman Friedman referred him to Ms. Boomsma and suggested that the work might be exempt due to the size of the pond being less than 5,000 square feet. Mr. Stebbins would confer with Ms. Boomsma on his own time.

The mail was reviewed and the Commission noted receipt that the Order of Conditions for the NOI from Mitchel Koch had been recorded at the Registry. Several workshop opportunities were shared and the meeting adjourned. □

*Martha Bryan*



## BROADBAND UPDATE

### *Are We There Yet?*

By Barry R. Shapiro

After some significant delays, it appears that final agreements with Charter Communications could be signed by early November.

This process has taken longer than initially hoped.

Back on August 30, Charter undertook to get its comments on the Cable Franchise Agreement to the Town within a week. (This Agreement deals with television service but also relates to internet service.) That didn't happen due, according to Selectman Nat Yohalem, to delays caused by Charter's "internal committees."

Charter also undertook to finalize the Grant Agreement (which provides state funding and deals with internet and phone service) with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI), the state agency responsible to provide funding for broadband projects. That didn't happen either.

In fact, not only were those key agreements not completed, but Charter also raised the need for an additional agreement, a so-called Contribution and Assessment Agreement, between the Town and the state. This agreement would commit the Town to repay some of the funding which MBI is to make available. Charter claimed this agreement was necessary to demonstrate the Town's commitment to proceed with Charter, notwithstanding the prior vote by the Board of Selectmen to do so.

"They want us to sign this new agreement with the state in which we commit to pay back some of the state loans," said Mr. Yohalem. "Apparently this will give them the comfort that we are committed to them. We've no problem with this but need to get this new agreement approved by counsel, something which is in the works."

The selectmen held a conference call with Peter Larkin, chairman of MBI, on October 15 to attempt to break the logjam and get things finalized.

At that time, Mr. Larkin assured the Board that Charter was willing to move forward as soon as the newly requested Contribution and Assessment Agreement is

executed by the Town and the state.

Residents Richard Long and Steve Klein, currently informal advisors to the Board of Selectmen and former members of the now disbanded Broadband Committee, pushed back and urged the Board to get all agreements concluded simultaneously.

In an email to the Board of Selectmen, they wrote, among other things, that, "It is our firm view that all three documents should be negotiated to conclusion and signed contemporaneously. Piecemeal signing accomplishes little as all documents require that the others be executed in order to take effect. If Charter wants the town to demonstrate its 'commitment,' the BOS could pass a resolution stating that support. This would be as valuable as executing one of the three documents contingent on the execution of the other two. If the Grant and [Contribution and Assessment] Agreements are executed and we reach a road block in our negotiations with Charter on the Cable Franchise Agreement, we will have little leverage to make a better deal for the town. Practically, we'll be in a take-it-or-leave-it situation." Long and Klein also raised issues concerning the treatment of private roads in the Cable Franchise Agreement, clarification about language concerning "fiber to the home," and terms of the Town's repayment obligations to the state.

According to Selectman Yohalem, progress has now been made to get all agreements finalized and signed simultaneously. He also indicated that most of the open issues are in the process of being resolved.

So, as this issue of the NM5VN goes to press, there is hope that residents will be able to sit down to their Thanksgiving meals knowing, at long last, that contracts to deliver high speed internet to the Town have been signed and the "make ready" work of surveying the poles and planning the installation is underway.

Stay tuned. □

The New Marlborough Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee  
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**Informational meeting about  
MARIJUANA BUSINESSES**

Saturday, Nov 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the TOWN HALL



# STATE BALLOT QUESTIONS

## For Voting on November 6

By Anne Sommers

### Question One Spurs Heated and Complicated Debate

Question 1 on the November 6, 2018 ballot mandates a strict nurse-to-patient ratio in health care facilities statewide. In the Southern Berkshires, voters are viewing this proposal through a largely local lens. What will it mean for our beloved Fairview Hospital and Berkshire Medical Center (BMC)?

Our local hospital administrators, like urban and rural administrators across the state, vigorously oppose Question 1. They are not, they argue, against staffing levels that guarantee the best possible patient outcomes, and safe working conditions for nurses. They do, however, question – among many other financial, logistic, and administrative concerns – how the state can possibly expect them to hire nearly 150 new nurses by January 1, 2019.

Question 1 would allow state administrators to fine hospitals \$25,000 each time or day they are out of compliance with the ratios after the new year.

BMC President David Phelps noted that local hospitals hire most of their new nurses from the Berkshire Community College nursing program, which annually graduates about forty or fifty students. Those students, he noted, are vital to keeping up with attrition.

Phelps told the *Berkshire Eagle* that hiring a sufficient number of nurses for just BMC, would add \$22.8 million to the annual operating budget. Fairview Hospital would be looking at a \$1.4 million increase. In the same article, BMC Chief of Staff Daniel Doyle predicted a statewide bidding war for nurses.

In a recent letter in the *Berkshire Eagle*, Lia Spilotes, president of Berkshire Health Systems (BHS) urged voters to reject the proposal as it could lead to nurses leaving community health centers to work at better paying hospitals.

Michael Leary, communications chief for BHS, voiced concern for the welfare of Licensed Practical Nurses, whose services would not count towards meeting the nurse ratio. The jobs of other support staff would also be jeopardized.

Individuals critical of Question 1 are not all opposed to the concept of safe staffing ratios. Since California implemented ratios in 2004, most studies have shown that both patients and nurses have benefited. In May 2015, the *International Archives of Occupational and Environmental Health* reported that after the ratios were implemented patient mortality and the number of preventable mistakes – including patient falls, pressure

ulcers, central line infections, and healthcare-associated infections – declined.

Policy and Research at the University of California Davis School of Medicine helped author a study that found that the California staffing mandate was associated with 55.57 fewer occupational injuries and illnesses per 10,000 registered nurses per year, which represents a 32 percent decrease based on injury and illness rates before the law was enacted.

Local administrators don't quibble with the California results, but note that the Golden State allowed five years between passage and implementation for public health officials to research and determine proper ratios; there are no fines imposed if hospitals fall out of compliance. Here, the Massachusetts Nursing Association, which represents only 23 percent of nurses in the state, set the ratios that would be implemented sixty days after passage.

### Ballot Questions Two and Three Garner Less Attention but Deal with Important Issues

#### Question 2

This measure deals with limiting corporations' ability to influence elections. It would authorize a citizens commission that would develop recommendations – to be sent to Congress – for amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Such amendments would dictate that corporations do not have the same Constitutional rights as individuals. The goal is to regulate their campaign contributions and expenditures. The commission would do research, take testimony, and prepare a report.

Those against such amendments, which could undo the Citizen's United decision, say such amendments would deny corporations their right to freedom of speech.

#### Question 3

This proposal is a referendum on existing antidiscrimination laws. Its goal is to ensure gender identity remains on the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in public places or accommodations.

A no vote would repeal the provision that protects the rights of transgender citizens. □

**VOTE!**

**November 6th**





## ANNUAL EAGLE FUND PHONATHON FUNDRAISER

The Eagle Fund, an educational enrichment fund serving the students of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District for twenty years, will be conducting their annual student-led phonathon fundraiser on Wednesday, November 14, and Thursday, November 15, from 3:30 until 7:00 p.m. Your donations will provide the resources needed to fund grants supporting innovative opportunities for SBRSD students. If you have not received a phone call from one of our

students during a past phonathon and would like to be on our call list, please forward your name and phone number via email to me at [mzdzarski@gmail.com](mailto:mzdzarski@gmail.com).

For more information on additional ways to support our future leaders, please visit our website [www.eagle-fund.net](http://www.eagle-fund.net).

Thank you for your support! □

Melissa Zdziarski, chairperson  
The Eagle Fund



The New Marlborough Cultural Council-sponsored ceramics classes at Flying Cloud Pottery concluded Saturday, October 20, with a glazing session. From left to right, Karissa King, Jane Burke, and McKenzie Loring are working on a layering of two glazes. In the background Ritch Holben, Matt Shiffer, and Fiona Kerr finish up.

photo by Larry Burke



Five Mount Everett students were able to attend a dance mela hosted by the Keswick Public School in Madurai, India: Odie Fields, Mary Shalaby, Madeline Von Ruden, Isabella Kemp, and Amelia Kemp (left, flanked by their two Indian dance teachers). They performed a dance choreographed by New Marlborough Central teacher Tom Masters. They also performed traditional dances of Indian holidays, which they learned in workshops throughout the week. They attended classes, participated in school activities, and visited the cities of Delhi, Jaipur, and Agra.

photo by Kenzie Fields

  
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The following article is the second in a five-part series that first appeared in the August, 2000 issue of the New Marlborough 5 Village News, penned by John D. Sisson, whose ancestors figured largely in the settling of this town. John has written extensively on the history of New Marlborough, and this particular series of historical cameos provided a strong footing for the NM5VN in the first year of its existence.

## THE SETTLING DOWN OF SOLOMON HART

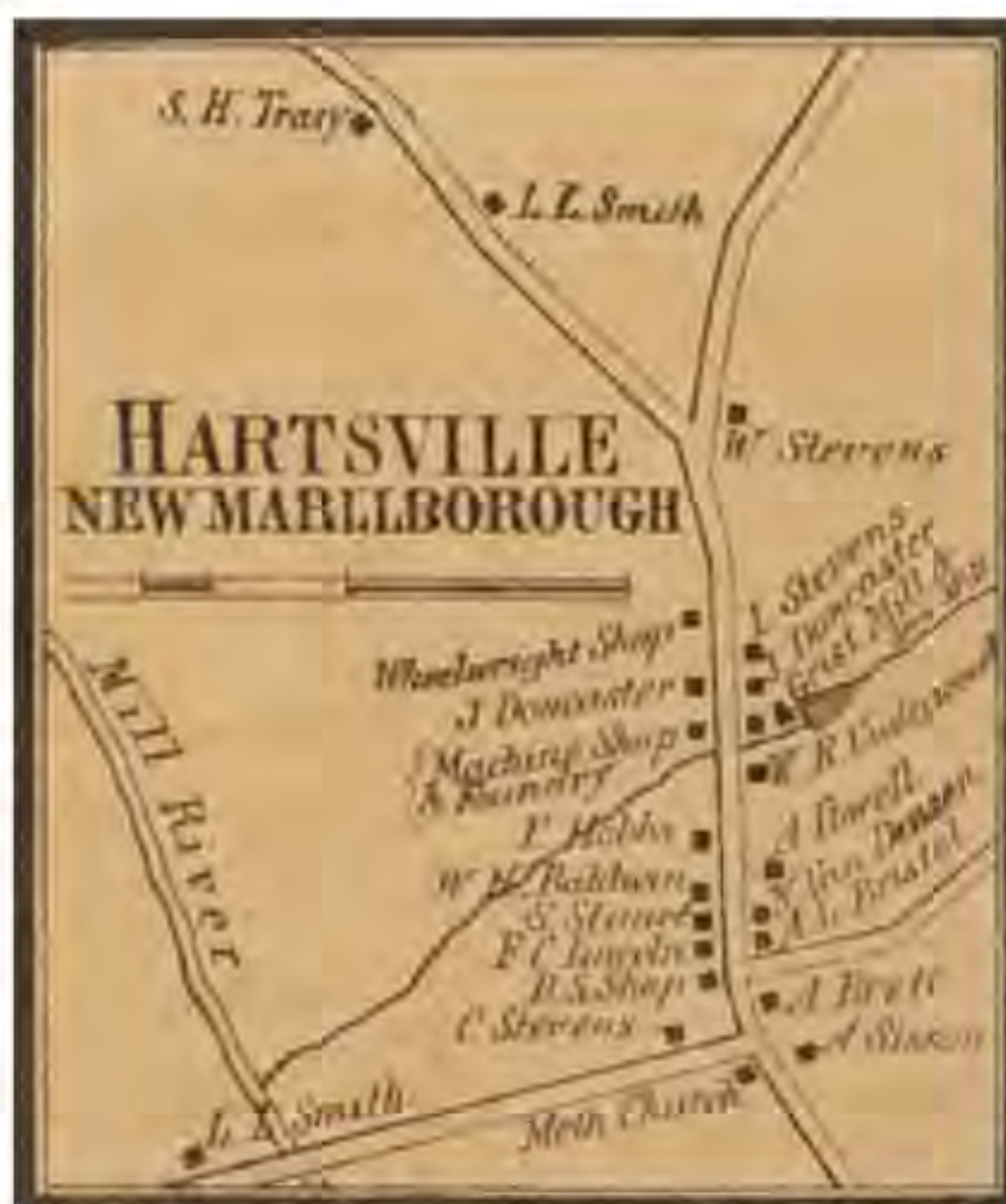
### Or, The Rise of a Village That Nearly Got Drowned

By John D. Sisson

The village of Hartsville takes its name from one of the early settlers there – Captain Solomon Hart (1766 - 1861) who was born in Cornwall, Connecticut, and whose mother's given name was Experience. In 1786, the year he moved up from Connecticut, Solomon married a woman with an equally interesting name: Jerusha Beach. She bore him twelve children, and in 1791 he built a fine home for his family at the juncture of Adsit Crosby Road and Route 57. Adsit Crosby is, of course a rather unusual name for a road. Where did it come from? Messrs. Adsit and Crosby were Selectmen.

Over the years, the Harts' home became a tavern, an inn, and a horse-changing station for the Red Bird Line, which used the 15th Massachusetts Turnpike as its route from Hartford to Albany. The property remained in the Hart family for more than a century. In more recent times, it has been known as the Red Bird Inn.

By 1828, the settlement had enough inhabitants to



The New Marlborough Historical Society's 1858 map of Berkshire County provides a detailed view of Hartsville, with the Methodist Church (more recently the Umpachene Grange Hall) at the lower intersection of roads. Note that the Konkapot River was then known as the Mill River. (Note also the misspelling of New Marlborough!)

be awarded a post office of its own. It served the community for more than a century, before being closed in 1943. A post office has to have a name to which letters can be sent, so the year the post office opened is presumably the year Hartsville received its name. Solomon lived to the ripe old age of ninety-six. According to an obituary notice in The Berkshire Courier on July 18, 1861, "Capt. Hart was the oldest man in New Marlboro [sic]..." He is buried in the Hart family plot, just a few rods north of his home.

By this time, Hartsville was a bustling site, with a saw and planing mill (an offspring of which exists to this day), a heavy machinery shop, a blacksmith shop, and two stores. The Berkshire County Eagle occasionally reported on events

in the town – for example, this April 24, 1878, item:

"J.J. Hart has a cow that gave birth to a calf that weighed 121 pounds when a day old."

If my entrepreneurial great-grandfather, Henry Dwight Sisson, had had his way, there would be no Hartsville today. Eager to harness water power in the interests of local industry in the early years of the last century, he devised a plan to dam the Konkapot River at a point a mile-and-a-half south of the outlet of Lake Buel, a body of water that lies within the boundaries of Great Barrington, Monterey, and New Marlborough. At the aforementioned point, the land forms natural banks almost fifty feet above the bed of the river. A small dam built there would impound an enormous volume of water, producing a lake almost five miles long, covering more than 3,000 acres of land.

The project would have required the demolition of houses, the rerouting of roads, the relocation of cemeteries, and the drowning of the cottages then found



A view looking south to the Methodist Church in Hartsville, from some time in the late 1800's. A.F. Whitney's blacksmith shop is on the right.



along the shores of Lake Buel. Not surprisingly, the proposed dam was never built.

And so today Hartsville proudly holds its head above water – a vital part of the five-village Township of New Marlborough.

### Snake Rattles, Two Pence Each

Back in the 1750's, when new Marlborough was still governed by a group of Proprietors who levied taxes to pay for the building of roads, bridges, schools, and churches, the region that later became known as Hartville was renowned for its rattlesnake population. Proprietors' records from 1759 note that the treasurer was ordered to pay a bounty of two pence for every rattlesnake's tail brought to him.

In *An Informal History of the Town of New Marlborough*, published in 1975, Henry M. White provides further information about the village and the hill overlooking the village, with its rattling inhabitants:

“By far the most prominent feature of New Marlboro [sic] and in fact that part of the country, is Dry Hill, which can be seen for many miles. It is 1746 feet altitude...and shows a front of rocky cliffs. It is known widely as the home of rattlesnakes, many of which are captured every year without apparently diminishing the number. However, but very few live on Dry Hill proper but in two rocky ledges in the same range farther north, the cave where the rattlers are captured being the northernmost one of the three ridges, a half mile or more north.”

The Informal History also quotes a source as saying that, on sunny days, catching rattlesnakes “afforded quite a lucrative business, as well as a pleasant pastime, provided always, however, that some portion of the slayer's person did not come into close contact with the other end of the snake.” □



The Solomon Hart residence (later to become the Red Bird Inn) on the corner of Route 57 and Adsit Crosby Road. Judging by the number of American flags, this well-populated picnic must have taken place on a Fourth of July.



It may look like the wild west, but it's really A. F. Whitney's blacksmith shop in Hartsville, circa 1895. From left to right: Frank Ward, Cordie Downs, Elmer Spencer, Ed Whitney, George Sheldon, Burt Whitney, Charles Kimberley, Mark Whitney, and Gordon Forrest.



A panoramic view of Hartsville in the late 19th Century, with Dry Hill, where bounty hunters once stalked rattlesnakes, in the distance.



## NEIGHBORS



Lifelong Southfield resident **Beverly Litchfield** passed away on September 27 at the age of seventy-five. She was known for her self-designated role as monitor of the village, and kept in touch with all activity in Southfield, and most activity in all of New Marlborough.

Beverly and her husband, Dan Litchfield Jr., raised five children, and both were also active in community affairs. Beverly was past president of the New Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, and a member of the American Cancer Society and Fairview Hospital's Auxiliary. She was also a health care worker at several nursing homes



photo courtesy of the Litchfield family

Beverly Litchfield

over the years.

The tributes below illustrate how highly Beverly was valued for her steadfast friendships.

**Fran and Jim Stevens** remember their across-the-street neighbor: With Bev's passing, the north end of Main Street, Southfield (Norfolk Road) lost much more than a family matriarch and a wonderful neighbor. Bev was our neighborhood watch, guidance counselor, playground supervisor, and mother figure. She started her family long before we did and we learned much by watching, as our own parents were at some distance. We knew her girls would be capable baby sitters because of their upbringing. In addition to her family responsibilities, she also had a Red (emergency) Phone for fire dispatch. Not only would she alert Jim to a fire, but she could direct him to the quickest way to reach it. We will miss her sitting at the picnic table feeding her animals, or on the corner of the porch keeping an eye on things, with the occasional sound of her distinctive laugh.

From **David Lowman**, another neighbor: In 1980, when Barbara and I moved to New Marlborough to take over the ownership of the Southfield General Store, we were more than a little anxious and nervous about how we "furriners" might be received. Almost immediately our fears became groundless. We were welcomed warmly and with genuine support.

That support was generally given, but the entire Litchfield family, led by wife and mother Beverly, epitomized how fully and warmly it was given. We have never forgotten it, and we never will.

Beverly's recent passing saddens us; we shall miss her. So, too, will her French pen pal.

**Mary White** lived for many years on Collins Hill, just around the corner from Bev: We buried my very best friend on her birthday. She was one month older than I, and we always teased each other about this. She was very sick for a while and after her husband Dan, who was the love of her life, passed away, she just wanted to be with him. We were friends for over fifty-five years. We were there for each other through good times and bad times. We raised our children together and what wonderful, caring children she has. She had a great sense of humor. I would visit her at 9:00 p.m. because she did not go to bed until midnight. She would be sitting on her porch having a cigarette and we would laugh and talk about old times, and all the crazy things we did when we were young and our kids were young. She had so many good friends with whom she was on the phone every day.

This is the end of an era in Southfield. She will be missed by a lot of people, but I will miss her the most.

**Martha Eggenberger** passed away peacefully in the circle of family members on Sunday, October 14 at Brandywine Assisted Living, in Litchfield, Connecticut, at the age of eighty-eight.

Born on October 5, 1930 in Switzerland, Martha Zahnd was the oldest of four daughters, whose parents had a small farm in the town of Hagenbuch, near Zurich. After completing school, she was employed in the household of a large farming operation in Munchenstein, of Basel, where she met her future husband, **Henry Eggenberger**. They married on May 29, 1954 and came to the Crystal Hill Farm here in Mill River in December of 1956. In addition to raising and keeping track of four children, she ran the household and actively helped Henry on the farm – taking care of the calves and baling hay just to name a few of her chores. She kept a large flower and vegetable garden and was famous



photo courtesy of the Eggenberger family

Martha Eggenberger



all over town for her baking and cooking skills. Henry and Martha were active members of the Southfield Church and the Umpachene Grange in Hartsville. Both sang in the choir and helped out at the Grange dinners. They had little time for vacations but did manage to get back to Switzerland every few years to visit family and friends there.

After Henry's sudden death in 2004, Martha continued to live in the farmhouse on her own. She realized that in order to stay in this remote place, she would have to be able to drive. It wasn't that she couldn't drive, but she just never got around to getting her license. At the age of seventy-six she passed her driving test. From then on, she drove her more senior friends shopping and to doctor's appointments. She joined her two close friends **Anita Ormsbee** and **Nell McKenzie** for weekly rounds of rummy cubes, and continued singing in the choir. In short, she mastered life after Henry with great stoicism and grace. When she was not taking her walk or tending her garden she simply enjoyed sitting on the porch with her cats, doing word searches, and watching the neighbors drive by or the birds at the feeder.

Yes, she was a trooper. As she grew older she often said "I want to stay my own person," and two of her daughters, **Silvia and Edie**, supported her wish by taking on many of the tasks that she could no longer do. After suffering several strokes and a fall down the stairs, it became clear that she could no longer stay on Brewer Hill Road and she moved closer to Edie in Connecticut. As her memory and health began to fail she remained patient and uncomplaining, never losing her quick sense of humor. She will be remembered and greatly missed. The caring staff at Brandywine made it possible for her to live out her final years in comfort and dignity.

A service for Martha will be held in the spring of 2019. □

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## OUR WILDLIFE NEIGHBORS

Back in late September, when the October issue of the NM5VN had already been put to bed, we received this note from **Fiona Kerr** in Mill River: "This may be too late, but our son Digby reminded me yesterday that we had seen something the paper might be interested in. On September 12, Digby, Mirabelle Meyers, and I saw a **bear** crossing County Road near the Sheffield border with three cubs. Mum crossed first, followed by cub number one, then a few seconds later, a second cub, and just as we were all saying how amazing it was to see two cubs, a third one jumped out of the trees and ran to catch up. And earlier, on September 7, while I was walking along Hartsville Mill River Road, a mid-sized bear crossed about thirty meters in front of me and my dog and ran across a field down to the creek, maybe one of last year's cubs? I've no photos – too busy watching!

"Also, as for smaller animal sightings, I have noticed many creatures living in or visiting in our raspberry patch: a **garter snake**, a **chipmunk**, **monarch butterflies**, **monarch caterpillars**, two species of caterpillar which I haven't been able to identify (one cream-colored with multiple white antennae and the other pale yellow with one black and one white antenna on each end), at least four species of **spiders**, **stink bugs**, **bumblebees**, **wasps**, and **native bees**. They all seem to happily co-exist, waiting for the berries to ripen. (We have so many berries this year that I'm happy to share.)"

Those caterpillars Fiona saw sound a lot like **tussock moth caterpillars** – the ones you don't want to handle, as they will give you a rash. Still on the subject

of caterpillars, **David Cicchetti**, also of Mill River, sent in a photo of a truly spectacular one, along with this description: "We came across this amazing caterpillar (which we later found out via Maggie's List was a saddled prominent moth caterpillar) while walking along Clayton Mill River Road on our way to Umpachene Falls. The bright green color caught our attention so we took a closer look. We were struck by its markings – almost like tie-dye or a colorful Rorschach inkblot."

Continuing the Mill River wildlife report, **Dan Doern** sent along a beautiful photo and this note: "The **red squirrels** are super-busy right now in the woods behind my office. They seem to have one community



A saddled prominent moth caterpillar crossing the road in Mill River

photo by David Cicchetti

photo by Daniel Doern



A red squirrel gnaws on a black walnut

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Our Wildlife Neighbors, continued

in a cluster of hemlocks out front and another in the back. They use the top of our side fence as a highway connector. This little guy is gnawing through a black walnut." Dan professes to have grown to love them, while others of us would be more than happy not to see them ever again in our yards and orchards!

A bit farther south, in Clayton, Don Beauchamp checked in with the following observations: "On October 2, I came upon six spotted salamanders, which I scooped out of a pool. All summer, I have been chasing with my camera after a belted king-fisher at a small pond nearby, and have only succeeded in photographing it flying away. Meanwhile, in the same pond, I have been seeing merganser ducks and a blue heron, and some Canada geese, as well as many hundreds of geese flying in and out of the big corn lot. Today, October 10, a Carolina wren was singing in a tree right outside my back door. It's been very hard to photo anything, with the swarms of mosquitos in my face!"



photo by Larry Burke

A northern water snake, gathering warmth from a driveway

On one of the warmer days in early October, Larry Burke came upon a northern water snake gathering some heat from the driveway outside his house near York Lake. The snake was around three feet in length, and had a good girth to it.



photo by Don Beauchamp

A Carolina wren in mid song



photo by Don Beauchamp

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## OUR TOWN'S FUTURE

This month's essay is by Peter Tiso, chairman of the Planning Board.

### Development as Gardening

By Peter Tiso

Since I joined the Planning Board over a year ago, a single question has brought more attention to our work than any other: how will the recent legalization of cannabis change life in New Marlborough? While an important one, I find myself more often considering a more gradual, and I believe more insidious, shift: how will life in New Marlborough change if access to land becomes impossible without an income derived outside the community? How can we maintain affordability while increasing vitality, and what role does the Planning Board play in that?

It's not an abstract concern. Talk to anyone who has looked for an apartment recently and you'll hear a story of a looming crisis of affordability. Data suggest that younger and less wealthy residents may be being priced out: The United States Census points to a community that is aging: The median age was 54.3 in 2016, up from 47.6 in 2010. It also points to a widening income gap: The difference between the average income and the median income increased from 27 percent of the median in 2010 to 38 percent in 2016. (The average income is more affected by higher numbers at the top end, whereas the median better reflects incomes more common in a community.) If this community is to remain more than a suburb with a painted-on veneer of agriculture, it needs development other than large



Peter Tiso

photo by Susan Quinn

single-family homes and services to their residents.

Can that development come without a fundamental change in character? I believe it can, for two reasons. First, New Marlborough is already built around five small but viable economic centers. To add vitality and density to those is a return to the original pattern of settlement, not a new transformation. Second,

New Marlborough is already home to several popular businesses whose community impacts are easily absorbed. We know we can handle people and activity; what is missing is the fundamental of vitality that urbanist Jane Jacobs calls 'mixed primary uses,' or the "presence of people who go outdoors on different schedules and are in the place for different purposes." Right now, our businesses are popular but exist in isolation: One goes to the store in one trip and to the restaurant in another, rarely is a single day spent in public space. Development, in other words, may not require a radical change in use as much as a linking of the uses already there.

Being on the Planning Board often seems to me like trying to build a garden where strangers do all the planting. I can daydream about tomatoes all I want, but the work I do needs to be to prepare beds fertile enough for anything from tomatillos to carrots and sized and placed right so I don't end up with fruit trees in the middle of the field. Just like it would be folly to build the whole garden around a single crop without knowing if someone will choose to plant it, planning won't work if it is done one industry at a time; we need to look comprehensively at the rules that govern where things go to ensure that we are making space for vitality and accessibility while mitigating the negative outcomes common to all development, not nail down every possible outcome of a single still-theoretical commercial use. I'll continue to work my row with optimism, knowing the soil is rich and the seeds are out there, waiting for spring.



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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

This month's delicious recipe comes from long-time resident Holly Morse. I asked Holly about living in New Marlborough and what cooking means to her. I'm sure Holly's response will resonate with many readers living in New Marlborough.

"We have lived in New Marlborough for eighteen years. It was a wonderful place to raise my boys, allowing them to truly be children without all the amped-up pressures that are part of life for youngsters in a big city. For me, settling in New Marlborough allowed me to slow down, too. I first learned to cook from my mom who was phenomenal in the kitchen. My life here has given me time to practice those early skills and build on them. Part of the glue that brings, and holds, our wonderful community together is sharing really good food in each other's homes. I find there are few things as satisfying as being able to contribute to this circle of food-as-friendship and love. This recipe is from a braising book by Molly Stevens given me by one such dear friend. This friend (one of the very best cooks I know!) taught me that braised meats are comfort writ large. But vegetables can also be transformed by the same technique into meltingly comforting dishes. This is one; perfect for a side yet filling enough for a main!"

I found the recipe to be very easy to make, delicious, and comfort in a bowl. It would be a perfect addition to any Thanksgiving feast □

*Fiona Kerr*

### Gratin of Braised Leeks with Thyme

4 slices thick-cut bacon (1/3 lb.) cut into 1/2 inch strips	1/4-1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg
1 teaspoon unsalted butter	1 1/2 Tbs. chopped fresh thyme
4 to 5 lbs. leeks (6 to 8)	1 cup chicken stock
2 cloves garlic, cut in half	1/2 cup heavy cream
coarse salt & freshly ground black pepper	1/4 cup freshly grated Parmigiana-Reggiano cheese

- Heat oven to 325 degrees. Butter a 9" X 13" pan with the butter.
- Fry the bacon in a skillet until it is crisp but still with some soft bits. Drain on paper towel. Set skillet aside.
- Trim the base of the leeks flat above the roots, but do not cut into the base of the leek so the leaves remain attached. Take off one or two of the outer layers, getting rid of any tough white parts and the heaviest green parts. Cut the top off the leeks at the point where it turns from pale and smooth to leathery green. You should have about 7" of leek left. Slice down the length of that, without cutting all the way through the root end. Hold the leeks upside down under cool running water. Flaring the layers, let the water run through to remove any sand or dirt. Shake off the excess water.
- Place the leeks in a single layer in the buttered baking dish. Tuck the garlic halves around them. Season the leeks with salt, pepper and nutmeg (freshly grated is best). Sprinkle on the thyme.
- Now take the skillet that you cooked the bacon in. Pour off extra fat without discarding any baked-on bacon bits and drippings. Place over high heat, add the stock, bring to a boil and deglaze the pan with a wooden spoon. Pour the hot stock over the leeks.
- Cover the dish tightly with tin foil and place on a lower rack in the oven. Braise the leeks for 30 min. Turn them with tongs, replace the foil (making sure it is tight) and continue to braise until they are fork-tender, another 15 to 25 min. Scatter the reserved bacon over the top, add the heavy cream, replace the foil and continue braising for another 15 min., or until the leeks are soft enough to pierce with the tip of a knife.
- Turn on the broiler. Remove the foil, sprinkle the cheese over the top and broil until brown and the liquid is bubbly. Serve either hot or warm.



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## IAN BURUMA AT THE MEETING HOUSE

*A Controversial Guest Caps the 2018 Music & More Series*

By Larry Burke

Earlier this year, when Music & More Award-winning Author Series host Simon Winchester invited *New York Review of Books* editor Ian Buruma to be this year's guest at the October 7 final event, the plan was no doubt to have a pleasant, erudite conversation around Mr. Buruma's successful tenure at the highly esteemed *Review*, as well as his recently published memoir, *A Tokyo Romance*. But an editorial decision by Mr. Buruma in mid-September changed all that – suddenly leaving him out of that job and at the center of a cultural firestorm.

What Mr. Winchester termed at the outset of the talk at the Meeting House as “the elephant in the room” was Mr. Buruma's publishing of a piece by former Canadian radio personality Jian Ghomeshi, entitled “Reflections from a Hashtag.” In the article, Mr. Ghomeshi bemoaned his banishment from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) in the aftermath of a trial in which he was acquitted of charges of violent sexual behavior upon an ex-girlfriend. Allegations by more than twenty other women of his sexual misconduct, and the outcries of indignation that followed his acquittal, sealed his fate at the CBC. Immediately upon publication of the *NYRB* issue containing the article, strong criticism of Ghomeshi's tone of self-pity in the face of #MeToo, and equally of Buruma's decision to present Ghomeshi's thoughts without any editorial disclaimer, quickly led the magazine's publisher, Rea S. Hederman, to ask for his resignation.

Before delving deeper into the controversy that was foremost in the minds of many of the attendees at



Former editor of the *New York Review of Books* Ian Buruma gestures as host Simon Winchester listens during Music & More's Award-winning Authors Series on October 6.  
photo by Larry Burke

the Music & More event, Mr. Winchester steered the conversation into safer waters. He prompted Ian Buruma to describe for the audience his upbringing, education, and experiences in the world that had brought him to the point of what Winchester termed “a public intellectual.” Mr. Buruma recounted his youth, largely spent in The Netherlands and England, with his Dutch father and English mother. He spoke of himself as a pan-European who, as a young adult, became interested in other cultures, first Chinese and, a bit later, Japanese. He went to Tokyo in 1975 to study film, and ended up staying there for six years. He explained to Mr. Winchester and the audience that, despite his deep connection with the Japanese and their culture, he eventually realized that he would always



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be an outsider there, a “representation of the white race,” and decided that was not desirable in the long run.

In the years that followed, Mr. Buruma lived in many parts of the world, writing and editing on culture and the arts, and teaching journalism at Bard College, before being invited to take over the editorship of the *New York Review of Books* eighteen months ago.

Returning to the cause célèbre, Mr. Winchester invited Mr. Buruma to say what he could about why he was fired. Speaking somewhat circumspectly, perhaps for legal reasons, Mr. Buruma began by painting the broad picture of our times, that “we are living in a revolutionary period,” where movements have arisen, such as #MeToo (which he was careful to emphasize has “laudatory aims.”) One characteristic of all movements though, he went on to say, is that they are very much tied up with language and meaning, and this poses a problem for an editor: how to protect the writer from “the language police,” and how to give the writer room to express opinion outside the current orthodoxy.

In this political and cultural climate, then, Mr. Buruma said he feels there are three choices for a magazine editor such as himself: 1) to try to avoid the subject of controversy entirely; 2) to join the bandwagon of the given cause and only publish articles that are positive toward the cause; or 3) to look for different angles on the

subject, “to find fresh voices.” Mr. Buruma emphatically chose the latter. He said, “I took a risk and was supported by the publisher...until I wasn’t.” And that was as much as he felt he wanted to say on the subject.

Before moving on to questions from the audience, Mr. Winchester held up for the audience’s view the October 25 issue of the *NYRB*, which contains five full pages of letters to the editor, almost all of which express outrage at the magazine’s having given Ghomeshi a platform. Mr. Winchester pointed to one letter in particular, signed by well over 100 writers and intellectuals, including himself, that spoke out in defense of Mr. Buruma, concluding, “Given the principles of open intellectual debate upon which *NYRB* was founded, his dismissal in these circumstances strikes us as an abandonment of the central mission of the *Review*, which is the free exploration of ideas.”

Following a smattering of questions, only one of which was critical of Mr. Buruma and the *Review* in general, equanimity was restored through liberal servings of wine and cheese in the Meeting House Gallery, thus bringing to a close another successful season of one of New Marlborough’s cultural centerpieces, Music & More. □

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# THE LOG

## Police Department (selected entries)

- Sept. 1 5:59 p.m. The Department alerts the highway superintendent to a hazardous washout on Umpachene Falls Road that needs to be graded.
- 9:11 p.m. A motorist reports a dog running loose on Adsit Crosby Road.
- Sept. 4 8:49 a.m. After locating an abandoned vehicle on Foley Hill Road with heavy front end damage, an investigation reveals a hit-and-run accident with property damage; owners located.
- 1:16 p.m. The Highway Department is asked to remove glass from the roadway near the Mill River General Store that resulted from a motor vehicle accident.
- 8:15 p.m. Individuals at a drinking party around a campfire at Umpachene Falls Park are advised that the park closes at 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 5 5:45 a.m. A driver reports she struck a deer on Norfolk Road.
- 8:16 a.m. A resident complains that two trucks owned by a company working nearby are blocking visibility on New Marlborough Hill Road.
- Sept. 6 1:12 p.m. Verizon alerted to low-hanging telephone wires on Hartsville New Marlborough Road.
- 2:53 p.m. National Grid informed of a tree on wires on Cross Road to Canaan Valley Road.
- 3:05 p.m. A resident reports tree on wires on Hartsville New Marlborough Road.
- Sept. 7 5:30 p.m. Tow company is called after a motorist reports that her car has been disabled by two blown tires at the intersection of Adsit Crosby and Mill River Great Barrington Roads; an officer takes the operator home.
- 8:55 p.m. The Highway Department is notified of a tree blocking the northbound lane of Clayton Mill River Road.
- Sept. 8 9:38 p.m. Assist in a roll-over accident on New Hartford Road, Sandisfield.
- Sept. 10 12:38 p.m. A Brewer Hill resident reports a scam phone call from the "IRS."
- 12:40 p.m. A Clayton Mill River Road resident reports the theft of a utility trailer from her property.
- Sept. 11 10:48 p.m. Officer calls for the tow of a vehicle, which, following a stop, is determined to be uninsured with a suspended registration and no inspection sticker.
- Sept. 14 11:43 a.m. Downed tree blocking northbound lane of South Sandisfield Road.
- 7:43 p.m. Hartsville New Marlborough Road resident reports finding a hawk with an injured wing in her driveway.
- Sept. 17 7:50 a.m. A resident reports the theft of a cannabis plant and the leaves stripped from a second plant growing in their Clayton property.
- 5:45 p.m. A Mill River Southfield Road resident reports receiving harassing phone calls.
- Sept. 19 10:00 a.m. A caller reports the theft of \$300 from her car while it was parked in Mill River.
- 11:24 a.m. A caller reports the theft of cannabis plants from their property on Mill River Great Barrington Road.
- 2:00 p.m. Alerted by a motorist who witnessed a driver speeding past three cars driving south on Clayton Mill River Road, officer locates the driver, advises him of the complaint, and requests that he obey traffic laws.
- 7:37 p.m. A caller reports a dead deer near his Hartsville Mill River Road residence.
- Sept. 21 12:07 p.m. Alerted to a dog running loose at the Mill River General Store, an officer locates and informs its owner.
- 2:05 p.m. The owner of a Cross Road to Canaan Valley Road property complains that a neighbor is disposing of debris on her property.
- Sept. 22 1:43 p.m. Tree on wires on Leffingwell Road.
- 7:08 p.m. A Bock Way resident reports an injured hawk on her property.
- Sept. 23 5:59 p.m. A motorist reports an incident of "road rage" on Hartsville New Marlborough Road and provides officer with the plate number of the offending driver.
- Sept. 24 10:11 a.m. A caller reports a one-car motor vehicle accident near her house on Cross Road to Canaan Valley Road.



- Sept. 25 12:22 p.m. At the request of the New York State Police, officer investigates a Hartsville resident who was observed stopping and temporarily exiting his car mid-bridge on a Hudson River crossing.
- Sept. 26 9:37 p.m. A resident reports washouts near his residence on Canaan Valley Road.
- 11:07 p.m. Gravel and debris reported on Hartsville New Marlborough Road.
- 11:25 p.m. A driver operating an unregistered, uninsured, and uninspected car on Hadsell Street is issued a criminal complaint.
- Sept. 27 10:40 p.m. National Grid advised of wires down and smoking on Adsit Crosby Road.
- 1:21 p.m. Caller reports a stop sign down at the intersection of Mill River Great Bar-

- ington and County Roads.
- 3:58 p.m. A driver reports he hit a deer on New Marlborough Southfield Road.
- Sept. 28 5:32 p.m. Trees on wires in two locations on Canaan Southfield Road.
- Sept. 30 12:00 p.m. Owners are notified after unsuccessfully trying to round up three goats loose on Mill River Great Barrington Road.

Departmental activity for the first three quarters of 2018: 24 incident reports, 34 arrests, 270 citations, 14 accident reports, and 1,245 calls for service. I would also like to extend an invitation to town residents wishing to learn more about the Police Department to accompany me on duty for a "ride-along" at their convenience.

*Graham Frank, Chief of Police*

## Fire and Rescue

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sept. 1 8:01 p.m. Stratford Road Fire Alarm</li> <li>Sept. 1 10:05 p.m. Clayton Mill River Road Medical Call</li> <li>Sept. 2 10:02 a.m. Stratford Road Medical Call</li> <li>Sept. 4 4:29 p.m. Shea Lane Medical Call</li> <li>Sept. 4 8:00 p.m. Umpachene Falls Unattended Fire</li> <li>Sept. 6 2:55 p.m. Cross Road to Canaan Valley Road Wires Down</li> <li>Sept. 7 11:07 a.m. Hayes Hill Road Medical Call/LifeStar</li> <li>Sept. 8 9:38 p.m. Mutual Aid to Sandisfield MVA</li> <li>Sept. 12 1:12 a.m. Canaan Southfield Road Medical Call</li> <li>Sept. 13 11:27 p.m. Hotchkiss Road Fire Alarm</li> <li>Sept. 16 3:24 p.m. Canaan Southfield Road Medical Call</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sept. 18 9:50 a.m. Norfolk Road Medical Call</li> <li>Sept. 18 10:31 a.m. Hartsville New Marlborough Road Medical Call</li> <li>Sept. 18 12:22 p.m. Norfolk Road Medical Call</li> <li>Sept. 20 5:30 p.m. Hartsville New Marlborough Road Medical Call</li> <li>Sept. 22 1:44 p.m. Leffingwell Road Wires Down</li> <li>Sept. 24 10:14 a.m. Cross Road to Canaan Valley Road MVA</li> <li>Sept. 25 1:25 p.m. Mutual Aid to Great Barrington Medical Call</li> <li>Sept. 25 9:02 p.m. Clayton Mill River Road Fire Alarm</li> <li>Sept. 27 10:41 a.m. Adsit Crosby Road Wires Down</li> </ul> |
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# COMPLEX CHOICES

## School Committee Election November 6

The Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee has ten members with representation from the five member towns based on population. Sheffield has four, Egremont and New Marlborough have two each, Alford and Monterey have one each. In order to adhere to the one person one vote court ruling, voters from every town cast votes for candidates from all of the towns. Members hold seats for four years and elections for new members are held every two years. This year five seats are open — two from Sheffield, one each for Alford, Egremont, and New Marlborough. Write-ins are legal.

On the ballot you will see the candidates who submitted nomination papers to their town clerk and were certified by the state. They are:

Town	Name	Years Served	Office Held
Sheffield.....	Jonathan Bruno.....	new	
Sheffield.....	Tim Schroepfer.....	4/2018 to present	
Sheffield.....	Dennis Sears.....	2008-present.....	Representative on the SBEF
Sheffield.....	E. Bonnie Silvers.....	2012 to present.....	current Chair
New Marlborough.....	Jane Burke.....	new	

Alford and Egremont lines will be blank since no one filed nomination papers in time. Voters may write in candidates. Those who have declared their candidacy as of October 18 are:

Town	Name	Years Served	Office Held
Alford.....	Jeffrey Blaugrund.....	new	
Alford.....	Carl Stewart.....	2008-present.....	Chair 2012-2017
Egremont.....	Kenneth Knox.....	4/2018 to present.....	appointed

All candidates were invited to send a brief biography and statement about their interest in serving on the school committee. Edited versions are offered below.

### Alford – Vote for one

#### ▶ JEFFREY BLAUGRUND

As a resident of Alford, I hope to win a seat on the school committee. My wife Sarah and I moved to the Berkshires more than five years ago purposely to raise a family in such an inspiring environment full of natural and creative resources. Our family is committed to SBRSD and sending our children to school in the district. Currently, our eldest is enrolled in the South Egremont School. I'm a small business owner in Berkshire county, with an existing relationship with our state senator, Adam Hines, and a passion to see our community flourish. I am running as a write-in candidate to advocate for resilient schools and transportation for all in-district students. We need to focus as a district to make the schools attractive to families with school-age children and those prospective families moving to our community.

#### ▶ CARL STEWART

Mr. Stewart has been a lawyer since in 1969 working in the Civil Division of the Department of Justice, in private practice, and teaching at Brooklyn Law School. In Alford he has been on the planning board from 1993-2011, the finance committee from 2014 to present, and been school committee representative from 2008 to present. He has been a substitute teacher in the district, founded the Mount Everett Chess Club, and supported student trips. "I view the current situation in the Southern Berkshire Regional School District as one that has the potential for causing serious harm to the District if the various competing forces are not reconciled. Other than H. Dennis Sears, one of the members of the School Committee from the Town of Sheffield, I am the longest serving member of the current Committee. I believe that my experience, both as chair of the Committee and as a regular member, can be an important factor in navigating the issues that are creating serious rifts among the parties who are concerned about the continued health of the District."



**Egremont – Vote for one****► KENNETH KNOX**

I was appointed by the selectmen of Egremont on May 8, 2018, to serve on the School Committee.

I grew up in the Alabama countryside, where one of my favorite activities was following the railroad tracks with my dog. My dedicated elementary and high school teachers showed me the kind of track my life could take if I put the work in. Now I am a math professor at Bard College at Simon's Rock and at Bard Academy. After living and working in the Berkshires for the past two years, it feels great to be out in the country again. I am so proud of our school district. We have high-quality, dedicated teachers and we enjoy consistent involvement and support from our community members. We combine excellent academics with a friendly, supportive culture. That is no small feat. The School Committee must collaborate with all five towns to ensure a fair and equitable budget is passed in a timely manner. We must listen to and communicate with parents and interested community members, to make sure that their issues are addressed and that our district continues to move in the right direction. If you choose to have me as your representative, then I will continue to do this work. To go out in the community and talk to folks, to get to know you, to always hear what you have to say and show you the respect you deserve.

**New Marlborough – Vote for one****► JANE BURKE**

Now retired, I am able to contribute to the district in a new way. I first connected with the district in 1983 by helping to redesign the science curriculum. After my son entered Monterey Kindergarten in 1985, my volunteerism increased. I have served in many ways such as the School Building Task Force, the Coalition of Essential Schools Task Force, the Mount Everett School Council, two Superintendent Search Committees, and two district visioning groups. As leader of Flying Cloud Institute, I worked with students, teachers, and administrators, bringing resources in the sciences and the arts into classrooms and after school. I led the Creative Schools Program from 2000-2010, which brought \$125,000 into the district for enrichment of learning math and science by integrating the arts. I introduced robotics both in the classroom and in after-school teams, and helped teachers adopt the new state standards for science and engineering. In my only paid position as long-term substitute in chemistry at Mount Everett High School in 2001-02 I formed life-long connections with many students who have gone on to become scientists. I have seen the district weather turnovers in administration and I am very aware of the challenges we face as a small district. My work in other districts in the region reinforces my commitment to Southern Berkshire for its uniqueness. I know from my children's experience that students have wonderful opportunities to grow and teachers can be innovative. As a school committee member I will be dedicated to ensuring good school leadership, providing financial oversight to make it viable, and the supporting policies to keep it strong so it can continue a long tradition of dedication to the success of students.

**Sheffield – Vote for two****► JONATHAN BRUNO**

I am committed to helping Southern Berkshire Regional School District continue to live up to its reputation as a top school district. As a product of Massachusetts public schools and public school teacher of fifteen years, I have the education, experience, and insight about what makes a public school work. I was Lead Teacher and Registrar and served on School Leadership Team where I played a critical role in balancing budgets. I earned a B.A. in History at University of Massachusetts/Boston, a Masters Degree in Special Education at Northeastern University, and am completing my Doctorate in Education at Northeastern. We (my wife, Emilie, and our three young children) live in Sheffield because of SBRSD's reputation and the beauty and resources the district has to offer. I am committed to helping provide the best education for all our children. I was born and raised in western Massachusetts. My father was a firefighter and my mother a nurse, so I know what it means to grow up in a working-class home. This upbringing instilled in me a lifelong duty to help people as best I can. I think that residents should have open communication with a school committee that listens to them. The committee must be transparent in all its dealings and it should inform residents of policy, actions, decisions, and any changes to the status quo. Investment in education pays the highest returns, so teachers and classroom supports are what our students need. Closing a school rarely has a positive impact on a community. An elementary school is often the heart of many communities. We must develop a plan to draw more families to our district schools, not just close schools. We should always plan for the future. Enrollments have fallen across the Berkshires and there is much talk of mergers. I believe this conversation is important, but any decision must be transparent and include everyone at the table.

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## Sheffield Candidates, continued (Vote for two)

### ▶ **TIM SCHROEPFER**

I'm Tim Schroepfer, and I was appointed to be a representative to the School Committee from Sheffield in June 2018 to fill a vacant seat. I am now running for a four-year term. I live in Sheffield with my wife Erica and our two sons, Gavin, age 8, and Logan, age 6. Both of my children attend Undermountain Elementary. In October of 2014 my family relocated to the Berkshires so I could take a job at a local cultural organization. One of the major factors in choosing Sheffield as our adopted home, was the quality of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. In the past four years I have become active in the community and became interested in the direction of our district. I started attending School Committee meetings and spoke with other parents, educators, School Committee members, and community members to try and understand the challenges and opportunities our unique district faced. I believe we are at a critical point with the district and many tough choices will need to be made in the coming years. We need to have direct and frank conversations about what we want our schools to be and how the five towns will support the financial needs of the district while respecting the ability of the tax payers to fund those needs. I hope to earn your vote so that I may contribute to those conversations and support the excellent educational opportunities provided by the faculty and staff of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District.

### ▶ **H. DENNIS SEARS**

I was raised in the Midwest and am the first one in my family that has not made a living as a farmer. My nearest family member lives 1,000 miles away. After getting degrees in math and physics from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, my primary employment was with IBM, eventually as a sales executive with both United States and international responsibilities. After retirement from IBM in 1993, I ran my own consulting business for several years and then became a general manager for an information systems outsourcing business. As the internet appeared and became viable, I joined an internet "dot-com" startup as vice president of financial services. By 2003, we had acquired land and built a second home in Sheffield and soon moved here permanently. In 2008 I joined the Southern Berkshire Regional School District School Committee. The district has an outstanding educational environment. This is the result of a combination of the extremely talented staff, the eagerness and willingness of the students to engage, and the support of the wider community, many, who like me don't even have any children or descendants in the district, but who understand the importance and value of quality education to the entire community. The five towns of the District were leaders in forming the first K-12 regional school district in the commonwealth and have continued to support it since. I think broadband is another important shared investment for all towns that will in the future provide a wide range of education opportunities that are not yet available in all the towns of the district. I have represented SBRSD on the Southern Berkshire Educational Futures team working with a group of representatives from four other southern Berkshire districts to explore shared services and other ways to deal with the declining enrollment in the regions.

### ▶ **E. BONNIE SILVERS**

I have spent my entire professional life in the field of education including Head Start, teaching graduate school education, and teaching middle school/junior high school social studies and English. After serving as a dean and guidance counselor, I moved on to a supervisory position overseeing the training and evaluation of social studies, music, and foreign language departments. I left working in individual schools to work in the central Board of Education of New York City to develop the Academy of Travel and Tourism and the Academy of Finance. I was asked to join the foundation formed to bring these and other career preparation programs to cities around the country, the United Kingdom, and Mexico. I strongly believe that as a member of the School Committee and, even more so now as its chair, that I have an obligation to bring into our school district the wealth of resources that exist in our communities – creative inspiring individuals, wonderful non-profits, cultural venues, and outdoor beauty. I would love to see all of our juniors and seniors have a community mentor. I want to encourage staff members to work with their supervisors to test out their new ideas for programs and bring them forward to the School Committee. Communication has to be at the center to the work that we do as a School Committee. Within the guidelines of the Open Meeting Law regulations, I promise to get out the information the district can legally share with the community. I believe that we have a very talented staff and some absolutely incredible, wonderful, talented children who deserve the very best education. We are spending a lot of money on their education; it is the job of the School Committee to make sure we are delivering on our promise to our five towns. □



## SCHOOL SAFETY An Uncomfortable Topic

According to Southern Berkshire Regional School District Superintendent Beth Regulbuto there has been no change in the District's safety plan, but it might appear so because that plan is now being fully implemented. The plan states that all school doors will be locked at all times. This locking of both exterior doors and classroom doors was instituted after the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Visitors use the buzzers and state name and reason for the visit. All visitors are required to sign in, get a visitor's pass, and sign out upon departure. This enables authorities to know who is in the building in case of an emergency and is not intended to exclude visitors from entering.


A safety team that includes local officials, police, and highway departments from the five towns and the district administrative team, with buildings and grounds staff, has worked together to review the plan and make recommendations. The School Resource Officer, obtained last year through a collaborative grant with the Sheffield police, also made suggestions to improve safety at morning drop-off and afternoon departures. Ms. Regulbuto said, "As a result of our safety drills, the realities of what's happening in the world around us, the requests from local and county-wide safety officials, and our own observations, it was clear that we needed to make additional investments in our physical plants to enable full effectiveness of the safety plan. That has included better secure entry by using access card readers for the doors, moving the student parking lot to the area adjacent to the Mount Everett entrance, reconfiguring the Mount Everett entrance, and asking parents to drop and pick up students at the entrance to the school they attend. Teachers also received training in procedures in the event of an active shooter. Each classroom will have a safety flip chart manual and emergency supplies. I don't

think anyone is happy about focusing time and energy on this uncomfortable topic, but we have to look at this as an opportunity to support our core values by ensuring we provide our students and staff with an environment that is safe, but yet still welcoming in an effort to maximize our students' learning potential."

The building principals have the power to add additional policies. At Mount Everett, principal Glenn Devoti said, "We insist that students let us know if they'd like to go to their vehicle, as they must sign out and sign in. We receive three or four requests for vehicles daily. We try and most often succeed in escorting them. If we don't have someone to actually escort the students, we can keep a visual eye on them from the doorway or on the camera."

Ms Regulbuto welcomes comments. One can post questions on her blog on the school website or call 229-8778 x 304 to make an appointment to speak to her. Building principals should be contacted with questions about their policies. □

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