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Rochester’s Carly Drew Thriving on Ice
By Mick Colagio

Carly Drew is only a slightly smaller fish skating on a bigger pond while playing junior hockey this fall with the Bridgewater Bandits U19 Tier II women’s junior team. In an even more competitive environment, the Old Rochester Regional senior is emerging as an all-situations player and a leader.

“Carly from day one has been a leader. You can tell she’s a coach’s daughter. [She says] ‘please’ [and] ‘thank you,’ she leads by example,” said Tom MacDonald, a 25-year coach whose daughter Kaitlyn also plays on the team. “[Carly’s] hockey IQ, she’s a hockey player whether she’s playing center or left wing. She knows how to protect the puck, make plays, backcheck, defend. I have not seen her make a poor decision this fall.”

Drew, 18, is approximately 10 games into her season with the Bandits and has a few remaining on the schedule. The team travels up to Marlboro and has played in Dedham and Hingham, destinations no more than 90 minutes from her Rochester home.

Hockey is a family affair, as her father, Tim, is a long-time high school hockey coach in the area, and her uncle Ted Drew coaches the ORR girls coop team that she captains. Nonetheless, the outside experience of playing in less-familiar environments has been welcome.

“The Bandits definitely helped make me better, just being on the ice is good,” said Drew. “Fall sports is a little tough; it’s been kind of nice to have that break and focus on hockey. It’s definitely a faster pace than high school, but it’s helped me develop more as a player. Especially with a different group of girls, we’ve come together as a team, and it’s been fun whether we win or we lose.”

The Bandits have been in all of their games, but offense has been hard to come by, so their solid and steadfast play is not reflected in the team’s record. “We’ve had a lot of close calls, 2-0, 2-1, stuff like that,” said Drew. “We have difficulty scoring sometimes, we’re usually getting there. We lost 1-0 on the weekend, but the girls
keep chugging along, and hopefully, this weekend, we come across with a win.” The Bandits have two games this weekend.

Last year, ORR began hosting the girls high school hockey coop program previously hosted by Bourne. Drew has been a member since the eighth grade, including three years wearing Bourne’s purple and the initial season in red and black, the Bulldogs’ colors. “And hopefully one this year,” she said.

High school has been a place where she has felt safe. “Everyone’s been good. We wipe down the desk before and after each class, which is good. We haven’t had a lot of cases in our area, so we’ve been able to have class,” she said.

Drew wants to play Division III hockey in college and is hoping to major in psychology to start. “If something else steers me in another direction, I’m all ears to it,” she said.

Drew attends classes at ORR on Tuesday and Thursday and studies at home on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. “I definitely enjoy the days in better. The in-person activities with my friends and teachers as well,” she said.

When the state closed skating rinks for two weeks last month, Drew and her brother, Jake, a 16-year-old sophomore at ORR, had to get creative to keep the hockey skills sharp. “We shoot some pucks in the back yard. My brother and I play street hockey. We have goalie pads from years ago; we broke those out.”

They’ve also been using private gym memberships.

Although ORR opted-out of a fall sports schedule, Drew is not giving up on her senior season as a field hockey captain. “I’m hoping for that one in February or March,” she said of the MIAA’s Fall II season. She plays defense in field hockey, too.

What isn’t known at this point is if the MIAA will allow coop programs; without them, high school hockey is in jeopardy in many communities outside Route 495. Wherever she plays hockey, Drew is fast proving she will thrive.

“I’ve thoroughly enjoyed coaching her this year.
Her character is a reflection of her parents. I can’t see her not continuing her future success,” said MacDonald, who forecasts a “bright future” for the defenseman. “I’m going to continue to work with her throughout the season.”

Residents Support Better Effort at Codification

Rochester Special Town Meeting

By Mick Colageo

Ben Bailey, a member of Rochester’s Planning Board, and Arnie Johnson, the chairman of that board, provided the only substantial discussion from the floor during Monday night’s November 16 Special Town Meeting at Rochester Memorial School. Both men’s comments aimed to ensure that the $15,000 recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee for Article 6 would be well spent.

The article, which was ultimately adopted like all other eight articles on the warrant, proposed spending $15,000 on a consultant to codify town and general bylaws.

Alluding to a failed effort along such lines several...
years ago, Ben Bailey addressed the meeting when a discussion was invited and asked, “What happened to the $80,000 when we did this before?”

After learning that the prior effort was earmarked for zoning bylaws and the current proposal for general and town bylaws, Town Counsel Blair Bailey explained that internal work on zoning bylaws should be finished shortly; however, the general and town bylaws are not to a point where he feels confident. Blair Bailey also confirmed that the same firm is not handling the current effort.

Ben Bailey told The Wanderer after the meeting, “We’ve been a long time without having these bylaws, so I think Arnie and I share the same concerns that this job gets done and done right the first time. [The failure] didn’t have anything to do with the town clerk (Paul Dawson) or the town attorney (Blair Bailey).” Blair Bailey is not related to Ben Bailey.

“We were left out in a vacuum with the general zoning bylaws,” said Johnson afterward. “The Planning Board, the town planner (Steve Starrett), the Zoning [Board of Appeals], the chairman of the ZBA (David Arancio), and the bylaw review subcommittee were all left out of the loop, and what was created was a document that was unusable. I know the bylaws, really, pretty well, and I couldn’t even find stuff in there.”

Dawson said the town might decide to get the general and town bylaws codified “in one large project or take it in smaller bites. That’s what we’re trying to iron out.” Dawson estimated that a concerted effort would take approximately two years to complete, or the process could be extended over a three- to four-year period.

The result is meant to create an accessible and searchable, user-friendly database.

Concerns on the floor were satisfied, and the article carried. It was the only article that wasn’t rifled through a quick meeting.

Articles 1-4 approved appropriations for the procurement of heavy vehicles—three for the Highway Department and one for the Facilities Department. Article 1 appropriated $35,500 for a Kubota Tractor for the Highway Department. Article 2 appropriated $90,000 for a used dump sander truck for the Highway Department. Article 3 appropriated $69,000 for a truck and plow for the Highway Department, and Article 4 appropriated $51,000 for a utility truck with a plow for the Facilities Department.

Article 5 approved $8,000 from the Assessors Supplemental Budget to be used to overlap the board’s retiring principal assessor, Chuck Shea, during a transition period from January 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021.

Article 7 authorized the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) with Rochester MA 4, LLC, which plans to construct a solar array at 139 Sarah Sherman Road.

Article 8 voted to raise, appropriate, or transfer $100,000 from available funds to the Public Safety Stabilization Fund, and Article 9 was to raise $150,000 and transfer $50,000 into the Capital Improvements Fund.

The Board of Selectmen, during its November 12 meeting, took advantage of the state’s allowance for lessening the quorum for Special Town Meeting from the town’s regular quorum of 50 down to 30. They almost didn’t get 30 voters, but Blair Bailey reasserted his stance that, while the state would have allowed as few as five based on its “not less than 10 percent” provision, he didn’t consider it the right way to conduct town business among so few. Selectman Woody Hartley made sure to publicly thank all who attended.

The selectmen recommended the passing of all
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nine articles. The Finance Committee recommended Articles 1-6 and 8-9 (Article 7 was not applicable). The Capital Planning Committee recommended all applicable articles (1-4).

Marion Prepares for New Era at Transfer Station

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Mick Colageo

It’s a bold, new era for the Town of Marion in its governance of the Benson Brook Transfer Station, as the Board of Selectmen began voting on the logistics of the self-managed program during its November 17 meeting.

For the first time since the Carver-Marion-Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District (CMWRRDD) was established in 1973, Marion will be going it alone beginning January 1, 2021.

Administrative Assistant Donna Hemphill reported a $10 rate increase to be used primarily to operate and pay for disposal, bringing the fee to $50 for residents per vehicle ($40 for veterans and senior citizens). She is working out a plan for when stickers can be purchased, as the Town House is only open now by appointment.

Rates for 2021 must be established for non-residents as well as residents. The town is also negotiating a potential deal to allow Rochester residents to use the facility and is working on a proposed fee. Rochester Selectman Brad Morse reported back to his Board of
Selectmen that he intended to meet on Wednesday with Marion representatives.

“There’s a lot of unknowns this year... One of the benefits to running it ourselves is, if we need to adjust, we can,” said Marion Town Administrator Jay McGrail.

Marion is leasing equipment from Waste Management and is committed to one year under the new arrangement with a plan to evaluate. The sticker program brought in $48,000 in 2020. The $10 increase is meant to offset the difference in operating under CMWRRDD management and personnel.

“We’re banking on the tonnage being low,” said McGrail, who was happy to announce that Marion residents would be allowed to bring yard waste two days
per week on a year-round basis. McGrail hopes brush can be added to the facility’s list of acceptable items.

The selectmen voted to approve the new policy and Marion resident rates; the board will vote later on fees for Rochester residents.

In his Town Administrator’s report, McGrail stated that Marion’s recent change from gray (low-risk) status to red (high-risk) on the state’s COVID-19 map is not indicative of lackadaisical behavior by townspeople but a pure surge in cases. Marion is one of 15 municipalities added to the state’s red list.

“The uptick we see is not because we let our guard down, but because the virus is spreading pretty quickly,” said McGrail, noting the opportunity over the next few weeks to get out of the red with a decline in positive tests.

The recent emergence of a COVID-19 cluster at Sippican Healthcare Center accounts for the vast majority of cases. As of Tuesday, the parent company Whittier Health Network listed 61 cases of residents or staff that tested positive. McGrail said Marion has had 49 cases since November 1, 14 of which occurred outside the nursing home; the town had 30 cases over the prior eight months.

Internal changes over the last two weeks include moving all public meetings to a fully-remote format, once again closing the Music Hall to outside groups. Municipal buildings are only open to the public via appointment.
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McGrail said a list of phone numbers had been posted outside the Town House, and a phone call to the appropriate number can result in immediate service. “We are screening all customers for temperature and contact tracing information until we see a decline in our positive rate in Marion,” said McGrail.

Due to the surge, the Festival of Trees auction event planned for the Cushing Community Center has been canceled.

McGrail reported that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Clean Water Trust approved a change in Marion’s contract, allowing the town to take back-end money and allocate $1.2 million to allow a contractor to continue to remove sludge from the lagoon at the Benson Brook Transfer Station. McGrail estimates that the money will be used up in the second week of December, and the sludge may not be cleared by then. In that case, the project would be shut down and brought back to the Spring Town Meeting.

Marion is getting a better deal on trucking the sludge to Maine than it had been trucking it all the way to Nova Scotia, Canada.

“We’ll know more the second week of December when the $1.2 million’s gone,” said McGrail.

During a 4:15 pm public classification hearing with Assessor Pat DeCosta, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve a single tax rate as opposed to a split rate for residential and commercial property owners. “It doesn’t make sense to go with the split rate,” said Selectman John Waterman, citing 93 percent of property taxpayers are residential. “We’d like to encourage more businesses in town.”

Marion is giving the four restaurants in town that serve alcohol on their premises a break on their annual license fees, down from $1,400 to $1,025 based on a one-time, 25 percent reduction. The amount was calculated according to the months the establishments were closed due to COVID-19. “Obviously, it wouldn’t offset what they lost; it’s a gesture,” said McGrail, reporting agreement on the measure from Assistant Town Administrator and Finance Director Judy Mooney. The forfeiture in fees adds up to roughly $2,000, and the
selectmen approved. Restaurants without alcohol licenses pay $60 per year.

Two applicants, Josh Lerman and Chris Horton, attended Tuesday’s Zoom with the Board of Selectmen and will revisit the selectmen on December 15 for formal interviews as potential successors to the aquaculture license previously held by Shea Doonan. If the interviews go well, the candidates will become the subject of a public hearing during a January meeting of the selectmen. The selectmen’s vote of approval would launch the applicant forward to seek approval from other Marion boards, including the Conservation Commission and the Marine Resources Commission, along with the state Division of Marine Fisheries. The final license is issued by the Board of Selectmen.

Waterman said Marion’s water bills are antiquated and, with a redesign like the electric bills with usage charted against last year, a new look would help impress upon residents the message that they are responsible for leaks. McGrail said he would look into the matter.

Citing the potential clearing of Park Street, Waterman reinforced his push to make the new emergency access from Route 6 into Sippican Elementary School the prescribed bus route as well.

On behalf of the town, the selectmen voted to accept a donation of $15,000 earmarked for the Park and Tree Committee to use for a “beautification project.”

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Marion Family Chiropractic’s Guide to Thanksgiving Spine Survival

Avoid bending directly over the oven door to lift the turkey. Pull the oven rack out, crouch and use your legs and knees to avoid stress on your low back. Also, have a space ready to put the bird, so you’re not awkwardly balancing your 25 pound main attraction while clearing space for it.

When preparing food or washing mountains of dishes, put one foot up on a small step stool. Switch feet occasionally. You can also open a cabinet door and put a foot on the ledge to accomplish the same thing. This puts less stress on your spine while you’re standing.

If you’re going for a long drive to visit friends or relatives this Thanksgiving, make sure to take a break from driving and get out of your vehicle to stretch. This helps restores normal posture.

The same is true for watching hours of after-dinner football. Get up during commercials and move.

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“It’s a wonderful gift, and we’re thankful for their generosity,” said Waterman.
The next meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen is scheduled for December 15.

Rochester Adopts Single Tax Rate without Exemptions
Rochester Board of Selectmen
By Mick Colageo
The morning after presiding over a successful Special Town Meeting that saw all nine articles carry, the Rochester Board of Selectmen met for the third time in five days, the last of these on November 17. In their regular meeting, the board heard from Assessor Chuck Shea and voted for a single tax rate and a residential factor of 1 in fiscal year 2021 with no exemptions.
Shea, who will be retiring from his post in 2021, participated in a classification (i.e., split tax rate) hearing, reading from the FY21 revaluation certified on November 2.
The full and fair FY20 valuation of $1,035,420,960 was dominated by residential property, covering 85.46 percent ($884,876,345) of the total. Those numbers are increasing in FY21 to 86.77 percent ($935,886,133). The total FY21 valuation is $1,078,606,294.
The expected levy for FY21 is $14,420,966.15, a 3.32-percent increase over $13,957,500 for FY20. Last year’s tax rate was 13.48, slightly higher than the current 13.37.
Residential taxes will increase in FY21 by 5.76 percent, while commercial taxes will decrease by 15 percent. Shea explained that the shift would make the rate more accurately assess split-use properties such as farms that the state recognizes as commercial. But if there is a home on the farm, all value was being classified as commercial. Now that property is being separated out for tax purposes. The total valuation increase is 4.7 percent.
Shea reported more sales over the course of 2019 to almost 60. “There was a time when we struggled to get 35 sales,” he said, noting an annual expectation of 60-65 in qualified sales that do not count sales below market value.
The average single-family home assessment for Rochester in FY20 was $413,400; that number is up to $431,870 in FY21. The average property tax for a single-family home is $5,774, up by $201. The average condominium assessment for Rochester in FY20 was $386,095; that number is up to $416,126 for FY21 with a $360 increase in property tax.

After a unanimous vote in favor, Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar made the selectmen aware that excess capacity is all used up for 2020.
The selectmen approved an Ambulance Hardship Request, and Selectman Brad Morse suggested that Szyndlar be authorized to approve any such request under $500 without the selectmen’s vote. Town Counsel Blair Bailey confirmed that the practice is acceptable at whatever number the board set. Selectman Woody Hartley heartily agreed, and a motion passed authorizing Szyndlar to approve any hardship request of $500 or less.
The Selectmen approved a SEMASS payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) of $340,445 for September 2020.
Morse was to meet on Wednesday with the Carver-Marion-Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District and also with the Town of Marion with a plan to provide an update at the board’s next meeting.

Under new business, Hartley reported on a new state grant up to $300,000 meant to assist towns looking to take indoor activities outside during the coronavirus pandemic. The money could be applied to streets, curbsides, or parking lots. Bailey said the grant had been used in the city for tents, pavilions, and outdoor patio areas. The board voted to approve Hartley’s pursuit of a plan for a program and application. Hartley said there would be more than one opportunity to apply and hopes to return to the board with an update in January.
Among other things, the board used its November 12 meeting to set the quorum for the town’s November 16 Special Town Meeting at 30 per the Acts of 2020, Chapter 92 “An Act Relative to Municipal Governance during the COVID-19 Emergency,” Section 7.
They barely got that many on Monday night at Rochester Memorial School.
The state would have sanctioned as few as five, seeing that Rochester’s regular quorum is 50. No less than 10 percent was authorized in a special act by the state.
legislature per the governor in June.

“We need 30 voters; there’s some important business to be done that night,” said Hartley on November 12.

“It is important when we have this issue occasionally when we don’t have the controversial things on the warrant is getting people to come in…. There are some very important items,” said Bailey, echoing Hartley’s sentiments.

Szyndlar noted that the town moderator had emailed his endorsement of the quorum reduction. “He’s 100-percent on board with it. He definitely thinks that it’s a great idea,” she said.

The motion carried, 3-0.

Szyndlar opened her November 12 Town Administrator’s report by publicly thanking Town Clerk Paul Dawson and his team of volunteers for their work on the November 3 election, saying they did “a fantastic job.”

In other news from the November 12 meeting, there will be a household hazardous waste collection day on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 am to noon at the Highway Department at 200 Ryder Road. More information can be found at www.townofrochester.com and on the town’s Facebook page. Only Rochester residents will be allowed to participate; residents can visit the website for a list of acceptable and unacceptable items.

Szyndlar met with department heads on November 6 to address changes recommended by Public
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Health Nurse Karen Walega regarding the opening of municipal buildings. Amidst the current spike in positive COVID-19 cases, Szyndlar told the selectmen that, to whatever extent town employees can work remotely, they will not be in the Town Hall.

With the holidays coming and an anticipated heightened transmission of the coronavirus, the following precautions are being taken: After Thanksgiving, staff will work from home the next five consecutive business days. Where it concerns the public, nothing should change; the town is still making appointments and receiving calls and emails.

Hartley added that the Council on Aging is closing down the Friday after Thanksgiving and the
Selectmen Meet with FinCom, Capital Planning
Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen
By Marilou Newell

It’s not often that large joint meetings work well, but the November 17 group meeting hosted by the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen did just that. Coming together at the invitation of the selectmen were members of the Capital Planning Committee, chaired by Chuck McCullough, and the Finance Committee, chaired by Pat Donoghue.

Three department heads came before the collaborative seeking to have their grant applications supported with matching town funds from the Capital Stabilization Fund, or, as was the case with harborside projects, a borrowing from the fund to pay for necessary wharf repairs.

Coming before the committees first was Barry Denham, the highway surveyor. Denham explained that the town had been awarded a Coastal Zone Management Grant of $75,000 that required the town to chip in $25,000. The CZM grant, Denham explained, would be used for an engineering study of a culvert located on Mattapoisett Neck Road that redirects tidal flowage from marshland into Molly’s Cove. He said that the drainage pipe was most likely not appropriately sized when it was installed decades ago but furthermore was damaged and failing. The suspect piping had been patched, Denham said, but called it a “ticking time bomb.”

Denham said there were two other culverts in the beach communities of Pico Beach and Crescent Beach that were also failing, but fear over the Mattapoisett Neck Road culvert ranked higher given that residents have only one way to and from homes in that area.

The COA will also close on Christmas for a few days, on New Year’s Day, and a few days after that. Services will remain up and running, including food distribution and rides. “It’s a good idea to be on the safe side throughout the town,” said Hartley.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for December 4.
Questions arose when McCullough stated that the 2019 Capital Planning schedule did not list any culverts; thus, he wondered aloud at the process and why such important items weren’t listed. “When a project hits us, it’s because due diligence has been done.” He said the Capital Plan should include all the funding required so that his committee can then rank the projects from highest to lowest priority. The Capital Planning Committee ranks all projects and equipment requests over $10,000 needed within a 10-year timeframe, then advises the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenco said the culverts were not on the plan but that he and McCullough had been in discussions about what belongs on the
Due to allergies causing asthma, I will not be wearing a mask. From the governor’s office, “Exceptions for wearing face masks include situations that may inhibit an individual from wearing a face-mask safely. These may include, but are not limited to: Those who cannot breathe safely;…”

In the end, it was decided that Denham and Lorenco would reach out to CZM and learn whether or not the timeline for committing to the matching monies could be extended out to the spring. At that time, the request could go before Town Meeting. Barring that, Selectman Paul Silva said the board would revisit the proposal at their next regular meeting.

Next up was Fire Chief Andrew Murray, with a request for $33,755 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to be added to an award of $173,821, a grant received from FEMA. Murray explained that SCAB, which stands for self-contained breathing apparatus, will be purchased with the monies. He said that currently, the department is using equipment that is 24 years old. Murray plans on buying 23 units, one for each seat inside Fire Department emergency apparatuses as required by OSHA.

In this instance, the requested funds have been listed on the Capital Plan for a number of years, it was noted, but now time was of the essence. With the FEMA grant, the town could supply the safety equipment sooner rather than later, at better rates if done so before January 1, at better rates.

Murray’s request was positively received by all in attendance and approved by the selectmen.

Harbormaster Jamie MacIntosh also came before the assembled with a request to borrow $30,000 from the Stabilization Fund to pay for the replacement of damaged or missing pilings and associated gear for the wharves. A Town Meeting vote had previously approved a separate project for $30,000 to dredge between wharves in October 2019.

Regarding the ‘loan,’ Silva wasn’t comfortable moving the funding unless it could be established how much would be paid back and over what period of time from the Waterfront Retained Earnings.

Again the group was in favor of supporting the request. In the end, it was approved by the selectmen with the stipulation that the Waterfront Enterprise Fund pay no less than $10,000 a year to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Earlier in the meeting, it was discussed that the selectmen had the authority under the state’s emergency orders to move monies from the Stabilization Fund to other accounts. The selectmen sought the Finance Committee’s advice before acting on requests that they had received from the departments.

At McCullough’s request, Lorenco will prepare a list of all grants being pursued and any costs to the town. Lorenco said he would work on a documented procedure for department heads for grant applications moving forward.

Victorious MOSAC Shifts Attention to Point Road
Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
By Mick Colageo

Fresh from a major victory when the November 5 Marion Town Meeting approved its purchase of the Hoff Property and accepted the donated connected lands, the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission met on November 12 via Zoom.

The focus turned to plans for a multi-use path along Point Road that would run from the Fire Station at Rebecca Drive to the far end of Jenna Drive. “There is a multi-use path being planned by MOSAC.... In addition
to paths through Hoff and other properties, we have this going through neighborhoods,” said Vice Chair Alan Harris.

In his Point Road (path) update, MOSAC Chairman John Rockwell reported receiving a punch list from the Department of Public Works under former member Jeff Oakes’ review at that time. Rockwell said he met earlier that day with Town Administrator Jay McGrail, and they plan to meet with Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering.

“G.A.F. isn’t aware of the work we put into this and how we came up with that plan, so we’ll meet with them and ... talk about the issues because I think they’d be narrowed down a lot,” said Rockwell. “They were talking about lack of a survey and tying into a benchmark, and we have that town bound behind those rocks, and if we already have that in our notes where that town-bound is, we can tie it in. And then we’ll be tied into a benchmark.”

Rockwell said he was reading a set of plans “for permit only.”

“Those plans were never intended to go to bid,” said Oakes, an engineer who has been assisting the commission in seeing through the permitting process.

Harris thanked Oakes for his time and asked him and Rockwell if they knew how many hours they have been putting into the project. “We stopped counting,” said Rockwell. “If somebody is watching this, they ought to appreciate that a small conversation represents several days out there,” said Harris.

“Maybe the barn door is closed on this, but, I mean, keeping track of (the hours) may be helpful,” said board member Amanda Chace. “For future projects, that’s what I’m thinking in terms of people estimating costs because this is all in-kind what we’re getting, which is wonderful.” Oakes acknowledged the point and said that kind of record-keeping could prove valuable for future projects.

The next item on the agenda was open space signage. Harris reported posting signs over by the Washburn parcels, removing a Sippican Lands Trust sign that did not belong (Harris is vice president of the SLT). “They look very nice,” said Harris of the signs,
referencing another sign at the Goldavitz Bog. “Hopefully that will serve notice that there is an obstacle there.”

Harris said he typically takes his dogs for a walk in solitude at Grassi Bog and that he was happy to report seeing four other parties present, including a family taking a walk, a bird watcher, and a mushroom hunter. Rockwell said his father-in-law was a mushroom hunter.

The SLT has been trying to put signage at the end of trails with the assistance of a student volunteer at Old Rochester Regional High School, who would use an automated milling machine to create the signs out of wood. Harris said he expects the letters would be painted yellow and trails designated by number with several earmarked for MOSAC properties. Chace suggested a Quick Response (QR) code be placed on signage so visitors can make donations with their smartphones.

Under Open Space Maintenance, Harris reported that Grassi Bog had been mowed and shows “a lot of turtle nests this year.” Rockwell suggested that the sanded area be tilled in late April or early May. Harris observed a northern red-bellied cooter turtle crossing Route 6. In 2019, Chace saw a bobcat crossing Route 6. Tracks had also been seen by Mary’s Pond.

The next step for MOSAC in its acquisition of the Hoff Property and connected parcels is to get a conservation restriction drawn up and approved by state authorities. Harris cannot participate in that process due to a conflict of interest.

Speaking of increasing protected areas of open space in Marion, Rockwell commented, “Obviously, we can’t buy all the open space we’d like because there’s not enough money.” Harris said that Sippican Lands Trust has a very good donor, but that it takes a long time to get all that money together.

The Hoff Property deal put the land and its maintenance in the hands of the SLT. “I think it’s great for all the taxpayers,” said Rockwell.

“Definitely the work of many, and it was great to see,” said Chace.

“If you have a good team, you can conquer the world,” said Rockwell. “This project, we had a good team.”

MOSAC members all credited Dot Brown of the SLT for her assistance, while Rockwell singled out neighbors Steve Clark and his wife Tina Welch, and Randy and Merle Parker. Trail and property access improved as a result.

The next meeting of the Open Space Acquisition Commission has not yet been scheduled.

Park Lane Extension Begins
Planning Board Review
Mattapoisett Planning Board
By Marilou Newell

Coming before the Mattapoisett Planning Board on November 16, formally for the first time, was
Douglas Schneider of Schneider, Davignon, and Leone, Inc. to undergo a site plan review for a proposed two-lot subdivision at the end of Park Lane. The previous discussion regarding this proposal had been informational and informal.

Representing property owners Andre Rieksts, Scott Atkinson, and Margo Wilson-Atkinson, Schneider explained that the lots would be created from a 15-acre site on the northwest side of the existing public roadway, Park Lane. He said that a cul-de-sac that allows for an 80-foot turning radius would create the needed frontage and that the new residences would be serviced by public water and sewer. Schneider said that while much of the acreage was wetlands, there was more than sufficient uplands for the proposed lots. He also confirmed that the Conservation Commission had not yet evaluated the project.

Board member Janice Robbins questioned a waiver Schneider sought that would bypass the need to provide drainage calculations. She noted that, given the elevation drop from the historic railroad bed, the roadway extension not only crossed wetlands but might create drainage issues. Robbins asked for a peer-review consultant to review stormwater management engineering. “We can provide drainage calculations. There’ll be a catchment area for the roadway runoff, but our options are limited for drainage on this project,” Schneider conceded.

Robbins also questioned who owned the railroad easements, along with what she said were issues with a private party extending a public roadway. “I don’t know if we have jurisdiction in this matter,” she said, asking board administrator Mary Crain if town counsel would be weighing in on that matter. Crain confirmed that would be the case.

Schneider countered that most public roadways are easements and asserted that the Planning Board has the authority to approve the requested extension. Robbins said that the roadway issue is not a subdivision issue. She said the ramification for the town would be, “Who has the responsibility if it falls apart? It isn’t going to be your clients; it’s going to be the town.”

There was further discussion regarding drainage when abutter Brian Swift asked if water now running from the east and north would be controlled by a retention basin. Schneider said, “Water flows down the railroad easement and then on my clients’ property.” He noted that a culvert would be built to manage the water on the railroad bed. He also stated that there is a large swamp near Swift’s property.

“This is way beyond my expertise,” Robbins commented, again asking for a peer review as well as a site visit. A site visit was planned for November 22 at 10:00 am, and the site plan review was continued until December 7.

In other matters, Eric Las of Beals and Thomas returned to the Planning Board regarding the solar array planned off Randall Lane. However, in the absence of securing a peer-review consultant, there was little to discuss. Crain said that she had spoken with the conservation agent so that one peer-review consultant could be hired for both boards. Las said a new set of plans had been developed and asked that the consultant be given those once one is selected. The site plan review was continued until December 7.

Crain also reported that a meeting with Grant King from the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) will be held on December 9 at 7:00 pm and will bring together the local Master Plan Committee members for the first time. King will provide guidance and help the committee navigate the process of updating the town’s Master Plan.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for December 7 at 7:00 pm.
BOH Anticipates Impact of Ongoing COVID Increase
Marion Board of Health
By Jean Perry

With COVID-19 cases continuing to rise in Marion, Board of Health Chairperson Dr. Edward Hoffer is concerned about the consequences facing Marion if the coronavirus maintains its ascending trajectory.

“Our numbers, which were pleasantly low in the spring and early part of the summer, have now skyrocketed [and] we are now in the ‘red,’” Hoffer said during the November 17 Board of Health meeting.

A recent surge in COVID-19 cases prompted the state to designate Marion as a ‘high-risk’ community on the Department of Public Health’s color-coded map that tracks the spread of COVID-19 throughout the commonwealth. Marion had been ‘unshaded’ or ‘low-risk’ until November when it joined the growing list of other municipalities as another red spot on the map.

“There’s no risk of closing schools — yet,” said Hoffer, “but we may well hit that point.”

According to Public Health Nurse Lori Desmarais, there were 39 active COVID-19 cases in Marion as of that afternoon. Of those 39, seven cases are residents from the community-at-large, Desmarais said, while 32 are linked to Sippican Healthcare Center operated by Whittier Health Network.

Sippican School has just identified one positive case linked to its pre-school. According to Desmarais, six Sippican School students are currently in quarantine; five of those cases have been confirmed, with one still in isolation awaiting test results.

“With all those cases, [I] have been working closely with the school nurses as far as doing the contact tracing, figuring out who would be in quarantine, and following them throughout their quarantine,” said Desmarais.

After the board discussed its preliminary fiscal year 2022 budget, Board of Health member Dr. John Howard expressed concern about the impact COVID-19 could have on the FY22 budget should the pandemic persist well into 2021. “Obviously, the pandemic is going
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to continue into the fiscal year 2022, so we have to be mindful of expenses that are going to be related to it,” said Howard.

Early in the discussion, Hoffer suggested the board focus on other more general areas of the budget not related to COVID-19. “COVID is not going to dominate our agenda forever; Lord, I hope not,” said Hoffer.

Board member Dot Brown emphasized the need for the town to acquire Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping, which the Board of Health could use. She suggested the board insert a financial placeholder in its budget to purchase an annual $2,000 subscription for all departments to use. Hoffer said the board should expand services to Marion’s growing senior population and offer fall prevention assessments and other programs to help elderly residents remain in their own homes.

Hoffer pointed out that the need for personal protective equipment (PPE) and other pandemic-related expenses would remain a priority over the coming months. Still, with no sign of any impending action from the federal government in terms of expanding coronavirus relief, “There are no guarantees that any further funding will be available after December 31.”

As far as she knows, Brown said Marion has already spent the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding it has received thus far, which was required to have been expended by December 31 anyway.

“Anything that we need, we better get it quick,” said Hoffer, “because after December 31, that money may not be there anymore.”

In other matters, Desmarais said there are still some doses of flu vaccine available for Marion citizens, including a few of the high-dose vaccines. To schedule an appointment for a flu vaccine, call 508-748-3507.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health will be on December 1 at 4:00 pm.

Marion to Move Forward on Water Works without NOI
Rochester Conservation Commission
By Matthew Donato

Matthew Morganelli came before the Rochester Conservation Commission on November 17 representing the Town of Marion’s proposed upgrade of Water Treatment Chemical feed buildings. The proposed work would see the demolition of two existing buildings that have previously treated water from three surrounding wells. In their place, a single facility will be constructed to feed water treatment chemicals and draw water from three wells in the area that are currently offline.

Morganelli came before the commission seeking a Request for Determination of Applicability to determine if a formal Notice of Intent application would be necessary for the project moving forward. According to Morganelli, the majority of work planned will take place outside
of the 100-foot buffer zone to an adjacent wetland. Morganelli also explained that all of the proposed work would take place on an existing gravel road at the site. As the proposed work is taking place in a previously developed area, Morganelli argued that it should be exempt from a formal filing.

The site will pump 400 gallons of water per minute from the surrounding wells, and chemicals will be mixed in to treat the water. Conservation Commission Chairman Michael Conway expressed concerns about potential leaks from the site that could spread chemicals to surrounding wetlands. Morganelli explained that leaks were atypical. Because the mixing of chemicals occurs inside the treatment building, any leak would be
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Commission member Lena Bourque also explained that the pumping of water from these wells could pose a risk to the surrounding wetlands considering the recent droughts. The pumping of water is cause for concern, but Morganelli told commission members that sufficient testing had been conducted to ensure there will not be any detrimental impact on the surrounding area. This is mostly due to the low rate at which water will ultimately be drawn from the site.

Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon explained that, even with concerns about the installation of the new facility, the commission only has jurisdiction on work done inside protected areas, which in this case is very contained inside the site.

The Conservation Commission voted to issue a negative determination of applicability for the project, allowing it to move forward without a formal Notice of Intent application.

The commission moved onto a continued discussion for a new application for tree removal projects in the town. The discussion began after the commission received numerous RDA applications related to minor tree-removal projects. Town Counsel Blair Bailey drafted an application for tree removal to authorize Farinon to independently review tree-removal applications. The hope is that this application will save time for commission members and residents alike.

Vice-Chair Daniel Gagne was not wholly convinced of the proposal. For Gagne, the new application was simply a new form that is already covered by the RDA application process. Further, Gagne told commission members that the tree-removal application could be a new way to bypass commission regulations.

Bailey explained that, without this application, residents would simply go forward with tree removal without any oversight from the commission. It would be a case of more applications coming before the commission for forgiveness for work already done rather than for permission to complete the work in the first place.

The Rochester Conservation Commission voted to approve the use of the new tree-removal application for a one-year trial period, with Gagne as the sole ‘no’ vote on the decision.

The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting will be held remotely via Zoom on December 1 at 7:00 pm.
suffered the loss of Mrs. Costa’s father when he passed away unexpectedly, leaving behind his wife. As Daniel explained at the October 29 ZBA meeting, his mother-in-law needed to move closer to them now that she is a widow; furthermore, Mr. Costa’s wife, who suffers from an autoimmune disease, needs her mother’s support help with their children.

At that hearing, the ZBA members held that since the Costas had not owned and lived in their home for seven years, they could not seek a variance or special permit to convert it to a multi-family residence. The board advised the couple to seek the advice of Rochester Town Counsel Blair Bailey to try and find a way to meet the guidelines set out in Chapter 20.40, Section F.9.a of the
building bylaws. The hearing was continued.

On November 12, the Costas returned. This time, however, things were looking brighter.

Bailey told the board members that, given the bylaw’s actual text, nothing specified that it had to be the same owner over the seven-year period. While he understood that the seven-year stipulation was intended to restrict multi-family subdivisions, the language in the bylaw could be challenged. He said that it was incumbent upon the “writer” to clearly spell out details.

ZBA member Richard Cutler said, “It’s clear it’s not intended for homes that have been around for a while.” Still, instead, the seven-year period was to restrict new homes from being converted into multi-family units.

Chairman David Arancio expressed his concern, saying, “We’ve gotten into interpretations of meanings. We talk about intent, and there is a lot of institutional knowledge, but I’m on the fence on Blair’s interpretation.” He said he was being “mindful of the conservative nature of the community.”

ZBA member Jeffrey Costa also had concerns, saying, “It doesn’t say anywhere in there (the bylaw) for new owners”; however, “knowing our town,” he said, in his opinion, seven years applies to the current owners.

Bailey went deeper into his point. “The general principle is you have to read the bylaw the way it is written. Courts would say, if you meant something else, you should have said something else.” He went on to say, “Courts may not agree with you.”

The proposed apartment is a 1,040 square-foot addition, Costa said, which will exceed 30 percent of the existing 2,540 square-foot structure’s footprint. The variance requested by the applicant was only for the frontage requirement. Bailey said the applicant would need a variance from the 30-percent rule as well.

The board determined that the applicants could withdraw without prejudice and refile with the two variances required. Bailey offered his assistance moving forward.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals has not yet been scheduled.

EMC Looks to Do More with Green Communities

Marion Energy Management Committee

By Matthew Donato

The Marion Energy Management Committee met on November 16 with the goal of expanding on possible expenditures for grant funding provided by the Green Communities Act. The EMC has been working to effectively allocate these funds before the grant reopens in the early months of next year.

Committee Chair Christian Ingerslev provided updates to one use of grant money related to the installation of heat pumps in the Cushing Community Center. Town Planner Gil Hilario provided an update to committee member Bill Saltonstall. According to Saltonstall, the work on the pumps will begin at the Community Center on November 30 and likely take a few days to complete.

In addition to the heat pumps, Green Communities funding is also being assigned to convert the existing pumping station at Silvershell Beach from oil to natural gas. Saltonstall explained that the transition would more efficiently heat the pumps to a temperature to preclude water from freezing within them. Ultimately, the transition saves energy, which saves money.

Saltonstall has also been leading the charge on the annual report to submit to Green Communities regarding the town’s progress on energy consumption. Saltonstall
reported that the town had seen an approximately 15 percent decline in energy consumption.

Even with the significant decline in energy use, Saltonstall explained that the actual decrease in energy use could be more extensive. Despite the transition to LED streetlights, the reported energy use for streetlights in Marion has increased. This, Saltonstall reported, could be the result of a mistake in energy figures provided by Eversource. As only a limited number of streetlights are metered, Eversource uses an estimate of energy consumption based on the type of bulb used in the light. Without knowledge of the change to LED bulbs, it is possible that Eversource did not account for a decrease in energy consumption caused by the town’s transition.

Saltonstall projected that, if the change to LED bulbs is accounted for, it is likely that the overall decrease in energy consumption would be closer to 16 percent across the town. Further, the transition to LED lights is postulated to have saved the town $16,000 annually. The projected energy savings of 16 percent moves the committee closer to its two-year goal to decrease energy consumption in the Town of Marion by a total of 20 percent.

Unfortunately, the committee reported minor setbacks in the promotion of electric vehicle usage throughout Marion. According to committee members, two electric vehicle charging stations in Marion have ceased to function. The committee has reached out to the manufacturer to receive replacements for the broken charging stations, and the town will receive a spare station in reserve should the stations fail again.

The importance of the proliferation of charging stations throughout the town is increasing as the committee is making strides to replace the town’s vehicles with hybrid or electric cars. The committee applauded the Marion Police for choosing to acquire a hybrid police car, despite its exemption from regulations promoting their use.

Finally, committee members Jennifer Francis and Alanna Nelson proposed eliminating all plastic bag use in the Town of Marion. Francis explained that the transition away from plastic bags would set a strong example to younger town members about plastic’s impact on the environment. Nelson, who advocated a similar proposal in Melrose, explained that the most efficient way to promote the idea is to ensure that local businesses accept the idea first. Once the local businesses support the idea, it is merely a matter of proposing the legislation.

This meeting was the final Marion Energy Management Committee meeting for the year.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

I was not able to attend the Special Town Meeting on November 5, but I have watched the video of the meeting. I want to contribute my thoughts about the Hoff property discussion.

First, I want to emphasize my concern for protecting the environment. I volunteered 14+ years as a member of the Conservation Commission. However, wetlands already are protected by the Wetlands Protection Act; thus, a conservation restriction is not required to preserve the 22+ acres of wetlands on the Hoff property.

Second, the purchase is being paid for out of funds in the MOSAC Land Bank, which was funded by the Community Preservation Act (CPA). CPA funds are acquired as a 2% surcharge on the real estate tax bills in Marion. (There is what has been an increasing small percentage of match from the state). Telling you that the Land Bank funds did not cost residents is not entirely true. Any homeowner in Marion has contributed to the CPA funds, which fund open space, recreation, affordable housing, and historic preservation.

Third, the Marion Master Plan established the Stewards of Community Open Space (SoCOS) to
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coordinate actions of the various conservation-related
groups in Marion. Neither MOSAC nor the SLT, who are
SoCOS members, initiated any coordination effort with
the other SoCOS members in the purchase of the Hoff
property.

Next, another Marion Master Plan goal was for
SoCOS to develop a new Open Space and Recreation
Plan (OSRP). In 2019, SoCOS was awarded a grant for the
Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development
District to assist with developing that plan. During
the Town Meeting, reference was made to an OSRP
questionnaire, one that MOSAC unilaterally sent out. For
many reasons, this is not a reliable planning document.

It may be too late to incorporate any changes in the
ongoing development of the OSRP, but Marion needs
to develop a better process for the future donation or
acquisition of open space. Recognizing that a landowner
has the right to donate his or her land or establish
conservation restrictions, we need to explore options that
provide us some participation in the process.

This Hoff purchase, plus the other two lots off
Point Road that Mr. Waterman referred to in his letter to
the editor, are examples of how things are happening to
us. For the Hoff parcel, we needlessly spend our money
to take taxable land off the books; this is a self-inflicted
financial wound. In the case of the Point Road parcels,
arguably valuable tax land was taken off of the rolls
through a private donation, which we can try to influence
but don’t control.

As a Selectman, I evaluate all the challenges and
opportunities throughout the town, not just focusing on
one area. Balancing legal requirements, infrastructure
maintenance, town necessities, and residents’ amenities
while keeping Marion affordable to all income levels is a
challenge. We need to ask: What can we do that is new,
what are we doing that we can improve on, or what can
we stop doing? At a minimum, it is time to draw the line
on spending more of the town’s money to acquire more
open space.

MOSAC was established in 1999 by a vote of
Town Meeting and action by the state legislature. It was
given the powers of the Conservation Commission with
respect to the acquisition of interests in land and the
expenditure of funds under the provision of Section 8C of
Chapter 40 of the General Laws. Maybe the town needs to
acknowledge that MOSAC succeeded in its goal and that
it is time for MOSAC’s responsibilities to revert back to
the Conservation Commission.

Norman Hills, Marion resident and Selectman

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Sippican Women’s Club

The Sippican Woman’s Club has held a Holiday House Tour since 1984. However, there will be no tour this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. We thought we would celebrate Christmas and past club members by sharing their Christmas cookie recipes every week until Christmas.

Ruth Robinson was President of the Sippican Woman’s Club from 1980-1983. She and her husband Homer were very active and are well-known in Marion to this day. Ruth was also a Fairhaven High School teacher of business math for many years.

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See you soon!
OBITUARIES

Pamela Marie Hoffer, 78, of Marion, died peacefully at home on November 11, 2020, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Pamela grew up in Beaver, PA, the younger daughter of William Howard and Mae Lois Stuck. After graduating from Wilson College, she came to Boston, where she met Edward and they lived in Eastern Massachusetts for the rest of their lives, remaining as deeply in love as the day they wed. She had a full life with a wide range of interests, with three passions: the French language, sailing and her family.

First exposed to French in the 10th grade, she studied it in college and came to Cambridge to further her language studies. In 1965, armed with nothing but pluck, she took a student flight to Paris and managed to get a job at UNESCO, allowing her to immerse herself in French language and culture. After marrying Ed in 1966, she supported them by teaching French at a private girls’ school in Lowell while he finished medical school. Her studies took a hiatus while she raised their sons, but when they were older, she returned to Boston College to get first a Master’s degree and then a PhD. Shy and self-effacing by nature, she shined academically, giving papers at conferences on three continents and having her thesis published as a book. Shortly after graduating BC, she took a position as Lecturer in French at Babson College, which she held for 15 years. A highlight of most years was a trip to France. She and Ed cycled through most of France, and finally settled on Nice as their “go-to” spot every spring.

She learned to sail on the tricky waters of the Charles River, and she and Ed owned first an Islander 30, then a 210 and then her beloved H12, Lickety Split. She was a fierce competitor on the water, always among the leaders in ladies’ and open racing, and she gave back to the Beverly Yacht Club as its longest-tenured secretary and then as Chair of the Junior Activities Committee. She passed her love of sailing on to Jed and Scott, as “that was what you did in the summer,” and both became excellent sailors.

She was a devoted mother, who saw that our sons had exposure to many activities, the best education we could provide, and taught them values. If you slighted one, she was your enemy for life, but if you helped them, she was your friend. Family always came first. Of all her accomplishments, Pamela was proudest of having raised two wonderful sons, Jed and Scott, who gave us nothing but joy.

She enjoyed music of all kinds. A pianist as a child, she had a lovely voice she used in a choral group while we lived in Wellesley. Her tastes ranged from Bob Dylan to the Rolling Stones to the New Bedford Symphony, to which she gave her time and energy.

A bridge player in college like most of her generation, she returned to the game after the boys were grown, and rose to be a Ruby Life Master, playing exclusively with Ed.

Even though she was a white-knuckle flyer who stayed awake on trans-ocean flights to be sure the plane did not crash, she conquered her fears and travelled the world both with Ed and as a family. Pamela and Ed visited all seven continents, often by bicycle, cycling through Vietnam, China and most of Europe.

In addition to Ed, Jed and Scott, she leaves her sister, Sue Hamblen, of Houston, TX, her cousin Joe Dempsey and his wife Linda, of Pittsburgh, PA and her son-in-law Justin Farkas of Brooklyn, NY.

“In one of those stars I shall be living... I shall not leave you.” - Saint-Exupery: The Little Prince

In lieu of flowers, please send a contribution to the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra in her name. 128 Union Street, Suite 204, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Dorothy W. Lawrence, 92, of Fairhaven, formerly of Rochester died Sunday, November 15, 2020 at St. Luke’s Hospital in New Bedford. She was the wife of the late Russell P. Lawrence.

Born in New Bedford, she was the daughter of the late Wayne and Edith Whitman and graduated from Middleboro High School. Mrs. Lawrence worked as a certified nurse’s aide for many years and was also dispatcher for the Rochester Police Department.

She enjoyed travelling and country/western music and dancing.

Survivors include her son, Glenn Lawrence and his wife Laurie of Rochester; her daughter, Pamela Denham of Northport, FL; her grandchildren, Mark Lawrence and his wife Chelsey, Gary Lawrence and his wife Samantha, Sara Desrosiers and her husband Timothy, and Amy Denham. Also surviving are three great grandchildren, Milo Lawrence and Tanner and Sawyer Desrosiers.

Funeral services and burial will be private.

Arrangements by Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, Wareham. To leave a message of condolence visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.
Instructions:
Cream sugar, shortening and sugar.
Add sifted dry ingredients alternatively with milk and egg mixture.
Spread this in a greased and floured 9x13 pan. Bake in middle of oven (350°) 15 minutes.
Sprinkle with some sugar and continue baking an additional 10 min.
Cut in squares. Serve warm or cold.

A Holiday Greens Sale Pop-Up Event
The Mattapoisett Woman’s Club presents “A Holiday Greens Sale” Pop-Up Event on Saturday, December 5, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Bowlmor Lanes parking lot, 22 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett. The Pop – Up Sale features a variety of decorated fresh wreaths, swags, and holiday centerpieces, as well as bunches of holly and evergreens created by Club Members. Limited edition notecards will also be available for purchase. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

Bundle up, put on your mask, and join us outside for this special holiday event. Proceeds will support the Mattapoisett Woman’s Club Scholarship Fund and other community projects. The rain date is Sunday, December 6, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Lamoureux Honored on Veteran’s Day
The bells at Center School chimed 21 times in honor of Veterans’ past and present on November 11 at 11:00 am. On the grounds of the Mattapoisett Library, members of the Florence Eastman American Legion Post 280 led by Commander Rachel Perron, gathered for a brief ceremony to recognize retired Legion Commander Micheal Lamoureux, who could not be present. State and local citations honoring Lamoureux’s 35 years of dedicated service to veterans were noted by former Town Administrator Mike Gagne and Town Administrator Mike Lorenco. Gagne said that veterans always believed Lamoureux was “...a fellow veteran who could be trusted” and “an individual of special note.”
Veterans Agent and Legion member Barry
Denham called Lamoureux a good friend to both himself and veterans, and a presence that will be missed. Denham also said it was important to the Legion’s mission to get younger veterans involved. “It’s critical to veterans’ services.”

Legionnaire Charlie Soares asked everyone present to remember essential workers, calling them the “unsung heroes of our era.”

Perron said it’s been difficult due to the pandemic to schedule regular Legion meetings, but she hoped the future would find the post vital and ready when conditions improved.

**Elizabeth Taber Library**

This November, we are celebrating cooking at the Elizabeth Taber Library!

Join the ETL and Simply Creative Chef Rob Scott for Virtual Baking! Find directions and ingredient lists on our website, then tune in live on our Facebook page for interactive instruction with chef Rob Scott!

Saturday, **November 21** at 11:00 am, gather the kids for a baking lesson for the whole family! Make crustless apple crumb pie.

Find a vast selection of cookbooks and books on food for the whole family available for checkout right now at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Check our Facebook page all month long for cookbook and food science reading recommendations.

Need books, audiobooks, DVDs, items from our library of things, or more? Curbside checkout continues at the Elizabeth Taber Library Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday! Call the library or check out our website for more details.

The library is here to help you with printing, faxing, scanning, or 3-D printing. Call the library Monday-Thursday 10-4, and Saturday 11-3 to arrange for any of these services.

Need to use a computer? The library now has in-person computer sessions available every Thursday. Sessions are 45 minutes long for one person per session. Masks are required. Call the library or visit www.elizabethtaberlibrary.org to sign up for in-person computer use.

**From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society**

By Connie Eshbach

As we all know, Rochester is an old town with lots of history. Some of that history lives on in rocks and boulders throughout the area. Previously, we have mentioned both Witch’s and Devil’s rocks. Further back in the woods is another rock with a connection to the Native Americans who lived here. It is a large table rock, Indian Pound Corn Rock, which bears the marks made by Native American pestles that crushed the corn to make meal.

North Rochester is the site of Joe’s Rock. Located...
The Mattapoisett Congregational Church rang bells at 11:11 AM on 11/11 honoring our veterans. During the event there were opening words from Women’s Club organizers and a former soldier who served in Vietnam read the pledge every soldier takes. Many stayed afterward for socially distant discussions. Photo by Jennifer F. Shepley

Members of the Florence Eastman American Legion Post 280, led by Commander Rachel Perron, held a brief recognition ceremony for retired Commander Michael Lamoureux. State and local citations were read, citing Lamoureux’s 35 years of service to veterans. Photo by Marilou Newell

Deanna Vieira’s family created these fabulous Veterans Day flags and shared them with their neighbors to celebrate their service.

Nancy Prefontaine shared this picture of a misty morning at the Mattapoisett Town Wharf.

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com
somewhere in the New Bedford Water Works, it contains a small cave said to have been the hiding place of a Revolutionary fugitive.

Many large or unusually shaped rocks became early boundary markers or were put to various other uses. A large rock in the area of Rochester known as Seppecan (today’s Marion) was a perfect formation for a pulpit. Known as Minister’s Rock, it was where the first minister of Rochester Township gave his first sermon in 1683.

In Rochester Center is Meeting House Rock, which bears a plaque that notes the location of the first meeting house built in 1699. Not far from there and across from Town Hall is the large rock formation that forms the Civil War Monument. These historical markers were often brought by a horse and team or other transport even though they weighed many tons.

Boundary marker rocks were most often natural formations given a new job. One of these is Peak Rock

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**Knockout**

By Rob Gonsalves

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Martin Scorsese’s *Raging Bull*, which turned 40 last weekend, has a feral, staccato rhythm — the pounding beat of impacted frustration exploding outward. Early on, Jake La Motta (Robert De Niro) wipes out an opponent in the ring, bashing him repeatedly, and the editing relishes the carnage. The movie alternates between such brutality — not only in the ring — and quieter, somehow scarier scenes wherein Jake is always set on simmer, waiting for someone to give him an excuse to blow up.

*Raging Bull* can certainly be taken as the anti-*Rocky*, in which the bum stays a bum despite winning the belt, and fattens himself into an even worse bum who quotes Marlon Brando’s famous “I coulda been a contender” without comprehending its meaning. Only a great actor can play a bad actor, and De Niro at the end of this sad and devastating portrait recites the lines with the opacity of a man who just doesn’t get it. Jake doesn’t know himself, other than the parts of himself he hates.

Scorsese and cinematographer Michael Chapman shot *Raging Bull* as a shining black-and-white dream of a boxing noir, with the Brillo-headed Jake sitting in shabby apartments whose very low-rentness is mocked by the film’s visual elegance. Photographically, the style is 1949; verbally it’s very ’70s, with Jake and his brother Joey (Joe Pesci in a comic performance that saves the movie from getting too dour) sitting around delivering variations of “F— you, you mook.” Playing perhaps his sanest character, Pesci emerges as the film’s heroic voice of reason, even putting across such streetwise koans as “If you win, you win. If you lose, you still win.”

Jake’s big issue is a terror of being cheated on. He’s the sort who jeeringly accuses his wife of catting around but also has a girlfriend on the side. In no time flat he jettisons his first wife and takes up with a neighborhood Lolita named Vicki (Cathy Moriarty). In real life, Vicki was only nine years younger than Jake, but in the movie she seems like a teenager (Moriarty was nineteen during filming, De Niro thirty-six). Jake is infatuated with the blonde Vicki, who’s everything his dark-haired Italian ex-wife wasn’t. But soon he begins to worry that she’s having flings with every guy in the neighborhood — including his own brother.

This is two kinds of movie: a rigorously storyboarded boxing picture — the fights here have yet to be topped for sheer intensity — and a Cassavetes-like improv film, in which characters rub each other’s nerves raw. Years later, De Niro believed that Joey did sleep with Vicki, and Pesci, informed of this, blew it off: “That’s just Bobby in character as Jake.” The point is that each actor is convinced of his character’s own position, right or wrong, and the film’s most emotionally brutal scene finds Jake confronting Joey in a conversation that starts out being about a TV on the fritz. It feels utterly real, emerging out of genuine understanding of how such family blowups originate in the banal. Joey’s pride in the face of Jake’s interrogation reads to Jake as a confession.

*Raging Bull* is in perfect keeping with Scorsese’s work at the time — drenched in Catholic blood and guilt, full of self-loathing fury. The script by Paul Schrader (no stranger to guilt himself) and Mardik Martin, based on La Motta’s own (ghostwritten) memoir, gives us a protagonist whose philosophy couldn’t be further from Rocky Balboa’s “It’s not how hard you hit, it’s how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward.” It’s as if Jake picked boxing because it gave focus to his rage and his need to be punished for his sins (there were a lot that the movie never gets into — rape, attempted murder). By the time he fights Sugar Ray Leonard he’s practically begging Sugar Ray to punch his head off. For Jake, it’s how hard he can get hit, and that’s all; moving forward isn’t a concern.

Scorsese and De Niro begin with the base clay of La Motta and end up sculpting a deeply flawed and mutated Christ figure who crucifies himself over and over in his head and creates his own Judases. It’s the one Scorsese film whose sustained pitch of pain and sickness renders it near-unwatchable, while Chapman’s lens work and Thelma Schoonmaker’s impressionistic editing give it a harsh beauty that ensures we can’t look away. Released in late 1980 and begun in April 1979, it’s the last great film of the ’70s — the last lacerating personal vision before the era of easy riders and raging bulls came to an end.
shown in the picture. In 1664, the Court at Plymouth County designated this rock as the boundary between what would become Rochester in Plymouth County and Acushnet in Bristol County.

**A Holiday Bright Spot**
Lift your holiday spirits as you walk along the tables outdoors filled with decorated wreaths, table designs in three sizes, bundled holiday greens, outdoor decorated containers, lighted tabletop boxwood trees, and a craft table with homemade items.

The Wareham Garden Club will hold its annual Christmas Holly Faire this year on **December 5** from 9:00 am to noon. This year will be different due to the pandemic. We will have our faire outside in the parking lot of St. Patrick’s Church on High Street. One-way signs will direct shoppers, and markings will indicate six-foot separations. Face masks are required.

If you’ve been to our faire in the past, you know items sell out fast, so we are taking pre-orders this year. You can reserve your items by calling Judy Morgan at 508-273-7867. Items must be paid for and picked up on the day of the faire by 10:00 am.

**The Mattapoisett Museum**
The Mattapoisett Museum is looking for dedicated volunteers to serve on our board of directors. We are seeking creative, enthusiastic, and devoted individuals to grow and diversify a small and ambitious museum focusing on history, art, and culture in Mattapoisett and the surrounding area.

The Mattapoisett Museum seeks to embrace and promote diversity, multiculturalism, and inclusion in our collections and programming. We are seeking talented people with skills in programming, outreach, fundraising, and more. Board members do not need to be a Mattapoisett resident. For more information about applying for a position on the board and to receive a complete board of director’s information packet, please contact the Mattapoisett Museum at director@mattapoisettmuseum.org.

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**WALRUS & CAPTAIN FRIDAYS 2020 AND 2021**

**“ DRY DOCK ”**
5:30pm – 8:00pm

*Bring your used and tattered burgees. We are making a wall of fame.*

Celebrate with an evening at the pub.
Menus available www.walrusbistro.com
COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, Nov 23: Sausage w/ peppers & onions, pasta alfredo, sub roll, applesauce
Tuesday, Nov 24: Curry chicken, lentil pilaf, brussel sprouts, whole wheat roll, orange
Wednesday, Nov 25: “Catch of the Day”, lemon dill sauce, roasted potatoes, Roman blend, rye bread, mini red velvet cake, diet: low sugar cake
Thursday, Nov 26: Thanksgiving Dinner
Friday, Nov 27: Macaroni & cheese, scalloped tomatoes, fruit loaf, pineapple

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Nov 23: Turkey & cheese sub, snack size Cape Cod chips, mozzarella sticks w/ Wedges, assorted fruit, Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes, assorted vegetable, 1% milk
Tuesday, Nov 24: Hot Choice: Hamburger/cheeseburger, baby carrots, Kensi light ranch cup, snack size Cape Cod chips, Cold Choice: Turkey & cheese sub, assorted fruit, Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes, assorted vegetable, 1% milk

OLD HAMMONTOWN
Monday, Nov 23: Turkey & cheese sub, snack size Cape Cod chips, mozzarella sticks w/ Wedges, assorted fruit, Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes, assorted vegetable, 1% milk
Tuesday, Nov 24: Hot Choice: Hamburger/cheeseburger, baby carrots, Kensi light ranch cup, snack size Cape Cod chips, Cold Choice: Turkey & cheese sub, assorted fruit, Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes, assorted vegetable, 1% milk

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, Nov 23: Turkey & cheese sub, snack size Cape Cod chips, mozzarella sticks w/ Wedges, assorted fruit, Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes, assorted vegetable, 1% milk

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, Nov 23: Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll
Tuesday, Nov 24: Mozzarella sticks, fries, marinara sauce, baked beans & bread

For a full PDF of the three towns’ police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.
Friends of Ned’s Point Lighthouse
Friends of Ned’s Point Lighthouse, Inc. is an organization solely dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Ned’s Point Lighthouse in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. This will be accomplished through fundraisers and the sale of lighthouse-related gifts, educational materials, and clothing promoting educational awareness, volunteerism, and membership benefits.

The Board of Directors is directly involved with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary’s Flotilla 63, who through a merger with USCG AUX Flotilla 67, has adopted Ned’s Point Lighthouse. It is Flotilla 63’s responsibility to ensure that all restoration and preservation efforts are carried out in accordance with the standards set forth and approved by the United States Coast Guard.

Help us restore the most cherished icon of the South Coast of Massachusetts located in Mattapoisett. Visit our Website at wwwFriendsofnedspointlighthouse.com. Donations can also be sent to “Friends of Ned’s Point Lighthouse”, P.O. Box 537, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Mattapoisett Boy Scouts
The scouting year is underway for Mattapoisett Boy Scout Troop 53! Are your favorite sports and clubs canceled? Then why not check out scouting? We are able to offer all our usual activities in-person including biking, kayaking, climbing, fun monthly campouts, and more. We are looking for boys ages 11–17 to join us for adventure. No previous scouting experience is necessary. Call 508-245-2948 for more information and check out our Facebook page at Mattapoisett Troop 53.

RCC Application Deadline Extended
The Mass Cultural Council has adjusted to the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to support a variety of artistic, scientific, and humanitarian projects that provide rich cultural activities for our communities. Many current grant recipients have had to alter their original proposals and use virtual format options, reorganize to comply with social distancing, and postpone their events awaiting parameters from Governor Baker. In spite of the COVID restrictions and changes, we will still continue to provide funding in 2021 for organizations, schools, or individuals who support cultural activities in the community.

The deadline for applications to the Rochester Cultural Council has been extended to December 14. In this age of COVID-19, virtual and remote programming are considered effective ways to make programming available to the public. Examples include: A virtual art activity at a senior center that is taught over Zoom or community cable channel; a music class that engages local youth via a streaming platform; an art show that is mounted outside where people can either walk or drive through; an in-person class for a few (because of guidelines) that is also streamed for others to participate in; and the creation of a video series that is offered to your community to view via public access or a local venue.

For additional information and guidance around the 2021 grant cycle, please refer to Guidance and FAQ’s for Applicants, or contact us at RochesterCulturalCouncil@gmail.com. Awards will be announced in January.

The RCC is currently looking for new committee members. If you are interested, contact us at the email address above.

Mattapoisett Library STEAM Projects To Go: Paper Dragons
STEAM Projects To Go brings a new project this November! STEAM Projects To Go are created for busy teens, grades 6 to 12, who still want to engage with library programming and their community. This month’s project will explore aeronautics—the study of flight. The project will be to create a paper dragon in the form of a glider. Further, it will inspire teens to take it one step further with a list of extension projects.

Each STEAM Project To Go includes: supplies needed for the project, instructions, information about the theme, a library book related to the theme, and ideas for more projects. If you are interested in getting a STEAM to go project, register at the library’s website (mattapoisettlibrary.org) on the calendar or by calling the library. You can register at any time between now and the end of November. Once you have registered, you will be contacted to arrange pickup (library card required). If there are no spots left, please register for the waiting list.

Please contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or call the library for more information. All programs are free and open to the public.

Elizabeth Taber Library Ornament Sale
The Elizabeth Taber Library announces its 2020 ornament sale. A stunning crimson lobster claw, hand-blown by the craftsmen at McDermott Glass Works, is...
SALOME’S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ruling planet, Mars, allows you to assume a sense of command that can help you turn a chaotic workplace situation into one that’s orderly, productive and, yes, even friendly.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting a relationship that’s been stuck in a rut up and running again depends on how far you want to run with it. Be honest with yourself as you consider which decision to make.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be wary of rumors that seem to be coming from everywhere this week. Waiting for the facts before you act means never having to say you’re sorry you followed the wrong lead.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A difficult personal matter might prompt you to turn to a trusted friend to help you sort through a maze of emotional conflicts. The weekend should bring some welcome news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some of the new people coming into the Lion’s life could play pivotal roles in future personal and professional matters. Meanwhile, an old friend might have an important message.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A delay in getting things moving on schedule can be a blessing in disguise. Use this extra time to do more research so you can buttress any of the weaker points with solid facts.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might need to get involved in a personal matter before it becomes a serious problem. Also, be wary of someone offering to mediate, unless you can be sure of his or her motives.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Taking sides in a workplace or domestic dispute could prolong the problem. Stay out and stay cool. Then you can be friends with both parties when things settle down.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friendship has the potential to become something more, and with this week’s aspects favoring romance, you might feel that this possibility is worth exploring.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The new job you want might require you to relocate. If so, keep an open mind and weigh all the positives and negatives before making your decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new relationship seems to be everything you could have hoped for. Congratulations. Meanwhile, it’s not too early to get some feedback on that new project you’re working on.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might have decided to get out of the fast-moving current and just float around hither and yon for a while. But you might find that the new opportunity is too tempting to turn down.

BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in bringing out the best in people with kind deeds, loving words and recognition of their “special” selves.
now available. Each ornament is signed and numbered. The lobster claw is perfect for holiday decoration, a hostess gift, or to shine in your window all year. A limited number of ornaments are available. To order and to arrange for contactless curbside delivery, call the Library at 508-748-1252. Payment of $30 can be made via check or PayPal.

**Grab ‘n Go Lunches Offered**
The Marion and Acushnet Councils on Aging, in partnership with Coastline Elderly Services, are offering Grab ‘n Go lunches prepared by ‘On The Go’ located in Mattapoisett. Lunch is either a salad and soup, or soup and a sandwich. Preregistration is required. Register by calling 508-742-9196 and leaving a message. You do not need to be a resident to participate; all adults over age 60 are welcome. A $2 donation is suggested. The schedule is as follows:
- Marion: **November 24**
- Acushnet: **November 19, November 24**

**NBSO Presents Virtual Shostakovich and Dvořák Concert**
The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra is back with another fantastic virtual concert! Join us on **November 21** as we safely place 22 musicians (strings and trumpet), Music Director Yaniv Dinur, and guest pianist Alexander Korsantia on stage at The Z for a fantastic virtual performance of Shostakovich’s Concerto for Piano, Trumpet, and String Orchestra and Dvořák’s Serenade for Strings.

Shostakovich’s first Piano Concerto is written for the unusual instrumentation of piano, strings, and trumpet, and spans musical styles. Georgian pianist Alexander Korsantia, the winner of the 1995 Arthur Rubinstein Competition, joins the NBSO for this masterpiece, and NBSO Principal Trumpet Andrew Sorg is the featured solo trumpet. Dvořák’s Serenade for Strings, really a symphony for string orchestra, remains one of Dvořák’s most popular works and one of the pinnacles of romantic music.

To learn more about the concert music and the musicians, watch our “Three To Get Ready” videos that will be posted the week of the concert on www.nbsymphony.org under the Events / Online Concerts tab.

Listeners from our September virtual concert told us that the performance was “such a wonderful experience” and “a magnificent concert.” They thought “the music was fabulous” and they were “looking forward to the next one.” Well, the next one is here, and you don’t want to miss it!

Tickets are just $10 per household and are available at Zeiterion.org. Ticket purchasers will receive a link on November 21 for access via YouTube.com. The concert will be available for viewing from November 21 through December 20, 2020.

The NBSO is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music as well as an outstanding chamber music series. In addition, the NBSO’s innovative and nationally recognized educational programs reach thousands of students each year in local schools and through open access online. The NBSO is dedicated to building a community of music on the Southcoast. Visit www.nbsymphony.org today.

**Community Preservation Guidelines for Filing**
The Mattapoisett Community Preservation Committee will be accepting project funding applications for inclusion in the Spring 2021 Annual Town Meeting through **November 20**. The project application is available on the Town Website and in paper form at the Selectmen’s Office.

Submit applications by November 20 to “Mattapoisett Community Preservation Committee”, c/o Board of Selectmen’s Office, P.O. Box 435, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Each Project request must be submitted to the Community Preservation Committee using the project application form. Requests must include a synopsis of the project, supporting documentation (project cost breakouts, engineering and/or architectural plans), project timeframe overview, and may include letters of support from others in the community. Nine copies of the package must be provided to the committee.

Applicants should review the Town of Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act Plan found on the Town Website before submitting project applications.

For more information, contact Chuck McCullough at cwmccullough@comcast.net.

**Preschool Screening Clinic Scheduled**
The Old Rochester Regional School District will be holding its annual screening clinic for 3 and 4-year-olds on the following dates and locations:
- **Wednesday, January 27, 2021** at Sippican School, Marion
- **Wednesday, March 10, 2021** at Rochester
Memorial School, Rochester

The screening clinics are a service to young children and their families in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester. The screening will look at social-emotional skills, cognitive development, speech and language development, physical development, vision, and hearing. If you question your child’s development in any of these areas, please contact Robin Mobley in the Early Childhood Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1948 or 1942, or email doreenlopes@oldrochester.org for further information or to schedule a screening appointment.

First Congregational Church Raking Party

Tinker Saltonstall coordinated the fall raking party at church on Wednesday. The day before, George Linzee brought his leaf blower and created huge piles of beautiful, golden leaves in an effort to make bagging easier. It paid off—big time!

Tinker and Bill, along with Ben Dunham and Christy Dube and her son, Oliver, were hard at work before 9:00
**LEGAL NOTICES**

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISSETT**  
**PLANNING BOARD**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  

The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm remotely only via Zoom concerning the Application For Modification of a Definitive Plan submitted by Eric Medeiros for a proposed modification to the roadway known as Selha Way and shown as Map 23 Lots 105B, 147, 148 and 149. Complete plans are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and may be inspected by any interested party during the hours of 10 am to 2 pm Monday through Friday or online at www.mattapoissett.net.

Join Zoom Meeting  
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**TOWN OF MARION**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #781**  

Join Zoom Meeting  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89416401269?pwd=RX-ZXSVN1spSTRTSp10CYzk5mdz09  
Meeting ID: 894 1640 1269  
Passcode: 687879

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold an online public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, December 10, 2020 on the application of Kevin Walsh for a Special Permit under section 230-4.1c of the zoning by-law to allow the reconstruction and extension of a non-conforming structure.

The property, located at 12 Richardson Road, is further identified on Assessors’ Plan 3 as Lot 46A.

Christina Frangos, Chairperson 11/19, 11/26

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**TOWN OF MARION**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #782**  

Join Zoom Meeting  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89416401269?pwd=RX-ZXSVN1spSTRTSp10CYzk5mdz09  
Meeting ID: 894 1640 1269  
Passcode: 687879

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold an online public hearing at 7:15 pm on Thursday, December 10, 2020 on the application of Robert L. Perry, Esq., for Joan E. Botelho, for a Special Permit under Chapter 20.40, Section F.9.a. (formerly Section VIII.D.9.a.), for the issuance of a Special Permit for the construction of an addition for conversion to a multi-family dwelling. The public meeting and hearing will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 beginning at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620329093  
Meeting ID: 846 2032 9093  
One tap mobile: (646) 876-9923  
David Arancio, Chairman 11/19, 12/3

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**TOWN OF ROCHESTER**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1156**  

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Daniel & Carrie Costa for property located at 173 Pierce Street, identified on Assessor’s Map 13, Lot 4A, who are seeking 3 Variances, (1) for lack of the frontage requirement, (2) lack of linear contiguous feet of frontage, (3) to request an increase in the proposed structure floor area to exceed thirty percent (30%) of the existing area, and, a Special Permit under Chapter 20.40, Section F.9.a. (formerly Section VIII.D.9.a.), for the issuance of a Special Permit for the construction of an addition for conversion to a multi-family dwelling. The public meeting and hearing will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 beginning at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620329093  
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David Arancio, Chairman 11/19, 12/3

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**TOWN OF ROCHESTER**  
**PLANNING BOARD**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Site Plan Review Application for a Solar Installation, filed by Paul Eaton of Trinity Solar, 20 Patterson Brook Road, Unit 1, West Wareham, MA 02576, for property located at 323 Rounseville Road, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lot 6A on Assessor’s Map 34.

The applicant proposes to install twenty-five 7.875kw solar panels on the roof of the building. This will add 6" to the height of the roof but not exceed the panel.

The property owner of record is Rochester Golf Club, 323 Rounseville Road, Rochester, MA 02770.

The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA.

Join Zoom Meeting  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84772757079  
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Or Call: 1 646 876 9923  
Arnold Johnson, Chairman 11/19, 11/26

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**TOWN OF ROCHESTER**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE**  
**NOTICE OF REMOTE PUBLIC MEETING**  

An Open Meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Renewable Energy Development Partners, LLC, 99 Derby Street, Suite 200, Hingham, MA, for property located at 109 Neck Road, designated as Lot 3 on Rochester Assessor’s Map 40. This Open Hearing is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker’s Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

The Applicant proposes to install a test canopy project that consists of six to eight utility poles (three or four pairs) and one complete canopy bay (four poles, two trusses, 10 purlins). The poles will be sited within the bounds of the existing bog roads, and not within bogs or canals. These poles will be located within the 100-Foot Buffer Zone to Bank and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (bog) associated with the canal and bogs. No wetland disturbance is proposed with this exploratory installation.

The property owner of record is Decas Cranberry Co., Inc., 4 Old Forge Drive, Carver, MA 02330. The applicant’s representative is Sarah Stearns of Beals and Thomas, Inc., 32 Court Street, Plymouth, MA 02360.

This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.

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Michael Conway, Chairman 11/19

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**off the mark** by Mark Parisi
am. Meredith Ryder arrived in full work mode, followed by Fred Danhauser. With this great crew, the job was done before we knew it. Luckily, it didn’t rain. Neighbors who were out for their morning stroll gave happy greetings and sometimes stopped to chat.

Marion is such a joy, and it was a joyful morning. Ben had the church bells ringing, reminding us that it was Veteran’s Day.

All 46 bags of leaves were taken to the County Road Recycle, where the kind owner chose to forgive the fee since it was for a church!

### SLT Reservation System for Osprey Marsh
Sippican Lands Trust will change its reservation system for visits to the Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk in Marion starting in October with reservations only required on Sundays of any given week. Monday through Saturday will be open for visitors to walk the Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk, and those days of the week will not require a reservation to visit the boardwalk.

Sippican Lands Trust introduced its popular reservation system on June 4 to keep visitors safe during Covid-19 including those visitors using wheelchairs, strollers, or walkers. To make an appointment to visit the Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk for an hour appointment on Sundays of any given week, please visit sippicanlandstrust.setmore.com. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing when exploring the Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk during any visit.

SLT’s 1,800-foot Osprey Marsh Universally Accessible Boardwalk is located on Point Road in Marion. This project builds on the generous donation by members of the Smoyer/Howland family of the 20-acre Osprey Marsh property of forest and marshland on Planting Island Cove. The project has been designed to minimize environmental impact and to maximize accessibility for infants in strollers, older adults, and persons with mobility impairments, including those in wheelchairs. The universally accessible boardwalk proceeds from the Osprey Marsh parking area through maritime forest, wetlands, and fragile salt marsh habitat to a viewing
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Town of Marion Planning Board
The Marion Board of Selectmen and the Marion Planning Board are seeking one individual to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board until the next Town election on May 14, 2021. The Planning Board is an elected regulatory Board whose responsibilities include but are not limited to reviewing and acting on subdivision plans, requests for Special Permits, and site plan review applications. Applications to serve are available at the Board of Selectmen office and on the Town of Marion website. Please submit a letter of interest or completed application by close of business Monday, November 30, 2020 to the Marion Board of Selectmen, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.
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Numerous SLT donors, members, and friends have stepped up to support this project including a $38,000 grant from the Town of Marion’s Community Preservation Commission for project design and permitting. The boardwalk was designed by Peter Jensen and built by local contractors, W.S. Bradford and Sherman Briggs.

Sippican Lands Trust continues to seek donations from the public to support the long-term maintenance of this boardwalk. More information about the project and how to support it can be found at sippicanlandstrust.org/2017/10/osprey-marsh-boardwalk-project/.

MAC Launches Annual Giving Campaign

The Marion Art Center kicks off its annual giving campaign this week. As a nonprofit organization, the MAC relies on funding from donors and members. The MAC has come a long way since March when COVID-19 concerns forced the closure of the building and the cancellation or postponement of many programs. With its dedicated board, executive director, and volunteers, the MAC has continued to advance its mission and serve the community.

This year the MAC has introduced “The Virtual MAC” on the new MAC website featuring an online exhibit, video gallery tours, artist interviews, a virtual Readers Theater event, and ArtTalk @ the MAC (an online art discussion group); a community message board installed on the MAC patio; a COVID-safe version of Arts in the Park; the MAC’s annual outdoor artisan market; a reopening of the MAC galleries with a popular show “Vessels”, plus an outdoor meet-and-greet with artists; a successful, fun, first-ever Online Art Auction; and an outdoor theater production, “Good People,” in Bicentennial Park, with sold-out performances that received rave reviews. More innovative programming coming to the MAC this fall includes an exciting new exhibit featuring paintings by Mike Mazer and sculptures by Erik Durant, a reimagined COVID-safe Halloween celebration, and a new Young Artist Program to expand opportunities for student artists.

Donate to the MAC’s annual campaign today to help support the arts in our community at a time when it’s needed most. Memberships and the limited funds earned from programming this year cover only a portion of expenses. The Marion Art Center gladly accepts donations of any kind – general donations, annual pledges, stock gifts, memorial or legacy gifts, and the gift of growing the MAC family through membership. Donating online is easy at marionartcenter.org/support. Become a member of the MAC online at marionartcenter.org/join. Alternatively, checks can be mailed directly to the Marion Art Center at P.O. Box 602, Marion, MA, 02738. To find out more, visit the MAC online at marionartcenter.org.

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The Marion Board of Selectmen seeks an interested volunteer to serve on the Conservation Commission, a regulatory board that meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Conservation Commission is charged with enforcing the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40) and has jurisdiction over all wetland resource areas in Marion.  
Applications to serve are available at the Board of Selectmen office and on the Town of Marion website. Please submit a letter of interest or completed application by close of business Monday, November 30, 2020 to the Marion Board of Selectmen, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.  
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The Marion Board of Selectmen is seeking interested volunteers to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals, a regulatory Board with the responsibility under Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws to act as the Town’s Variance and Special Permit Granting Authority in matters concerning the application or interpretation of the Town’s residential Zoning By-Laws. The Zoning Board of Appeals meets twice monthly.  
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“I thought golf was an expensive hobby, but do you know how much costs?”

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★★

- Moderate  
- Challenging  
- HOO BOY!

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The Board of the Friends has taken on this fundraising challenge, already raising more than $50,000 in cash and commitments for this project, so only $45,000 remains to be raised.

“We are very excited that we are so close to making this piece of the bike path a reality,” said Bonne DeSousa, president of the Friends. “This multi-use path will provide safe, off-road access for runners, walkers, and cyclists, not only to Marion but also to trails leading to the Tinkham Forest, to the Old Rochester Regional High School campus, and to a host of beautiful wooded trails on Sippican Lands Trust Property. When the Marion pathway is built, our ‘connector’ will enable pedestrians and bicyclists to walk, run, or ride from the harbor in Fairhaven to Point Road in Marion on low traffic roads or paved trails away from heavily traveled roadways.”

The Friends is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, so contributions to the Friends for the construction of the Marion Connector are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. The Friends will apply 100% of contributions toward the construction of the Marion Connector. Commitments payable during 2020 or 2021 will count toward meeting the required funding.

Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, P.O. Box 1336, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Contacts: Liz DiCarlo, 508-942-9343, lizdicarlo@comcast.net, and Bill Coquillette, 216-789-2303, william.coquillette@gmail.com.
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Brandon Lamb November 25
Eliza Austin November 25

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A Kid’s Historical Bike Tour of Marion

Summering in Marion with her grandparents, 7-year-old Greta Agnew of Pennsylvania spent much time riding bikes around the village. Curious about the history of this little town, she read through her grandmother’s books and found old photos online. She learned all about historic buildings, local architecture, and Marion’s “fairy godmother,” Elizabeth Taber. Knowing kids (and their parents!) are looking for activities that allow for social distancing, she thought a bike tour focused on her findings would be fun to create. The tour begins at Main Street and Front Street and loops around town. Print out a guide or use the website for a guided tour. See more at www.kidsbikemarion.wixsite.com/mysite.

Town of Marion: Online Building Permits Available

Building Commissioner Scott Shippey is pleased to announce that Marion residents are now able to obtain building permit applications online.

Residents can now complete building permit applications online by visiting the Building Department website at www.marionma.gov and clicking the “Online Permitting” tab in the left menu. A kiosk is also available for residents to complete building permit applications electronically at the Town House.

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Residents who wish to continue to submit paper permit applications will still be able to do so.

“We are excited to bring this new feature and make it easier for residents to complete their building permits online and support a greener, paper-free option,” Town Administrator Jay McGrail said. “We also think this is a good time to launch online permitting and urge residents to file permits electronically to keep business going while minimizing social contact during the coronavirus pandemic.”

Anyone who has questions about the online permitting process can call the Building Department at 508-748-7516.

Marion Democratic Town Committee
The newly formed Marion Democratic Town Committee consists of 30 members. Our Mission Statement is to support issues that create a just and sustainable society, as well as to elect Democratic candidates who will work toward these goals.

This year 2020 is an important election year both locally and nationally. We have launched a new Facebook page named “Marion Democratic Town Committee” and we will be sharing interesting articles and posts relevant to our mission as well as this year’s elections. Please “Like” it to stay up to date.

If you would like to join the committee or just want to get involved, please feel free to contact Sharon Matzek at 508-748-6905 or sharonmatzek@yahoo.com and we’ll respond as quickly as possible.

The Marion Scholarship Committee
The Marion Scholarship Committee has two funds: The Scholarship Fund raises money for scholarships for graduating high school seniors; the Education Fund helps provide capital expenses for Sippican School. These are difficult times for students, and many of them question their ability to afford college. Administrators at Sippican School are struggling with unforeseen needs. The Scholarship Committee hopes Marion can help.

In the spring of 2019, the committee had the difficult but happy task of reviewing applications submitted to the Scholarship Fund. After a great deal of discussion, one student was awarded the scholarship. At that time, the committee also was able to provide Sippican School with a needed charging cart for Chromebooks, with funds coming from the Education Fund. Little did the committee realize that COVID-19 would stop their fundraising and their ability to award scholarships and school aid for almost a year.

The Committee is now able to meet again but, due to the need for social distancing, many means of fundraising are not possible. This makes our appeal to the public even more important. The Scholarship Fund and the Education Fund are both entirely made possible through the generosity of Marion citizens. Many people saw the small notice about these funds that was enclosed with the tax bill and responded with donations, and we thank you. We are hopeful that enough money can be raised this year to provide more than one scholarship to deserving high school seniors. In addition, Sippican School is in need of some equipment to better serve students who are learning remotely. The Education Fund will help provide some of this.

If you are able to make a donation of any size, it will be greatly appreciated. Please send checks made out to “Marion Scholarship Committee”, care of Town of Marion, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. Please indicate whether your donation should go to the Scholarship Fund or the Education Fund. Thank you.

Mattapoisett Transfer Station
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By J.P. Toomey

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Lorenco said the change was established to better service the community.

**Calling All Rochester Residents**

Whenever we at the Rochester Historical Society write an article, mount a display, or put on a program, we rely on the memoirs, diaries, letters, and books that were written in the past. Now that we have spent over four months with this pandemic, I wonder where the residents in 2070 or 2120 will get their information about living through the pandemic of 2020.

We would love to have as many people as possible write something about how life has been over the last few months. It can be a paragraph or many pages. Maybe write about the biggest changes or fears and concerns or strategies for coping, or maybe the worst and the best (if any) of living through this historic time. We’re not looking for a journal (unless you want to send us one). You can email your writing to eshbach2@aol.com or mail it to Rochester Historical Society, P.O. Box 322, Rochester, MA 02770

**Need Prayer?**

Feeling overwhelmed? Encountering difficult times? Big decisions looming? In need of prayer? Let the Prayer Team at First Congregational Church of Rochester know how we can pray for you today and throughout the week; we would count it an honor and a blessing to do so. You can now submit a prayer request online by visiting the church’s website at www.rochestercongregational.com and clicking our new “Need Prayer” button, or you can drop your written request off in the community Prayer Box attached to the front of the church vestry at 11 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA. All prayer requests will remain confidential within the Prayer Team. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.” (Philippians 4: 6-7)

**Stay Healthy and Get Outdoors**

Mattapoisett Land Trust invites everyone to use our properties during the COVID-19 pandemic. All MLT preserves are open, and outdoor exercise in the fresh air is a safe and effective way to stay physically and mentally healthy. Be sure to maintain 6 feet of social distance from others, and keep dogs leashed so that they do not enter others’ personal space. Trail maps for MLT preserves are found at www.mattlandtrust.org. Please contact MLT at info@mattlandtrust.org or call 774-377-9191 with questions or for more information.

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Phases of the Moon
- First Quarter: November 22nd
- Full Moon: November 30th
- Last Quarter: December 8th
- New Moon: December 14th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of The Wanderer is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don’t put down this page as your answer, there’s another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on I Found the Aardvark

In the November 12, 2020 edition the Aardvark was on page 33!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

SCRAMBLERS solution


Today’s Word
LUMBER

Sudoku Answer

Whose idea was it to try this instead of getting together for Thanksgiving?
Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods

**Triple M**
Bone-in Half or Spiral
Half Ham ...................... $3.49 lb.

Fresh
Pork Tenderloin .............. $3.99 lb.

Sugardale
16 oz. Pkg. Selected Bacon .... $4.99

HOLIDAY OFFER!

5.5 lb. Gift Box, Carve & Serve
Boar’s Head Turkey Breast .... $34.99

5.5 lb. Gift Box, with Ham Glaze
Boar’s Head Sweet Slice Ham ... $39.99

Superior Quality Produce

Locally Grown Cortland, Macoun, or McIntosh Apples .... $0.99 lb.

Locally Grown Cranberries ........ $2.99 lb.

Acorn or Butternut Squash ...... $7.99 lb.

Bunch Celery .................. $1.79 ea.

Fresh Sweet Potatoes .......... $0.99 lb.

Great Roasted! Brussels Sprouts .... $1.99 lb.

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To stay posted on the latest information about store hours, product availability or to simply receive a cheerful update to brighten your day, we have created a new Facebook page for the store!

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Friends Marketplace–Plumb Corner

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~ The Friends’ Marketplace at Plumb Corner Team

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**Wine & Beer**
All Beer is Plus Deposit

1.5 Liter France Rose .... $14.99
La Vieille Ferme ............... $14.99

12 oz. Cans, 30 Pack
Bud Light .................. $25.99

Cheese & Spreads

8 oz. Pkg. Selected Cedar’s Hommus ........ $1.99

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**Thanksgiving Savings!**

**Order Your Thanksgiving Turkey! We Carry... Plainville Turkeys**
All Natural, Antibiotic Free
8-22 lbs. Available

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We have an incredible chef-prepared menu to make your holiday special! Delicious sides, herb-roasted, boneless turkey breast, & scrumptious pies!
See our menu on our Facebook Page: Friends Marketplace–Plumb Corner or pick one up at the store.

**Fresh, All Natural**
8-22 lb. Avg.
Bell & Evans or Plainville Turkey
$2.99 lb.

**Kitchen Basics**
32 oz. Selected
Stock
2/$5

**Cracker Barrel**
7-8 oz. Bar Selected
(Excludes Cracker Cuts)
Cheese
2/$5

**Hood**
32 oz. Lactaid or Selected
Holiday Nog
2/$6

**Grocery, Dairy, Frozen & Bakery**

Chobani
5.3 oz. Selected
Greek Yogurt
5/$5

4.25-5.3 oz. Selected
Carr’s Crackers
2/$6

10-12 oz. Selected
Nestle Toll House
Morsels
2/$6

14 oz. Whole Berry or Jellied
Ocean Spray
Cranberry Sauce
2/$3

8-16 oz. Jumbo Stuffing Shells,
Manicotti, or Curled
Prince Lasagna Noodles
$1.99

15-30 oz. Selected
Hellmann’s
Mayonnaise
$3.99

65-10 oz. Selected
Nabisco Crackers
2/$5

42-6 oz. Selected
Blue Diamond Almonds
2/$7

Fresh Baked 22 oz. 8 inch Pkg.
Pumpkin or Apple Pie...
$4.99

Hood
48 oz. Selected
Ice Cream
2/$6

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!