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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.)

December 7, 2009

Open Meeting. Present: Selectmen Tina Skorput Cooper, Chair; Curt Wilton; Earl Moffatt. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber.

Police Business. Chief of Police Stanton discussed a number of matters with the Board including:

- The Chief reported that the Town's two police vehicles; a 2004 Ford SUV with 110,000 miles and a 2008 Ford sedan with 48,000 miles, are currently in good operating condition. Eventually, the Chief would like to replace the SUV with a similar vehicle with 4-wheel drive. Curt Wilton noted that the Town has typically replaced one police vehicle every three years, consistent with the Town's capital plan, but if the vehicle is in good shape he would support keeping it in service for another year. The Board agreed, anticipating another lean year for the Town financially.
- New radar units for the police cruisers were purchased with the 2009 state public safety equipment grant. Another \$3,000 equipment grant is expected in 2010. However, the State expects to cut all Community Policing grants to cities and towns for FY 2010. That and other cuts will result in a loss of approximately \$14,000 in operating revenue to the Police Department next fiscal year. The Chief is considering asking for an increase of \$14,000 in his budget for FY 2011. Unspent Community Policing grant funds are being used to provide additional police patrols and shifts.
- The Chief would like to address the next Annual Town Meeting and propose that the Town adopt Massachusetts General Law Ch. 32B, Section 9a, which provides for payment of 50% of health insurance premiums for retired full time municipal employees. The Chief said that West Stockbridge is one of the very few communities statewide that has not adopted this provision, leaving the Town vulnerable to losing good employees to neighboring communities that have adopted this law. Administrative Assistant

Mark Webber pointed out that a recent change in the Pension Reform Act provides for communities an employee may have worked for in the past to share health insurance costs.


Tax Rates. The Board conducted the Annual Tax Classification Hearing. Representing the Board of Assessors, Assessor Jennifer Wilton recommended the Town adopt a single tax rate for commercial, residential and open space properties, as it has in the past. The Board agreed and voted to accept a single tax rate for FY 2010.

The tax rate will be set and approved by the Department of Revenue in the next week or so and is expected to be within 1%-2% of the current rate of \$9.25 per \$1,000 of property valuation. Anyone wishing to apply for a property tax abatement must file an application with the Board of Assessors within 30 days of the tax billing. Bills are typically mailed during the final week of December.

Town Accountant Interviews. The Board conducted public interviews of three finalists for the position of Town Accountant to replace Maryellen Brown, who is retiring. The finalists are:

- Kathy Hallock of West Stockbridge, currently the assistant business manager for the Lee / Tyringham school systems. She has extensive experience in bookkeeping, accounting and reporting.
- Elaine Markham of Stockbridge, the current Stockbridge

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Margie Skaggs Ceramics – Functional Elegance with a Touch of Surprise

By Brucie Jacobs

“Every piece is different,” Margie Skaggs said of her ceramics. Looking around at the impressive collection of stoneware and porcelain work on display in her West Stockbridge home – bowls, covered jars and boxes, vases, plates, platters, mugs, casserole dishes, pitchers, and more – I saw that she was right. Even within a set of plates or bowls, each piece was subtly unique. There’s not a hint of anything mechanistic about her work. Instead, each piece stands on its own, embodying that rare combination of beauty, utility, and serenity.

This distinctive, one-of-a-kind quality present in Skaggs’s ceramics arises not only from her artistic intention, but also from the element of surprise that is characteristic of the clay firing methods which she uses.

Much of her work is fired in a wood or gas fuel kiln (as opposed to an electric kiln) which, by its very nature, triggers a broad range of temperature and other variables, in effect decreasing the amount of control that she has over the final product. Finished results can vary significantly, even when she uses the same glaze and clay body. At the same time, as demonstrated by Skaggs’s work, this firing method turns out a stunning combination of color, texture, and depth of surface, in addition to strength and durability that tolerates high oven temperatures as

well as turbulent dishwashers.

The element of surprise is intrinsic also to an ancient smoke-firing process that Skaggs often uses.

As she explained, it requires a special kiln – essentially a simple 2’ x 2’ brick structure capable of burning

sawdust, wood, paper, and wood

chips, often for as long as 24 hours. This method, used by many primitive cultures, produces beautifully random swirls and other patterns of black, white and shades of gray settling into the clay body. Although traditional Native Americans depended upon smoke-fired pottery for their cooking and eating needs, this type of pottery is neither watertight nor glaze-friendly. And so, in our modern, sanitized world, smoke-fired vessels are more likely to serve as containers or display objects.

The glazes that Margie Skaggs applies to her fuel-fired clay bodies are not only eye-catching, but soothing, even sensual with an enticing tactile quality. Many of her pieces glow with translucent pale green Celadon glazes from China. Others are exquisitely mottled with a wonderful variety of velvety tones and colors typical of the traditional Shino glaze that originated in Japan many centuries ago. Another glaze which she uses – Temoku, also from a traditional Japanese lineage – produces lush, dark, variable colors that have an intriguing, metallic look to them. And it is impossible not to notice



Photos courtesy of Margie Skaggs



the handsome pottery that she has brushed with a deep green-blue matte glaze known as Val's Green – named after Val Cushing, a prominent ceramics teacher and potter.

Skaggs often combines these traditional glazes with slips, washes, and an assortment of other glazes. In addition, she has mastered numerous other decorative techniques, including intricate brushwork, slip or glaze trailing, stamping, and occasionally, she incorporates sand and wax into her work. The lively shapes and motifs that she has carved into the surface of many of her clay bodies only add to their already outstanding quality and appeal.

“I’m not a traditional production potter,” Skaggs said, “I don’t do it for a living...but for fun. So I tend to do what I feel like doing. I sell it so I can make more pottery.” And sell it she does. Her ceramics have been exhibited in numerous venues in New York and Massachusetts, including New York City’s Greenwich House Pottery, an internationally recognized center for ceramics since 1909; the



Nippon Gallery, also in New York City; Graphic Eye Gallery (Long Island); IS 183 Art School (Stockbridge); Hoadley Gallery (Lenox); and Thorne Home Arts of West Stockbridge.

Although Margie Skaggs has dedicated herself to making pottery since she was a student and living in Greenwich Village, she has been a success in other fields as well. Born near Chicago, she graduated from Carleton College, and then went on to work as a picture editor for a publisher in New York City. After receiving an MBA in Finance and

Management from Columbia University, she worked as a management training consultant for many large companies and not-for-profit organizations.

Margie Skaggs and her husband, Bob Salerno, divide their time between West Stockbridge and New York City. For more information about this talented woman’s truly exceptional ceramic work, or to contact her, visit her website at www.margieskaggs.com. ■

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*****January 19th Special State Election*****

By Tina Skorput Cooper, Town Clerk

The registered voters of West Stockbridge, like all other cities and towns across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, came out in record numbers to cast their ballots at the Special State Election for Senator in Congress. Out of 1,005 registered voters, 644 voted that day!

I want to thank my dedicated poll workers who worked hard to make the day go so smoothly, and also a big “thank you” to the counters who at the close of the polls spent the time and counted the

ballots by hand. I am blessed to have had all of your help at each and every election! Thank you all so much.

Below are the results of the election:

Scott P. Brown - Republican	165
Martha Coakley - Democrat	473
Joseph L. Kennedy - Liberty	5
All Others	0
Blanks	1

Meeting on Downtown Improvements Planned

West Stockbridge Selectmen will host an informational meeting on proposed improvements to the downtown corridor to be held 7 pm on February 10 at the Town Offices. As approved at last year’s Annual Town Meeting, Foresight Land Services has been working on designs for improvements to the downtown area including streets, sidewalks, curbing and crosswalks. Preliminary plans will be presented and discussed, and public input is welcome. Plans do not include changes to the diagonal parking on Main Street – an issue of concern to residents and businesses in the past – although it is expected to reduce chances for state funding. ■



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FEBRUARY QUIZ QUESTION:

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(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)

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town accountant. She has also worked as the Assistant Treasurer in Stockbridge and has experience in human resources, coordinating the annual tax rate, and municipal annual reporting.

- Erica Le Beau of Adams, currently employed as the assistant business manager for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

The Board will make a decision on Maryellen's replacement at their next meeting on December 21.

Other Items:

- The Board will conduct its annual Town License Public Hearing for renewals on December 21, 2009 at 7:00 PM.
- The Board discussed making the gym key available to people approved to use the gym. The combination lockbox outside the front entrance will be replaced.
- The Board reviewed and approved a letter to the State Department of Elementary and Secondary

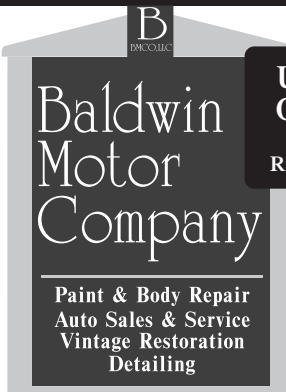
Education opposing the Housatonic River Charter School application. The Board feels that, if approved, the charter school would have a direct and immediate negative impact on the surrounding public school districts and would duplicate already existing programs.

- The Board appoints Administrative Assistant Mark Webber as Ethics Commission Liaison Officer.
- The Board reviewed a letter from Charter Communications stating that there will be no increase in cable TV rates this coming year.
- The Board accepted, with regret, a letter of resignation from 12-year Town Accountant Maryellen Brown.

December 21, 2009

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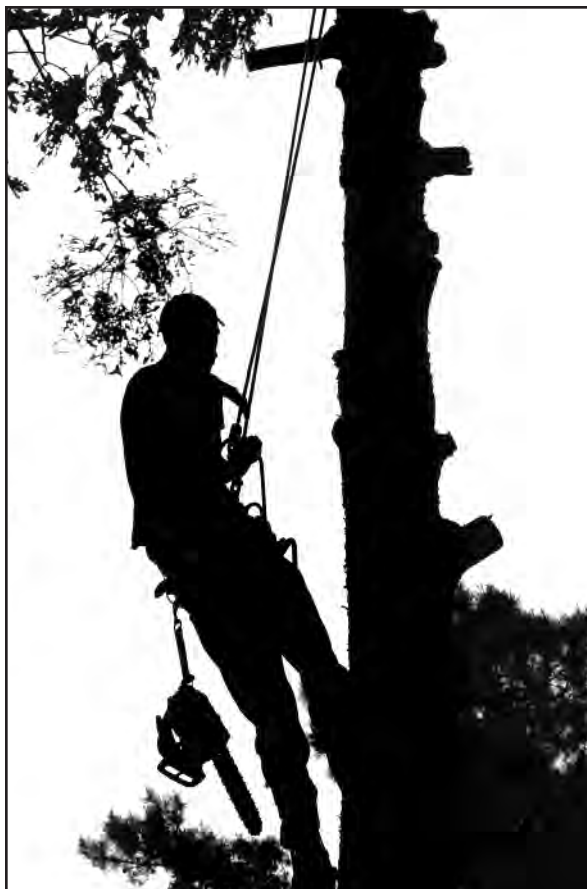


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Historical Society Restores Old Town Hall 2nd Floor to Original Configuration

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Led by Bob Powell and Peter Thorne, over 12 members of the West Stockbridge Historical Society gathered on January 16 and 23 for the “de-partitioning” of the Old Town Hall. The task included removing partitions that for many years divided up the second floor into offices used by Town officials prior to their move into new quarters at the renovated Village School facility on State Line Road. Also removed were quantities of studs, shelving, carpets, and general cleaning and disposal of trash.

Ownership of the building was formally transferred from the Town to the Society last November. Once a somewhat claustrophobic collection of small offices, the second floor now resembles its original configuration – a single large room with a raised stage at one end, brightly illuminated on all sides by numerous tall windows. The Historical Society plans to renovate the building, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, for use as a Historical Center and Museum.



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In our December 2009 issue, the Local Yokel included an appeal for donations to the West Stockbridge Fire and Rescue Department, the Friends of the Library, the Community Health Association, the West Stockbridge Historical Society and the West Stockbridge Local Yokel. The result was a total of \$2,145.00 in support of these important community organizations. We thank all those who gave so generously. Here are the individual totals:

West Stockbridge Fire and Rescue	\$870.00
Friends of the Library	\$330.00
Community Health Association	\$295.00
West Stockbridge Historical Society	\$175.00
West Stockbridge Local Yokel	\$475.00
Total	\$2,145.00

PTA News

By Jenni Roy Hallock

Calling community volunteers! The PTA is looking for help for our Winter Olympics on February 10th to help supervise events put together by our wonderful gym teachers. Also, we are looking for avid Chess players to try out a Chess Club after school. Come join us for our open meetings held the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30 pm at Muddy Brook School. Child care is provided. Contact Jenni Roy Hallock at 232-4322 or jenniroy@gmail.com. ■



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Community News & Events

Stockbridge Grange News

On Sunday, February 7, the Stockbridge Grange will serve a public family-style Roast Pork Dinner in the Grange Hall on Church Street in Stockbridge. Dinner will be served from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years of age. Take-out is available by calling 413.298.3185.

The Grange is also collecting non-perishable food products for St. George's Food Pantry in Lee.

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History Quiz Answer:

West Stockbridge Historical Society
Incorporated in 1994



The town has three active and one inactive cemeteries. The Town cemetery on Route 41 north of the town center was founded in 1847. The Catholic cemetery next to it was founded later, around 1870, and the Rockdale cemetery south of town on Route 41 was opened in the early 1800's. The fourth cemetery is not active and is the earliest cemetery. It is located on West Center Road, north of the old Congregational Church site.

In addition there are two abandoned sites that have been mentioned in early records. The articles are not specific to their location, only to say that they were in the West Center area. They were probably family burial plots that fell into disuse as the families moved away and the town became more organized to establish central burial places.

When friends, neighbors or relatives move, downsize, or just clean house, PLEASE, ask them to think of the West Stockbridge HISTORICAL SOCIETY before they discard any old books, pictures, postcards, letters or memorabilia of the TOWN OF West Stockbridge. Contact info@weststockbridgehistory.org or call 413-232-4465.

Parks & Rec – Open Gym!

By Jenni Roy Hallock

Looking for some FREE fun during the week of February break? We are holding “Open Gym” on Tuesday, February 16th from 2-4 pm in the Town Hall gym. Anybody can come (from any Town) and watch your kids play, so feel free to bring your friends & playdates. We have jump ropes, balls, etc., but feel free to bring your own things, too, for free play – the more the merrier! The West Stockbridge Library will also present “Under the Sea Sun Catcher” at 4:00 pm just down the hall – also free and for everyone. Come on down!

Our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30-7:30, and we would love new input. Contact Jenni Roy Hallock at 232-4322 or jenniroy1@gmail.com. ■



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Recipe Corner

By Lynn Ryan

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(use a coin at Big Y)
- 1 pint blackberries
- 2 tblsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup chilled whipped cream

1) Slice the pound cake into 4 slices approximately 1 inch thick. With a heart-shaped cookie cutter, cut out hearts from each slice of the cake.

2) In a bowl, crush 1/2 of the blackberries and the sugar. Add the remaining blackberries whole to the bowl. Add the lemon juice and mix well.

3) Whip the cream until it reaches soft peak stage.

4) To serve: Place 1 heart on a plate. Pour the blackberry mixture over each cake. Cover the cake with another heart. Top with whipped cream and the remaining blackberry mixture.

One for you and one for the one you love! Enjoy and Happy Valentines Day!

- Lynn

Send your favorite recipes to Lynn Ryan
17 Lenox Road, West Stockbridge, MA 01266



*Happy Valentine's Day,
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*Love,
Your Grandpups*

*Happy Valentine's Day,
Danny!*

*Love,
Downstairs*





Local Yokel Valentines



From the most magnificent cloud in the sky to the most beautiful song ever sang... Thank you for making this all possible my blessed one! Happy Valentine's Day to my sweet boys!

*Love,
Mi-Maw*



Dear Lisa,

You are my sunshine, gentle rain on parched soil, the bloom on my rose. Looking forward to our next 10 years together – and many more!

*Love,
John*



*Happy Valentine's Day
Paulie!*

I do not question why it took so long to find you, nor the wonder of why you walked into my life when you did. You have brought happiness back into my life again and you bring love to a special place inside my soul. I LOVE YOU!

Tina



Happy Valentines Day, Collin!

*Roses are red, violets are blue,
my favorite little guy
in the whole wide world is YOU!*

*Love,
Daddy*

Library News

By Danielle Chretien, Librarian



It's the shortest month of the year, February, but that doesn't mean that it is by any means slow. In fact I think it is the busiest month of the year. Just take look at all the fun days that we get to have in this month: Feb. 4th – Thank a Mailman Day; 8th – Fly a Kite Day; 10th – Umbrella Day; 12th – Lincoln's Birthday, 20th – Love Your Pet Day, 26th – Carnival Day; and 27th – International Polar Bear Day. Not to mention President's Day, Valentine's Day, and Chinese New Year! You have to smile when you read these days;

who knew there was a day devoted completely to umbrellas?

Now for those members of our community who are either starting college or heading back in the fall of 2010 – we have a great opportunity here in Western Mass. The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts has close to \$2 million in scholarships and interest-free loans, awarded primarily to students in western Massachusetts. So if you, or someone you know, is heading off to school stop by the Library for an application, the deadline is March 31st.

I also know that the students in town are quite lucky this month with February break. I just wanted to say enjoy your time off and check out the programs that the Library will be offering for that week. Also, if you are participating in the Massachusetts Children's Book Award, stop by and we'll help you find that book you're looking for.

Have a great month; we look forward to seeing you soon. ■

February Break @ the Library

Looking for something to do during break? Well stop by the library!



Under the Sea Sun Catcher
Tuesday Feb 16 @ 4pm (After
Open Gym)

Hans Christian Andersen Story Time
Thursday Feb 18 @ 4pm



Make Your Own
Bookworm
Friday, Feb 19th @ 4pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

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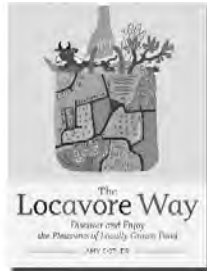
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Town Accountant. The Board unanimously approved hiring Elaine Markham as Town Accountant to replace the retiring Maryellen Brown. While all three finalists were well qualified, Elaine stood out from the others because she is a working town accountant and uses the same municipal accounting software. A training schedule will be set up between Elaine and Maryellen.

Town License Review. The Board conducted its Annual Town License Review, including alcoholic beverage licenses, entertainment licenses, used car and junk car licenses. The Board issued five Auto Class II and III licenses (for used cars and junk cars) and held back two others because local taxes and fees were not current. All current liquor licenses were approved for renewal except one because local taxes and fees were not current. One entertainment license was approved and a reminder will be sent to those who did not apply for a new 2010 entertainment license.

Police. The Board discussed staffing and budget plans for the coming year with Chief of Police Stanton. Officer Messina, the Town's full-time police officer, has taken a job in another town. Chief Stanton plans to use current part-time staff to fill the gap until a new full-time officer can be hired. Curt Wilton stated that to avoid liability, no part-time officer can work more than 19 hours per week. To work 20 or more hours per week on a regular basis, an officer must be full-time, police academy certified, and be offered health and dental insurance. The Chief will present the Board at its next meeting with a staffing plan and plans for replacing Officer Messina.

Other Items:

- The Board approved several Village School use requests.
- FY 2011 Budget Request Forms will be issued this week.
- Auditors will begin their annual town audit on January 4th. ■



February Birthdays

February 2	Bernie Fallon Liz DiGrigoli
February 4	Tina Skorput Cooper
February 13	Peter Skorput
February 14	Donna Piretti
February 22	Gabriella Thierling
February 28	Isabella DiGrigoli

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Building Inspector	Tues. 4-7pm
Compactor Station	Tues., Thurs., 10am-6pm; Sat. 8am-6pm
Conservation Commission	Leave a message for inquiries
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Highway Department	Leave a message any time
Library	Tues. 12noon-5pm; Wed. 1pm-5pm; Thurs. 2pm-6pm; Fri. 2pm-6pm; Sat. 10am-2pm
Police Department	24 hours, 7 days a week
Post Office	Lobby: 7am-7pm, 7 days/week Window: Mon.-Fri. 9am-4:30pm; Sat. 9-12 noon
Town Accountant	Leave a message for inquiries
Town Clerk	Tues., Wed., Thurs. 8am-5pm; Fri. 8am-12 noon
Town Collector	Wed. 4pm-6pm; Thurs., Fri., Sat. 10am-2pm
Town Treasurer	Thurs. 9am-4pm

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Town Collector	ext. 302
Board of Assessors	ext. 303
Library	ext. 308
Building Inspector	ext. 313
Board of Health	ext. 314
Treasurer	ext. 316
Accountant	ext. 317
Board of Selectman Administrative Assistant	ext. 319
Conservation Commission	ext. 338
Town Hall Fax	413-232-7195
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	413-232-8500
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	413-232-4200
Highway Department	413-232-0305
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Council on Aging	413-232-4317
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FEBRUARY 2010 Calendar of Events			
DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
February 1	Board of Selectmen's Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
February 2	GROUND HOG DAY		
	Parks and Recreation Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
February 4	Board of Health Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices
	Conservation Commission Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices
February 5	Last Quarter Moon		
February 10	Board of Selectmen's Meeting NOTE: Will include an informational meeting on downtown improvements	6:30pm	Town Offices
February 12	LOCAL YOKEL SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE		
	ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY		
February 13	New Moon		
February 14	HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!		
February 15	PRESIDENT'S DAY		
February 15-21	WINTER BREAK BHRSD		
February 16	Finance Committee Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
February 17	ASH WEDNESDAY		
February 19	Library Trustees Meeting	4:00pm	Library
February 21	First Quarter Moon		
February 22	Board of Selectmen's Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
	GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY		
February 28	Full Moon		