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What's Happening At The Board of Selectmen

By John Parker

(Editor's note: the following are edited summaries of Board minutes, which are available in full and unedited on the Town web site at www.weststockbridge-ma.gov and at the Town offices.)

March 3, 2008

Open Meeting, Village School. Present: Selectmen Curt Wilton, Chair; Tina Skorput Cooper. Michael Kirchner, not present. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber, Derek Gentile, Berkshire Eagle.

Snow Emergency. The Board declared a Snow Emergency, the snow and ice and overtime budgets having been exceeded. The Selectmen will decide how to correct the deficit before June 30.

Police Department. The Chief of Police Screening Committee's first meeting will be March 17. The Police Department's FY 2009 budget was discussed; the Board feels that the budget should provide for a possible increase in the Chief's salary. The budget needs to consider on-call coverage; the new Chief may not be willing to cover all on-call hours. No final decisions were made.

FY 2009 Budget. The Board reviewed other FY 2009 budget updates and changes.

Village School. Verizon will test the phone lines on March 4. There is a continuing echo problem in the phone lines. There will be a project closeout meeting on March 12.

Community Center Funding. The Board reviewed a request for a contribution from Berkshire South Community Center to be placed in the Town's FY 2009 budget. The Board declined, citing DOR rules against direct grants to non-profits.

Zoning Map Change. The Board reviewed a request by the Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board to consider changing the zoning of the Manufacturing Zone adjacent to Mill Pond on Albany Road along with the Planning Board's other proposed zoning map changes.

March 10, 2008

Open Meeting, Village School. Selectmen present: Curt Wilton, Chair, Tina Skorput Cooper. Not

present: Michael Kirchner. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber.

Fire Hydrants. Curt Wilton will check with Fire Chief Peter Skorput concerning follow up review of Housatonic Water Works Company fire hydrant efficacy.

Road Damage. The Board declared a town-wide "roads emergency," allowing deficit spending per MGL, Ch.44:31(d). The past weekend's rain caused damage to Town roads which will cost more to repair than is available in the Highway Dept. appropriation. Once final repair costs are known, the Board will write to DOR requesting permission to deficit spend from this account. Any town budget deficits must be corrected before the current fiscal year is closed out.

Noting damage to Cobb Road, Swamp Road, Maple Hill Road, Shaw Road, and Long Pond Road, Curt asked Administrative Assistant Mark Webber to investigate remedies against homeowners who do not maintain their driveway culverts resulting in damage to town roads. Two private drives on Swamp Road caused serious damage to Swamp Road because of inefficient and/or inadequately maintained driveway culverts.

School Psychologist. Pam and Ron Race discussed their concerns about the potential elimination of a school psychologist position at Berkshire Hills Regional School District. The District had four psychologist positions seven or eight years ago. They believe that further cutbacks in that department would be detrimental. The Board agreed to send a letter to the District in support of maintaining the current model in the Psychologist's Department.

Building Use Requests. The Board reviewed three requests for use of the Village School. Use of the gym for an out-of-town youth lacrosse team was denied, as was a request for youth soccer practices because of conflicts with other activities. The Board deferred action on a request to have yoga classes conducted by a certified, paid instructor until further information is obtained. The Board's policy is not to allow free use of the gym by anyone who would profit by its use.

Village School. A project closeout meeting will take place on March 12.

Finance. The Board reviewed estimates for a building to house the new COA van and for a new fuel



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storage and delivery system. A joint meeting with the Finance Committee is planned for March 11.

Public Hearing. Board will hold a Public Hearing on 3/17/08 at 7:00 PM to consider the suspension or revocation of the West Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club license for non-payment of municipal fees.

Community Health. The Board discussed recent correspondence from the Town of Richmond questioning the legality of town funding for the Richmond/West Stockbridge Community Health organization. Mark Webber pointed out that it is legal to pay a non-profit for services rendered; it is not legal to provide a gift or grant to a non-profit organization. The Board feels that Richmond/West Stockbridge Community Health has served the towns well and will continue to support the organization.

Health Insurance. Mark Webber informed the Board that a memo was sent to the towns of Egremont, Richmond, New Marlboro and Tyringham seeking agreement on a health insurance payment-sharing plan for the towns' shared Animal Control Officer.

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New Members Welcome!

Hoffman Pottery – A Magical Place

By *Brucie Jacobs*

The cheerful vase of flowers and the spectacle of flags that mark the entrance to Hoffman Pottery are impossible to miss. They invite you to turn off the main road, and follow the driveway through the woods to the bright yellow and red house that has been Elaine Hoffman's pottery studio and gallery for 23 years.



There's something almost magical about the place, something special in the air. You can feel it the moment you step out of the car. And sure enough, peering out from the garden is an enormous pair of eyes that belong to a frog the size of a child ready to leap. Blinking, you notice that there's more than one pair of eyes, more than one bold frog staring at you...there are entire families of frogs here, some life-sized and looking as frog-like as the frog in your backyard, others with a playful touch of whimsy about them.

Frogs are not the only inhabitants of the sculpture garden that leads to Hoffman's studio. You'll discover a large assortment of creatures, including toads and lizards and turtles, and the occasional snake, perched beneath bushes and hiding in the grass. Hoffman has created them all, shaping them from the large hunks of the terra cotta clay, which she buys in bulk from a distributor in Troy, New York. She uses terra cotta for her outdoor sculptures not only because it hardens better than other available clays, but also because it's durable in extreme weather conditions.

Though Hoffman's animal sculptures are certainly eye-catching, just as intriguing are the colorful ceramic faces held aloft on wood dowels standing throughout the garden. Some of the faces are grinning, showing off their teeth, others are

grimacing, while a few stick out their tongues at you. One of these gremlins even sports a pair of wire-rimmed eyeglasses. "The gremlins are popular items...they're guaranteed to keep away evil spirits," Hoffman said with a smile. "I haven't seen an evil spirit since I first put them out here."

Elaine Hoffman grew up in Springfield, MA, graduated from the University of Wisconsin, and then received her Masters in Fine Arts from the University of Montana. For 13 years, she made pottery in British Columbia. In 1985, she moved to West Stockbridge, where she had spent many summers. Hoffman has exhibited widely in the United States and Canada.



Elaine Hoffman's studio gallery is like another world, a kingdom where a joyous medley of pottery reigns.

Photos by Brucie Jacobs.

Stepping from the garden into Hoffman's studio/gallery is like stepping into another world, a kingdom where a joyous medley of pottery reigns. There are bowls in myriad shapes and sizes and colors and designs – each bowl glistening in the light. "The berry bowls are a big seller," she said, explaining how their colander-like design aerates fruit and keeps it fresh. "They're novel gifts... functional too." Besides bowls, there are plates and mugs, teapots and cups, wind chimes and mirrors, picture frames and soap dishes, drawer pulls and hair barrettes, pencil and utensil holders, candlesticks and vases – several so tall and wide that they could be umbrella holders. There seems to be no limit to Hoffman's imagination and craftsmanship.

"Throwing pottery" at the potter's wheel, or using a slab roller to flatten the clay – sometimes she combines the two techniques – Hoffman uses

white earthenware clay to make her “indoor” pottery. The white clay enhances the translucent quality of her paints, which run the gamut from earthy greens and oranges (the Earth Tones collection) to an exuberant Mardi Gras palette, from sophisticated black etched with fine white lines (the Ebony collection) to the sensual yellow and blue combination aptly named “La Provence.” There’s also a lush Blue Bell collection, an elegant Mosaic, a brilliant Emerald Green, and much more.

When asked which of her pottery collections she likes best, Hoffman said that she usually favors what she’s currently working on. She immerses herself in the process and works non-stop for hours. Some pieces evolve independently, she said. Changes occur rapidly, sometimes taking her by surprise. But she’s careful to notice any changes, and tries to work with them. “I’ve learned more from my mistakes than from my successes,” she said. “I love [this work] so much, I would be delighted if it’s all I had to do.”

Hoffman welcomes private commissions. Interestingly, some of her pottery collections have acquired their distinct characters from customer preferences and whims. For example, the blue and yellow La Provence collection came into being after a customer specifically requested that particular color combination.

Some of her most striking pottery – the Opportunity collection, made from thick coils of clay, braided and woven together, then painted white – originated with a customer commission for plain white pottery. At the time, because Hoffman preferred working with vivid colors, she hadn’t seriously considered white as an option. Now the curvaceous coils of glazed white on white command a special place in Hoffman’s gallery and are popular with buyers. Note that Hoffman’s coiled pottery is also available in colors besides white.

With a world-wide customer base, Hoffman’s pottery has ended up in China, Japan, Australia, South Africa, Britain, and Russia. Many New

Yorkers buy from Hoffman Pottery, and more and more customers are coming from Boston and Canada.

Hoffman sells her pottery, including the garden sculptures and gremlins, for a wide range of prices.

Discontinued lines and seconds are

available at a discount. Certain items such as broken pieces of pottery are free, though Hoffman suggests a donation to Doctors Without Borders.

As a sideline activity, Hoffman offers plate-making sessions for “children of all ages.” Individuals and groups are welcome to paint plates during the warmer months. Hoffman asks that in colder weather anyone interested call in advance.

Hoffman Pottery’s annual Spring Cleaning Sale is scheduled to take place during Memorial Day weekend, from Friday, May 23 through Monday, May 26, 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. The sale is also an opportunity for children and adults to come and paint plates.

Hoffman Pottery is located two miles south of the center of West Stockbridge, or 1 1/2 miles south of the

Turnpike entrance, at 103 Great Barrington Road (Route 41). The telephone number is (413) 232-4646, and the website is www.EHoffmanPottery.com. You can e-mail Elaine Hoffman at Elaine@EHoffmanPottery.com.

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In addition to animal sculptures, Hoffman's Pottery features bowls, plates and mugs, teapots and cups, wind chimes, mirrors and more.

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R. Michael Kirchner Incumbent Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan T. Wolters Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
William B. Kie Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	LIBRARY TRUSTEE - For 3 Years	Vote for One
BOARD OF ASSESSORS - For 3 Years	Vote for One	June A. Biggs Incumbent Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ann M. Kinne Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	CEMETERY COMMISSION - For 3 Years	Vote for One
FINANCE COMMITTEE - For 3 Years	Vote for One	Peter A. Skorput Incumbent Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert E. Salerno Incumbent Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	TREE WARDEN - For 3 Years	Vote for One
FINANCE COMMITTEE - For 3 Years	Vote for One	William B. Kie Incumbent Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia F. Krahm Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>	James L. Hallock Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PLANNING BOARD - For 5 Years	Vote for One	CONSTABLE - For 3 Years	Vote for Five
Sarah Thorne Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karl G. Cooper, Jr. Incumbent Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	William C. Pixley Incumbent Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
PLANNING BOARD - For 2 Years	Vote for One	Michael E. Skorput Incumbent Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Antonio Pieropan Incumbent Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul A. Faggioni, Sr. Incumbent Caucus Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Question 1: Would you support having one or more other towns become an additional new member of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District (which currently consists of the Towns of Great Barrington, Stockbridge and West Stockbridge)?

Yes _____ No _____

This is an advisory, non-binding vote, which is being sought to assist the Towns and the School District in their mutual planning for the future.

West Stockbridge Old Town Hall Committee

Draft Report – January 2008

In January, the Old Town Hall Committee met with the Board of Selectmen to present a draft report of the results of their work and recommendations for the future of the Old Town Hall. The following is an excerpt of the draft report. A full copy is available from [Town Administrative Assistant - ed.] Mark Webber or any members of the Committee.

Background

At the annual town meeting in 2005, the town voted to table selling the building outright and instead, formed an ad-hoc committee to assess the status and possible alternative uses and provide preliminary recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. In a subsequent meeting, the town voted to fund the retention of outside experts for engineering structural assessments and commercial appraisal, and to prepare an application for inclusion in the State and National Historic Registers.

Committee Scope And Objectives

Since being formed, the committee has retained outside experts and had the engineering, historic and commercial appraisals conducted. Copies of their reports are available from the Town Administrative Assistant. The committee also worked with the outside consultant to prepare the application for inclusion on the National and State Historic Registers. The Board of Selectmen approved the application, and in the spring of 2007 the application was filed with the Massachusetts Historic Commission. A copy of the application is also available from the Administrative Assistant.

The committee also looked at various alternative uses for the building, construction, zoning and engineering constraints, possible grant sources for capital improvements and experiences of other communities with similar historic buildings. The operating premise was to provide a new purpose and mission for the building, to retain the Town Hall as a focal point of Main Street and the town center, and to keep the building at neutral or minimal cost while providing service to the town.

Summary Of General Findings:

Engineering and Physical Structure: The building has been well cared for and is in good shape (for its age) based on the independent engineer's evaluation. The buildings systems are in good

condition. The foundation and roof have been well maintained and there is no indication of need of major maintenance.

Commercial Appraisal: The property was appraised as an outright sale and as a rental property to determine a general economic value. Based on the outside data, an estimated sale value of \$350,000 and potential annual rental income of \$40,000 were developed. This was prior to the real estate downturn in the county, and is based on rough benchmarks.

Historic Appraisal: The historic appraisal formed a large part of the basis for the National Historic Register nomination. Much of the interior has its original features intact, particularly on the second floor. The office construction done in the 1950's and 60's is not permanent and can be easily removed. The exterior features (cupola and roofs over front entrance doorways) also did not permanently damage the building. The hammered tin ceiling on the first floor (library) and the bank vault are in good shape. The building is unique in its condition and position in the center of the town.

Parking/Zoning: The town has a limited number of parking spaces (4) adjoining the building in the Card Lake Inn lot and no parking in the front on Main Street. The property is zoned residential and not commercial. This is a limiting factor for commercial development. Neither floor in the building is ADA compliant.

Town Reaction: Initially, a petition was circulated at the Zucchini Festival in 2004 where over 225 names were gathered supporting retaining the Old Town Hall. Then, as the Ad Hoc committee was working, it received numerous comments and reactions from various citizens of the town in support of retaining the building in some form. Those commenting included permanent residents and second homeowners, older long-time residents and newcomers, and all age groups. While not a statistically representative sample, the sentiment has been overwhelmingly in favor of retaining the building in its present form and using it for some civic and/or public purpose.

Alternative Solutions And Uses:

There are a number of alternative scenarios that the committee considered with pros and cons to the town

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(Board of Selectmen, continued from page 1)

March 17, 2008

Open Meeting; Town Offices. Selectmen present: Curt Wilton, Tina Skorput Cooper. Not present: Michael Kirchner. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber.

School Psychologist. The Board signed a letter to the BHRSD School Committee requesting that the Committee maintain the status quo in the school psychologist department for the FY 2009 school year.

Expanding BHRSD. The Board reviewed a request from the Great Barrington select board asking whether the three BHRSD towns would add a non-binding ballot question to their Annual Town Meeting warrants asking if voters would consider expanding the District to include other towns. The Board decides to put the question on the warrant if the other two towns do.

Public Hearing. A Public Hearing was convened to discuss taking action on the West Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club's liquor license because of fees owed to the Town. Representing the Sportsmen's Club, Vincent Stannard told the Board he is working on the sale of a portion of the Club land to the State, but the State can't make any commitment until next fiscal year. Curt Wilton explained the Board doesn't want to take away the Club's license, but the Town has a by-law that requires taxes to be paid. Mr. Stannard said he will meet with the Tax Collector in two days and bring a check for back taxes. The hearing was continued until March 26, pending a report from the tax collector.

Village School. Whiteway Construction will repair sheetrock in the Library. Two birthday party requests for the Village School gym were approved. The Board signed a contract with Virtual Town Hall to host the Town's website and e-mail.

Fire Hydrants. The Board discussed the issue over Housatonic Water Works Company fire hydrant rental fees. Town Counsel Janet Pumphrey has been in discussion with Attorney Martin representing Housatonic Water Works: no resolution to date. The Board approved a letter from Fire Chief Peter Skorput suggesting that the hydrants should be flow tested. If the hydrants meet pumping standards, homeowners may be entitled to a reduction in homeowners insurance. The recommendation will be passed along to Town Counsel.

School Committee Vacancy. The Board reviewed the one applicant to fill the vacancy on the School Committee. The applicant is John Krahm, of Great Barrington Road. A joint meeting will be held with remaining School Committee member Carol Kuller to act on the vacancy.

Police Officer Resigns. The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Officer T. J. Kelly, who has taken a full-time position in Great Barrington.

Truck Plaza. The Board discussed a request from Unistress to use the former truck plaza for short-term storage of construction items. The question was referred to the Planning Board. Unistress would also have to have a hearing before the Conservation Commission because of wetlands issues.

March 26, 2008

Open Meeting; Village School. Selectmen present: Curt Wilton, Tina Skorput Cooper. Not present: Michael Kirchner. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber.

School Committee Vacancy. The Board took up John Krahm's candidacy to fill the vacancy on the Berkshire Hills Regional School District created by the resignation of Michael Kirchner. The Board was impressed by John's resume and interest in filling the vacancy. Carol Kuller, the remaining School Committee member, sent a note supporting John's appointment, which will run until this fall's general election in November. The Board voted unanimously to appoint John Krahm to fill the vacancy.

Public Hearing. The Public Hearing on the West Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club was re-opened. The hearing was held to determine whether the Board should take action against the Club's all-alcoholic beverage license for non-payment of fees owed to the Town. Curt Wilton explained that the Board would have little choice if the Club can't come up with payment or an acceptable payment plan. Vincent Stannard, representing the Club, said he is prepared to submit to a payment schedule. A check for \$5,147.52 was given to the Town Collector on March 19, 2008. A payment plan, calling for quarterly payments of \$1,769 through December 31, 2008 was reviewed and signed by the Board and Mr. Stannard. Failure to live up to the agreement will result in another Public Hearing to revoke the Club's license.

Police Appointment. The Board reviewed a

request from Chief Cooper to appoint Matt Sutton as part-time Police Officer. After reviewing Mr. Sutton's credentials, it was determined that he is not firearms certified. The Board decided not to make the appointment until Mr. Sutton becomes certified because of liability concerns.

Fire Hydrants. Fire Chief Peter Skorput discussed with the Board the on-going dispute with Housatonic Water Works Company regarding fire hydrants owned by the Company for which rent is being charged to the Town. The Chief maintains that two of the hydrants do not have enough pressure and connecting them to the Town's pumper would cause serious damage to the pumps on the vehicles. The Chief called for a certified test of the hydrants. The Department of Public Utilities has decided that the Town is liable for rent on the hydrants under the Company's recently approved water rate hike whether they work or not. DPU suggests the Town work things out privately with the Company.

Village School. The Board discussed purchase of a floor-polishing machine. Administrative Assistant Mark Webber will try to locate the new machine that was in the building before the District turned it over to the Town.



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Annual Town Meeting Special Articles Preview

by Mark Webber, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

At each Town Meeting, voters are asked to consider several individual articles outside of typical line item appropriations. These articles often address one-time purchases or special projects and are usually paid for from available funds. The Board of Selectmen offers the following informational overview of the nine Special Articles, which shall appear on the May 5th Annual Town Meeting warrant:

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$200,000 and appropriate the same amount to the Stabilization Fund.

This article, combined with the next article, sets up this year's debt service for the Village School renovation project.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$363,800 and appropriate the same to the FY 2009 Village School Conversion Debt Service account.

The purpose of this article, along with the previous article, seeks to capitalize on short-term interest earnings prior to paying the debt service obligation at the end of the fiscal year.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$12,000 for the purchase of a used pick-up truck for the Highway Department.

This article seeks to fund the purchase of a late model used pick-up truck for general use by the Highway Department. For the past 10 years or more, the Highway Department has relied on Army Surplus vehicles, but it is getting increasingly difficult and expensive to keep these old vehicles in service.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$5,000 and appropriate the same amount to the Capital Improvement Fund for the Parks and Recreation Committee.

This article seeks to add \$5,000 to the Parks and Recreation Capital Fund. If approved, the Committee wishes to fund major improvements to the outdoor recreational facilities at Village School.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$38,000 for the purchase of a replacement tractor for the Highway Department.

The Highway Department's 1968 Massey Ferguson tractor moved on to greener pastures this past fall. This article is looking to buy a replacement all-around utility tractor.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$18,500 for the creation of a State-mandated Emergency Action Plan for the Shaker Mill Dam.

The Town has been ordered by the Massachusetts Department of Dam Safety to update its Emergency Action (response in case of emergency) Plan. This appropriation is a budget figure. Bids from engineering firms are coming in lower than the estimate.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$50,000 and appropriate the same amount to the Downtown Infrastructure Improvements Trust Fund.

If passed, this article will establish an account for the purpose of leveraging state and federal funds for a comprehensive reconstruction of the downtown area, including sidewalks, curbing and paving. The Town, with assistance from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, will be applying for Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) funds this coming year in hopes of finally getting this project off the ground. A portion of this money would be earmarked for project engineering costs, which are always the responsibility of the town.


Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$17,000 and to transfer the sum of \$1,500 from the "Demolish Hill Property" account (Article 37, May 2007 Annual Town Meeting) for the construction of a garage to house the Council on Aging van.

If approved, this article will combine the remaining balance from an article approved at last year's annual town meeting with an additional free cash appropriation to fund a building in order to house the Town's Council on Aging van. It will be constructed

at the Highway Department facility. The Town has applied for a grant for a new van and is expected to receive notice of approval early this summer.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$7,000 for aquatic weed removal at Mill Pond.

This article asks for money to fund the second year of aquatic weed removal at Mill Pond. Started last year, the program is designed to keep the pond clear of invasive weeds and enhance its recreational uses.



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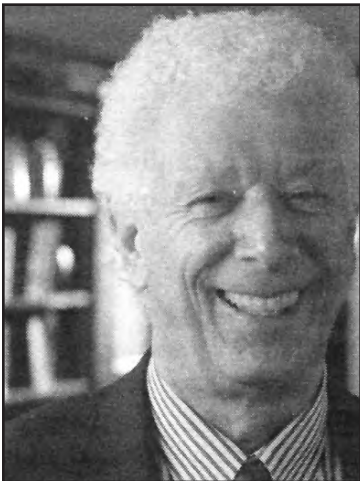


Meet the C



June Biggs
Candidate for Library Trustee

I, June Biggs, live on Swamp Road with my husband Bill. I've been a Library Trustee since 1988, Chairperson for 10+ years, and look forward to your support for another term. This last year has been an exciting one for all of us at the Library. After years of planning, and with community support, we've moved into our beautiful new space. We hired a new Librarian who's working hard to expand programs. Now we're working on connecting the readers of West Stockbridge to the resources of the Western MA Regional Library System. If elected, this will be my major focus. In addition to Trustee, I'm Board secretary of CHARWS (1985-08), editor of COA's Newsletter (1998-08), a lector at St. Patrick's (1996-08), a Zucchini Festival volunteer (3 years), Collector (1 year), and a former CCD teacher (15 yrs). Please vote to help me be part of the Library's continued growth.



Gene Dellea
Candidate for Town Moderator

Eugene A. Dellea has served as West Stockbridge Town Moderator since 1965. Prior to that, he served six years as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and five years as its chairman. Currently, Mr. Dellea is the president of the Hillcrest Campus of Berkshire Medical Center, and is the president of Fairview Hospital. He also currently serves on various boards including Legacy Bank, the Community Health Association, Hillcrest Educational Centers, Central Berkshire Chamber of Commerce and others. Mr. Dellea is a graduate from the Carnegie Institute of Medical Technology, and he holds a master's degree from Cambridge College.



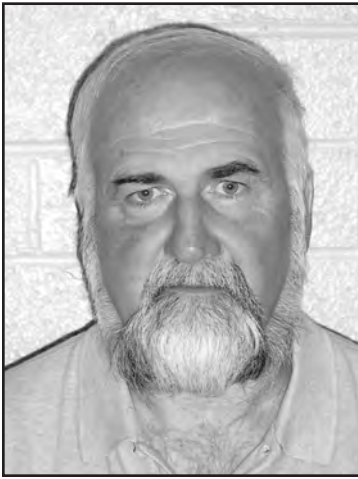
Jim Hallock
Candidate for Tree Warden

I have lived in West Stockbridge for almost two years now. I moved here when I married my wife Jenni Roy, a second-generation native here. I have been a Volunteer Fireman EMT for 18 years and immediately joined our WS Fire Dept. when I moved here. My children and I have been welcomed right into this town and my family enjoys giving back to the community. I have my own business where I work with trees. I have been dealing with trees my whole life and come from a family of loggers. I am also an active member of the Massachusetts Tree Wardens & Foresters Association. I am concerned that some of the trees along our roadways and town properties are hazardous. I want to rectify that, as well as try to save some of the old colonial trees we have – that we may never see again.



Candidates

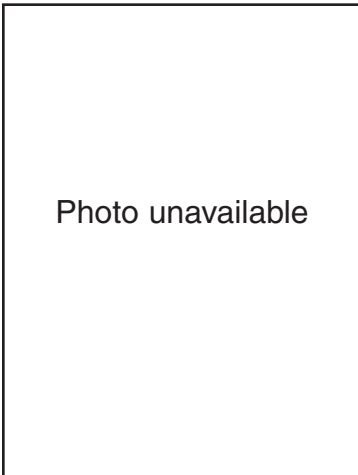
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William B. Kie

Candidate for Board of Selectmen and Tree Warden

I am running for Selectmen and Tree Warden because I love our Town and would like the opportunity to help plan for our future. For 17 years, I have served on the Finance Committee, 16 of those years as Chairman. I have also served as a Tree Warden for 15 years. Born and raised here, I own a farm and a construction company, both located in Town. I love solving problems, and one of the problems that I am most concerned about is the economy of the country and how it will affect us a Town, especially with regard to state reimbursements for highway funds and educational aid. I believe that we are headed for some challenging times, particularly for those on fixed incomes. I feel strongly that my 17 years of experience on the Finance Committee will enable me to address these issues and face any new challenges.



Ann Kinne

Candidate for Board of Assessors

My husband Matthew and I have been married for the past fourteen years, and have lived in West Stockbridge for thirteen of those years. I have taught in the BHRSD for 17 years and am now assigned to the Early Kindergarten at the Muddy Brook Regional Elementary School. I am a member of the Berkshire Hills Education Association and am currently serving as its Treasurer. For a brief time, my husband and I, along with our partners, owned and ran the William's River Country Store, where we met many of our neighbors. In March 2008 I was appointed to fill the vacant position on the Board of Assessors and have been spending these months becoming acquainted with the duties of that office. I feel that my excitement and willingness to learn this role will make me an asset to our community.



R. Michael Kirchner

Candidate for Board of Selectmen

I am seeking re-election to the Board of Selectmen in order to continue with the work that has been done over the past few years. I believe the Town of West Stockbridge is in a lot better shape than it was three years ago, and I would like to think that my work on the Board played a part in that. Our infrastructure is in great shape, our finances are secure, and our reserves are healthy. The new Town Hall is open and is something we can all be proud of for many years. We now need to look at the downtown area and develop a comprehensive long-range plan to facilitate its development. This will include working closely with the Planning Board to determine first steps and the necessary follow-up. The Old Town Hall needs to be dealt with, but there are some major decisions that must be made first.



Meet the Candidates



Robert Salerno
Candidate for Finance Committee

I served on the Finance Committee for the past three years, and this last year as Chairman. During that period, the committee worked to improve the quality and timeliness of the financial reporting and budgeting. We developed the first capital plan for the town in many years, evaluated the financing for the new fire truck, and pushed to have the outside auditor’s report available before the annual Town Meeting. With the increases in energy costs, reduced state funding and slowing real estate market, there are significant pressures on our town’s budget. Our goal is to be more pro-active in managing the town finances to minimize the impact on our taxes. Professionally, I work as an interim Chief Operating Officer for retail companies, teach at the Fashion Institute of Technology and serve on the board of a public retailer. I have an MBA from Cornell University.



Sarah Thorne
Candidate for Planning Board

I am Sarah Thorne and I am a member of the Planning Board running for a five year term. I have lived in West Stockbridge since 1978 with my husband, Peter. We raised our three daughters here and have been very active in the social and civic life of the town. We are currently enjoying our empty nest! I am an interior designer and work primarily in the Berkshires. In the course of my jobs I am a designer, a salesperson, a facilitator and often the general contractor employing many local trades people. I am very conversant with blueprints and envisioning spaces, both indoors and out. I relish the rural beauty of our town and I am committed to overseeing responsible growth in West Stockbridge.



Jan “Jake” Wolters
Candidate for Board of Health

I am running for a three-year term on the Board of Health. I have 27 years experience as a licensed Septic Installer. I am also a Title 5 Inspector and I have over 5 years experience designing septic systems and reviewing plans. As a long time worker in the Town of West Stockbridge, I have done everything from helping the Tree Warden to volunteering with Kiwanis events and the Zucchini Festival. On any day, if anything went wrong, I was available to help make things work. I always try and fix the problem. If only temporary, I will get you through until a proper fix is found.

Community Health Association Returns To Its Roots

By *Emilie Jarrett, Director CHA*

The Community Health Association (CHA) is restructuring. Returning to its initial vision, CHA is expanding into a primary focus on public health. To remind you, the mission of CHA is:

The mission of Community Health Association is to promote individual and community health, to prevent disease, and to provide services which maximize health, independence, and quality of life to the residents of Richmond and West Stockbridge.

In business for almost 80 years, CHA has been involved with home care services since the 1960s. The decision to end the Medicare and third-party components of our service was not an easy one. We have struggled to maintain a viable level of referrals, but have fallen short of our goals. Despite this, we are fully committed to serving the residents of our community.

With this new public health focus, we are excited to share that CHA will be offering many more services. These services will include free RN health promotion consultation home visits and care coordination, office clinics for blood pressure monitoring, various lab tests, diabetic and diet teaching, medication review, assistance with medication preparation, injections, and many other services. We are available for your medical questions and offer teaching, and can help coordinate services needed. If you need blood work done, we can do it for free at our office and we can also do protimes via finger stick for a fee of \$10. This should offer much convenience to all.

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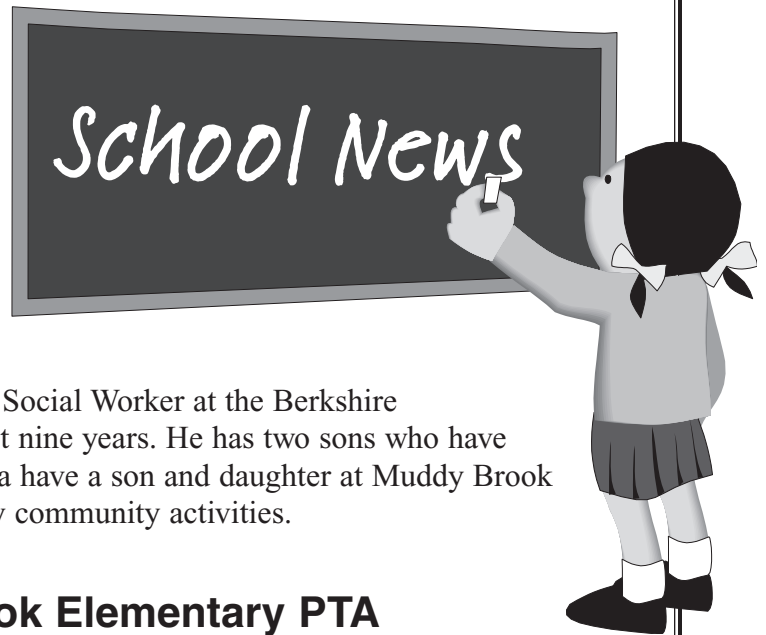


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John Krahm Appointed to School Committee

John Krahm has been appointed to replace Mike Kirchner as a West Stockbridge member of the Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee. John has been a resident of West Stockbridge for 20 years. He has an M.A. in Social Work (licensed in NY and MA) and a B.A. in Accounting, and is a Certified Public Accountant. John has been a School Social Worker at the Berkshire Junior/Senior High School in Canaan, NY, for the last nine years. He has two sons who have graduated from the BHRSD, and he and his wife Julia have a son and daughter at Muddy Brook Elementary School. John and Julia are active in many community activities.



News from the Muddy Brook Elementary PTA

By Jenni Roy-Hallock

Our Drug Awareness Program went very well last month. Thanks so much to all that came. Now for something a little lighter...

Our school will be celebrating the first Muddy Brook Olympics in June. Each classroom will research and represent a country. We would love volunteers from our community to come and join our fun! If you feel comfortable speaking to a class about a different country and or have some pictures or items you would like to share, let us know. If you want to help out during the festivities or help PTA make Muddy Brook Olympic Village, which will host the games by day and conclude

into Family Fun Night, we would love the help. We hope to get our local businesses and eateries involved as well. Preparations are beginning... come on down!

Also, our school could always use volunteers for everything from reading and playing math games to helping at recess. Lastly, save the Bookloft PTA Coupon at left. Thanks, once again to the Bookloft for being SO generous! For more PTA information, call Jenni Roy-Hallock at 232-4322. The next PTA meeting is Monday, May 14th, 7:00 pm in the Muddy Brook Library. Everyone is welcome!

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by June Biggs, Town Collector

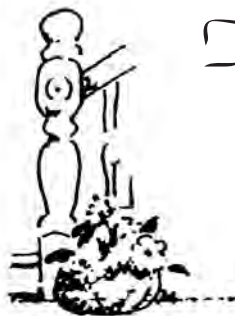
Fourth quarter real estate and personal property taxes are due on May 1st. Payments must be in the Collector's office by that date to avoid interest charges. Postmarks and check dates do not determine timely payment. Interest charges, at 14%, begin to accrue on May 2nd.

Demand notices for excise bills due on March 22 have been mailed. Payments, (including the demand fee and interest) not received by April 26 will incur additional charges and may compromise your ability to register a vehicle or renew a license. A second "round" of excise bills is due on May 8.

If you have sold or traded a vehicle, it is your responsibility to pay your bill and then apply for an abatement. Abatement forms are on the back side of each bill. If you need assistance completing the form, bring it into my office during regular hours and I will be happy to help. Since the abatement process may take two weeks or more, pre-payment avoids late fees.

Once again, if you use a 'Bill Pay' service to pay taxes, please be certain to include a memo identifying the type of bill (real estate, personal property, excise, water/sewer) and the bill number.

Finally, thank you all for your cooperation and patience through my first year.



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(Old Town Hall, continued from page 7)

and the long-term survivability of the building. Each also comes with a number of related issues. The alternatives range from outright sale, to the town having partial interest, to retaining full ownership. (An appendix with alternatives and pros/cons is provided in the full draft report.)

Summary Recommendation

Given the above findings, the ad-hoc committee’s recommendation is to return the building to its original (1850’s) format, that being commercial space on the first floor and the second floor used for town historical and civic purposes. To that end, we recommend the town retain title or control of the building, and the second floor be retained for town purposes. This would make the building cost-neutral while providing a benefit to the downtown merchants and the town as a whole.

First Floor Space: The first floor has many options and alternatives, and accompanying issues. For example, the town could lease out the first floor space for acceptable commercial use. Income from the first floor would go into a fund specifically for the maintenance and improvement of the building. Our initial working premise was that the first floor space be rented out as low-intensity commercial space, either as professional offices, art galleries, etc. The lack of available parking limits its value as a retail space and the zoning situation would have to be altered. The ultimate tenancy will be determined by the real estate market and town planning. Another alternative could be to convert the first floor into two or three affordable senior apartments. Physically, the renovation work would not be prohibitive. The town is in need of senior housing and a downtown location is very desirable (limited need for driving).

Second Floor: The second floor is the most historically valuable and useful to the town. The town could lease the building or second floor to the West Stockbridge Historical Society for a nominal sum. The Historical Society would restore the second floor back to a meeting space and exhibition space. This space could then be used by any town organization that is appropriate such as the American Legion, Friends of the Library, Scouting groups, Concert Society, Cultural Council, Council on Aging, etc.

Other Town Analogs:

We have learned of a number of Massachusetts towns that own historic buildings that have been converted for adaptive reuse, leased to local non-profit organizations or private commercial ventures. In all cases the town has retained control over the building and its ultimate protection. For example, the Lenox Academy building on Main Street is a close analogue, with the Lenox Historical Society on the first floor and other tenants on the second floor. The town government actively manages the Academy. (A list of other towns was provided in the full draft report.)

Conclusion

With the move of town offices and library to the former school, the Town Hall has an opportunity to continue its important central role in the community while moving forward with a new life. The Board of Selectmen can use this decision process and its results as a unifying experience for the town similar to the Zucchini Festival, and at the same time serve the needs of our community.

Old Town Hall Ad Hoc Committee
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Library News

By AJ Coles, Library Director

The library will be open Wednesday through Friday 2-6 pm and Saturday 9 am-2 pm. Current programs include:

- Knitting on Wednesdays at 2 pm
- Scrapbooking on Thursdays at 4 pm
- Friends of the Library lectures on DVD on Saturdays at 10 am
- Story time and crafts on Saturdays at 11 am
- Book club on the first Friday of the month at 6 pm. The next book discussion will be on *In the Lake of the Woods* by Tim O'Brien.

Check out the library's blog and subscribe to get updates by email at www.wspl.blogspot.com.



Programs Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Art At The Library

John Elling Metal Designs will be on display at the Library during the month of May. John creates functional metal sculptures and furniture from Salvage Metal. His works include weather vanes, sundials, lighting fixtures, grates and tables.

Attention Local Authors

The West Stockbridge Library is establishing a "Local Authors" Section. If you are interested in contributing your published works to the Library, please contact A.J.Cole, Library Administrator @ (413) 232-0300 X308.

Local Museum Passes Available

Passes to the following local museums are available at the Library:

- Hancock Shaker Village, Pittsfield
- Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge

Passes may be obtained during Library hours, Wednesday-Friday 2-6 pm, and Saturday 9 am-2 pm.

BOOK DONATIONS WANTED

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Recipe Corner

By Lynn Ryan

Strawberry Pretzel Squares

- 2 cups finely crushed pretzels
- 1/2 cup sugar, divided
- 2/3 cup butter, melted
- 12 oz. cream cheese
- 2 tblsp. milk
- 1 cup thawed Cool Whip whipped topping
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 pkg. (8-serving size) strawberry flavor gelatin
- 1 1/2 cups cold water
- 1 qt. (4 cups) strawberries, sliced

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix pretzels, 1/4 cup sugar, and the butter. Press firmly onto the bottom of 13 x 9 inch baking pan. Bake 10 minutes. Cool.

Beat cream cheese, remaining 1/4 cup sugar, and milk until well blended. Gently stir in whipped topping. Spread over crust. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Meanwhile, stir boiling water into gelatin in large bowl at least 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Stir in cold water. Refrigerate 1 1/2 hours or until thickened (a spoon drawn through leaves a definite impression). Stir in strawberries. Spoon over cream cheese layer.

Refrigerate 3 hours or until firm. Cut into squares. Makes about 20 servings.

This is a great salty contrast to the sweet strawberry topping!



Send your favorite recipes to Lynn Ryan
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Community News & Events

Food for Thought

There will be a talk and slide presentation by Mike Greer, RN, and co-owner of the Card Lake Inn in West Stockbridge, and John McAuliffe about their recent three-week stay in Vietnam as medical volunteers under the sponsorship of Vets with a Mission. It will be held at the West Stockbridge Congregational Church, 45 Main Street, on Monday evening, May 5 at 7:00 pm. Soup and salad will be served prior to the start of the lecture. Everyone is welcome. No charge.

Stockbridge Grange Dinner

The Stockbridge Grange will serve a stuffed breast of chicken dinner, family style, on Sunday, May 18 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. The dinner, open to the public, will be held at the Stockbridge Grange Hall on Church Street in Stockbridge. The cost for adults is \$9.50 and \$4.50 for children under 12. Take out is available by calling 413-298-3185.

MMRHS Graduation Picnic

There will be a picnic on Wednesday, May 28, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the West Stockbridge Village School to celebrate the graduation of West Stockbridge students in the Monument Mountain Regional High School class of 2008.

Parks and Recreation News

The West Stockbridge Parks & Recreation Committee is gearing up for summer! Come join the Committee as members juggle ideas of more movie nights, get Card Pond up and running, more "Open Gyms," and new events. The Committee meets the third Tuesday of every month, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, in the Town Offices at Village School. For more information or to submit ideas if you can't make the meetings, call Jenni Roy Hallock at 232-4322.

Memorial Day in West Stockbridge

West Stockbridge will celebrate Memorial Day on Monday, May 26 with a parade to honor our veterans. The parade begins at 10:00 am across from the West Stockbridge Congregational Church and proceeds through town. The parade concludes at the Town Offices at the Village School with the traditional Memorial Day Ceremony. The parade is organized by our local American Legion Joseph Libardi Post 254.

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Police Department	24 hours, 7 days a week
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May 2008 Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
May 1	Scrapbooking	2:00pm	Library
	Board of Health Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices
	Conservation Commission Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices
May 2	Book Club	6:00pm	Library
May 5	Annual Town Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices
	Food for Thought Lecture	7:00pm	W.S. Congregational Church
May 8	CHP HCAP Communities Mobile Health Screening and Insurance Enrollment	2:00pm-4:00pm	Town Offices
May 11	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!		
May 12	Annual Town Elections	10:00am-7:00pm	Town Offices
May 13	Finance Committee Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
May 14	Muddy Brook PTA Meeting	7:00pm	Muddy Brook Library
May 18	Stockbridge Grange Dinner	1:00pm-2:00pm	Stockbridge Grange Hall
May 19	Board of Selectmen's Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
May 20	Parks and Recreation Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
May 26	Memorial Day Parade	10:00am	West Stockbridge
May 28	Class of 2008 Picnic	4:30pm	Village School Playground
June 1	Monument Mountain Graduation Class of 2008	1:00pm	Tanglewood, Lenox
June 2	Board of Selectmen's Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
June 5	Conservation Commission Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices
	Board of Health Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices