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Happy Howl-o-Ween!... Sharon Hoy of Portland is pictured with her dog Bo-Bo at Portland Youth and Family Services' recent Howl-o-Ween dog costume parade. The event featured nearly 30 dogs – and one cat in a hat!

## Portland 1st Selectman Candidates Confident

by Jack Lakowsky

The two major party candidates for first selectman, Democrat Jim Tripp and Republican Ryan Curley, both began their respective *RiverEast* interviews saying after knocking on thousands of doors, they're confident they'll win next week's election.

This election is a noteworthy one. With Democratic First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield, Democrat Lou Pear and Republican Rick Sharr all opting to not run again, there could be a near-total flip of the board.

Also, should Curley prevail, Tripp would not be able to retain his seat.

It's also the first election in nearly 20 years that Bransfield was not at the top of the Democrat's ticket. She has served in the role since 2003.

Both candidates were complimentary of Bransfield's performance as the town's chief executive, while American Independent Party candidate Lambros Lambrinides, who has run against and lost to Bransfield in numerous local elections, was critical.

### Water, Water...and Water

Both Tripp and Curley said as they canvassed neighborhoods and met with constituents, rising water prices were at the top of most lists of concerns.

Tripp, a Democrat on the Board of Selectmen who also serves as chair of the board's water and sewer subcommittee, said over the past four years, the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC), the town's water supplier, has hiked prices 45%.

Tripp said MDC prices are projected to increase 10% per year. The town is contractually obligated to buy water from MDC until 2026.

Tripp and Curley both said the best option

is for the town to find its own wells. Currently, Tripp said, the town gets around 40% of its water from a Portland well, which costs about \$100,000 per year.

To compare, the 146 million gallons the town is obligated to buy from MDC costs about \$857,000, a cost expected to continue rising.

Tripp said the goal must be to have necessary infrastructure in place by the end of 2025.

The town has received from the state Department of Public Health (DPH) a \$250,000 grant to search for new water sources, and the town has prepared a request for proposals (RFP) to find a consultant to help with this work.

Tripp said the RFP is pending legal review, and then will be sent out.

Until then, though, locals will have to contend with rising prices.

Tripp said to mitigate costs to ratepayers, the town will have to "look at other factors."

"We need to be strategic, water costs are already too high," Tripp told the *RiverEast*. He said federal stimulus money, received from DC to help recover from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, could possibly be used to offset costs of updating the water system.

Tripp said, if elected, he would set "aggressive milestones" to get this done, as well as pursue grants. He said right now the town pays around a million a year for water and wants to get this down by at least half.

Curley, who currently serves as Town Clerk, said finding new water sources is crucial to the town's development.

It will be a major undertaking, Curley said, considering that not only does a new source need to be found, but the system of delivering

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## Community Rocked After Fatal Crash

by Diane Church

Residents are being asked to perform an act of kindness Saturday in memory of Jacob Chapman and Tyler Graham, the two local young men who died in a car accident on Oct. 22 on Parum Road.

"Let us put some healing kindness into our communities in celebration of the joy and love these two young men brought into the lives of those they know," reads a flier that was made to publicize the idea.

Those who perform an act of kindness are invited to post about it at #forTyler and #forJake.

The news of the tragic deaths of two local teens on Oct. 22 was met with shock and grief from the community and beyond.

Chapman and Graham, both 18 years old, died in a car accident on Parum Road near Lake Hayward Road.

Police said that at approximately 1 p.m. Chapman, of 789 Norwich Avenue, was driving a Nissan Altima westbound on Rt. 354. Graham, of 48 White Oak Drive, was with him, along with Trey Massaro, 19, of Dalton, Mass.

According to police, Chapman "attempted to pass (another) vehicle at a high rate of speed on the left," then his car left the road, collided with a metal beam guardrail and some trees, then went down an embankment before it stopped.

Chapman was brought to Marlborough Medical Clinic, where he was pronounced dead. Graham was pronounced dead at the scene. Massaro was transported by LifeStar to Hartford Hospital with serious injuries, but is expected to recover.

Sean Shoemaker, Interim Chief of the Colchester Hayward Fire Department, went to the scene. He said it was hard to talk about because

he knew the two local boys.

"We were able to walk to the car, but it was very difficult to get our equipment in and get them out of the woods," he said, adding the Jaws of Life had to be brought in to extricate them from the car.

The three were freshmen at Western Connecticut State University, where they were on the lacrosse together. Chapman and Graham played lacrosse at Bacon Academy.

WCSU president John Clark said in a statement, "It is with great sadness that I must convey the terrible news that three members of the WestConn Men's Lacrosse Team were involved in a deadly traffic accident Friday afternoon.

"Our Counseling Center has met with players and coaches of the lacrosse team and we will also provide counseling to students in Litchfield

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Hall, where the three team members lived on campus, as well as any students in need.”

Colchester First Selectman Mary Bylone also expressed her condolences, saying in a statement: “Our Colchester community is heartbroken over the sudden loss of residents Jake Chapman and Tyler Graham. Both Jake and Tyler were deeply committed to their community and to their schools. Full of promise and hope for the future, they represented the best of Colchester’s young people and will be sorely

missed by all who knew and loved them.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, friends, and school personnel who are deeply affected by this terrible tragedy. We also extend our gratitude to Colchester’s first responders and our surrounding towns for the mutual aid response on scene.”

Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey E. Burt said in a statement the schools provided counseling for students. “This loss is devastating to our entire school community and our deepest

condolences go out to the students’ families and loved ones.”

He added, “Each of our schools has a Crisis Intervention Team made up of professionals trained to help with the emotional needs of students, parents, and school personnel at difficult times such as this. On Monday, all of our schools will have counselors available for any student or staff member who may need or want help or assistance surrounding this loss. We encourage parents to speak with your children to support them as they process their grief and sense of loss. Please reach out to our school support staff if you or your children have concerns.

“We are sorrowed by these losses to our school community and will make every effort to help students, families, and staff who need sup-

port. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school principal.”

Burt said additional information and immediate assistance can be found by contacting United Communities & Family Services at [www.ucsf.org](http://www.ucsf.org).

The East Catholic High School boys’ lacrosse team also expressed their condolences, saying in a statement, “The lacrosse community suffered a great loss yesterday. Our love and prayers go out to the Bacon Academy lacrosse program, WestConn Men’s Lacrosse, Colchester community and most especially the friends and families of Jake Chapman and Tyler Graham (Class of 2021) who tragically lost their lives. They were great competitors on the field and were taken from us far too soon. May they Rest in Peace.”



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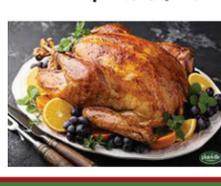
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*From the Editor's Desk*

# Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

We've made it! After months of door-knocking, marathon phone call sessions, and various meet-and-greets, Election Day has finally arrived. I'm sure next Tuesday will be an anxious day for many – not just for the candidates but their supporters as well.

And, as you'll see on the ensuing pages, they have many, many supporters. I don't have an exact count of letters to the editor in this week's *Rivereast*, but I know it's more than 150. This week was also the "no negative letters" week, and I'm pleased to say you all cooperated – although I admit a few of the letters I needed to massage a little bit to make sure they met that standard. But still, letter-writers were by and large able to stay away from the personal attacks, and given how ugly some of the campaigns had gotten this year, I liked seeing that.

Speaking of the attacks and the negativity: I typically shy away from political endorsements, but as you head to the polls next Tuesday, I'd ask you to remember those who stayed above the fray. Those whose campaigns were heavier on ideas for the future than attacks on their opponent. Those who remained focused on local issues, instead of trying to weave in national controversies.

As I wrote last week, I think Connecticut – and particularly our towns – should be better

than the nastiness we've seen on the national political stage lately. And frankly, regardless of the political affiliation of the folks behind it, I'd hate to see it rewarded at the polls next Tuesday.

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Speaking of Election Day and all the letters you're about to see: Colchester First Selectman Mary Bylone's letter really stood out to me. As this is the last week before Election Day, most of the candidates – incumbents and challengers alike – are using their one allotted letter to this week to make one last push; one last attempt to swing voters over to their side.

But Mary didn't use her letter to do any last-minute campaigning. Instead, she wrote a very touching piece about the two teens killed in that awful car accident last Friday, and the impact terrible incidents like this can have.

I was, quite frankly, impressed. I certainly wouldn't blame Mary for using this last issue before Election Day to make one last push. I mean, I'd have likely done it if I were in her shoes. But she didn't write one word about her campaign. Instead, it was about a tragedy that is affecting so, so many.

It was a classy move, and I was impressed.

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See you next week – and don't forget to vote!

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**Pressing Issues**

Dear Editor:

In a recent poll presented by the Association of Mature American Citizens, (AMAC) the following were the most pressing issues concerning Americans.

1. Restoring integrity to our elections. The future of our representative republic rests on free and fair elections.
2. The flood of illegal immigrants crossing into the United States at the southern border and the subsequent relocation at night of illegal immigrants to cities throughout America is an issue that must be addressed immediately.

3. Inflation and the supply chain crisis are crushing American families particularly seniors. Incompetent economic decisions made by the Biden Administration are devaluing the dollar and will lead to the destruction of the middle class.

4. Critical Race Theory (CRT) and its indoctrination of our children in our school systems is another issue facing America today. If ignored, our future is at serious risk.

5. Attacks on our right to keep and bear arms. The Second Amendment to the Constitution was specifically written to protect the people against tyranny.

6. Violence, lawlessness and the degradation of police

## Bulletin Board

The other day my wife was cleaning out a long-neglected closet in what used to be the boys' room.

"Look at this," she said, holding up a length of fabric and what appeared to be a crushed rubber toadstool. "Do you know what this is?"

Frankly I didn't care what the hell it was as long as it wasn't a purple tutu in men's large, but I feigned interest because I recently read in a magazine in the local barbershop that a primary problem in marriages is men who can't bring themselves to pretend that they actually care about the incredibly bizarre things that seem to enthrall women.

"Wow," I ventured.

"Do you know what this is?" she exclaimed again.

"It's a...um...it's...No, I have no idea," I finally admitted.

"It's the gargoyle costume Son #2 wore one year for Halloween. You don't remember?"

I can't even keep track of our anniversary and their birthdays and I'm supposed to remember what one of the kids dressed up as for Halloween like 35 or 30 years ago? "Oh yeah!" I replied. "He was so cute!"

Still holding the costume, she gave me a disapproving look. I started to think maybe I 'd overdone it a bit in the false enthusiasm department.

"What?" I said.

"That was the year you told the kids that Snickers candy bars make people cross-eyed."

"I was only joking," I protested weakly.

She just looked at me.

This is what I get for relying on magazine articles for marital help when what is clearly needed is professional therapy—or possibly I could save myself some money by just intentionally puncturing my eardrums.

"Okay," I admitted. "But they wouldn't share."

"So you scammed them out of all their Snickers bars."

"All they'd give me is those horrid little candy dot on paper things. There they were sorting through piles and piles of candy. The greedy little monsters. It wasn't fair."

"Maybe if you'd gone out with them they'd have been a little more generous."

"Hey, somebody had to stay home and hand out goodies to all the dear little ones in the neighborhood and protect our property against their vandalism sprees when they decide they don't like candy canes."

"First of all, you didn't hand out any candy canes because as soon as we were gone you turned out all the lights and pretended nobody was home. Secondly, there was plenty of candy. The only reason you were going to hand out old Christmas candy canes was because you were hoarding all the peanut butter cups for yourself."

"They were perfectly good candy canes. I wasn't sure they'd last until Christmas and I didn't want them to go to waste."

"Oh please."

"You know," I said, "if you hold a Snickers bar up at the end of your nose for like maybe a month I bet you really could go cross-eyed."

"Someday, if you live that long, our boys are going to be pushing your decrepit old self across a busy intersection in your wheelchair and a big bus is going to come speeding along. And you know what the last thing is you're going to hear?"

"Ah... 'Look out, Dad! Mom hijacked a bus!'"

It appears I'll be spending this Halloween as a homeless person.

**Jim Hallas**

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**Seventy Years!... The East Hampton High School Class of 1951 held its 70th reunion on Oct. 7 at Campagnas Restaurant in Portland. From left are Mary Leonard Hennessey, Leonida Feleppa Burnham – secretary, Richard Lundell – president; seated, Ethel Bidwell Anderson, Irene Hanna Nichols, Gloria Esbright, Olivia Brewster.**

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and other members of law enforcement needs to be addressed.

7. Mask mandates, vaccine mandates, government intrusion in our personal bank accounts, and free speech censorship of everyday Americans are the antithesis of a free nation and must be stopped.

President Joe Biden has been struggling to pass his radical socialist agenda and all he has to show for his first year in office is failure and incompetence – stay tuned!

**Respectively submitted,  
Bob DeMarchi – East Hampton**

**Tammaro-Dzagan for BOE**

To the Editor:

Christina Tammaro-Dzagan is a local mom who will fight for your children's rights. We need change in this town and she will bring it. It does not matter what political party you represent, this is about our children and Christina will always put our kids first. She speaks at almost every BOE meeting and she will bring much needed change to the board. I urge you to join me in voting for her on Nov. 2.

**Christine Aloia – East Hampton**

**Altruistic Behavior Among Bats**

To the Editor:

We humans know that seeing other people when we are ill could make them ill, too. Like us, most kinds of bats are very social creatures, and they practice social distancing when ill – without the advice of public health experts.

When societal bats are ill, they practice social distancing. It turns out we share that sentiment with many kinds of societal bats, including vampire bats. When they're feeling sick, vampire bats interact with fewer of their friends and family and cut their social time short (Drs. Ripperger and Carter, Behavioral Ecology).

Sick bats associate with fewer roost-mates, spend less time with each buddy (yes, they have best friends), and tend to avoid the more gregarious members of the colony. In other words, they avoid social gatherings.

This behavior is not limited to mammals. Scientists have found that many animals avoid sick members of their group, and sick members practice social distancing in turn. Is it out of concern for the well-being of others, or mere instinct? Whichever, the practice helps keep dangerous diseases spreading from one individual

to another.

Many kinds of colony-dwelling bats exhibit behaviors that can be construed as altruistic. For example, female Mexican free-tailed bats (*Tadarida brasiliensis*) have been observed acting as midwives for roost-mates in labor. Vampire bats are highly social, and if one of the colony members does not get enough to eat, a "friend" will feed it. Female vampire bats form strong grooming and food-sharing relationships, mostly with kin but also with non-kin.

Adoption is one of the great mysteries of the animal kingdom, and it's practiced by vampire bats. The foster-mother-bat is more likely to care for an orphaned infant if she was friends with the infant's biological mother.

There are three species of vampire bat; all live in Central and South America.

**Thank you,**

**Maureen Heidtmann – East Hampton**

**Fidler for BOF**

To the Editor:

Marlborough needs representatives on local boards that will strive to keep our beautiful town viable for all families by promoting the amenities and programs we need while maintaining a sustainable and affordable budget. That is why I, Jack Fidler, am running for an alternate seat on the Marlborough Board of Finance. My wife and I moved to our wonderful town in 2019. We were attracted to Marlborough's top tier schools, beautiful green spaces, and welcoming community. As a Board of Finance member, I would be dedicated to preserving these qualities for all of Marlborough's residents, now and in the future.

I graduated with my bachelor's and doctorate degrees from the University of Connecticut and have worked as a pediatric physical therapist; working to optimize quality of life, function and mobility for children in need.

**Clarification**

A letter to the editor by Colchester Geraldine Transue that ran in last week's *Rivereast* should've noted that she was writing as a private citizen and not as a member of the Colchester Senior Center Building Committee.

The *Rivereast* apologizes for the omission.

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Currently, I am a territory sales manager for an adaptive equipment and assistive technology company; bringing creative solutions and progressive problem solving to those with functional disabilities. I have dedicated myself in my career to helping others, and I will use that same drive to help serve our community.

I am running for this seat to be a representative for young professionals, couples and families in town. I want to sustain and grow all of the attractive features that brought my wife and me to Marlborough. I know that a balanced budget that also promotes growth and development, while maintaining Marlborough's key features and charm, is vital in supporting our beautiful town. I look forward to the opportunity to serve our town and ask for your vote this Election Day.

**Thanks,  
Jack Fidler – Marlborough**

**Endorsing Jim Tripp**

To the Editor:

Please vote for Jim Tripp to lead our Town of Portland as first selectman! My family has known Jim and his family for over a dozen years. Jim and his better half, Liz, have created a caring family home for their two girls and black lab Bailey! They chose Portland over 20 years ago, just like we did, when they were looking for a town to put down their Connecticut roots even deeper.

Jim and Liz are engaged and loving parents, that often volunteer at school and athletic events for their kid's schools. Like many of us, they juggle jobs, school events, and family life. However, Jim also took on leadership roles in the Brownstone Quorum and Lions Club that directly benefit our community. While doing this, Jim volunteered in 2015 and won a seat on the BOE, and then to the BOS in 2017 and 2019. He is current on our town's most pressing issues, has been in the trenches, and is ready to work tirelessly on them for his hometown.

His degree as a mechanical engineer has trained him to be a creative problem solver and to not rely on the way things have been done before. Jim has managed engineering teams where he needs to listen to all sides, vet the best ideas, before leading his team together to solve his client's issues.

Jim is eager to bring all of these skills to the table as your full-time, public servant. Jim is prepared to take this next step for our community, and help to make Portland an even better place to live and raise a family in. Please join me in voting for Jim Tripp on Nov 2!

**Bob Herron – Portland**

**Vote Yes on Question No. 4**

To the Editor:

Our comments are in response to the letter that appeared in the *Rivereast News Bulletin* on Oct. 8 regarding Charter Revision Ballot Question No. 4.

The author believes the proposed, fixed percentage amount of 2% of the town operations budget (budget), pertaining to special and emergency appropriations, is too high and misleading to assume such change is the result of inflation. The 2% threshold was chosen by the bipartisan Charter Revision Commission (CRC) not only to address inflation, but also to address the overall higher cost of doing business, and the more likely higher cost of doing business during a period of a declared emergency. One only has to look at how the prices today for construction, materials and services, labor and fuel have increased dramatically over the current annual inflation rate, to understand that using inflation figures alone do not accurately allow for reasonable projections of future costs. Shortages of material, interruption of supply chains and other economic drivers have caused the cost of doing business to far exceed that of inflation alone.

Voting 'yes' on Question No. 4 will allow the Board of Finance to be more flexible and responsive, in the utilization of contingency funds, to unexpected expenses or opportunities throughout the year, without having to go to a town meeting for approval. Contingency funds are already included in the voter-approved budget. Two percent (2%) of the budget or \$103,000 this year, is similar to the amount of contingency funds budgeted for in recent history.

Voting 'yes' on Question No. 4 will also allow for the proposed charter to remain relevant for years to come, as changing from a fixed dollar limit to a percentage of the budget for special or emergency appropriations, will preclude the need for future changes to the Charter due to inflation or other unforeseen issues. Our vote is a resounding 'yes' on Question No. 4!

**Robert Ragusa, 2020-2021 CRC Chair  
on behalf of the former  
Marlborough CRC members:  
Joseph Blanco, Louise Concodello,  
Evelyn Godbout, Sarah McGuire, David Porteous,  
Julie Revaz (Vice Chair), Judy Kelly, Mary Quirk**

**Thank You, Hebron Dems**

To the Editor:

As we wrap up this election season, I want to send a heartfelt thank you to Hebron's Democratic candidates. From day one, this group of highly qualified and dedicated people came together with the goal of making a difference while serving all people in Hebron. While they express their love for our town, they realize that progress and moving forward is of the utmost importance. These candidates have spent two months getting up early on Saturday mornings to wave at the Transfer Station. These candidates organized and attended a rally for women's rights. They have walked miles knocking doors listening to concerns and ideas from all of you. They attended weekly candidate meetings to discuss topics that are important to the people of Hebron. They attended meetings for their prospective boards. They have stood in the center of town to wave to cars. They sponsored a free, fun family activity area during Harvest Moon Festival and attended the annual Breast Cancer Awareness football game at RHAM. They have all been a part of this team whose strength lies in unity and community.

On Nov. 2, please remember these candidates who have had the hard conversations, who have asked the important questions and who have put the work in. Most importantly, please remember that these are the candidates who believe in science. They have never wavered on this topic. They are the candidates committed to keeping our children safe, supporting women in leadership roles and beyond, and who value education, equity, and inclusion. If these are the values that are important to you, then join me in voting for Tiffany Thiele, Heather

Petit, Nicole Matthews, Maura Curran Baker, Claudia Riley, Heather Summerer, Amy Dannels, Malcolm Leichter, Eric Lindquist, Dave Sousa and Carla Pompro-wicz.

**Sincerely,  
Erin Bussiere – Hebron**

**Curley for First Selectperson**

To the Editor:

Being relatively new to Portland – some 14 years – and also a senior citizen, I don't have a lot of experiences in Portland. One thing I have learned from going to Town Hall and town meetings is that Ryan Curley is friendly, personable, helpful and a good listener.

On numerous visits to the Town Hall clerk's office for various things over the years like a fishing license, notary service and so forth, Ryan's desk is in front of an open door visible to all who enter his department. He greets you with a smile – the only official I have encountered to respond to a conversation with a positive response, not an excuse as to why they cannot do this or that or make a promise to address something and never address it.

I know Ryan is the best person for first selectman and hope all my fellow voters reflect on my thoughts and compare them to their experiences and make their choice accordingly.

**Sincerely,  
Chris Martin – Portland**

**Supports Sousa**

To the Editor:

I support David Sousa for Planning and Zoning! How fortunate the citizens of Hebron are to have a candidate with such excellent qualifications for this board. David is a certified urban planner and a landscape architect licensed by the State of Connecticut. He has 42 years of experience in community development. David has volunteered in many ways for the Town of Hebron. We are both members of the Hebron Coalition for Diversity and Equity and I find David to be knowledgeable, reliable and a pleasure to work with.

David Sousa cares deeply about the town of Hebron and will work diligently to apply his knowledge and skills to improve our town center and protect Hebron's natural resources. David Sousa has my vote for Planning and Zoning.

**Sue Smallidge – Hebron**

**Great Candidates**

To the Editor:

I am so excited about the great candidates the Democratic Town Committee recruited this year! Each candidate has unique skills which will add to the boards they are joining and have demonstrated a true commitment to our community.

Most importantly, I am proud that our entire slate believes strongly in following the science to keep our kids safely in school and our community. At a time when town boards are under attack for taking measures to protect citizens, it is refreshing that these candidates understand that following the science is how we will pull through this pandemic.

I am proud to vote for this slate on Nov. 2 and hope that my fellow residents will join me.

**Amy D'Amaddio – Amston**

**Shame on You!**

To the Editor:

To all the people who reveled in the rally in Plainfield on Saturday, Oct. 23, culminating in the appearance of QAnon conspiracy theorist Marjorie Taylor Greene – whether you were there or just wished you were:

Shame on you!  
You have brought what passes for public discourse on matters of interest at all levels of government to a new low. You have your right of free speech, but one would expect the exercise of that precious right to be more mature and less infantile than this. What would the Founders think of this sort of language in the public square in revolutionary times?

You are obviously embarrassed by your language when you disguise it with hashtags, other symbols of similar import, and the most ludicrous of all: "Let's Go Brandon."

If you are afraid to display it unadorned so that the world can see how impolite, crass and vulgar you are, then you are nothing more than a coward.

You should be ashamed of yourselves.  
This type of language was never tolerated in the

home, the schoolyard, the church, or the marketplace of civilized ideas before, so what makes it right to do so now?

Something – or someone – has empowered you to think that's OK to shriek, wear and otherwise approve the most foul language that I was always taught one could ever direct at another person, and now you do so with pride, and the expectation that you will never be called out for it.

Well, I'm calling you out.  
Your descent into the sewer of this sort of language is inexcusable in what is supposed to be an intelligent, civilized country and society. By stooping to this disgraceful level, you show that you are neither.

You should have your collective mouths washed out with soap.  
Shame, shame on you!

**Kevin Connors – Hebron**

**Interesting and Critical Times**

To the Editor:

These are interesting and critical times. To ensure that the Town of Hebron remains a desirable community for all, embraces diversity, and adapts to meet emerging needs, it is critical to plan for the future. As a professional certified planner, I am eager to be at the front line of that planning.

Please vote Dave Sousa for Planning and Zoning Commission. Thank you!

**Dave Sousa – Hebron**

**Focused on the Future**

Dear Marlborough Voters:

What is so exciting about the Marlborough Democratic slate of municipal candidates?

After the "Meet and Greet" last Wednesday at the Chateau Le Gari winery in Marlborough, it is evident that as a group, they embody experience, skills, education, enthusiasm and a genuine desire to serve Marlborough. Many are new faces such as BOF candidates Rob Mirabal, Bursar at Wesleyan University, Annie Majocho Steinbrecher, MBA finance and business, Jack Fidler, young and vibrant future of Marlborough with a physical therapist doctorate.

And there are the new faces of BOE candidates: Angela Colantonio, pediatric nurse, Anna Holden, focused and compassionate, former teacher and mother.

In addition there are the extraordinary Zoning Commission candidates: Jillian LaCaresse, highly experienced and optimistic, Cheryl Morgan, ready to invest time and expertise, Dianne Dunn, community development experience, Erick Stomberg, engineering and infrastructure expert. The list goes on with the Planning Commission candidates; Beth Landers Morris, environmental management expertise, Jason Cooper, expertise in creative problem solving. Plus the Zoning Board of Appeals candidates include; Jason Close, experience with construction and codes, Erica Gorman, microsoft customer success, Bill Lardi, 40 years' experience with

construction and codes.

The Marlborough Democratic endorsed list also includes many who have already made their dedication to Marlborough clear through many years of service: BOE RHAM candidates Jean Wilson and Dr. Judy Benson-Clarke, Planning candidate Rita McGary, Zoning Board of Appeals candidate Matt Wilson, current BOE chair, Wes Skorski and finally Assessment Board of Appeals, Koreen Ryan, well-known in Marlborough real estate.

Thanks to all these incredible candidates who have stepped up to offer their experience, skills, expertise, time, energy and optimism for the future of Marlborough. "Focus on the Future." Vote Democratic line A on Nov. 2.

**Sincerely,  
Dianne Dunn Greco, Chair  
Marlborough Democratic Town Committee**

*Note: Greco added she's speaking on behalf of the Marlborough Democratic Town Committee.*

**Supports McLennan**

To the Editor:

Bridget McLennan has my support for East Hampton Board of Finance.

She previously served on the BOF and was able to effectively work across the aisle by negotiating and finding common ground to get things done. That is the type of leadership we need working for our residents. Bridget also understands that how our tax dollars are spent impacts impact all of us.

As in the past, Bridget will work hard for East Hampton residents.

**Jay Owens – East Hampton**

**East Hampton Voters**

To the Editor:

There is a distinct difference between the Democratic candidates seeking reelection to the Town Council – Pete Brown, Derek Johnson, Dean Markham, Barbara Moore, Kevin Reich – and their Republican opponents; they are running on a record of outstanding accomplishment during the past two years and offer a strong platform outlining what they support and will work towards when re-elected. In addition, quality candidates for Board of Finance, Education, Assessment Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeals, join this ticket prepared to address our future with vast experience and dedication to public service. The council has already begun the work on one of our most important needs – public water. This is a multi-dimensional undertaking includes not only the overall plan and design, but assessing available water sources, and obtaining grant funding to mitigate the direct cost to you. When others talk about revitalizing our Village Center, we are already seeking qualified developers to present plans to rehabilitate the old mills on Summit and Watrous streets, public water an essential component of any proposal.

Recently some of the Republican candidates have  
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postulated how the American Rescue Plan grant should be spent. For example, some want to pay down public debt. Maybe if they had studied the Act more, they would know that such use is absolutely prohibited. Others talked about the one-time grant. That is wrong as well. The town received its first \$1.894 million tranche this past July with a second equal amount due July 2022. Our Democratic officials will not be frivolous, but will carefully study the needs of the community and how spending it fits the federal guidelines. We will identify the "Best Uses for Long-Term Recovery" and, will not create future budget deficits from what we do spend those funds towards.

**Dean Markham – East Hampton**

*Note: Markham is vice chairman of the East Hampton Town Council, but is writing as an individual.*

**Mirabal for Marlborough**

To the Editor:

I enthusiastically endorse Rob Mirabal as a uniquely qualified candidate for Marlborough's Board of Finance. Rob moved to Marlborough in 2018 and quickly became an asset to the town. He became a head coach with the Marlborough Youth Athletic League and is a founding and current member of the Marlborough Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee. His impressive education and professional experience have focused on economics, finance and education.

Politics has nothing to do with Rob's candidacy: he is simply a high energy person who cares about our town and wants to contribute to our community. We are incredibly fortunate that such a qualified person is willing to serve. Please take advantage of this opportunity and vote for Rob Mirabal

for the Board of Finance on Nov. 2.

**Sincerely,**

**Betty O'Brien – Marlborough**

**Vote for Fidler**

To the Editor:

I only recently met Jack Fidler but was instantly impressed by his approachability and intelligence. You can just tell he means business. He and his wife have only been here a couple of years, but he is already jumping in to help improve our community. I think it's great to have younger candidates, like Jack, with the optimism and wealth of fresh perspectives they bring to town boards. Of course, he is also very educated (he holds a doctorate of physical therapy) and has plenty of experience (he's worked as a physical therapist, and more recently as a sales manager for an adaptive equipment and assistive technology company).

I'll be voting for Jack and looking forward to his positive impact in town.

**Anna Holden – Marlborough**

**Peddling Fear and Contradiction**

To the Editor:

Sam Prentice and his accomplices represent the 25 percent of Americans who peddle fear and contradiction on every course of action. From health care, taxes and economics, to climate change, voting rights, race, gender and religion. Their response to every policy decision conflates half-baked conspiracy theories with totalitarianism. They exemplify an illusion of knowledge that is misinformed and contradictory. This includes their absurd notions surrounding masking and vaccines, which distort personal freedoms with personal responsibility. They insist vaccine mandates violate their free choice; despite the fact Americans are routinely required and encouraged to be inoculated with a dozen vaccines from influenza to measles, HPV, hepatitis and shingles.

Nonetheless, they alleged the FDA hadn't approved COVID-19 vaccines. However, the FDA hasn't approved alcohol either, but they don't oppose that. They claim they don't know what ingredients are in the vaccine. I bet they don't know what's in their toothpaste either. The

truth is the vaccine mandates are being put into place because of those who refuse to follow the guidance. Not unlike smoking and dozens of other societal mandates, the right to abandon personal responsibility does not supersede the wellbeing of others. They have a right to smoke; they simply don't have the privilege to do so in a workplace environment, on a plane, or in a restaurant where their choice places others in harm's way.

This group gets their information from Fox News, Facebook, and Trumpian sycophants. The same anti-government seditionists committed to overthrowing the government on Jan 6.

Therefore, it's no surprise the easily swayed are now disorientated between the anti-government clatter of tyrannical mandates, infringements on their personal freedoms and the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines. Oddly enough, these unsuspecting skills have failed to notice that everyone at Fox News, Facebook, the Republican leadership, and even Trump himself, have been vaccinated.

**Joe Stevens – Hebron**

**Bonaccorso for BOF**

To the Editor:

As you head to the polls on Tuesday, Russell Bonaccorso should be your pick for Board of Finance. Russell is an experienced leader and is tenured in fiscal responsibility. Russell understands that taxes aren't his money, it's not the government's money – it's your hard-earned money. He supports transparent spending and believes you should know how your money is spent.

Vote for Russell and all the other Row B candidates this coming Tuesday! Your vote counts!

**Michael Dzagani – East Hampton**

**Elections Have Consequences**

To the Editor:

Get on your feet and head to the polls on Nov. 2nd! Elections have consequences, as we are quickly learning every day! Don't let this happen in our town by sitting back and making the assumption that your vote won't count, it does! We need checks and balances to ensure that we don't settle for the same ole, same ole!

Voter turnout is typically low for municipal elections. Why? Because we sit home! So it is up to you, East Hampton, to do your part to get on your feet and walk in and cast your vote for Row 'B'! And how about asking your neighbor if they need a ride or at the very least remind them to vote! Voting is a right and privilege ... use it!

**Deborah Cunningham – East Hampton  
Candidate, Board of Assessment Appeals**

**Lead with Integrity**

To the Editor:

I decided to run for the BOE because I believe I have something to offer and I am eager to serve. I think it's important to demonstrate student academic achievements with positive test scores, but I don't think standardized tests and academic performance are the only measures of success in our schools. I am most proud of my children's development as honest, hardworking people of character. They are kind and compassionate young adults and they honored commitments whether or not they succeeded in each endeavor.

My background as an occupational therapist guides me to honor the whole person and focus on activities that are purposeful and meaningful to each individual. Students should have opportunities to succeed academically as well as socially, knowing that every student is unique and will develop interests that may differ from a college preparatory track. It is vital for our schools to prepare all students for the challenges they will face in college or the working world. I am a first-time candidate and this is my first experience campaigning. I have done my best to be my authentic self.

I am proud to be part of a slate of highly qualified candidates who lead with integrity. I believe our team

has remained focused on the issues impacting Portland and the experience and qualifications of our candidates. I don't believe in name calling and personal attacks as a way to prove a point so I was saddened to see others using this approach to gain support. Diversity of ideas, open-mindedness, and collaboration will be what allows Portland to move forward. Isn't this what we ultimately try to instill in our youth? We may not always agree, but mutual respect and acceptance of differing opinions will always be the better choice. Please vote!

**Sincerely,**

**Stacey Benham**

**Candidate for Portland Board of Education**

**Voting for Feegel**

To the Editor:

I will be casting my vote for Tim Feegel once again!

It's good to see one of the younger residents of our community stepping up. Tim Feegel has been a resident of East Hampton his entire life and has an idea what the needs of the town are. For instance, we will be receiving a grant from American Rescue Plan money – \$3,788,167.51 for the general good of the town. There are a lot of people chomping at the bit with a lot of ideas on how to spend it. Tim sits on the committee that will watch over this process. I feel confident that with Tim on the committee the dollars will be spent with wisely and carefully.

**Bill McCann – Middle Haddam**

**True Character**

To the Editor:

Although I have worked besides April Graves and Kim Nagy-Maruschock on community events for years, I have recently gotten to know their true character. They are mothers to smart, well-round children; fierce advocates for justice and fairness; and dedicated to accomplishing great things in our town. As we walked on the campaign trail with my husband Ralph, they listened to what our Portland neighbors have to say to learn what the important issues are to you. Aside from their excellent bios, they want to understand and represent us with transparency and fairness. I'm proud to call them my friends.

Please join me to vote for April Graves - BOS; Kim Nagy-Maruschock - BOE along with Ralph Zampano -BOS and Row A on Nov. 2. Thank you.

**Bernice Zampano – Portland**

**Bylone Deserves Your Vote**

Dear Colchester Residents:

On Nov. 2, First Selectman Mary Bylone deserves your vote. I'm proud to serve on a team that focuses on the issues important to Colchester. We've listened to your thoughts and concerns at your doors. This team is about leadership, experience, communication, integrity, facts and fiscal responsibility.

Working under the leadership of First Selectman Mary Bylone, we have moved Colchester forward despite a raging pandemic and two major hurricanes. Mary led us through by making tough decisions based on facts and providing incredible daily communications.

What's happened in the past two years? Colchester has seen the addition of two firefighter/EMT positions and replacement of our fire apparatus – improving our public safety. We've seen economic development – 80 new businesses since January and incredible support for businesses during COVID-19. We've increased our open space by purchasing property that will add to our greenways and passive recreation. With ARPA money, since the funding for these projects was removed from Mary's proposed budget, we'll be fixing the basketball court, begin irrigating the fields, adding playground equipment, fixing the youth services and RecPlex pavilion roofs and proposing so much more for the RecPlex. The new senior center building project will go to referendum on Nov. 16. The grant-funded Town Green improvement project is underway.

These are only a few of the accomplishments of the past two years; there's so much more to do. The Democratic team led by Mary Bylone is about public service, doing what's right for Colchester based on facts, being fiscally responsible and getting things done.

On Nov. 2nd, I ask for your vote for Mary Bylone and the Democratic team on Row A. It would be our honor to serve you.

**Sincerely,**

**Rosemary Coyle – Colchester**

*Note: Coyle is a member of the Colchester Board of Selectmen, but said she is speaking as an individual.*

**Vote Row A**

To the Editor:

As a hard-working, union family man, I am proud to be endorsed by the Eastern CT Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO for the position of Board of Education in the town of East Hampton. As a Democrat, I'm proud of our track record of service to the town, and commitment to our children's education. Just in the last two years with Democrat majorities on town boards the town has:

- restored most of the educational funding that the previous administration had cut, including Chrome-books and technology that proved indispensable during the pandemic;
- taken action to clean the lake once and for all;
- have begun the process and taken action to remove blight, and attract new businesses to the village center;
- added a position to Parks and Rec that expand service for youth and adults in town;
- added a librarian which is crucial both for our youth, and for individuals as they look to get back to work;
- have taken initial actions to bring a water supply for residents with issues currently, and to attract new businesses to town.

All this and more was achieved with lower year by year tax increases than in previous years and maintaining a healthy rainy day fund for the town. Vote row "A" to keep East Hampton moving forward!

**Paul Wisniewski**

**Candidate for East Hampton Board of Education**

**Supports Steinbrecher**

To the Editor:

The Town of Marlborough Board of Finance would be lucky to have someone with Annie Steinbrecher's high credentials of having a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in finance and a Bachelor of Science, mathematics. Annie is an experienced analyst, knowledgeable in human resources, environmental services, rates and economic, load forecasting projects, and budgets. Annie has worked with the accounting and purchasing departments and directly with the banks to pay vendors via EFT payments and purchase orders. She forecasted annual benefit budgets using actuarial valuations and investigated and reported monthly and quarterly variances. She paid retiree billing through Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association (VEBA) trust funds and worked with Treasury to ensure proper reserves for retiree benefits payments.

As someone who has worked in municipal finance for 15 years, I can attest that Annie's skill and knowledge would be an asset to the Town of Marlborough's Board of Finance. Not only is Annie highly qualified for this position she also has a strong presence in our community, she and her husband have volunteered at Cub and Boy Scouts of America for the last 14 years. Annie rises to any challenge no matter how big and she also has superhuman energy!

Annie for Finance!

**Andrea Caldwell – Marlborough**

**Behind Bates**

To the Editor:

I am supporting Deborah Bates for the Colchester Board of Selectmen on Nov. 2, and I am asking fellow voters to do the same.

Deborah has proven her leadership skills through her work and volunteer activities. She has owned her own successful business. Her volunteer experience includes the Collaborative for Colchester's Children and as a team leader for the American Cancer Society. She is committed to her responsibilities and accomplishing results. Deborah will bring integrity and dedication to the position. She believes in our Town and in Colchester's future.

Please join me in supporting Deborah.

**Sincerely,**

**Julianna Cameron – Colchester**

**Announcing My Candidacy**

To the Editor:

Since moving to town in 1974 I have been fortunate to make many friends in East Hampton. To the friends that know me, and to the folks I do not know yet, I would like to introduce myself, and announce my candidacy for the East Hampton Board of Education. Service to others comes naturally to me as I have been through my church for 30 years. My commitment to service is why I am running for the Board of Education.

Safety, security, and top quality education without distraction are my main concerns. If a teacher or student has issues, I would encourage the superintendent to resolve the problem without embarrassing either. I will seek to find areas within the budget that are used to provide funding for other areas and ask how long this has been going on. The board is not a rubber stamp to whatever budgets are presented.

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ity of your child's education matters. I believe that children can still be what they want to be in this country. I want to ensure that our education provides a solid foundation for their future.

Parental choice is key. I welcome the opportunity to work with you and your family to resolve your needs. I believe in real transparency and will be providing you, the citizens of East Hampton, lessons learned and am not afraid to buck the normal system and take the heat for it.

Being conservative-minded is not popular as it is a focus of negativity to those on the left. Their cancel culture is similar to the bullies that demean people different from themselves. People like that put themselves instead of your children first. Please vote for me to hold them accountable.

**Sal Nucifora – East Hampton**

**Supports Philhower**

To the Editor:

Please return Mark Philhower to Town Council. For over two decades working with Mark on various agencies and committees, his overriding concern continues to be will the action be good for the Town of East Hampton and the future of East Hampton while getting maximum results for the money and effort expended. In addition to researching issues, he is a good listener and fearlessly expresses his opinion while trying to build consensus.

**Sincerely,**

**Ray Zatorski – East Hampton**

*Note: Zatorski is chair of the East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission, but is writing as an individual.*

**Hats Off to the Democrats**

To the Editor:

Hats off and thank you to the East Hampton Democratic Town Committee. The Drive-Thru Luncheon for the Senior Center was a hit; the 90-plus people in attendance were thrilled with your generosity and time. The weather was great and everyone was happy to get out on a beautiful day!

Thanks again for being there!

**Jo Ann Ewing  
Senior Services Coordinator  
East Hampton Senior Center**

**McLennan Has My Vote**

To the Editor:

Bridget McLennan is my choice for Board of Finance. She is an independent thinker and a smart woman. She has the experience to navigate our finances through troubled times.

Bridget has my vote and she deserves yours.

**Sincerely,**

**Raymond Navarro – East Hampton**

**Clarifications**

To the Editor:

Good day Hebron voters. My letter is two-part; first, to recognize the event held in town on Saturday. Perfect weather and a wonderful time. Thank you, Town Center Project people.

I would also like to state some clarifications to the article in last week's paper. Yes, we appointed a Republican to replace a Republican who stepped down due to work. Only in extreme cases has this process not been followed. Unlike what the paper attempted to convey, there were other considerations that I weighed. If the reporter reached out to me, I would have clarified. During the interview, it came out that Mr. Heinan, a college professor, was one of the teachers for our current superintendent. My fear was – any perceived collusion or conflicts of interest, whether real or imagined, should be avoided. The potential of internal friction on the board was too great.

The article also mentions all of the residents that reached out. The letters were from DTC members.

We have a solid, stable, well-run town. This is due to great town staff and dedicated elected people serving on our boards and commissions. Republicans, both those running for re-election and those running for the first time, are willing to continue to serve our community and keep our town the stable, forward moving town that other communities look up to. The Republican leadership in town is working for Hebron, and it shows.

I ask you to again vote for the Republican team November 2nd.

**Thank you,  
Daniel Larson – Hebron**

*Note: Larson is chairman of the Hebron Board of Selectmen, but said he is writing as an individual.*

**Support Plourde**

To the Editor:

It is my pleasure to write in support of Jeff Plourde's candidacy as an incumbent on the Marlborough Board of Finance (BOF). Jeff, his wife, and daughter moved to Marlborough in 2017 and settled in our neighborhood and for Jeff, this was a homecoming, having grown up here. In the past four years, I have come to know Jeff as an honest, hard-working family man who not only cares about his hometown but seeks to give back to our town so that others have the chance to enjoy the Marlborough that he grew up in and where he has chosen to raise his family.

An incumbent, Jeff has served as a BOF alternate, is well-prepared for each meeting and contributes productively. Moreover, his experience as an accountant serves him and our town well. He holds a bachelor's degree in communications, master's degree in accounting and has been employed by the State of Connecticut for 14 years where he was a revenue examiner in the Department of Revenue Services and currently is a utilities examiner for the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority. Undeniably, Jeff's accounting background will continue to serve him well on the BOF and benefit Marlborough, in the long run.

Our schools represent the largest component of the town budget and Jeff knows the importance of having schools of the highest quality – his wife is a teacher, and his daughter attends the very same schools Jeff did as a child. Among the reasons families move to Marlborough is for the high-quality education and Jeff is committed to maintaining that quality while balancing the budgetary impact on us as residents of Marlborough.

Please join me in enthusiastically supporting Jeff Plourde's re-election for the Marlborough Board of Finance.

**Sincerely,  
Rob Picone – Marlborough**

**Homegrown Leadership**

To the Editor:

Gabe Marques and Joey Colletti were both born and raised in Hebron, and are now hoping to take on a new leadership endeavor on the RHAM Board of Education. Interestingly enough, I met both of them as students when they attended RHAM High School. Their perspectives are from the viewpoint of invested citizens that value family, education and community.

Both gentlemen enjoyed and benefited from their educational experiences in the Hebron school system. Joey wants to be sure his children have the same quality education that he did in this critical time in society that is changing so quickly. These candidates place great merit on family choice, not government intervention. They have benefitted themselves from being involved in extracurricular activities, clubs, and sports and see that youth gain experience and life lessons from these critical programs. Our homegrown leaders, like Gabe and Joey, want to keep career readiness classes like the Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative, and enjoyable electives in music, physical education, and art. They believe these classes, in addition to core academics, build a well-rounded student, ready to work hard, be successful, and have a strong sense of self in the world after RHAM.

Consider these quality candidates when voting for RHAM Board of Education on November 2nd. I found it helpful to access the ballot ahead of time and educate myself on candidates for all positions using this website: [tinyurl.com/4xzvhmwe](http://tinyurl.com/4xzvhmwe).

**Sincerely,  
Kim Hills – Hebron**

**Endorsing Riley**

To the Editor:

I am writing to endorse Claudia Riley for the RHAM Board of Education. I have known Claudia for 15 years. I know her to be an intelligent and compassionate woman

who is dedicated to her family and her community. She is level-headed, tolerant, and willing to hear all sides of an issue. She is an active member of our community, having served as a member of the Hebron Schools PTA, the Hebron Center Nursery School, St. Peter's Church, the Town Center Project, as well as volunteering with various sports organizations.

Claudia Riley is passionate in her belief that every child is deserving of a robust and enriched education. She is committed to working alongside other Board Members to best support our teachers and school administrators. Claudia understands that there are many pathways to achieving academic success, and this should be reflected in our school's diverse course offerings and programming.

Claudia is interested in making science-based decisions to ensure the safety of all students and faculty during these challenging times.

Claudia is passionate about promoting mental health wellness in our community and our schools. She understands that students learn best when they feel supported and safe in their environment.

Without reservation, I enthusiastically endorse Claudia Riley for the RHAM Board of Education.

**Sue Thompson – Amston**

**Had Enough?**

To the Editor:

Had enough? Vote Republican. Specifically, vote for Mike Buck for the BOE. He may not have all the answers, but he is a man of solutions, integrity and he is what is badly needed facing the schools today.

Vote Mike Buck, Row B.

**Alison Walck – East Hampton**

**Vote for Ralph Zampano**

To the Editor:

Our dad, Ralph Zampano, has proven himself as a doer. He has consistently demonstrated the spirit of volunteerism and true civic duty. He is always actively engaged. He serves on many town committees, coordinates the K-2 Basketball program, and is a member of both the Exchange Club and the Lions Club. He rarely misses a meeting or an opportunity to roll up his sleeves to make something happen. He worked tirelessly on his own time to be sure the new park build was moving along appropriately, often reporting its progress publicly.

However, our dad, Ralph is not done. He wants to continue to work on a sustainable, long term, reasonably priced solution for our water. He wants to continue to encourage and support Riverfront development for economic growth. Our dad wants a better future for the next generation of Portland. Join us in voting for Ralph Zampano Nov. 2. Thank you.

**Michael and AnnaRose Zampano – Portland**

**My Priorities – Our Citizens!**

To the Editor:

I think that it is very important for our next Town Council to continue to work together to develop programs and ideas that will ensure a thoughtful and creative direction for our future capital and town budgets. One of the first items on the new Town Council's agenda will be the important consideration of our capital needs for 2022.

These priorities affect our citizens each and every day. It will be the duty of the elected officials to cre-

ate a balance between spending and providing needs for the town. Every candidate has their own priorities and thoughtfully plan how to provide their knowledge and service to the town. Every taxpayer also has their priorities, balancing the importance of each budget item that is presented for their approval vs. their means to support it.

I look forward to viewing the priorities for the town with fresh thoughts and continue to work as a team. I appreciate the many opportunities that I have had to serve our town and look forward to continuing in this service to our citizens.

**Respectfully,  
Barbara Moore  
Candidate for East Hampton Town Council**

**Walton for Zoning Board of Appeals**

To the Editor:

In my letter to the editor two weeks ago I listed the important duties of the Zoning Board of Appeals. In the past I have been a volunteer or served on the Little League, Fire Department, Old Home Day, Board of Finance, Fire Commission, Middle Haddam Library, the ZBA and member of Rotary.

During my last 10 years of employment at Pratt & Whitney I was a quality engineer which involved reviewing and enforcing quality requirements to procedures and blueprints. While aerospace and land use requirements are not the same, the method for reviewing town land use requirements is comparable. This experience serving my first five years on the ZBA made my transition less laborious. This background enables me to move comfortably through the land regulations to better understand how the needs of the applicant and town can be best served.

I am asking for your support and vote in order to serve another five-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Thank you,  
Matthew Walton, Chairman  
Zoning Board of Appeals**

**What Better Gift?**

Marlborough Residents:

If you are still on the fence for your Nov. 2 ballot, consider this. Two new candidates, Liz Giannelli and Kerri Barella, have school-aged students and are well-versed in education. What better gift can we give our district as we move forward in excellence?

Vote for honest, challenging conversations and well-balanced views in and out of the classroom! Vote Giannelli and Barella!

**Jen Barone – Marlborough**

**Supports Shaun Manning**

To the Editor:

Shaun Manning has spent the past years studying the infrastructure that the town of Portland desperately needs to keep current businesses moving forward and to bring new business into our town. I personally have been lucky enough to be able to sit with Shaun and listen to the ideas he has to make Portland a better place for its businesses and resident tax payers.

Portland needs fresh ideas and someone that will listen to the resident's needs. It's about Portland not politics. Shaun Manning, along with Ryan Curley and their running mates is exactly what the town of Portland needs. Please join me on Nov. 2 in supporting Shaun Manning.

*See Letters, page 8*

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★ *Story cont. from page 7*

I would also like to comment on a letter in last week's news bulletin on page 32 "Concerns About Curley" written by Lauren Christensen, who currently sits on the Board of Education in Portland. Lauren Christensen bashes Shaun Manning and his running mates. First off, Mrs. Christensen spelled Shaun's name wrong. Second, she calls Shaun "not a very nice guy." I've known Shaun for many years. My wife graduated high school with Shaun. My wife and I spend many weekends with Shaun, his wife, his daughter and grandchildren. Shaun is one of the nicest people in Portland you will ever meet.

Freedom of speech is one thing, but bashing someone you don't even know, let alone can't spell their name correctly, for some kind of political gain is shameful. Mrs. Christensen also states that Shaun's "Back to Basics" campaign was based on buzzwords. Education, infrastructure and public safety are not buzzwords Mrs. Christensen, it's exactly what Portland needs.

Respectfully,  
Warren Breece – Portland

### Coshow Has My Vote

To the Editor:

I have been following Alannah Coshow's candidacy for East Hampton's Board of Finance with interest and admiration. I have known Alannah for well over 30 years and watched her contributions to the neighborhood as well as the community at large, her tireless efforts, her careful and thoughtful planning and her thorough execution of tasks.

We are fortunate to have her on the Board of Finance and I am confident that she will continue to play a major role in assuring that we have strong vision and fiscal management. She has my vote!

Henry Thorpe – Middle Haddam

### Running for Finance Board

To the Editor:

I am a 64-year resident of Colchester. I am running for the Board of Finance, as I want to contribute to making improvements for the people of Colchester. My wife and I choose this town as our home and I feel that in the last two years it has gone in the wrong direction. I am a USAF/ANG veteran with an extensive background in sales, sales management, and division management setting budgets and achieving goals.

I have managed large and small budgets with many companies in me 40 years in the work force. I have taught budgeting through the Dave Ramsey program for 18 years and have a good handle on living within our means. I also own three businesses that have taught me just how important budgeting and open communication is. As a first-time candidate for Board of Finance, I believe we have the right team from top to bottom. I fully endorse Andreas Bisbikos for first selectman in Colchester. I look forward to serving our great community of Colchester. This is a volunteer position so I ask for your support Nov. 2 please get out and vote.

Thank you,  
John Thomas – Colchester

### Time for Tripp

To the Editor:

The Town of Portland has had the great fortune of having had an outstanding First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield in office for 18 years. Susan has served not only Portland well, during her very long tenure, she has been an active leader in many state and regional municipal organizations.

So we are writing to not only personally thank her, but also urge Portland's voters to support Jim Tripp, as her successor.

Through Jim's many years of participation and service, in practically all of the town's municipal and civic activities, he has developed the skills and understanding that is needed to handle the myriad of complexities, regarding current initiatives, that will improve the lives of Portland's citizens and businesses. He has also had the benefit of working on the Board of Selectmen, with such an accomplished first selectwoman.

Therefore, we think now is the time to continue moving forward by electing Jim Tripp, as Portland's next first selectman.

Sincerely,  
Tom and Susan Malecky – Portland

### The Real Deal

To the Editor:

Air Force veteran and Connecticut State Trooper Mike Buck is the real deal! He is a man who loves his country, loves his town, and loves his family. His deep-seeded values and empathetic character will be used to unite us, not divide us. A quote taken from Mike's endorsement interview with lawenforcementtoday.com says it all. "Whenever I do anything, I just try to do the right thing, at the right time, for the right reason." Mike Buck's time is now!

I know countless other citizens in East Hampton join me in my full endorsement of Mike Buck for Board of Education.

Melody Philhower – East Hampton

### Thousands vs. Millions

To the Editor:

I read the *Rivereast News Bulletin* each week and have followed the letters pertaining to the request for a new turf field to be installed at RHAM. A request for a \$3.5 million expenditure for the new athletic fields is asking too much from our taxpayers.

If repairs are required, they can certainly be accomplished for thousands of dollars.

Please vote 'no' for this unnecessary expenditure. Our taxes are high enough.

Sara LeSage – Hebron

### Twisting My Words

To the Editor:

William Desrosiers misrepresented my Oct. 8th letter, falsely claiming I said, "that Mr. (Jimmy) Carter is more Christ-like than Jesus." Then he patronized me, lecturing that "no one can be more like another individual than that person." Mr. Desrosiers joins other pretentious writers who twist others' words and sentences so that they have something to rail against. Lacking honesty, they shun direct quotes, subconsciously aware their own rebuttal would implode if they did so. What I did say was that Jimmy Carter "in some ways" exceeded Jesus. One example I gave was that Carter, through the Carter Cen-

ter's efforts to eradicate 'River Blindness,' had exceeded Jesus by healing far more people of blindness. I reminded readers that Christ ascended to heaven leaving the disease to blind millions more over the last 2,000 years.

Additionally, Mr. Desrosiers pompously stated "he will be praying for 'my' soul." Christians ought to cease such facile platitudes. Some of us are happy to have our material 'souls' remaining Earthbound, still contributing to all the ecological interactions that atoms of C, N, Ca, H, O, Fe, Mg etc. play a critical role in. "Dust to dust, ashes to ashes" kind of thing. I love the observable creation well enough to know my home is here. But if your God did not make this existence worth your while and you need more, then fly off to your imagined heaven.

Recalling a public debate I once had with a Salvation Army major, he closed his argument saying that if he was right, upon death my soul would be damned to an eternal hell. I told him if I was right, there wouldn't be a moment of anguish and suffering, for him or anyone. Once again, Christians unable to escape their reptilian Old Testament. Did Jesus exist for nothing?

Edmund Smith – Andover

### Support Our Slate

Dear Hebron Friends and Neighbors:

In a few short days on Nov. 2, we will head to the polls for an important election: selecting your local town leaders who will set your mill rate and manage our great schools.

I encourage you to vote for the entire Democratic slate on Row A. We have exceptional candidates who are ready to serve on day one. Heather Petit has been an extraordinary chairwoman on the Hebron Board of Education during these difficult times, and her running mate, Nicole Matthews, will be an excellent addition to continue the important work of keeping our children safely in school. On the Board of Finance, Mal Leichter and Amy Dunnells will work together to craft budgets that will invest in our community and move the town forward. Our RHAM Board of Education candidates – Maura Baker, Claudia Riley and Heather Summerer – have years of dedicated service to our children and young adults and will make exceptional board members.

For Planning and Zoning, Dave Sousa and Eric Lindquist bring a wide breadth of experience in conservation and town planning. And our town clerk, Carla Pomproicz, has devoted years of service to Hebron and we are proud to support her candidacy once again.

Most importantly, I encourage everyone to come and vote on Nov. 2. Every election is consequential. I will see you at the polls!

Most sincerely,  
Tiffany V. Thiele – Hebron

*Note: Thiele is a candidate for the Hebron Board of Selectmen, but is writing this letter in her capacity as chairwoman of the Hebron Democratic Town Committee.*

### Energetic Candidate

To the Editor:

After being in politics for over 30 years, it is refreshing to see a young person with such enthusiasm! Christina Tammaro-Dzagan, a mother of two young children, has worked tirelessly on this campaign for change. I know as a member of the East Hampton Board of Education, she will continue to work as hard for your children and my grandchildren.

Vote for Christina Tammaro-Dzagan for BOE.

Mark Philhower – East Hampton  
*Note: Philhower is a member of the East Hampton Town Council, but is writing as an individual.*

### Marlborough's Ballot

To the Editor:

On Nov. 2 Marlborough's voters will have the opportunity to not only elect a wide array of candidates for municipal office, but there will also be 9 questions on the ballot regarding proposed changes to our town charter. As a result, this is inarguably one of the most lengthy and complex ballots we have seen in many years.

A few years ago, there was a change to voting on our budget by referendum as opposed to doing so by a town meeting, but it has been over 35 years since the Marlborough charter was extensively updated. We now have the opportunity to make significant changes to our charter to implement a five-member Board of Selectmen with a town manager, to have an appointed versus elected tax collector and town clerk, make changes in the number of members on various other Boards and to implement a myriad of other modifications. Therefore, I urge voters to visit the Town of Marlborough web site to review the proposed changes before going to the polls. But it doesn't stop there. Voters can visit [www.MarlGOP.com](http://www.MarlGOP.com) to learn more about all of the Republican candidates, along with profiles in the *Rivereast*, to learn more specifically about the candidates running for the boards of education and finance.

Choices you make on Nov. 2 regarding both the Charter and the selection of candidates will greatly impact the future of our community. Please do your homework so you can make informed decisions when you go to the polls.

Ken Hjulstrom – Marlborough

*Note: Hjulstrom is a member of the Marlborough Board of Finance, but said he is writing as an individual.*

### Backing Baker

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of my friend, Maura Baker, who is running for the RHAM Board of Education. A resident of our small town since 2002, Maura has always sought community involvement. I met Maura through Girl Scouts, where our daughters met and became steadfast friends. Maura was a resolute Scout Leader from her daughter's kindergarten class all the way through high school graduation. Her commitment to scouting lasted throughout the years, through numerous changes and the merging of multiple troops as the girls got older. Maura embraces and exudes the very nature of Girl Scouts: a movement dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence, and character. She herself is a person of integrity: dependable, hard-working, and honest.

Maura's career as an actuary makes her predisposed to organization and analysis. She is an open minded, active listener. She arrives at informed decisions through due diligence, thoughtfully deliberating options and calmly mitigating arbitration between opposing viewpoints. As a vice president at Travelers, she is well versed and comfortable in a leadership role. A female corporate leader,

she brings firsthand knowledge of the importance and value of diversity and inclusion.

With two children attending our schools, Maura has witnessed firsthand the triumphs and hurdles within our school system. She has unwavering trust in the importance of a good education and is eager to play a role in the success of our local educational system and policies. I recommend Maura without hesitation. I am certain Maura would do an outstanding job representing the values of our community on the RHAM Board of Education.

Robyn Minella – Hebron

### Supports Holden

To the Editor:

I am writing to support Anna Holden's candidacy for Marlborough's Board of Education. I have known Anna since we moved to town during the summer of 2012. We, as well as our children, have become good friends, primarily due to our shared values, beliefs, and utmost concern for ensuring the safety and development of our children.

As a former teacher, Anna understands the needs of the classroom and the importance of educational excellence. She will value our students, families, educators, and all that support the school system. In terms of community involvement, Anna has demonstrated her ability to serve the community surrounding important environmental and ethical matters as a member of Marlborough's Nature Trail and Sidewalk Commission and as a member of Hebron Coalition on Diversity and Equity.

As a mother of three, former educator, and involved citizen of Marlborough, I strongly believe Anna will advocate for what is best for our children and our town while keeping them safe. I encourage you to join me in voting for Anna Holden on Nov. 2.

Respectfully,  
Maria Itteilag – Marlborough

### Backs Buck, Tammaro-Dragan

To the Editor:

I'm writing to show my support for Michael Buck and Christina Tammaro-Dragan for East Hampton Board of Education (EHBOE). They both have children that currently attend East Hampton schools.

As parents voting this year remember, the National School Board Association, of which Connecticut is a member, labeled parents who speak up at meetings as terrorists by our federal government.

Ask yourself, would you rather have representing you on the EHBOE, parents, one a state police officer and the other a corporate trainer that understand your concerns, or attorneys with no children in our schools?

Erika Bonaccorso – East Hampton

### A Gratifying Experience

To the Editor:

Running for public office has proven to be a gratifying experience. The passion for quality education is an obvious priority for so many of us here in Hebron. Whether you have children in our schools or not, we equally recognize the importance of a great education. I have had an opportunity over the past few months to speak with many of you about your position on high-lights and lowlights in the RHAM community. Please know that my goals are not to disrupt the system, but to ensure we maintain our focus on the things that matter most: our students.

An effective BOE member must ensure the interests of all our students is in clear perspective. Political ideology, regardless of the perspective, is not what we must base our decisions. I see a RHAM BOE role as one of the most important decisions we make during these municipal elections. I am grateful for your support and look forward to serving my community with integrity. Please vote on Nov. 2.

Best regards,  
Michael Charron – Hebron  
RHAM Board of Education Candidate

### Olipphant for Board of Education

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Alexander Olipphant's candidacy for Board of Education. Alex and I have been best friends for over 16 years and married for 12 years.

Alex is an enthusiastic and dedicated educator. He feels every student has the capacity to learn and flourish as an individual. Most professors just grade papers. Alex spends painstaking hours examining students' work to determine where their disconnect is with their studies, so he may assist them in correcting their errors and move on. I have seen him rewrite lesson plans so special needs students may grasp the concepts necessary to complete his courses. Alex cares about his students. He encourages his students to ask questions and to ask for help if they need it. Alex discreetly approaches students who appear confused and offers to meet with them in person or remotely to discuss. Alex cares about every student's success and wants them to excel on the care path they have chosen.

Alex is a scientist; he collects data and analyses it before he approaches every issue. Since he has announced his candidacy, he has been conducting a lot of research on state mandates and district curriculum/policies. He has spoken to students and parents at various events in town and at meet and greets.

The Republican slate of Board of Education is comprised of a diverse group of individuals. Collectively, the team offers a wide encompassing view of the aspects of student education. The caring and nurturing of the slate is amazing. Please vote for the Republican team, row B.

Sincerely,  
Judy Barnes – Colchester

### Vote Dennler

To the Editor:

I'm encouraging all Colchester voters regardless of political affiliations to join me in voting Bernard Dennler for Board of Finance.

In his two years on the BOF, Bernie has been a leader who helped bring board members together. On a board that has been split between three Democrats and three Republicans, he has helped broker compromises that moved our town forward. He listens and actively asks questions to understand where others are coming from.

He is passionate about issues like public safety, economic development, preserving Colchester's open space,

town infrastructure, schools, and special education. But he is also practical and understands constraints on the budget and how taxes affect all of us.

At meetings, Bernie Dennler often uses his professional experience working in municipal government to help explain potential impacts of decisions the BOF is considering. That experience is valuable to other board members and residents who are watching the meeting. He takes the time to explain subjects that may be confusing for someone who is just tuning in for the first time.

Bernie's presence has helped me understand our budget process better and to make more informed decisions as a voter.

Colchester needs experienced, thoughtful, practical leaders in our government. Join me in voting for Bernard Dennler III for Board of Finance.

Beth Rude – Colchester

### Glad It's Over

To the Editor:

I must admit that I am glad that this election cycle is almost over. We residents of Colchester have never witnessed such a nasty, vicious local political campaign in the 60 years that I have been a resident of this town.

Actually, I can understand why Mary Bylone's opponents and their supporters are so upset. Mary and her team have provided strong leadership in an effort to keep people from an unseen and little understood enemy (COVID-19) while working tirelessly to advance the interests of our town. It's no wonder she is resented; she is so competent. She has run a strong, clean campaign. She has been supported by Denise Turner and Rosemary Coyle on the Board of Selectmen. The Democratic candidates for Treasurer (Jan Pulse), Board of Finance (Bernie Dennler and Scott Chapman), and Board of Assessment Appeals (Andrew Cournoyer and Sus Thomas) have joined her in her efforts to advance the welfare of our town and everyone in it.

The Democratic team has provided great leadership over the last 2 years and I hope that you will join me in voting for Mary Bylone for First Selectman and the rest of her team on Row A.

John F. Malsbenden – Colchester

### Supports Benson-Clarke

Dear RHAM Voters:

I am pleased to endorse Dr. Judy Benson-Clarke for RHAM Board of Education, a Marlborough citizen of 22 years. She has been on the RHAM board for 10 years as secretary, chair, and is currently serving as vice chairwoman. In addition to her years on the board, she has been a general education teacher, a special education teacher, a principal, a special education director, an assistant superintendent, and a superintendent of schools.

Dr. Judy Benson-Clarke has a doctorate in gifted education and special education. Most importantly, Dr. Judy Benson-Clarke is a mother with deep love and respect for public education. She has two daughters Gabrielle who is 21 and Isabelle who is 19, who have both attended MES and RHAM. Both of her daughters have benefited from an exceptional education at RHAM and they are flourishing.

She believes in keeping public education strong and wants to give back and make sure that every student, family, and the community benefit from RHAM's world-class education. Lastly, Dr. Judy Benson-Clarke believes in continuous improvement and loves to hear from students, parents, and community members about what they are doing well and how they can improve.

Sincerely,  
Reese Maynard – Hebron

### An Excellent Candidate

To the Editor:

Christina Tammaro-Dzagan is an excellent candidate for the Board of Education. Not just because of her remarkable experience specific to adult education, but she's also a stand-up citizen. She's the type of person you want as a neighbor. She's the type of person that leaves a pot of homemade soup on your front steps when you're sick. She's a good person at heart, with old-school values. She's an excellent role model and has high expectations of our administration. She understands that a strong education system is the foundation of an even stronger community, and she will stand up to protect your rights as a parent to make decisions on behalf of your children.

Vote for Christina on Tuesday.  
Gregg Vaillancourt – East Hampton

### Last Call for Senior Survey

To the Editor:

The Senior Survey ends soon. This is your chance to tell us how you envision our town's future, regarding housing, transportation, health care and more, as you age.

The Commission on Aging (COA) will compile the results of the survey and the Town Council is ready and eager to hear, what we collectively, have to say.

Need help filling out the survey? The Senior Center, Library and Town Hall are ready to help. Are you tech savvy? See our COA ad in the *News Bulletin*, Oct. 22 edition, page 20, to view the QR code or see one of the many posters around town and at Stop & Shop or the Post Office to pick up a paper survey.

There is power in numbers, so please have your voice count! The survey ends on Oct. 31, so act now! All responses are confidential!

Thank you,  
Sue Greeno, Vice-Chair  
East Hampton Commission on Aging

### Hebron PBC Plan Flawed

To the Editor:

I am again perplexed by the Hebron Public Building Committee's irresponsible push for an expensive and invasive new Public Works facility. It is clear that the hardworking people of the Department of Public Works need more room and improved working conditions. Instead of addressing this situation, the PBC continues to be distracted by the plans created for a \$9 million industrial mega-complex. In their own words the PBC has stated "we have a building in need of a location." The narrow focus on this flawed plan has left common sense options aside.

In fact, in 2014, a plan for a new DPW office and maintenance facility was included in Hebron's Plan of Conservation and Development. This was supposed to be part of 10 acres reserved for DPW at Burnt Hill, however, these 10 acres were mysteriously reduced to the 2

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1/2 acres remaining today. If this plan is endorsed in the town's most important official document why has it been totally ignored by the PBC? Even with its reduced size, why does this land hold only piles of dirt and not storage space, a maintenance garage or an office?

Selectman John Collins has offered a reasonable alternative plan and instead of working together, the PBC has publicly criticized a duly elected member of our town government. The Eversource land adjacent to the current Public Works facility is available and would immediately offer the DPW an opportunity to build an office, maintenance garage or storage facility. This location might need expensive preparations to hold the PBC's \$9 million complex, but it can easily hold a large storage facility or maintenance garage. This is just plain common sense. I urge the PBC to abandon their flawed plan to build an extravagant complex and simply provide the DPW with more space.

Sincerely,  
Kevin J. Tulimieri – Amston

**Get Out and Vote**

To the Editor:

The election is next week. Citizens of Colchester will decide who they want to lead their town for the next two years. Both candidates for the office of first selectman cite very similar objectives in their election statements. Both express a desire to make Colchester better, by improving police presence, education, senior services, and recreational fields. One candidate will be elected. We must vote for the candidate of our choice.

Citizens of Colchester, get out and vote on Nov. 2! Vote for the candidate you think has the ideas to make a better Colchester and the experience to achieve that goal. I believe that candidate is Mary Bylone. I will vote for Mary, Rosemary Coyle, Denise Turner, Jennifer Pulse, Bernard Dennler, Amy Cahill Domeika, Scott Chapman, Joanne Rose, Andrew Cournoyer, and Susan Thomas. These are the folks I believe will lead Colchester to the future. Vote!

John Barnowski – Colchester

**David Sousa**

To the Editor:

It has been my good fortune to be acquainted with David Sousa for a number of years, first as one of his daughter's teachers and more recently we serve as committee members on two local organizations. I was excited to learn about Dave's decision to run for a seat on Hebron's Planning and Zoning Commission. He will make an excellent addition to this important board based on many factors.

His professional background as a landscape architect and experience in urban planning and community development is perfect for the position. In addition to this, I find Dave to be an active listener, very thoughtful in his decision making, and perhaps most important of all, he is a person of integrity.

David Sousa has my vote for the Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission and I hope yours as well!

Sincerely,  
Althea W. Carr – Hebron

**Vote Row B**

To the Editor:

I am one of the Republicans running for the Board of Assessment Appeals. My name is Karen Godbout and I have lived in Colchester for the past 28 years. I am proud of being a member of this slate of candidates who are professional, young and will bring a fresh new perspective to Colchester. I look forward to the prospect of serving this great community if given the opportunity over the coming years.

I bring the following to the table: I am a detail-oriented person with an analytical mindset. I am customer focused and always looking for win-win situations. I strive for excellence in all I do and that is part of who I am. I am currently working to complete a First Year Tax Professional tax course offered by my seasonal employer.

I look forward to working with the residents of Colchester and I hope you support me by selecting me and the slate outlined on Row B of the ballot when you vote on election day November 2, 2021.

Thank you,  
Karen Godbout – Colchester  
Board of Assessment Appeals Candidate

**Departed Veterans**

To the Editor:

The Hebron Historical Society would like to thank those who attended the mill site tours at Hope Valley/Reidy Hill. The Spring and Fall tours were extremely well received, we are grateful there's so much interest in Hebron's rich history.

Please join us next at the Old Hebron Cemetery; we will introduce you to some of Hebron's departed veterans and highlight improvements HHS volunteers have completed at the burial site over the past seven years. Program takes place Sunday, Nov. 7, from 1-3p.m., at the cemetery (across from Ridge Road).

Thank you for your interest in our history,  
The Hebron Historical Society

**Supports Democratic Ticket**

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of the entire Portland Democratic ticket. I am a senior and relative noobie to Portland. I've only lived here a total of eight years. I have loved this town because of its history of both parties working for the best for all citizens. I would hate to see that change.

I feel honored to have canvassed so many households to meet voters face to face. It seems to me that the consensus is to make Portland a model for forward thinking; not negative assertions. We want our children to be the best educated; all our families to feel included; our seniors to know their opinions count.

I am proud to be a Democrat and especially proud to be part of a party which isn't afraid to work for and applaud inclusiveness while tackling the fundamental concerns regarding infrastructure. I support a party that has encouraged new businesses while opening new parks.

The Democratic ticket wants us all to take advantage of our amazing resources without destroying our environment. Local government, including Boards and Commissions, most directly affect our well-being as community members. I am happy to vote for Jim Tripp as First Selectman and the entire Democratic ticket because they really do put Portland first.

In addition, I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to Susan Bransfield for her 18 years as First Selectwoman and her devotion to making Portland an amazing place to live. Being an elected official should mean sacrifice not personal gain. Susan has provided the benchmark for public service in Portland.

Please vote in person on Tuesday, Nov. 2, or by absentee ballot in ample time. Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Thank you.

Maureen O'Doherty – Portland

**Reelect Tim Lavoy**

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of my husband Tim Lavoy – who is running for another term for Board of Education. He is fully committed to his role on the board and actively engages in committee work. Our two boys attended and graduated from the Portland school system and he is still committed to his role and remains invested in the education of Portland's children.

He brings with him a unique perspective; having served over 35 years as a state employee working with adults with disabilities, he understands the value of stewardship, sound policy development and the rigors involved with the budgeting process. He is steadfast with the board's commitment for the students of this town. He believes in offering an experience that affords a safe opportunity for learning, personal growth and advancement. Recognizing that all of us have potential and talents, our schools should be designed to support each student and give them the tools needed to transition to adulthood.

Politics aside – Portland is a great place to educate and raise a family. Tim continues to work hard on the board to make that a reality for all of Portland's students.

Sandie Lavoy – Portland

**Supports Tripp**

To the Editor:

I am supporting Jim Tripp for first selectman and the entire democratic team. We find ourself with two well educated candidates with different experience. Both candidates love this town but come to the job with a different skill set.

I am born and raised in Portland so I have a long view. Portland used to be a sleepy little town that decided to wake up around 20 years ago. When I reflect on the changes, I see that as a result of leadership at the top

and a community that was motivated by the possibilities. People started to volunteer, committees were formed and people worked hard for the betterment of the community.

Jim Tripp chose Portland realizing it's potential. He became involved on boards and committees bringing his work ethic and knowledge as a problem solver. I've worked with him and have seen firsthand his ability to always see a bigger picture. That is an important quality in managing a multimillion-dollar operation of a small Connecticut town. I had recent conversations with him about the issues facing the town and was impressed with his knowledge about the water sources that exist and how we can move forward. It's complicated and it's obvious he's doing his homework. We talked about capital improvements and learned that when equipment is purchased to replace older snow plow trucks are equipped with computer operation that can regulate the amount of material laid down for ice/snow conditions. The ability to spend money in one place, to save money, material and wear and tear on the infrastructure is wise planning.

I think Ryan can and will have a future in politics, but I think Jim Tripp stands out with his proven experience.

Gail Landry – Portland

**Supports Fraulino**

To the Editor:

I'm writing to you today to attest to the character, experience and skill set of Robert J. Fraulino Sr. (Rob) and why he will succeed as a board member of the Zoning Commission for the town of Marlborough. My name is Joshua Slack; a resident of the town of East Hampton and I have known Rob for over 36 years.

Rob encompasses the traits and characteristics any tax-paying resident could want in someone representing the town in an honorable, fair and unbiased manner. On a personal level, I know Rob to be a family-oriented man with high morals, integrity, passion for his endeavors, and the ability to look at things with an objective mindset.

As a member of the United States Navy for over 30 years, Rob continues to show his commitment to public service. His leadership skills have led to several promotions throughout his career, ultimately finding himself in the position of master chief: a highly regarded and honorable position within the United States military.

In addition to his commitment to the Navy, Rob has also worked for Eversource Energy for the last 17 years.

Rob has the unique ability to successfully multitask and dedicate the attention needed to achieve multiple goals brought before him concurrently.

For the reasons exemplified above, I am not only honored, but proud to endorse Robert Fraulino to serve on the Town of Marlborough Zoning Commission. Please vote for Rob during this coming election, on Nov. 2.

Sincerely,  
Joshua Slack – East Hampton

**What Matters**

To the Editor:

When running our town as First Selectman of Colchester:

Experience matters. Competence matters. Integrity matters. Humility matters. Inclusion and respect for others matters.

The choice is clear.

I will be voting to re-elect Marry Bylone as First Selectman on Tuesday, November 2nd and I hope you will join me.

Respectfully,  
Vincent Rose – Colchester

**A Dedicated Leader**

To Portland Voters:

I'm writing in support of Jim Tripp for first selectman of Portland. I've known Jim for the past 20 years as president of the Brownstone Quorum and as a personal friend to myself and my husband. In all of that time, I've respected Jim as a thoughtful man who has integrity, as well as the ability to be diplomatic in his interactions.

Jim is a dedicated leader whose vision and hard work have been instrumental in the development of the brownstone quarries with the resulting Brownstone Exploration Park, and The Portland Riverfront Park. Both of these locations have been of enormous economic benefit to the town, through the rental of Riverfront Park facilities and the town's contractual share of the Exploration Park's gate fees. With Jim's leadership and forward thinking, we will continue to develop Portland's riverfront area for the maximum economic and esthetic value to the town. Please join me in keeping Portland a place we can all be proud of, and vote for Jim on Nov. 2.

Sincerely,  
Carol Winiski – Portland  
See Letters, page 29

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### Conservation District Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony

All are invited to join the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District for its 74th annual meeting at Cold Spring Farm, 46 Town Rd., on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 1-3 p.m.

The meeting will include a look back on the district's 2020-21 accomplishments; a ceremony to honor its conservation award winners; and a talk and tour about cooperative projects with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, sustainability initiatives, impacts of climate change, and farming through the pandemic.

A brief business meeting will precede the program. After the tour, there will be time for refreshments and conversation, as well as to visit the farm's market, which features products from the farm and other local businesses.

This event is free and open to the public. If interested in attending, RSVP to Sandy Weiss at 860-346-3282 or [sweiss@conservect.org](mailto:sweiss@conservect.org).

The awards to be presented at the meeting include: Tom O'Dell Outstanding District Service to Jeff Folger, formerly with North Central

Conservation District; Farm Cooperator to Cold Spring Farm, Jess Stone; Organization to New Britain Roots, Joey Listro; Special Merit to Janet Brooks, Land Use Attorney; and Certificates of Appreciation to Chester Agricultural & Mechanical Society, Nancy McGee and Joe Santaniello, Information Technology Consultant.

The Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District, a nonprofit organization based in Middletown, works to conserve natural resources through technical assistance and education in Berlin, Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Hebron, Killingworth, Lyme, Madison, Marlborough, Middlefield, Middletown, New Britain, Newington, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, Rocky Hill, Salem and Westbrook. Visit [www.conservect.org/ctivercoastal](http://www.conservect.org/ctivercoastal) for more information about its programs and services.

### Bacon Welcomes Eighth Grade Students

Bacon Academy welcomes all current eighth-grade students and their families to visit and tour the high school on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. The annual showcase is open for all eighth-grade students who will be transitioning into high school for the 2022-2023 school year.

Principal Matthew Peel will include an introduction and an overview of Bacon Academy at 6 p.m. in the Bacon Academy Franklin S "Doc" Gross Auditorium. Following the introduction, students and families are invited to tour the academic departments and meet the staff to learn about the different programs and courses that are offered at Bacon Academy.

### Absentee Ballots Available for Election

The Colchester town clerk's office has absentee ballots for Nov. 2 municipal election available from now through Nov. 1.

For an application for a ballot, go to [tinyurl.com/95nwmskb](http://tinyurl.com/95nwmskb). You must be a current Colchester voter at the time of the application. After the town clerk's office receives the completed application, you will be given an absentee ballot to fill out. People who apply in person can fill out the ballot at that time or take it with you to return within the specified period.

There are multiple ways to deliver a fully filled-out ballot and enclosed envelopes. If delivered in person, it must be delivered to the

town clerk no later than Monday, Nov. 1, at 4:30 p.m.; if delivered in person by a family member or qualified designee, it must reach the town clerk's office by the end of polls on Election Day; if delivered by mail it must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. Election Day; and if placing in the Election Drop Box, it must be deposited by the end of polls on Election Day.

A qualified designee includes: a person caring for you because of your illness, including but not limited to a licensed physician or a registered practical nurse; a police officer in Colchester; or a registrar of voters or deputy registrar of voters in Colchester.

For more information, call the town clerk's office at 860-537-7215.

### Alzheimer's Program for Caregivers

November is National Family Caregivers Month and, in partnership with the Colchester Senior Center, the Commission on Aging invites all to a three-part series entitled "Living with Alzheimer's: For Caregivers: Early Stages."

Kristopher Sortwell, MSW, CBIS, Eastern Region Director of Education and Outreach, Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, will present the series via Zoom Mondays, Nov. 1, 8 and 15, at 6 p.m.

This series is designed to provide practical answers to the questions that arise in the early stage. Learn what you can do to cope with the changes that come with an early-stage diagnosis.

Call the Colchester Senior Center for the Zoom link at 860-537-3911.

### Stars, Socks & Stripes

Bacon Academy senior Sam Blumberger is collecting new packages or pairs of socks for his "Stars, Socks & Stripes" sock donation drive, which will run until Friday, Nov. 5.

Blumberger will donate the socks to the American Legion, with the goal of helping to keep area veterans warm during the winter.

Donations will be collected at Bacon Academy, Cragin Memorial Library and Town Hall.

### Car Wash for Trail Restoration

Boy Scout Troop 72 Eagle Scout candidate Reed DelMastro will have a car wash Sunday, Oct. 31, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Advance Auto Parts parking lot on Linwood Avenue.

The purpose of the car wash is to raise funds to restore the Red Trail at Cohen's Woods Park on MacDonald Road. The trail is frequently used by various individuals and groups throughout the community. The trail will be relocated, in sections, and the damaged bridge will be repaired and put back into its proper place.

Donations to the project fund are also welcome. Donations can be sent to Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester, CT 06415. Make checks out to "Troop 72 BSA" add the note "For Red Trail Repair."

### C3 Fall-Themed Family Event

The parents of C3, the Collaborative for Colchester's Children, will host a free fall-themed family event at Ruby Cohen Woodlands on Tuesday, Nov. 2, from 9-11 a.m. Families can make crafts, complete a scavenger hunt and take home a free book. Register at [ColchesterC3.org](http://ColchesterC3.org).

### Kyle's Smile Memorial 5K

A 5K race will be held Saturday, Oct. 30, to honor the memory of Kyle Ashley. Proceeds raised from the race will help support purchasing new playground equipment at the Colchester RecPlex.

The race will begin at 10 a.m. at Town Hall, rain or shine. To register and learn more about Kyle's Smile, visit [www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department/pages/kyles-smile-5k-road-race](http://www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department/pages/kyles-smile-5k-road-race).

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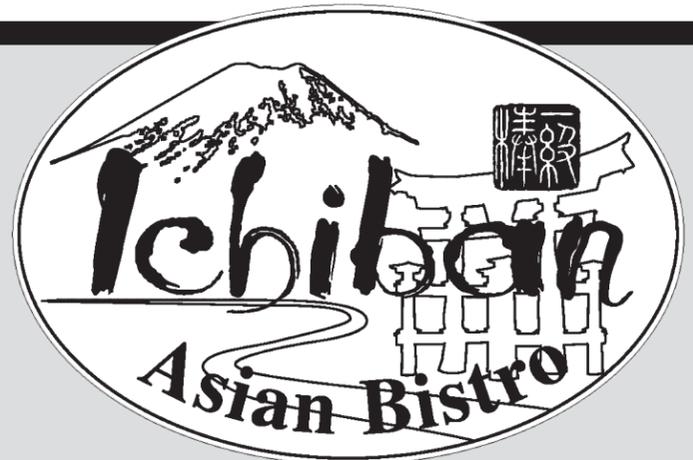
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# Bacon Soccer Star Organizes Sock Drive

by Josh Howard

For the fourth year in a row, Bacon Academy senior Sam Blumberger has organized the “Stars, Socks & Stripes” donation drive with the hopes of collecting as socks, which will be given to local military veterans.

Blumberger, who is a captain and leading scorer from the Bobcats soccer team, was inspired to start the program four years ago while visiting New Jersey for a soccer tournament.

“I saw people that were being affected and I

wanted to try and help them out,” said Blumberger, who has military veterans in his family.

Over the years the charitable drive has grown in popularity, both in donations and locations to donate.

“It’s very rewarding,” added Blumberger, who added he’d like to keep the drive going no matter where life takes him. “I definitely want this to continue after this year.”

Blumberger, who was born and raised in Colchester, will soon be wrapping up his senior

season on the soccer field. He said the Bobcats, who won seven of eight games at home this season, have “really come together and gotten a lot better since the start of the season.”

Just like the team, the sock drive has come together, improving each year. Blumberger has been pleased that the donations have become more plentiful with each passing year.

New packages or single pairs of socks are welcomed and can be donated at three drop-off locations – Bacon Academy, Cragin Memorial Library and Town Hall – until Nov. 5.

The young philanthropist will then take the donated socks to the American Legion where they will be distributed to those in need, giving United States veterans warmth and comfort during the winter and beyond.

Blumberger added that over the years he’s donated countless pairs of his own socks and encourages others with the means to do so too. “It’s something that anybody can do and a way for people to give back for a good cause,” he said.



**Bacon Academy’s senior soccer star Sam Blumberger has organized a sock drive for the fourth straight year.**

## Town Has ARPA Funds Available

Colchester has \$4.68 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds available – and the money is open to the Colchester community at large.

Those eligible include but are not limited to: local businesses, non-profits, youth services, senior services, mental health agencies, town services, recreational staff, public safety officials, religious organizations, community-based programs, agencies providing support for health disparities, programs addressing capacity building efforts and town departments. If the request falls within the ARPA guidelines, the request will be considered. Recipients must demonstrate that funding use directly addresses a negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency, including funds used for economic or workforce development.

To submit a request for ARPA funding, download an application from [tinyurl.com/4mejhx6](http://tinyurl.com/4mejhx6) or pick one up from the first selectman’s office at Town Hall. Once completed, return it to the office or email it to [ARPA@ColchesterCT.gov](mailto:ARPA@ColchesterCT.gov). You will be contacted when your application is received and you may be invited to join the ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee meeting when your application is being reviewed.

The ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee is comprised of members of the Long-Term Recovery Committee, the first selectman and liaisons from the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Planning and Zoning, and the Deputy Chief Financial Officer. The Colchester ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee

will review and provide ARPA funding recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. You will be contacted after a final funding decision has been made.

Examples of eligible uses: support public health response; address negative economic impacts; investments in water and sewer; broadband infrastructure; municipal infrastructure; providing government services; payroll/benefits for frontline workers; public health / safety employees; small business start-ups with costs associated with COVID-19 mitigation.

Funds cannot be used for: paying down unfunded pension liabilities; applying as matching funds toward other federal grants; or paying interest or principal on outstanding debt or consent decrees/legal settlements.

For more information, email [arpa@colchesterct.gov](mailto:arpa@colchesterct.gov).

## Thanksgiving Drive

Rotary Foundation and Liberty Bank is again holding a Thanksgiving meal drive to help needy families in the Colchester community.

The foundation and Liberty Bank are joining forces with more than 40 Rotary clubs to supply a turkey and all the fixings for our neighbors in need. You can help by purchasing paper turkey legs at Noel’s and Westchester markets or by making a donation at any Liberty Bank branch. Liberty Bank’s foundation will add 25 cents for every dollar you give.

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**Senior Center News & Notes**

Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Ave., has announced the following. For full descriptions, call 860-537-3911, email csc@colchesterct.gov, or visit www.colchesterct.gov.senior-center. Items marked with a (Z) are via Zoom, and those marked with a (CC) are via conference call.

**Monday, Nov. 1:** 8:30 a.m., Garden Club; 9 a.m., Making Memories, Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize; 11 a.m., Learn to Sign; 12:30 p.m., Mah Jongg; 1 p.m., Bridge; 6 p.m., Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Series Part 1 (Z).

**Tuesday, Nov. 2:** 9 a.m., Making Memories; 9:15 a.m., Blood Pressure Clinic; 9:45 a.m., Tai Chi; 10 a.m., Bus Rides to the Polls; 12:30 p.m., Pinochle; 1:30 p.m., Bingo; 2 p.m., New to Medicare Program (Z or CC).

**Wednesday, Nov. 3:** 8:30 a.m., Walking Group meet-up at the Air Line Trail in Amston; 9 a.m., Making Memories Program; 10 a.m., Adult Coloring, Sit & Be Fit; 1:30 p.m., Line Dancing; 2 p.m., MSP & LIS Program (Z or CC); 7 p.m., AARP Coping with Caregiving Through Laughter (Z).

**Thursday, Nov. 4:** 9 a.m., Exercise with Anne; 10 a.m., Sittercize, Wii Bowling; 11 a.m., Yoga;

**Scouting for Food**

Scouting for Food (SFF) is the local area's Boy Scout Troop and Cub Packs food collection drive to help Colchester's needy families.

The Colchester Scouts will distribute yellow plastic bags for the collection of non-perishable food donations to Colchester homes on Oct. 30. There will be a listing of items that can be donated on or in each bag.

Collection of donations done by the Scouts will be the following Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m.-noon. All non-perishable items should be put outside before 9 a.m. next to mailboxes or in a place where Boy Scouts passing by on the street will see the donated items.

Scouting For Food items collected will be brought directly to the Colchester Food Bank.

noon, chair massage; 12:30 p.m., Dominoes; 1 p.m., Knit & Crochet; 6:30 p.m., Town Meeting at WJMS re: Senior Center; 7 p.m., AARP Getting and Staying Out of Debt.

**Friday, Nov. 5:** 10 a.m., Sit & Be Fit, Hearing Screening by appointment; 11 a.m., yoga; 1:30 p.m., Choral Group, Bingo.

**Upcoming Programs: Alzheimer's Association Caregivers Zoom Series:** Mondays, Nov. 1-15, 6 p.m. November is National Family Caregivers Month, and the Colchester Commission on Aging invites all to a three-part series entitled "Living with Alzheimer's: for Caregivers: Early Stages" Kristopher Sortwell, the Eastern Region director of education and outreach with the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter will be guest speaker throughout the series. Call the center for the Zoom links for these presentations.

**Youth Basketball Registration Closes Soon**  
Registration is open for students in Grades 1 through high school to participate in the Recreation or Travel basketball programs offered by Colchester Youth Basketball.  
Registration for the Travel program closes Oct. 31, 2021 and registration for the Recreation program closes Nov. 13.  
Register at [www.colchesterbasketball.org](http://www.colchesterbasketball.org).

**New Online Offering for Town Clerk**  
Cloud-based software provider Permutium and the Colchester town clerk's office have announced the office is now utilizing VitalDirector, an online solution that offers the citizens of Colchester the ability to manage the processing, payment, and issuance of birth, death and marriage certificates online.  
Visit the town clerk's page at [www.colchesterct.gov](http://www.colchesterct.gov) for more information.

**CYSS News and Notes**

Colchester Youth and Social Services has announced the following. For full program descriptions or more information, contact CYSS at 860-537-7255 or [youthservices@colchesterct.gov](mailto:youthservices@colchesterct.gov). Register for programs online at [www.colchesterct.gov/youth-social-services](http://www.colchesterct.gov/youth-social-services).

**Youth Action Council:** Thursdays, 2:15-4 p.m., for grades 7-12. As a member of the council, students will have the opportunity to engage with town leaders, travel to regional conferences, create activities for teens, and more. Register online.

Also, the council will take a trip to Empower Adventure Park in South Windsor, preceded by pizza at the Youth Center. The trip will be from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Meet at the youth center.

**Fire Calls**

From Oct. 17-23, the Colchester Hayward Fire Department responded to 43 calls: 35 emergency medical calls, seven fire/fire-related calls, and one motor vehicle crash (a single-car rollover). Calls included:

Fire: outside fire, one; vehicle fire, two; smoke investigation, one; fire alarm, two.

CHFD provided mutual aid twice last week, both to East Hampton. It received it once, from many surrounding towns, who all responded to the fatal crash at Parum and Lake Hayward roads.

Medical: sick person, nine; fall injury, four; cardiac distress, two; mental disorder, one; difficulty breathing, five; lift assist, one; diabetic emergency, two; injured person, three; unconscious, one; seizure, one; stroke, one; abdominal pain, two; medical alarm, one.

CHFD also offers free CO checks, and car seat safety checks and installations by appointment only; call the department at 860-537-2512 to schedule one. Reflective address marker signs are also available to order in blue or green, vertical or horizontal; cost is \$12. Forms are available at the firehouse, 52 Old Hartford Rd., or online; go to [colchesterct.gov](http://colchesterct.gov), click on 'departments' and select 'fire department.'

Note: The Department of Emergency Management conducts tests of the emergency sirens throughout town, on the first Saturday of every month between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. These are just tests.

**Dinner & A Movie:** Friday, Nov. 12, 4-9:30 p.m., for grades 7-12. Fee: \$25. Join CYSS for dinner at Ruby Tuesday and then a private showing of *Eternals* at the Lisbon movie theater. Dinner is included in the fee. Extra money for movie snacks is optional.

**Urban Air:** Wednesday, Nov. 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., for grades 6-10. Fee: \$37. Spend the day at Urban Air in Orange, featuring bumper-cars, laser tag, a trampoline park and more. Pizza lunch and jump socks are included in the fee.

**Scarecrow Voting Info**

Scarecrows are back on the Town Green, and voting is live via [bit.ly/22ndscarecrowvoting](http://bit.ly/22ndscarecrowvoting).

This event is cohosted by the Colchester Business Association and Colchester Parks and Recreation. People can cast their votes for funniest, scariest, and most imaginative scarecrow. Voting will run through Oct. 31, and the winners will be announced in the first week of November.

If you can't make it on the green to see the scarecrows in person, all entries are available for viewing in a gallery at the link above.

**CRT and Catholic Teaching**

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# Every Council Member Seeking Reelection

by Jack Lakowsky

The ongoing pandemic, use of stimulus dollars, water infrastructure and quality improvements, marijuana retail in East Hampton and more are due to come across the East Hampton Town Council's table in the next two years.

All Democrats- Chair Pete Brown, Vice Chair Dean Markham, members Kevin Reich, Derek Johnson and Barbara Moore- are seeking to retain the majority on the council.

The council's two Republicans, Mark Philhower and Tim Feegle, are also running again. Two new Republicans have joined them, Brandon Goff and Alison Walck.

Should all four Republicans prevail, power on the council could shift to the right. Democrats took the majority in 2019.

Residents can cast their vote Nov. 2 from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. at East Hampton Middle School, 19 Childs Rd.

## Democrats

In letters to the *Rivereast* and in their interviews, council Democrats named as main accomplishments the passing of a 2020-21 budget with a 0% mill rate increase, the unanimous passing of the 2021-22 budget, adding staff to local schools, library, and police, and funding Chromebooks for district students, a resource which proved invaluable during the pandemic.

Council leader **Pete Brown**, 78, said improving the town's water quantity and quality shortfall is his major reason for seeking a sixth term on the council.

"While I understand and know this is a very expensive proposition to tackle, we have to start taking concrete steps towards a viable water source for East Hampton," Brown told the *Rivereast*.

Brown was a volunteer firefighter in town for decades, served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and was a part-time member of the police department for 12 years. He's been in town for more than 70 years.

Brown said to have a viable, vibrant business area, the town must invest in water and sewer system projects.

Earlier this year, Brown started a bipartisan subcommittee to study and decide steps on how to deal with East Hampton's water situation.

At the time of his interview, Brown said a request-for-proposals (RFQ) document had been drafted.

In a follow-up call Tuesday, Town Manager David Cox said it has since gone out.

Currently, the town is working with a firm to finalize the scope of the work, reviewing the town's engineering reports and working to get to a point where the town is ready to make moves on a first project.

Cox expects to present findings to the council in November.

With 3.7 million in stimulus money from the American Rescue Plan- around half of which has been sent to the town- Brown said now is prime time to invest in projects.

Brown said the Democrat-led council has minimized tax increases as well, averaging .69% in the last two years.

**Barbara Moore**, a resident since 1971, has been involved in local politics since 1997, first elected to the Board of Finance, eventually becoming chair. She's been on the council for nearly a decade.

Moore is also vice chair of the local Prevention Partnership, a program which works to reduce youth drug use.

Moore, 74, will serve both in this role and, if reelected, on the council which will steer how East Hampton approaches legal marijuana operations in the future. Right now, the town has a moratorium in place as officials learn more to make informed decisions.

When asked if her role in the partnership could open up accusations of conflict of interest, Moore said no, it wouldn't.

"It's a plus to see both sides of it," Moore said.

Moore said a nonstarter for her would be anything that makes it easier for youth to buy weed. She also said partnership members don't look to villainize marijuana.

In *Rivereast* ads and in interviews, Republi-

cans said stimulus money needs to be used for one-off expenses and capital needs, not recurring expenses the town will take on, or have to cut, when funds run out.

One local group calling for help is the East Hampton Ambulance Association, which has been struggling to get, and retain, volunteers, an issue the pandemic worsened. The association has asked the town for \$600,000 to fund new paid positions, planning eventually to be funded by the town.

Moore is president of the association.

Moore said though it would need to be a careful, deliberative process, it would be "worthwhile" to look into the association's request.

In a council meeting Tuesday Donald Scranton, chief of the ambulance association, decried what he called the council members' "politicization" of emergency services, though he did not specify who.

However, interviews were conducted well in advance of this, so the *Rivereast* was unable to incorporate this information into its discussions.

**Kevin Reich**, 71 and also a veteran of the council, said he envisions stimulus money being used for capital items, water, infrastructure, sidewalks, items which, if funded by outside dollars, will relieve taxpayers.

Reich was a teacher and then assistant superintendent of Belltown schools, working for more than 40 years in the district.

He has served 8 years on council, is former president of the Rotary Club and sits on the Board of Directors of Middlesex United Way.

Reich said he prides himself on being thorough and prepared for all council discussions.

"I've worked with thousands of people throughout my career," Reich told the *Rivereast*. "In my experience, success is being able to work well with people, to be able to understand their concerns and try to offer some solutions to move forward."

Last year, the council approved a contract with a firm that used a new, biology-based treatment of Lake Pocotopaug to deal with algal blooms. Last summer, in the initial round of treatment and aeration, the lake did not close once, a first in recent memory.

This year, however, Sears Park closed a few times due to toxic algal presence.

When asked his thoughts on this, Reich said he's not a scientist and so "not the best to answer" questions about lake health, he said this

summer there were heavy rainfall and two major storms.

Reich cited the town's purchase of property in the watershed, which will enable it to better monitor and control pollutants, adding the council's dedication to the nine-point plan for improving the lake's health is another benefit.

**Derek Johnson**, 64, has served several terms on the council, and said to serve on the town's executive board has been a privilege.

Johnson, an attorney and economist who teaches at the University of Connecticut and also sits on the director's board of Epoch Arts, said an accomplishment of his time on the council has been the multitude of unanimous votes.

Johnson said the Democrat-majority council has kept mill rate increases low in the face of financial pressures and expenditures, including the pandemic and the \$19 million the town has to pay for the new town hall.

Along with Brown, Johnson sits on the water subcommittee, and said it's been in touch with the state about grant funding.

Johnson said, should the GOP prevail next week, he worries there'd be an "unfortunate diminishment of support of critically needed services."

He said a frequent stance of Republicans is keeping taxes low, but that in two years of a Democratic council the mill rate, and so property taxes, have averaged lower than they did under four years of Republican leadership.

Johnson said, for example, the previous Republican majority council did not approve funding for school Chromebooks, while Democrats did. Schools used Chromebooks extensively last school year as students had to learn at home.

Finally, **Dean Markham**, 73, who served as East Hampton's state representative in Hartford from 1979 to 1993 - serving alongside East Hampton native Gov. Bill O'Neill - said Republicans cut the Chromebooks twice when in the majority.

Markham said had the current council not funded the computers, the pandemic would have been more devastating than it already is to students.

Like Johnson, Markham said he's proud to have a town budget that passed both the finance board and council unanimously, and of a school board budget with just one dissenting vote. Both received voter approval after a single referendum.

Markham, who is seeking a third term on the

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council, also served on the finance board for four years, and in the 1970's served as chair of the Democratic Town Committee.

Markham said after the council voted to reinstate a police officer's position cut years ago, the department's overtime costs reduced.

East Hampton, with lake cleanup, water system improvements and cleaning up local brownfields, has some imposing -and likely pricey- projects coming to fruition.

Markham said these projects, and pursuing their completion, indicate a "town in transition."

"East Hampton is on the cusp of being recognized in the same league as Avon or Glastonbury," said Markham.

Markham said people moving to town come for quality schools, but also want better services and improvements to the Village Center.

**Republicans**

**Tim Feegel**, a Republican incumbent, is looking to earn a third term on the council. Feegel has a master's degree in mechanical engineering and is the manager of Belltown Motors. He said he's proud to live and work in town, and that he rarely goes beyond town limits.

Feegel said he's proud to have presided over the building of the new town hall/police station, that the old town hall had been outgrown and was causing disarray among departments.

"I understand people were against it, but it really was a good move," Feegel explained.

Feegel said, if reelected, he wants to look into rising sewer costs from the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA), operator of the East Hampton and Colchester systems.

Users were hit with another increase this year, which Feegel called an "extreme jump."

Feegel said this year's hike, and last year's, were caused at least in part by the WPCA's not raising prices for "a long time" and that it had no slush funds.

Feegel said, although he's going to try and figure a way to reduce the burden on ratepayers, he does expect prices to plateau at some point.

The Republican on the water subcommittee, Feegel said along with possibly using federal stimulus money, he also wants to get as much state and grant money as possible.

"Now is the time to move forward because we have funds, but they will dry up," Feegel said. "We need to make sure we have good drinking water."

Feegel said work should start at the Village Center, which will draw businesses and make it more of a "hub."

Feegel said this issue has been kicked down the road in the past, but that it's imperative to avoid doing so this go-round.

Feegel, 54, said he's proud of the council's and the Conservation-Lake Commission work

cleaning up the lake.

He said although he was somewhat disappointed at this year's algal blooms, he said the contractor was transparent about this being a possibility during the first years of treatment.

"The lake is our town's crown jewel," Feegel said. "I look forward to continuing to work on this."

Incumbent and self-described most conservative member of the council **Mark Philhower**, 61, has been on the council 10 years, and has been in local civic service for upwards of 30, chairing the Planning and Zoning Commission as well.

For a decade, he represented Belltown in the Midstate Regional Planning Agency, now called the Lower Connecticut River Council of Governments (RiverCOG).

Philhower named as a major success his "speeding-up" the town's implementing its Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), bringing it to compliance after a decade-long delay.

Another accolade, Philhower said, was helping to "clean-up" the building department. He said a few years ago, he made noise about severe permitting delays and poor customer service and was "poo-pooed."

He said, when other members were bombarded with phone calls, the problem was handled, resulting in the removal of one employee and the resignation of another.

Now, Philhower said, the department is "phenomenal."

Philhower said he's on the fence about pot sales in East Hampton, and that he'll likely defer to the town's consensus. He said having grown up in the 70's when more stigma was attached to marijuana, he'd "really want to hear from the town on this."

Philhower was the one vote against the new town hall, saying he thinks the building is beautiful, but that he doesn't like the location, that a town headquarters should be more visible to drivers.

He also said he felt developers weren't clear enough when itemizing costs of construction, and that he eventually discovered a pair of \$40,000 water heaters not included in discussions, items he had removed from the budget.

In the next two years, Philhower wants to take a good look at town infrastructure and capital needs, including sewer plant infrastructure and the Company #1 firehouse on Barton Hill Road.

"I want to weigh the cost," Philhower said. "Would it be cheaper to renovate, or build a new facility?"

Neither Republican newcomer, Goff nor Walck, returned the *Rivereast's* requests for interviews.

**Haunted House and Zombie Hayride**

Epoch Arts will continue its Haunted House and Hayride this Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30, from 7-10 p.m. each night, at Epoch, 27 Skinner St.

This year's theme is *Into the Void* and the Epoch zombies will be back to scare folks on the hayride. Guests can also visit the Haunted House, Abandoned Abyss, the Bottomless Bog or the Cosmic Chaos room.

Online reservations are required; visit [www.epocharts.org](http://www.epocharts.org) to reserve a spot. Masks are required inside the Haunted House.

**Hope Church Trunk-or-Treat**

Hope Church in East Hampton is hosting a free Trunk-or-Treat event Saturday, Oct. 30, from 3-5 p.m. Visit [cthope.com/events](http://cthope.com/events) for more information and to register for tickets.

For more information, email Mishael Deighton at [mdeighton@cthope.com](mailto:mdeighton@cthope.com).

**Local Artist's Work on Display**

Local artist Rita Gibbons currently has her work on display at Middle Haddam Public Library, 2 Knowles Rd. Her work will be on display until Nov. 6.

**Turkey Dinner**

The Ladies Aid of Haddam Neck Congregational Church will hold a take-out turkey dinner Saturday, Oct. 30, starting at 5 p.m., at the Haddam Neck Congregational Church, 408 Quarry Hill Rd., Haddam Neck.

The meal will feature turkey with all the trimmings, as well as apple cider and dessert. Cost is \$15/person. For information, call Franky Dallas at 860-267-4513 or Melissa Pionzio at 860-993-5311.

**Congregational Church News & Notes**

The Congregational Church of East Hampton, UCC, located at 59 Main St., holds in-person services every Sunday at 10 a.m. For the fully vaccinated, mask-wearing is not mandatory; those not fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks and practice social distancing. All are encouraged to wear a mask when indoors at the church. All services can be accessed via Zoom by going to the website at [cc-eh.org](http://cc-eh.org).

The Sunday School classes will have a Halloween workshop Oct. 31.

Nursery care is available during Sunday services for children under 3 years old.

For more information about CCEH and its activities, visit [cc-eh.org](http://cc-eh.org) or call the church office at 860-267-4959 during office hours, Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. In case of pastoral emergencies, Rev. Jim Latimer can be reached at 610-568-2480.

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# Much Experience Among Finance Board Hopefuls

by Jack Lakowsky

With one exception, all the candidates for Board of Finance have previously served on the body that's second only to the Town Council in its authority over the town's finances, whether incumbent or aspirant.

In East Hampton, the finance board votes on the town and school district budgets before the council. When and if it goes through the board and reaches the council, the latter can lower the requested funding, but cannot raise it, whereas the finance board can raise or lower it.

Incumbent Republicans Richard Brown and Alannah Coshow are joined by new candidate Russel Bonaccorso, current chair of the town's Republican committee.

Democrats again seeking a seat are Ted Turner and Robert Hein. On their ticket is Kurt John Comisky, who though not an incumbent, has previously served on the board.

Currently, the board is split 4-3, with a Democratic majority.

Residents can cast their vote Nov. 2 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at East Hampton Middle School, 19 Childs Rd.

## GOP

Two-year chair of the East Hampton Republican Town Committee **Russel Bonaccorso** has not held a town-elected position before. The committee voted him chair in its last election.

Bonaccorso, who works in the state military department, working in administrative oversight of the state's U.S. Coast Guard personnel and is a 30-year U.S. Army Reservist who holds the rank of colonel, committed to transparency.

He said in his job, he deals in lengthy, detailed contracting processes. Transparency, he said, is key to completing this work.

"I'm not the Republican against all spending in all instances," Bonaccorso told the *Rivereast*. "You shouldn't always just go with the lowest bid."

He said in the complex process of reviewing bids and contracts, there must be cost-benefit analysis.

"Too often a company puts in a bid, and sud-

denly orders change, unanticipated things happen, and the cost goes up astronomically," Bonaccorso said.

He said if elected, he would approach the finance board the same way he approaches his job, staying conscientious that, in all instances, he is negotiating with taxpayer dollars, looking sharply at items to see if they are nicety or necessity.

Joining Bonaccorso is incumbent Republican **Richard Brown**, who ran a local dental practice for more than three decades. He first joined the finance board in the mid-1980s and served two terms, then sat on the fire commission for nine years.

Brown served as finance board chair until two years ago, when Democrats took the majority. He's hoping to reclaim his leadership.

"It's important to give back to the town," Brown said. "And it's important to have someone on the board willing to do their homework."

Of the staffing challenges facing the local volunteer ambulance service, Brown said it's nothing new, saying volunteerism has been on the decline for at least 25 years.

"This was brought up in the mid-90's, and we did not fund permanent first responders then, and we haven't suffered from doing that," Brown said.

Brown said he'd hesitate to fund ambulance positions, but that it is an issue needing attention, and needs a careful touch.

Brown said the sitting board has managed to control spending while adequately funding town services, minimally increasing the mill rate.

An accomplishment of board Republicans, Brown said, was the dissemination of a pamphlet itemizing where resident tax dollars are spent.

If he wins, Brown said he wants to review how the school district approaches its budget, which is invariably the largest portion of overall town government spending.

"I want to try and be fair in funding all town

departments with equal balance," Brown said. "The library and public works need the same attention we give schools. I realize it's important, but we have other responsibilities."

**Bridget McLennan** is looking to return to the finance board. She was appointed in 2017 but lost her bid in 2019. She said both sides of the campaign are "well-oiled."

Like Bonaccorso, McLennan committed to transparency. McLennan previously served as an I.T. director at the U.S. Department of Education and worked on budgets for a nonprofit with 500 employees.

McLennan said she's running because she wants to secure a reasonable cost of living for East Hampton residents.

"I don't want to sit back and complain, I want to get in the hot seat and see what I can do," McLennan said.

Like many council candidates, McLennan wants to pursue improving water infrastructure and quality.

Incumbent **Alannah Coshow**, a six-year veteran of the finance board, said she always works with "taxpayers in mind", and that her primary goal as a member is to prevent people from being taxed out of their homes.

"I know that my presence [on the board] has helped reduce needless spending," Coshow told the *Rivereast*.

In *Rivereast* ads, Republicans have said they want to fund renovations at the Company 1 firehouse.

Coshow said this item came up in this year's budget and that the money was there, but a plan wasn't. She said she and the other board Republicans pushed to wait on this work.

"Let's get a plan, then attach a number to it," Coshow said of her logic. "We were able to convince the rest of the board this was a better approach."

Along with her years on the finance board, Coshow served eight years as registrar of voters, spent "many years" on the Inland/Wetlands Commission and as president of the Middle Haddam Garden Club.

Another priority Coshow named was keeping the town's "healthy" rainy day fund, about 11% of the overall budget.

Coshow was critical of the council's decision to draw money from the fund balance to achieve a 0% mill rate increase, calling it "budget trickery."

## Democrats

**Kurt John Comisky** is not an incumbent but has served four years on the finance board in the past. A practicing attorney, Comisky previously worked for the Federal Aviation Administration in the Office of Air Traffic Control.

Comisky said practicing law requires, among many other things, attention to detail, a skill he said will translate well should he claim victory next week.

"On the board of finance, you really get into the weeds," Comisky said.

Comisky said recent large investments, the new town hall for example, are the type of long-

term capital projects that will prove more efficient and save the town money. He said maintenance costs at the old building were significant and was not the best use of money because the building didn't meet needs in the first place.

**Comisky** said he wants to focus on how to fund new and better technology for town services, such as solar panels, for example.

**Ted Turner**, incumbent, has served as chair of the Economic Development Commission as president of Old Home Days, and has been involved with the parade for more than 25 years.

If elected, Turner would enter his third term on the board.

"It's been a pleasure serving the community," said Turner, adding that at 76, he's lived in town since 1945.

Turner has been on the capital committee, which deals with large purchases, such as firetrucks, and said he's opposed to any large cuts in the town's Capital Improvement Plan.

Turner said capital needs should be addressed quickly, as "a firetruck for \$800,000 this year will cost \$950,000 in a few."

As to school funding, Turner said a factor often left out of complaints is that 75% to 80% of a given increase stems from contractually obligated raises for staff.

"A lot of people move here for the schools," Turner said.

Turner aligned with his Republican counterparts on one issue; the district's use of stimulus funds to hire a pair of math specialists. The schools' math scores were lower than those in nearby towns.

"When funds run out, do you fire them or spend more money?" Turner said.

Turner said he agrees that the tutors will likely help improve math scores but that in general, he shouldn't have been used on a recurring expense, saying he's "pro-education" but that there's a limit to what should and should not be funded.

Turner said, when funding of these tutors runs out, he'll need to see a vast improvement in math skills if the town considers making at least one of the positions permanent.

**Bob Hein**, incumbent, is finishing up his first term on the board, and is vying for a second. He said he's been attending both finance board and school board meetings for a decade and has been a substitute teacher in local schools since 2012.

Hein holds a political science degree from the University of Connecticut.

"I'm running for reelection because the board of finance is an important step with what we're doing with town money," Hein said.

Hein said his primary concerns are of public safety and education departments, as well as offices that oversee town infrastructure.

Hein said if he wins, he's going to revamp the town's application process for grant funding.

"We don't have a big commercial base, so the town's financing is resident-based," Hein said. "One thing to alleviate that is grant money. There are a huge amount of different grants and I don't know if we're maximizing what we can get."

Hein has been in town for almost 30 years.

Hein said he has earned votes through his understanding of town government and his frugality with tax money.

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### Zion Lutheran Church News

Zion Lutheran Church, located at 183 William St., invites all to worship. Sara Stall-Ryan is pastor.

Sunday worship services with Holy Communion are held in-person at 9 a.m. The church continues to follow CDC recommendations with masks required for all throughout the church. Vaccinated participants may remove their masks once they are seated. For those who prefer virtual services, a recording of the service is posted on YouTube by 9 a.m. the following Monday morning.

Sunday School and confirmation classes are back in session, on the first and third Sundays of each month, from 10:15-11 a.m. in person or, if circumstances necessitate, online via email. Confirmation classes might take place at alternate times during the month to best accommodate the schedules of older students as well as the pastor. To register your child, call the church at 860-342-2860, or for more information, call Sylvia LeShane, Sunday School director, at

### Turkey Shoots

Portland Fish and Game Club will hold its annual Turkey Shoots Sundays, Nov. 7-21, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., right across from the Exchange Club Fairgrounds.

There is a Super bird every week. The cost is \$3 for one shot or two for \$5. Food and drink will be available.

860-342-0658.

Adult Bible Study is also underway and will continue on the second and fourth Sundays in November, January and February. The focus of this study will be season one of the series *The Chosen*, using the book *What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?* The book will be used as a guide for biblical study, reflection and conversation about faith. Participants will be asked to view the episode at home prior to the day of study. The cost for the study guide is \$15.

The community is welcome to participate in all worship services and special events. For more information about any church activities, or if in need of pastoral assistance, call 860-342-2860, email zion.lutheran@snet.net or visit zionlutheranportland.org.

### Grace and Mercy Church News

Grace and Mercy Family Ministries Church, 13 Waverly Ave., has announced a modified Sunday worship service schedule. Through August, the Sunday morning worship service will begin at 10 a.m.

### Police News

10/16: Milton Buchanan, 63, of Hartford, was charged with failure to appear, Portland Police said.

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### Absentee Ballot Information

As was the case in 2020, folks can vote in this November's election either in-person at the polls or by absentee ballot. Unregistered voters can register at voterregistration.ct.gov.

All registered voters must submit an absentee ballot application in order to receive an absentee ballot. The state will not mail out applications to every registered voter as it did in 2020.

To receive an absentee ballot application, either: print out an application online at [www.portlandct.org/town-clerk](http://www.portlandct.org/town-clerk); stop by the town clerk's office at Town Hall, 33 East Main St., during regular business hours and fill out an application in person; or call the town clerk at 860-342-6743 to have an application mailed.

Folks can drop off their completed application in the official ballot drop box, located at Town Hall, or mail them to: Portland Town Clerk, 33

East Main St., P.O. Box 71, Portland, CT 06480.

Once the completed application is received, the town clerk will begin to prepare your ballot for mailing.

Completed ballots can then be placed in the official ballot drop box, or mailed to the town clerk at the above address. All returned ballots must be received no later than 8 p.m. Nov. 2.

For those who choose to vote in person, the absentee ballot process is not necessary. Polls will be open on Election Day, Nov. 2, from 6 a.m.-8 p.m., at Portland Middle School, 93 High St.

### Methodist Church News

Portland United Methodist Church, located at 381 Main St., holds in-person worship Sundays at 9 a.m. All are invited. Masks required for those not fully vaccinated.

### Senior Center News & Notes

The Waverly Senior Center, 7 Waverly Ave., is open. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. For more information or to register, call 860-342-6760.

**Bob Hope USO Show:** All are also invited as the senior center will travel to The Grand Oak Villa in Oakville for "A Bob Hope USO Style Tribute" Wednesday, Nov. 10, departing the center approximately 10:15 a.m. Cost is \$76 per person and \$5 for the transportation fee. Please call to sign up.

**Collections Sought:** Do you possess a small collection that you would like to consider displaying in the secured showcase at the Waverly Center? Call the office to be placed on the list, and enjoy a month of your own display.

**Tai Chi with Tom Cushing:** The current eight-week session of Zoom Tai Chi & Qigong for Seniors will run through Nov. 30. Please watch for new session dates.

**Movie & Popcorn:** Monday, Nov. 8, at 11 a.m. *Heidi* will be shown. Call the center to register.

**Lunch & Learn:** Lisa Gibson will teach Qigong Tuesday, Nov. 16. There will be a light lunch from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., followed by the class. A donation of \$5 is suggested for the lunch.

**Tai Chi Info Session:** Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6 p.m., via Zoom. Lisa Gibson will discuss the upcoming in-person class. If you don't have Zoom at home, the session will be aired at the center. Call to register.

### Parks and Rec. News & Notes

Parks and Recreation is offering the following. To register or for full program descriptions, visit [portland.recdesk.com](http://portland.recdesk.com). For more information, call 860-342-6757 or email [nfoley@portlandct.org](mailto:nfoley@portlandct.org) or [adionne@portlandct.org](mailto:adionne@portlandct.org).

**Tai Chi for Long Life with Ken Zaborowski:** At Riverfront Park. Wednesday class meets through Nov. 17, from 9:30-10:15 a.m., and Saturday class meets through Nov. 20, from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Call Parks and Rec. if interested in drop-in registration on either day. Both classes may transition to virtual classes using Zoom if the weather gets too cold.

**Kids Blast:** Parks and Rec. is taking applications for this afterschool program for Portland kids in grades K-6. The program is based at Brownstone Intermediate School. Applications are at [portland.recdesk.com](http://portland.recdesk.com). For more, call Andy Dionne at 860-342-6757.

**Virtual Paint Night:** Thursday, Nov. 11, 7-9 p.m. Register online. Fee is \$25; all supplies included.

**Art Enrichment Programs with Abrakadoodle:** The next wave of programs begin the week of Nov. 22. Check the Parks and Rec. website for details. There will be programs for three different age groups: 20-36 months, Ages 3-5, and ages 5-14.

**Volunteer Coaches Needed:** Parks and Rec. is currently looking for volunteer coaches for the

upcoming basketball season. Contact the Parks and Rec. office if interested, by emailing [nfoley@portlandct.org](mailto:nfoley@portlandct.org), [adionne@portlandct.org](mailto:adionne@portlandct.org) or calling 860-342-6757.

**Recreation Basketball:** Check the Parks and Rec. website for information on the upcoming Rec. Basketball program.

**Zumba:** Wednesdays through Dec. 22 (started Oct/ 27; no class Nov. 24), 6-7 p.m., at Valley View School gym. Fee: \$64 for the eight-week session/\$10 drop-in.

**"Come on Over" – 18th Annual 5K Run/2.1 Mile Walk:** This year's event will take place at Riverfront Park on Oct. 30. For more information, or to register, check the Parks and Rec. website.

### Trinity Concert Series to Wrap Up

Trinity Episcopal Church will host one last "Vital Connections Through Music" concert, featuring New York singer-songwriter Sarah Browne, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$15, with proceeds benefiting Portland Food Bank.

Trinity Church is located at 345 Main St. The church is handicapped-accessible. All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

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# Highlanders and Bellringers Come to Soccer Stalemate

by Josh Howard

After 80 minutes of intense, often physical soccer, the boys' soccer teams at Portland and East Hampton finished in a scoreless tie.

The visiting Highlanders, who entered EHHS with a record of 8-3-2, ran into a motivated Bellringers squad desperate for a win to keep their postseason hopes alive.

Despite being outshot, Portland still managed to come away with a draw.

Senior goalie Zack Doncet was outstanding, stopping every shot he faced, including several over the first 10 minutes and a flurry during a hectic final 10 minutes.

"It was a tough game, they had to win this game. I just had to keep my head in the game. These are always tough, it's a rivalry game," said Doncet, who praised the guys in front of him. "I love my defense. Credit to them for the shutout. They help me so much it's incredible."

Portland head coach Michael Searson liked his keeper's composure.

"Zack had always been the type of keeper that you never worry about his reaction time; he knows how to make saves," Searson said. "Coming into this year, we had talked about him owning the box and he's not afraid to go out and make that play. Tonight was the type of night when we needed him to make plays and he delivered."

Doncet made three outstanding saves in the final 8:10 of action.

The first when East Hampton's Oren Wilson set up Brennan Johnson with a header in front of the net that Doncet covered up.

He then made a spectacular save with 4:59 remaining in regulation after Ephraim Butson placed a straight away kick towards the cross bar, which Doncet jumped and tipped away.

Two minutes later, he thwarted the final threat when he swatted away Ethan Marshall's attempt.

East Hampton's coach Rocco Christiana was impressed with his team's fight, but disappointed they couldn't finish.

"I think we are playing the best soccer we've played all season and I think our quality of soccer is second to none right now. We're just not putting it in the back of the net," said Christiana. "We're healthy, we have quality players. We outshot them 4 to 1 and just couldn't finish."

Bellringers' goalie Drew DiStefano was equally impressive as his counterpart, making a handful of saves. His final save came with 1:39 left in regulation when he scooped up a shot attempt from Portland's senior captain Caiden Hettrick-Rivera.

"Drew has been really solid back there, he's very vocal. He's doing a good job controlling his defense and controlling the game," added Christiana.

DiStefano is captaining the team with Paul Pignatella, who is pacing the offensive tempo for the Bellringers.

"Paulie is dangerous. Every coach watches and plans for him and he opens up opportunities for us," stated Christiana. "Every player can play each position on the field and that's how we coach them. It confuses other teams."

Portland entered the game having already qualified for postseason play and Searson said the main goal was to have his team healthy for the tournaments, adding that his defense did a good job adjusting to East Hampton's aggressive approach.

"I'm proud of the way they responded," he said. "They have been in these moments and in high school soccer we don't always come out with the right kind of intensity. East Hampton did to their credit, they were working the ball well and it's one of those games, especially early on, where we had to sit back and let the game come to us. Defensively they were splitting us a little bit in the back and Evan [Johnson], Ryan [Clarke], Cooper [Beck], and Cole [Bates] did a good job at figuring it out."

Hettrick-Rivera is one of Searson's two captains, leading the way with fellow senior Brady Talerico who suffered a hamstring injury in the game, which kept him out of most of the second half.

"They've been phenomenal with the leadership they've shown," Searson said of his captains, "Caiden has been one of the better players in the conference and Brady has found his stride at putting the ball in the back of the net."

He added, "Aside from our six seniors, we have a young team. Hopefully we look back on this game and learn from this come November."

Following back-to-back losses to finish the



Portland's Jack DeToro and East Hampton's Baden Plante fight for a loose ball as Portland's Caiden Hettrick-Rivera (9) and Simon Kandeke (12), and East Hampton's Paul Pignatella (8) look on.

regular season, Searson's Highlanders finished the regular season with a record of 8-5-2 and now turn their attention to the Shoreline Conference Tournament.

The Highlanders welcome Haddam-Killingworth to Portland High School this Saturday (Oct 30) for an opening round match, starting

at 6 p.m.

East Hampton will travel to Morgan the same day for their SLC tourney match at 5 p.m.

Win or lose, Christiana likes how his team has responded this fall, "This was a big rebuilding year and I'm proud of the team. I think we've scared a lot of teams this season."



## Trinity Episcopal Church News

Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 345 Main St., invites the community to celebrate each week. Worship is indoors at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School is back in session and is held during each Sunday's church service.

Children ages 4-12, baptized and unbaptized, are welcome to attend Church School. Lessons and activities are aimed at encouraging the children to think outside of themselves and about the community at large.

Masks are required for all, vaccinated and unvaccinated, while inside the church. More information is at [trinitychurchportlandct.org](http://trinitychurchportlandct.org).

The church is open for prayer and meditation on Fridays from 2-4 p.m.

For more information or to make an appointment with the Rev. Darryl Burke, email [trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com) or call 860-342-0458.

## Red Cross Blood Drives

There will be American Red Cross blood drives Thursday, Nov. 4, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at Portland High School, 95 High St., and Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., at St. Mary Church, 51 Freestone Ave.

In honor of the new series *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, those who donate will automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Hawaii, courtesy of Amazon Prime Video. The trip will transport you to where the series was filmed and includes round-trip airfare for two, hotel accommodations for nine nights, meals, \$1,000 gift card for expenses and on-trip transportation with tour stops from Honolulu to Maui. All who donate will also receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email.

## Ahavath Achim News

Congregation Ahavath Achim, 84 Lebanon Ave., has announced the following schedule:

Friday night service, 6:30 p.m., Zoom; Shabbat morning hybrid service, 10 a.m. hybrid service; Tuesday, Talmud class, 6:30 p.m., and Kabbalah class, 8 p.m. on Zoom.

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# Meet Republican Hopefuls for Selectmen, School Board

by Diane Church

Let's briefly meet the Republican candidates running for the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education.

## Board of Selectmen

Taras Rudko is seeking a second term on the Board of Selectmen. His career, where he balances entrepreneurial skills with technical ones, has brought him successful experience in project management, systems and network engineering, sales and marketing. He, along with his wife and his daughter, enjoy living in Colchester.

Rudko said that during his first term he was the voice of the constituents, often standing alone in opposition to things he believed were not in the public's best interest. "When we lost our right to vote on the town's budget, I stood alone in opposition to the Board of Selectmen and continued to advocate for a zero-based budget increase," he said.

Rudko added that he also opposed pay increases for town employees after the budget was rejected and opposed the proclamation that the town has a racist health crisis.

"I will always stand for you, even if it means standing alone," he said.

Jason LaChapelle is a full-time software engineer. He has served on the board of the Colchester Soccer Club and is a volunteer coach for his kids' teams, but now he wants to get involved in local politics, so he is vying for a seat on the Board of Selectmen.

"I am running because I was raised to not complain, but instead actually do something about it," he said. "Seeing as I am unhappy with the direction our town has taken over the past couple years, I decided getting involved was far better than just being loud on Facebook.

LaChapelle believe the town faces "a lack of government transparency, an ever-ballooning budget, and stagnation of our boards with the same few candidates."

He believes he is the best choice because, "I am a young resident with a young family. This allows me to bring a new and fresh perspective to the Board of Selectmen. I also believe my experience in the technology world gives me unique skills at finding creative solutions to common problems."

Debbie Bates is a 30-year resident and she and her husband have an adult son in college. She has a wide variety of volunteer experiences, including as a Vamanos Spanish assistant, a member of C3 (Collaborative for Colchester's

Children), and treasurer of the Colchester Elementary School PTO.

"My years of experience as a small business owner, working with small and large corporations, Fortune 500 Account Manager, and being fiscally responsible will be a great asset to the Board of Selectmen," she said.

"One thing Colchester residents can count on from me is my honesty, commitment, past work experiences and dedication to do what is right for our community," Bates added. "Some of my core values are to listen to all viewpoints, have open discussions and build a consensus of what is good for the town. It is important to be an advocate for the town by spending our money wisely, investing in our students, open space, and supporting our seniors."

## Board of Education

Donna Antonacci, 50, said, "Politics in education, out-of-control budgets, keeping our kids safe and special education are deep concerns." She added that the parents and children need a voice on the board.

"In a recent forum and on social media, one of our opponents laughed off and even diminished parental concerns," Antonacci said in an email. "As your representative, I would NEVER do this."

The single mom who owns two small businesses added, "I am a better candidate because I will represent all, not just those I favor. No one should ever feel belittled for their questions or concerns. I will ensure public trust in this fragile position. I look forward to serving with dignity."

Alexander Oliphant is an educator with fourteen years of teaching experience at the collegiate level, including his current employment at Central Connecticut State University and Manchester Community College and past stints at the United States Coast Guard Academy, Eastern Connecticut State University and Trinity College.

Now he wants to bring his educator's viewpoint to the town school board, along with his understanding of the gaps which the transitioning high school students are currently facing in college.

"As an advocate for all students, I will bring an ability to listen to all viewpoints, an ability to collaborate and an ardent desire to see all students succeed in the classroom while advancing their professional goals," Oliphant said. "I am the best candidate because the Board of Educa-

tion needs an educator who is passionate about strengthening student's basic math and writing skills, is a student advocate, and is willing to explore the best utilization of financial resources."

Margo Gignac is married with four children. Before marriage and family entered her life, she worked as an administrative assistant and placement director. In recent years she has been volunteering for local sports organizations, including the football, soccer and baseball leagues. She served on boards, coached students and even hosted players from England in her home. She also volunteered in the schools.

"I am running for the Board of Education because after being deeply involved in the community I feel it is time to champion for the best interest of the students and parents by working together with our educators and administrators to create an environment where our children can flourish and be successful," Gignac said. "I am the best candidate because my goal is to be the voice for those that don't have one, whether they be a student, parent, teacher, or administrator, no one's concerns should ever be dismissed or ignored. Every voice needs to be heard."

Rosemary Gignac also wants to be on the Board of Education. The 19-year-old teaches preschool children in daycare and enjoys work-

ing with animals on horse farms in the area. In high school, she volunteered as a manager on the soccer and baseball teams and for youth sports teams her younger brothers played on.

Gignac said she was motivated to run for the Board of Education because she has recently gone through the special education program and understands some of the challenges the teachers and students face.

"I would like to bring a fresh young perspective to the special education program as well as the regular education program and help bridge the gap between them," she said. She would also like the schools to teach local history and partner with local businesses to create a path for apprenticeships and careers. She would like the school resource officer to teach students the harmful effects of smoking, vaping and drug use.

"School is different for each child and working with parents to identify the needs of their children is crucial for the success of each individual child," Gignac added. "I am the best candidate for the position because I have the most recent experience in the educational system, and I will bring a new young, diverse view to the Board of Education in Colchester."

## Auditions Coming for Cabaret

The Colchester Community Theatre has scheduled auditions for its February 2022 musical production. At the time of this press release, CCT is planning on producing *Cabaret* (the 1998 version) and is waiting for approval from Concord Theatricals for the rights to do so. *Cabaret* explores the dark and heady life of Bohemian Berlin as Germany slowly yields to the emerging Third Reich.

Auditions will be held Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 14, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., at Congregation Ahavath Achim (Colchester Synagogue) Hall, 84 Lebanon Ave. No appointment is required for either date. Everyone must bring sheet music in the appropriate key and be prepared to sing. Prepare 12-16 measures of a song that showcases your voice. No prerecorded music or a cappella singing will be permitted. An accompanist will be provided. Everyone will be asked to learn a short, choreographed routine so please bring appropriate shoe wear. Roles are available for adults and teens (Grade 9 and above).

For more information, contact Wallis Johnson at 860-267-1023 or Laura Brown at 860-305-8605, or email backstage@colchestercommunitytheatre.com. Driving and rehearsal location directions and additional information regarding the musical may be found on the "Directions" page.

CCT will follow all CDC guidelines during

auditions and a proof of vaccination will be required as in alignment with many theater companies. All staff will be vaccinated and masks will be required.

Show dates for this production are Feb. 18, 19 and 20, 2022. Anyone who is unable to attend the auditions on the above dates must contact CCT before Nov. 8 to make other arrangements. CCT is sponsored by Colchester Parks and Recreation.

## Open Enrollment for Medicare

Colchester Senior Center invites all to meet with a Certified CHOICES Counselor who is specially trained in Medicare who will help screen you for the best and most affordable coverage. Open Enrollment runs until Dec. 7, and it's your opportunity to make changes to Medicare, especially Medicare C (Medicare Advantage plans) or Medicare D (prescription drug coverage plans).

Call the senior center office at 860-537-3911 to schedule an appointment on Friday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

## Senior Trip to Chicken Restaurant, Casino

Colchester Senior Center is organizing a trip to Wright's Chicken Farm in Rhode Island, followed by a stop at Twin River Casino, on Thursday, March 24, 2022, departing at 10:15 a.m.

Cost is \$92 per person, and space is limited. Reservations should be made in person at the senior center, 95 Norwich Ave., and are available to members of the Colchester Senior Center on a first-come, first-served basis.

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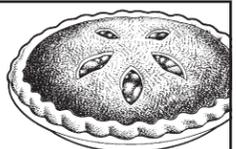
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## LEGAL NOTICE HEBRON, CT MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 2021

The Electors of the Town of Hebron, CT are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling place in said town on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, for the following purpose:

I. To cast their votes for the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, Planning & Zoning Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate and Regional Board of Education.

II. Question:  
"Shall Regional School District No. 8, comprises of the Towns of Hebron, Andover and Marlborough, appropriate \$3,560,000 for the installation of a new turf field, track and lighting at RHAM High School and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$3,560,000 to finance the appropriation?"

Voters approving the resolution shall vote "YES" and those opposing the resolution shall vote "NO"

The full text of such proposed question with explanatory text, printed in accordance with §9-369 and §9-369(b) of the General Statutes, is on file with the Town Clerk and on the Town Website, [www.hebronct.com](http://www.hebronct.com).

Absentee ballots will be counted in accordance with §9-147a of the General Statutes.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling place is as follows:

The Hebron Elementary School, 92 Church Street, CT Rt. 85, Hebron, CT.

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Dated at Hebron, CT this 25, of October, 2021.

Carla A Pomprovicz, Town Clerk

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### Colchester Federated Church News

Colchester Federated Church is an Open and Affirming church located at 60 Main St. Pastor is the Rev. Lauren Lorincz. The church office is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The office can be reached at 860-537-5189 or cfc06415@gmail.com.

Worship services are Sundays at 9 a.m.; masks required. For those wishing to worship from home, the service will be broadcast via Facebook Live each Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship videos are at [www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org](http://www.colchesterfederatedchurch.org) under the Worship & Sermons tab. Updated information is also on the church's Facebook page.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School is held during worship from September through June. Children in grades pre-K through 8 are welcome. The nursery is located just off the sanctuary. Visit the church website to register youth for Sunday School.

**Twelve-Step Meetings:** AA meets in the church library Monday-Wednesday and Friday at

noon and Thursday at 10 a.m., and at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. On Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Al-Anon meets in the Jerusalem Room and AA meets in the Stage Room.

**Boy Scout Troop 72:** Meetings are held in the Stage Room every Monday at 7 p.m.

**Upcoming Fundraiser:** The church will have its annual Holly Fair Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All are invited to shop at the variety of booths and get lunch to-go from the Holly Café.

### Christmas Fair

The Angels and Snowflakes Christmas Fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at St. Andrew Church 128 Norwich Ave.

There will be baked goods, handmade items, quilts, Christmas items, gently-used religious items, a raffle, and works by local crafters.

For more information, call Barbara Gozzo at 860-208-4121.

### Christian Life Chapel News

Christian Life Chapel, located at 392 S. Main St., holds worship in-person at 10 a.m. Sundays. Follow the church on Facebook for the livestream.

For more information, call Pastor Don Rivers – the church's bi-vocational pastor, who also serves as president for "Racing with Jesus Inc." – at 860-398-9119 or visit [christianlifechapel.org](http://christianlifechapel.org).

### Toastmasters Meet Biweekly

All are invited to practice their public speaking with the Air Line Trail Toastmasters, Chapter 6976, which meets via Zoom on the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m.

Contact Tom Moreno at 860-917-7472 for more information, or visit [www.airlinetrails.toastmastersclubs.org](http://www.airlinetrails.toastmastersclubs.org).

### Ukrainian Catholic Church News

All are invited to worship each week at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 178 Linwood Ave. The church offers Eastern Rite Divine services. Church doors are open for Divine Liturgy on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m.; the Sunday service is bilingual.

For more information, call the church at 860-537-2069.

### Democratic Profiles Online

Due to technical errors, the stories previewing the Colchester Democrats' political candidates were not able to be included in this week's edition. Look for the stories on the *Rivereast* Facebook page, located at [www.facebook.com/RivereastNewsBulletin](http://www.facebook.com/RivereastNewsBulletin).

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★ **Portland 1st Selectman cont. from page 1**  
the water also needs replacing.

Curley said talks about new water sources and getting out the MDC contract should be at a later stage. He said, when he sat on the water/sewer subcommittee six years ago in his time on the select board, he pushed to hire a consultant to find wells.

"I do think this conversation has progressed," Curley said. "That's why whoever wins has to jump right into this."

Curley said he thinks the town should have more public meetings on this topic and should be as "transparent as possible."

Curley was critical of the water/sewer subcommittee Tripp heads, saying it hasn't met since February, adding should he prevail, he would revitalize the subcommittee.

"I can promise it would meet more than twice a year," Curley said.

Tripp said the subcommittee does not operate like a town board or commission, namely the town's Water and Sewer Commission, which meets monthly.

The bipartisan subcommittee, Tripp explained, meets only when there is a significant development needing discussion. Tripp said the subcommittee has done all the "pre-work" it can up to this point, especially the decision to find a town-owned source in the first place.

Tripp expects the subcommittee will reconvene when the RFP is issued and a response to it received.

### End of An Era

Outgoing selectwoman Bransfield has won every election in town since 2003. Since 1993, nearly 30 years ago, the town has only had two different leaders.

Curley said voters he's spoken to have said the town is on a good track, but that they're also looking for change.

Curley has previously served two terms on the board of selectmen, first winning election at 24. He is now 34 and is the first millennial to seek the office. If he wins, he will also be the first millennial to serve as first selectman.

He has been town clerk since 2020, a term that will end in 2024 if he loses this bid.

"People think Susan has done a good job," Curley said. "But they want someone who embraces technology more and makes town services more efficient."

Curley, in the April story announcing his bid, said he counts among his successes as clerk modernizing the office with technology and accessibility improvements.

Curley, a Republican running to replace a popular Democrat, said people in town vote "people, not party." He said he has encountered strict party voters, but that this is an exception, and has had lifelong Democrats commit to vot-

ing for him.

In a letter to the *Rivereast*, Republican Town Committee Chair Tim Lavoy said Tripp is Bransfield's "hand-picked" candidate.

When asked to respond to this, Tripp said Lavoy "says a lot of things," and that his focus is on the issues Portland faces, rather than the people running.

"I'm very proud to be nominated and accept the nomination of my party," said Tripp.

Tripp said he went through the same nomination process as Curley, and that he's proud to follow in the footsteps of, and receive an endorsement from, "a leader that's done a good job for 18 years."

Tripp said Bransfield is held in high regard by leaders across the state because she approaches issues in a bipartisan way, making decisions based on what's right for town, not politics.

"I feel I work in the same way," Tripp said, saying he's taken an objective approach on the select board, the Board of Education and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

"A theme in this campaign is experience, and I'm proud of my experience," Tripp said, naming in addition to the above his heading of the Brownstone Quorum, his work on developing the riverfront, and his service as charter president of the local Lions Club.

Curley said his campaign slogan emphasizes placing Portland over politics.

"I [ran because] I really feel I'm the most qualified person to do the best job," Curley said. "If I'm elected, I'll go in having ten years with elected town experience."

Curley went on to say this year, he earned his master's degree in public administration, and also has an accounting degree. He said he would enter the first selectman's seat with roughly the same qualifications Bransfield had in '03, having served six years in town hall between his select board tenure and his clerkship.

"I've never said Jim is not qualified, and never would," said Curley. "We have two professionals who both have their own unique experience, and I do think overall the town will be the winner of this election, I feel the direction of town will be better in the long run should I win."

Bransfield is the lone woman on the board. All other members of the board are men – and while the Democrats' Board of Selectmen slate features two women, the Republican slate is exclusively men.

Curley in his April profile said he would try and have women included on the selectmen ticket but did not succeed in doing so.

When asked about this, Curley stated he tried as best he could to involve women on the team, and that the slate's homogeneity is not lost on him.

"The slate we have is terrific," Curley explained, "but the truth is I wanted a more di-

verse campaign. It's very hard to find volunteers willing to give up time with families and their other responsibilities."

Like other Republican and Democratic candidates for the select board, Curley said he would ensure the town's employment and business development opportunities are equitably marketed.

Lambrinides said Tripp is an extension of a party "not of the people", and that he simply does not like Democrats, then entering into a baffling diatribe associating Democrats with the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

The Independent said he likes Curley, but that the 34-year-old is too young. When asked for more substantial issues with the major party candidates, he offered none. He frequently circled back to criticizing Bransfield, though she is not his opponent.

### Endorsements

Lambrinides told the *Rivereast* he's received no endorsements, and also has no slate of candidates behind him.

Along with Bransfield and several local leaders, Tripp has been endorsed by Lt. Gov Susan Bysiewicz, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) of Connecticut and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the largest public employees union in the nation.

Curley also received an endorsement from Hartford in the form of State Rep. Christie Carpino, a Republican who's represented Portland for a decade.

Terri Larson, former Portland First Selectwoman who, to Curley's knowledge, was the first woman to lead the town, has endorsed Curley.

Wayne Carini, local business owner, also endorsed Curley, along with several local registered Democrats. Curley said many local

businesses have put out signs supporting him, adding he thinks this shows he promotes development.

### Experience, Accolades and Volunteerism

Tripp said as a 20-year volunteer in town, giving his time has become part of who he is. Tripp has served on the select board since 2017, helping oversee projects, including Brainerd Place and riverfront redevelopment, as well as completion of the park on Route 17, serving as vice chair of that planning group.

Seventeen-year president of the Brownstone Quorum, Tripp promoted Brownstone Exploration Park when it got its start.

Tripp, 53 at this paper's printing, 54 by Election Day, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from UMASS-Dartmouth and earned a Master of Science in Management at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Lambrinides is a veteran. He said had to learn how to juggle dealing with many people at once while working for his family's business.

Curley, during his terms on the select board, first won the clerk's election in 2015, and again in 2019.

He said while on the board, he took a black-and-white approach to budgets. As clerk, he told the *Rivereast* in April his approach is now a more holistic, "investor's" approach.

Curley said among his proudest accomplishments as clerk was the digitization of the office. Curley expanded the town's online land record archive, introduced the acceptance of credit card payments and implemented an online dog licensing program.

The 2021 Portland election will be open Nov. 2 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Portland Middle School, 93 High St. For election information, call the town clerk's office at 860-342-6743.

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### Ghost Run Registration Deadline Today

The registration deadline for the 18th annual Air Line Trail Ghost Run is today, Oct. 29. The race, a certified half marathon that starts in Hebron and ends in East Hampton, will take place Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m.-noon.

There will be no registration on race day. Early bib pickup will be available at the Hebron Parks and Recreation office on Nov. 4 and Nov. 5 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The race begins at Hebron Elementary School, located on Route 85. Runners will run south on Route 85 and pick up the Air Line

Trail behind Juliano's Pools. The race continues on the Air Line Trail through Colchester and into East Hampton. At the trail head, runners will continue on the trail to Watrous Street, then to Summit Street. Follow Summit Street to Center Elementary School. Shuttle buses will be available for all the runners in each direction. The trail is flat and is surfaced with packed dirt.

To register, visit [lightboxreg.com](http://lightboxreg.com) or call the Hebron, Colchester or East Hampton parks and recreation departments, at 860-530-1281, 860-537-7297 or 860-267-7300, respectively.

**TOWN OF PORTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Portland Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at a special meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to consider the following:

Application #21-02: 36 Jobs Gate 2. Request to appeal a Zoning Permit #21-33 denied by the Zoning Enforcement Officer to construct a single family dwelling. Application and property of Larry Whitmore. Assessor's Map 24, Lot 3. Zone RR.

At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. A copy of this application is available for public review in the Portland Land Use Department or on the Town of Portland Website: [www.portlandct.org](http://www.portlandct.org).

Dated at Portland, CT this 25th day of October 2021.  
Rose Aletta, Chairwoman

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# Proposed Charter Changes on Ballot

by Diane Church

Along with the candidates vying for votes in the Nov. 2 election, nine separate questions about proposed charter changes will also be on the ballot.

If any of the changes are approved, this would be the first charter revision in 35 years. The Charter Revision Commission has prepared a report based on its research, which is on the town website.

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The first proposed revision would increase the number of selectmen from three to five. The two new selectmen would be elected in May of 2022 and serve two-year terms. The board would elect a chairperson and vice chairperson each year. The first selectman's office and its salary would be eliminated.

First Selectman Greg Lowrey thinks the proposed change would be positive.

"With just three selectmen, if I see one in town and we start talking about local politics, it's considered an illegal meeting because two selectmen are enough for a quorum," he said. "With five selectmen, it wouldn't be a problem."

But the first proposed revision also has a second part, which asks if the town should replace the paid first selectman with a town manager, appointed by the board of selectmen, who would oversee the day to day operations.

Lowrey said he believes the town would benefit from having an educated town manager at the helm. The charter revision commission anticipates the town manager's salary at \$110,000-\$130,000, which would be partly offset by eliminating the first selectman's annual \$85,000 salary. The commission also believes the town manager could save the town some money "through productivity improvements and cost avoidance, such as lower legal costs and process improvements."

The Board of Selectmen would be able to review the performance of the Town Manager, who would not have to live in town. Lowrey said this will allow selectmen to "cast a wider net" and possibly find a more qualified person than if they were restricted to only town residents.

Legislative powers of the town will remain

vested in the board of selectmen and the town meeting.

Board of Finance member Ken Hjulstrom agreed it was time for the town to make the two changes.

"Going to a five person Board of Selectmen is long overdue," he said. "I think that putting a town manager in place will reduce politics at town hall and will provide Marlborough with a person in the lead who will be more qualified, while still reporting to the Board of Selectmen."

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The second proposal would establish a local board of ethics. Selectmen would appoint a voluntary two member investigatory-advisory Office of Ethics and would establish a proposed Code of Ethics for elected officials, employees and board and commission members in the conduct of their public responsibilities.

"Putting a Code of Ethics in place is also long overdue and I expect this question will get extensive support," Hjulstrom said.

The third proposal would replace the annual town meeting with a public hearing to review the final proposed annual town budget before going to a referendum in May. The commission said this would simplify the annual budget process by setting established dates for presenting and approving the proposed budget. The annual budget referendum would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May. Lowrey said this change would allow more people to give their input.

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The next two questions have to do with updating spending limits. In 1985 the charter limited special and emergency appropriations to \$10,000. Proposal Four would replace that with two percent of the town operations budget.

Special appropriations over that limit would require a public hearing and a town meeting. The charter revision commission chose two percent to account for average inflation and for the higher cost of doing business during periods of high inflation, rather than setting a fixed amount.

This proposal has been the most controversial. "Two percent of the Town Operations bud-

get currently equates to over \$100,000," Hjulstrom said. "I personally feel that this is way too large an increase and it negatively impacts the ability of the public to have a say in the authorization of large unplanned expenses."

Selectman Amy Traversa, however, disagreed.

"Of course it's an enormous jump," she said. "But there has been such a jump in inflation over the past 35 years. Back then you could buy a car for \$6,000. Two percent is just keeping pace with inflation."

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The next proposal would similarly change the authorized amount for public bids, changing it from the current range of \$1,000 to \$10,000 to between .5 percent and one percent of the town operations budget.

Items with an estimated cost of more than one percent of the town's operations budget would require a formal bid.

The commission said the change could result in fewer formal bids, which may reduce labor and material costs for the formal bidding process, and also allow for inflation.

Proposed revision six asks if the town clerk and the tax collector positions should be changed from elected to appointed by the board of selectmen, with no residency requirement. Like other employees, candidates would have to fill out an application and be interviewed, as well as be subject to performance reviews.

Lowrey said that this would give the town a wide field of qualified candidates.

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The seventh question proposes reducing the number of members of the board of finance from six to five and the board of education from nine to seven, while increasing the number of members on the board of assessment appeals from three to five.

The Board of Finance would still have its

three alternates with four-year terms.

Lowrey said it's sometimes difficult to find qualified people to volunteer to serve on the boards of finance and education, so he did not mind reducing the number of board members. But he said the board of assessment appeals needs a couple more people because of the volume of work they do.

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The eighth proposed revision would restructure the board of fire commissioners, increasing its membership from three to five, but three would need to have fire service experience. It would also change the fire marshal and deputy fire marshal from lifetime appointments to four-year terms. They would be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and be town employees.

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The final charter revision proposal contains a number of small revisions which the CRC defined as "removing outdated references to state statutes, correcting grammatical and spelling errors, correcting improper references to other charter sections, deleting specific charter sections that are obsolete or no longer needed, expanding on specific charter sections to improve the clarity of section content and updating or adding specific charter sections where appropriate to reflect current and best practices."

Hjulstrom said he was pleased the proposed revisions were broken down into nine separate queries as opposed to being "presented in a take it or leave it single question," which he said was done 20 years ago and the proposed changes were voted down.

He also urged voters to visit the town website and other sources to familiarize themselves with the issues.

"There is enough good in the revisions that they get an up vote from me," Lowrey said. "The proposed revisions are not perfect, but they are good."

## Cemetery Fall Clean-Up

The annual cemetery fall clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 6, at Marlboro Cemetery. Volunteers are invited to participate and are asked to meet at 9 a.m.

Residents are asked to remove any personal items and decorations prior to the clean-up. Any items found to be in violation of cemetery rules and regulations or a hindrance to maintenance will be removed. These items include shepherd hooks, glass objects, items hanging from trees and pots. For a complete listing, go to [tinyurl.com/3eyze3xj](http://tinyurl.com/3eyze3xj).

## Absentee Ballots Available

Absentee ballots are available in the Marlborough town clerk's office at Town Hall during regular business hours. They can also be mailed to registered voters who have completed and returned a valid absentee ballot application.

Reminder: For this municipal election, one must request the absentee ballot application; it will not be automatically mailed like last year.

Those who choose not to vote by absentee ballot are reminded they can vote at the polls at Marlborough Elementary School, 25 School Drive, on Election Day, Nov. 2, from 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

For more information, call Lauren or Martha in the town clerk's office at 860-295-6206.

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### Senior Center News and Notes

Marlborough Senior Center, 17 School Dr., is open for activities. Call 860-295-6209 for the center's hours and more information. The senior center has announced the following:

**Transportation:** Transportation to the senior center, shopping, medical and non-medical appointments will be offered each day from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., with a 36-hour advance reservation. Masks are required as well as appropriate distancing.

The **Food Bank** is located at 3 Wilhenger Drive (860-295-6008) and is open every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-noon and 3:30-5:30 p.m. It is open to qualified residents in need of food. Transportation for seniors and/or physically challenged individuals is available; call the senior center if needed.

**Monday, Nov. 1 (All Saints' Day):** Assistance, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon; Not Just Quilting, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Congregate Meal, noon. Menu: beef hot dog with hot dog bun, baked beans, California-blend vegetables, fresh fruit; Meals-on-Wheels, 12:30 p.m.; Bingo, 1-3p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 2 (All Souls' Day and also Election Day):** Assistance, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; setback or cards of your choice, 1-3 p.m.; dog obedience class.

**Wednesday, Nov. 3:** Birthday recognition for those born in December; Grocery Shopping, 9 a.m.-noon; Not Just Quilting, 10 a.m.; Assistance, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.-noon; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; Congregate Meal, noon. Menu: orange juice, vegetable lasagna, zucchini squash, wheat bread, oatmeal bar; Sophisticated Ladies (Tap Dancing), 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 4:** Flu shots, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; assistance, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 8-Ball Pool, 10 a.m.; Tai Chi with Linda, 10:30 a.m.; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; quilting, 1-4 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 5:** Not Just Quilting, 10 a.m.; assistance, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Meals-on-Wheels, noon; Congregate Meal, noon. Menu: Fish Florentine, fiesta rice, cut-up winter squash, oatnut bread, fresh fruit.

**Blood Drive:** On Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11, the American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive at the Marlborough Senior Center, from 1-6 p.m.

### Wreath Sales Have Begun

Boy Scout Troop 39 in Marlborough has kicked off its annual wreath sales fundraiser. With free, contactless delivery to your home, the wreaths are fresh balsam, handmade in Maine and decorated by local Scouts with pine cones, berries and a red velvet bow.

Cost is \$25 for a 22-inch wreath or \$30 for a 28-inch one, with proceeds benefiting the troop's activities. Folks can also donate toward a wreath for Marlborough Food Bank families.

Scouts can take orders through Nov. 12. Place an order online or via mail at [www.troop39wreaths.com](http://www.troop39wreaths.com). Credit cards are accepted online. For more information, call or text 860-295-3060.

Wreath deliveries will begin Nov. 20 and conclude by Nov. 30.

### Winter Clothes Drive

Knights of Columbus Marlborough Council 15734 is holding its Marlborough winter clothes drive. Donations of any new or gently-used coats, jackets, gloves, mittens or blankets are sought.

Clothes will be collected through Saturday, Nov. 6, and can be dropped off in drop box in the basement at St. John Fisher Church, 30 Jones Hollow Rd. There will also be a collection on the Marlborough town green Nov. 6, starting at 9 a.m.



### Food Bank to Benefit in Big Y Bag Program

Marlborough Food Bank has been selected by local Big Y store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Community Bag Program for the month of November. For every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag purchased at the store in November, Big Y will send a \$1 donation to the food bank.

"This year has brought so many changes and difficulties for non-profits at the hyper-local level," said David Pratt, co-director of Marlborough Food Bank. "We are thrilled to be participating in this innovative program that makes it possible for shoppers to give back to local non-profits while reducing single-use plastic in the environment. We appreciate the continued support of the Marlborough Big Y and the generosity of our community."

### Lions to Hold 'Masquerade 5K'

The Marlborough Lions Club will hold its annual Masquerade 5K Road Race Sunday, Oct. 31, starting promptly at 10:30 a.m. Costumed runners are encouraged.

Entry fee is \$25. There is also a \$50 package price for families participating in the race. There will be no same-day registration; all runners need to be registered by the day before the race. Runners will start near the entrance to Blish Park on Park Road and will proceed on a course which circles Lake Terramuggus.

To register or for more information, call Lion Tom Reiser at 860-295-8374 or Jean Paul Bolduc at 860-295-9150, or email Tom Reiser at [TGREiser@comcast.net](mailto:TGREiser@comcast.net). Registration forms are also available in Marlborough and at various other locations including Liberty Bank; folks can also register online at [www.plattsys.com](http://www.plattsys.com) or [www.hitekracing.com/calendar](http://www.hitekracing.com/calendar).

Marlborough Food Bank, Inc. is a registered 501c3 non-project organization. Founded in 2005, the food bank is an all-volunteer organization that provides food assistance and clothing to individuals in need in the local community. Learn more at [foodbankofmarlborough.wordpress.com](http://foodbankofmarlborough.wordpress.com).

For more on the Big Y Community Bag Program, visit [www.bigy.bags4mycause.com](http://www.bigy.bags4mycause.com).

### Lions to Raffle Generator

The Marlborough Lions Club is raffling off an 8,000-watt Generac portable generator with a retail value of \$1,100. The generator has features such as a pushbutton electric start with trickle charger, hours counter and 120V/240V outlets.

The winner of the raffle will also receive the services of an electrician to install a circuit breaker panel interlock and the cabling needed to hook up the generator with a value not to exceed \$1,000. Raffle tickets are only \$20 each. The drawing will take place during the Lions' Fall Masquerade 5K on Oct. 31. Ticket sales will continue until that event.

For tickets, call Lions President Megan Lloyd at 413-687-5537, Secretary Ken Hjulstrom at 860-490-9116 or Treasurer Jean-Paul Bolduc at 860-798-2054.

### Candidate Profiles Online

Due to technical errors, the stories previewing the Marlborough political candidates were not able to be included in this week's edition. Look for the stories on the Riverast Facebook page, located at [www.facebook.com/RiverastNewsBulletin](http://www.facebook.com/RiverastNewsBulletin).

### Second Blessings Thrift Shop

Second Blessings Thrift Shop, located near the Great Hall at the Marlborough Congregational Church, 35 S. Main St., is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon. Masks are required. Handicapped parking is available.

The store features items for fall and holiday decorating and celebrating, giftware, linens, signed prints, vintage and antiques, jewelry, glassware, baking, cooking and serving, handbags and accessories, lamps, children's toys and games, and more. New items are brought in every week.

Starting Nov. 5, the shop will also be open Fridays from noon to 3 p.m.

For more information, call the church office at 860-295-9050.

### Historical Society News

The Marlborough Historical Society has issued the following pieces of news:

**Cemetery Walk:** The fourth annual Cemetery Walk will continue Saturday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m. All are invited to learn about the lives and deaths of many past residents via walks through Century Cemetery and Marlboro Cemetery. Registration is free, and can be done by either email ([mhs@marlboroughhistory.org](mailto:mhs@marlboroughhistory.org)) or by calling Romano Ghirlanda at 860-916-4031. Bring a flashlight if you can, and dress warmly. Each walk will begin at the Richmond Memorial Library parking lot.

**Map Available:** The Bicentennial Map depicting many items of Marlborough's history is now available for purchase at [www.marlboroughhistory.org/store](http://www.marlboroughhistory.org/store) for \$7. Payment can also be made via check; send to Marlborough Historical Society, P.O. Box 351, Marlborough, CT 06447. The map was made exclusively for the Marlborough Historical Society in 1975-76 by its then-president, Larry Oglesby, and illustrator W. Nystrom. Size is 18.5 x 12.5.

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## Obituaries

### Colchester

#### Michael W. Savitsky

Michael W. Savitsky, 71, of Colchester, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 20. He was the beloved husband of Pati (Pieta) for 43 years and father to Daniel and his wife Andrea, Eric, and Jason and his fiancée Sarah Alessio, as well as his loyal dog Jack.



Michael is survived by Kathy and Wil Cunningham, John and Shanna Pieta, Susi and Damian Bianchi, Dave Pieta, and Rosemarie Pieta. He is remembered by his college buddies John and Ron. He is also survived by his sisters Barbara, Joann, and Andrea.

He was born to the late Michael and Olga (Eshak) Savitsky on Oct. 27, 1949, and graduated from Bacon Academy and the University of West Palm Beach. He worked at Pratt & Whitney as a telecommunications analyst for 47 years and is remembered by his friends and co-workers there. Michael loved working outside in his yard and lending a hand to his sons and other family. He enjoyed metal detecting, grilling, corn hole, and building birdhouses. He enjoyed live music from local bands, especially his sons'.

His family asks that friends look to the funeral home website for future service details. To visit the funeral home website, please go to [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com). Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home has been entrusted with Mr. Savitsky's care.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Colchester Fire Department and EMTs.

### East Hampton

#### Robert Denis Olzacki

Robert Denis Olzacki, 58, formerly of East Hampton, died after a brief illness at Middlesex Hospital Saturday, Oct. 23. Bob was born Nov. 15, 1962, in New London, to the late Robert J. and MaryAnn (Brown) Olzacki of East Hampton.



Bob was formerly employed at Jarvis Airfoil in Portland, Pratt & Whitney Research Center in East Hartford, Budney Industries in Berlin and Heritage Autobody in Glastonbury.

Bob was survived by his daughter Nichole Decker and her husband Michael of North Windham; his two beloved granddaughters, Emma and Aria Decker of North Windham; he is also survived by his brothers Joseph and his partner Josh, Michael and his wife Cheri and his sister Kristin and her husband Paul, all of East Hampton. He also leaves behind his nephews Dylan and wife Meghan, Austin and his significant other Chelsea, niece Baylee, two great-nephews, Brooks and Cason. Bob also leaves behind his childhood friend Erland Slayton and his wife Kim, who were a source of constant love and support.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Olzacki Compound at 14 Flanners Rd., East Hampton, from 2-4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local Food Bank.

### Colchester

#### Tyler Jeffrey Graham

Tyler Jeffrey Graham, 18, of Colchester, died suddenly Friday, Oct. 22, in a car accident. He was born Jan. 20, 2003, and grew up in Colchester. His loss is felt by all that met and loved him.



Tyler was beloved by all who knew him and made a lasting impact on his community on and off the athletic field. He excelled in soccer and basketball, but his true love was lacrosse. He was known for his sportsmanship, passion and was a natural leader being awarded a captain in his senior year at Bacon Academy. His footwork danced him across the field, earning him the nickname "Mambo." Tyler was a true team player who looked out for his younger teammates taking them under his wing and encouraging their growth in the sport he loved. Tyler was a graduate of Bacon Academy '21 and had just entered his freshman year at Western Connecticut State University, majoring in Business Administration and was very proud to continue his lacrosse career in college.

To family and friends, Tyler exuded a strong protective streak and was known as the peacekeeper, a skill he perfected growing up between his two sisters. His smile would light up any room he entered and was known for his amazing sense of humor and goofy nature bringing joy to all around him.

Tyler is survived by his parents Jeffrey and Dina (Petrucci) Graham of Colchester; his sisters, Abby and Katie Graham; grandparents, Peter and Connie Graham; his aunt, Dawn Petrucci; and uncle, Robert Graham; as well as his maternal grandfather, Richard Petrucci. He leaves behind his friends who became family and beloved pets Lily, Gizmo and Tommy.

He was predeceased by his maternal grandmother, Marie Petrucci; his great-grandfather, Anthony Scialla; and uncle, Robert Deyber.

Calling hours will be 4-8 p.m., at St. Andrew Church in Colchester today, Friday, Oct. 29, and a funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, Tyler's loved ones would like you to consider a donation payable to the Tyler Graham Foundation, P.O. Box 732, Colchester, CT 06415 to benefit future generations of lacrosse players.

Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com).

### Portland

#### Watson Andrew Hale Jr.

Watson Andrew Hale Jr., 81, peacefully passed Tuesday, Oct. 5. He was the son of the late Watson Andrew Hale Sr. and Mary (Dingwell) Hale.

Andy was a lifelong resident of Portland. He graduated from PHS in 1958, and retired from Smurfit-Stone after 37 years. He was a lifetime member of Hemlock Grange 182, where he held many positions. His passions included photography, gardening, canning, maple syrup making, chair caning, and rocks and gems which he in turn created many beautiful jewelry pieces that he live-demonstrated at the Portland Fair.

He is survived by a daughter, Virginia Ann Whittle (Brian), and a son, Andrew Paul Hale. He leaves two sisters, Harriett Sanborn (Bill), and Shirley Long, one granddaughter, four grandsons, two great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife, Linda Clark; his brother-in-law, Edward Long; his sister, Patricia Long; and her husband, Harold Long.

Memorial services will be held Friday, Nov. 5, at 5 p.m., at the Hemlock Grange Hall at Sage Hollow Road in Portland.

### Colchester

#### Jacob Philip Chapman

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Jacob Philip Chapman. Jake lost his life in a tragic car accident on Friday, Oct. 22. He was 18 years old. Jake was born April 1, 2003, in Manchester. He was the son of D. Travis and Hilary (Jones) Chapman of Colchester.



Jake lived life to the fullest. He valued his family and friends and brought a smile to everyone he met. He particularly enjoyed fishing with friends, playing lacrosse, and his annual trips to Cape Cod with his cousins.

Growing up in Colchester, Jake had a great talent and affinity for Lacrosse. He started with Colchester Youth Lacrosse and went on to play with the Bacon Academy Lacrosse team, graduating with the class of 2021. Jake was attending Western Connecticut State University as a freshman and was also a member of the Lacrosse team there.

Those left to treasure his memory are his parents, Travis and Hilary Chapman; his beloved sister, Aviana; his grandparents, Bruce and Cindy Jones; Aunt Jen (Jon) Bronzi; Uncle Reese (Kim) Jones; Uncle Ben Jones; Aunt Jane (Skip) Thomas; Aunt Susan Chapman; Uncle Jimmy Chapman; numerous cousins and special family friend "Grampa" Phil Grasso. Jake was predeceased by his grandparents Raymond and Joan Chapman.

A lovable and caring son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, and friend, Jake brought much joy into our lives and will be cherished forever. Even though our hearts are broken, we take solace in the fact that we were able to share his life for 18 years. You left us way too soon, you fine young man, but we gladly embrace the time we got.

A celebration of Jake's life with visitation calling hours will be held Monday, Nov. 1, from 3-7 p.m., at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. All other services will be held privately.

The family requests that donations to honor Jake's memory be made to benefit other youth to enjoy Lacrosse as he did. Colchester Youth Lacrosse, PO Box 355, Colchester, CT 06415, [www.colchesterlacrosse.org](http://www.colchesterlacrosse.org), or Bacon Academy Boys Lacrosse Team, c/o Bacon Academy Athletics, 611 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415.

For online condolences, please visit [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com).

### Colchester

#### Erwin E. Lemire

Erwin E. Lemire, 83, of Franklin, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 20, in Colchester. He passed away the same way he lived... on his own terms.



Erwin was born Aug. 14, 1938, to the late Raymond Crouch and Eunice Chamberlin Lemire, and raised by his mother Eunice and second father, Raymond Lemire. He played basketball for Norwich Free Academy, under the direction of Howie Dickerman Sr., during the 1950s. Upon graduating, he joined the United States Navy where he dedicated four years of service. After his service, he met and married the love of his life Jeanne (Franklin) Lemire, and together, they brought three children up.

Aside from his dedication to his wife, Erwin spent more than 40 years with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Manufacturing, as a balance operator.

He was also the co-founder of CYO at St. John's Church, in Cromwell. Erwin continued his passion for basketball by supporting the UConn women's and men's teams, being described as a "avid and loyal" supporter.

Erwin will be missed by his wife Jeanne, as well as his son and caregiver, John P. Lemire. In spite of having a difficult relationship with his father, John loved his father Erwin immensely, to the point where he oversaw his care at home for more than five years. Erwin is further survived by his oldest daughter, Sherri Leveille, and his youngest son, Darin Lemire.

He was predeceased by his only brother, Donald Lemire Chamberlin.

Mr. Lemire's care has been entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home. To share a memory or sign the online guestbook, please visit [www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com](http://www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com).

### East Hampton

#### Shani Jamila Alexander

Shani Jamila Alexander, 47, of East Hampton, transitioned Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Hartford Hospital. Shani was born in San Jose, Calif., on Feb. 19, 1974, to Charles and Dolores (Burgess) Alexander.



A meet-and-greet to celebrate her life was held Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (a division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby St., Bloomfield, CT 06002.

To leave a message of comfort for the Alexander family and view the full obituary, please visit [www.hkhfuneralservices.com](http://www.hkhfuneralservices.com).

### Colchester

#### Harold Alvin Durel Jr.

Harold Alvin Durel Jr. was born June 16, 1943, in New Orleans, La., and passed away peacefully at Palms West Hospital in Loxahatchee, Fla., Friday, Oct. 9, 2020, at the age of 77. He was a resident of Palm Beach, Fla., at the time of his passing.



Harold served our country in the Army National Guard in his youth, while living in Louisiana. With a lifelong love of small business entrepreneurship, in the early 1970s he opened his furniture store, Neptune's Daughter, in Lafayette. The store was well-known, highly regarded for quality furniture and waterbeds.

In 1978, he found the Baptist faith a better fit than his Catholic upbringing, and moved to Colchester with his children. He worked at Hilltop Motors for several years as a new car salesman, breaking sales records. It is also where he met his wife of 40 years, Joan Staehly in 1980. He then founded his insurance business, A Durel Agency, and became a top agent for Nationwide Insurance, then later, Metropolitan Insurance Company, where he broke life insurance sales records. Subsequently, his wife joined the business and they expanded into selling all lines of insurance until they sold the business in 1990. In 1991, Harold and Joan moved to Loxahatchee, Fla., where they resided for several years, eventually settling in Royal Palm Beach, Fla.

Also, in 1991, Harold and his son, David, co-founded Bottom Line Telecommunications. In the late '90s they shifted focus from reselling telephone services to online sales of computer related equipment and services, this predates online retailers like Amazon, by years. The business flourished and continues in operation, thriving to this day.

At the age of 68, Harold retired, and enjoyed spending his time with his wife and their various pets and travelling to see family in Connecticut and Louisiana. Daily, he studied his Bible while worshipping the Lord. Harold was a loving, caring, and generous man, and received an award from the March of Dimes for his generosity.

Harold would often spin yarns about his youth, like being a teenager drag racing on the streets of Kenner, La., in his parents' car on the weekend while simultaneously babysitting his sister and twin brothers in the backseat. The tales were numerous and seemed to become more embellished yet wildly humorous from each telling, often referring to himself as, "world famous, internationally known, good looking, and fun to be with." His stories never failed to entertain his children, grandchildren,

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## Reader Forum • Reader Forum

★ *Story cont. from page 9***Mustangs in Puddles**

To the Editor:

Hi, I'm a new member of the Colchester Democratic Town Committee. I got involved because I know the Democrats are best suited to keep Colchester a great place to live. My wife and I are putting down roots in town, and volunteering with the Democratic team is my way of positively impacting the community I live in.

A unique volunteer opportunity I had was helping First Selectman Bylone take photos of her accomplishments for her campaign website. She offered to drive, and we hit about a dozen locations where her efforts had a significant impact. Between stops, we talked about how she got her unique dog logo, about the best fishing spots in the area, and how she almost totaled her Mustang by driving into a surprisingly deep puddle on her farm.

We only had an hour before we ran out of light, so we could only hit the highlights. As we drove, Mary told me about all these other less flashy projects that were happening too. No matter what street we were on, Mary had a story to share about progress. Around every corner, she was telling me about a new business opening, or a grant allowing for investments, or another cool project that was happening.

What I got a sense of is how proud and humble she was about her accomplishments. We didn't stop to take pictures of all these little projects, but I know they are there. For a few moments, I got to listen to a person who cared about the town talk about how proud they were about making Colchester a better place to live, and that's why I know First Selectman Bylone deserves reelection.

**John Farrell – Colchester****I Can't Support This**

To the Editor:

The town of Andover is being asked to saddle \$700,000 of the \$3.5 million bonding for a new RHAM turf field that is being voted on Nov. 2. This \$3.5 million number only covers the initial cost, not the maintenance and \$1 million replacement 10 years later. Nor does it cover the high disposal costs of the used turf or does it address the environmental concerns of the chemicals in this material running off into groundwater.

Instead of asking for \$800,000 to rectify the drainage issues and re-seed the field for grass play, the RHAM BOE has decided to gamble on trying to address the drainage problem and add turf in one large project. I am much more in favor of spending \$800,000, waiting a few years to evaluate the repairs and then discuss the turf at a later date. I cannot support spending taxpayer money to lay down turf and an LED-lighted track on an unproven drainage fix.

When the town of Andover has a \$4 million backlog of bridgework and roadwork I have to question what value this field will bring to the majority of the Andover town residents. It will offset funds needed for roadwork without a major tax increase and will delay much needed road and bridge repairs if we have to offset our budget \$70,000-\$100,000 a year to pay for this.

I cannot in good faith support this project and I encourage the voters in the RHAM school district do the same. Let's fix the drainage and get a dry playable grass field first before we even start talking turf.

**Sincerely,  
Jeffrey A. Murray – Andover***Note: Murray is an Andover selectman, but said he is speaking as an individual.***BOE Team for Portland**

To the Editor:

I'm excited and honored to be on a team that's run a very positive campaign. We've focused on our qualifications and on the role we'll take to support our schools, the students, our community, and all the dedicated district staff.

David Murphy, Stacey Benham, and I are exceptionally well qualified candidates for the Board of Education. Dave and I presently serve on the BOE and are asking for your vote for our reelection. I have served on the Portland BOE for six years and Dave for 4 years. Along with Dave, I've made it my job to ensure our schools deliver a rigorous, high-quality public education. To accomplish this technology, policy, personnel, curriculum, and infrastructure improvements have been our priorities.

Stacey is first-time BOE candidate and has the extensive resume and experience needed to be an effective advocate for student achievement, curriculum development and effective use of district resources. I encourage you to learn more about each of us at [gopportlandct.com](http://gopportlandct.com).

Our community makes a tremendous financial investment in our district. I assure you that our team will be effective and vocal in its responsibility to your students and our community. While our team will not have majority representation on the board, we are dedicated to being a voice for reasoned debate and effective decision making.

I ask you for your support with your vote for me, Dave, and Stacy and Nov. 2.

**Tim Lavoy – Portland  
Candidate for Board of Education****Welcome to Democratic Party**

Dear Newly-Registered Democrats-

On behalf of the Hebron Democratic Town Committee, welcome to the Democratic Party.

As of the writing of this letter, approximately 29% of registered Hebron voters are affiliated with the Democrats, a number which has continued to grow throughout the last five years and is only surpassed by those who are unaffiliated. In fact, over 10% of the town's registered Republicans have changed affiliation since the January 6th attack on the Capitol alone. You are part of a wave of folks who are working toward a brighter, more equitable future for our planet and the species that inhabit it. Whether you're a newly registered voter or have recently changed your affiliation, we are thrilled to have you.

The DTC is run and supported by a dedicated group of volunteers. A true microcosm of Dems across the nation, the Hebron DTC is composed of Democrats who range from progressive to moderate. Our shared mission is to help elect competent, forward-thinking candidates to office in local, state, and federal elections.

Please join in our efforts - there are a number of ways in which you can help:

- Join the DTC
- Attend DTC meetings - open to all registered

Democrats, regardless of DTC membership- on the fourth Monday of each month.

- Join our Friends of the DTC mailing list
- Help us get out the vote! Dem voter turnout is historically low and we're working to change that trend
- Follow us on Facebook (Hebron Democrats), Instagram (@hebrondems), and Twitter (@hebrondems). Learn more or donate at [hebrondems.com](http://hebrondems.com)
- Join us at a fundraiser; see our website and Facebook page for more info.
- Email us at [hebrondems@hebrondems.com](mailto:hebrondems@hebrondems.com) for more information and, most importantly,
- Vote Blue!! The municipal elections are Tuesday, Nov. 2.

**See you at the polls,  
Cathy McSweeney  
DTC Engagement Committee  
Hebron****Why I'm Running**

To the Editor:

Every voter that does not vote with blind loyalty weighs the pros and cons of each candidate. Although I am a former member of the Board of Finance, it doesn't say much about what I bring to the table. Everyone has a story and that makes me no different. I lost my mother to cancer when I was 12; my father was left to raise five boys alone. My father decided the best way to secure the future of his boys was to leave his corporate job and start his own construction company. We were raised by and in that company, learning the value of a dollar as every dollar out of the company was a dollar out of our family pocket. Not only did my father's company raise us, it sent me to college.

I did not return to partner with my father after graduation; I decided to instead strike out on my own. I began my career as an air traffic controller, after a few years I was elected to the board of directors of the ATC union. It was there that I honed my negotiating skills and as it turned out had quite the talent for it. With each negotiation, the needs of the agency, funded by the taxpayers, was weighed against the needs of the air traffic controllers. As a member of the BOF I will balance the needs of the town and the burden it places on the taxpayer.

My mom and dad are long gone now. They never got to see me graduate law school, pass the bar or what my wife tells me is the highlight of my life, admission to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, even if she did get seated right in front of Anton Scalia.

**Kurt John Comisky – East Hampton****Bisbikos Has Delivered**

To the Editor:

Andreas Bisbikos has delivered on his word from day 1. I could illustrate many instances but I'll remind every one of his first year on BOF. We had \$100,000 on the table where Andreas held his ground disapproving the line item. With majority vote that item went to referendum where it failed. He was right, voters did not want to that spending despite the bustle in the meeting room claiming otherwise. From the start he has been unwavering in protecting our tax dollar. As first selectman, his advocacy will continue as its imbedded in his tenets with transparency and affordability.

With Andreas as first selectman, the budget process will provide a higher level of accountability to our voters. A top-down review of every department will kick off our budget season unlike any other we've experienced. I don't know of any other first selectman candidate in the state, let alone Mary, willing to do the same.

I only speak from experience...Vote Row B.

**Andrea Migliaccio – Colchester***Note: Migliaccio is a member of the Colchester Board of Finance, but said he is speaking as an individual.***Qualified, Devoted Residents**

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of Dan Larson who is running for reelection to the Hebron Board of Selectmen (BOS).

Dan has been actively involved in various elected and appointed town positions for about 40 years. It has been my pleasure to work alongside of him for the last six years on the BOS. Dan is a man of integrity and principle. He loves the Town of Hebron as is evident by his devotion to the demands of serving as chair of the Hebron Board of Selectmen.

Also, up for reelection are two members of the Board of Finance: Diane DeRosso, Michael McCormack. Both are extremely qualified for their positions, and they serve Hebron with distinction.

We are indeed fortunate to have such qualified and devoted residents willing to give of their time on behalf of our town.

I urge you to vote on Nov. 2 for Dan Larson, Diane DeRosso and Michael McCormack and our other Republican candidates.

**Sincerely,  
Gail B. Richmond – Hebron***Note: Richmond is a member of the Hebron Board of Selectmen, but said she is speaking as an individual.***A Vote for Children's Futures**

To the Editor:

Hello, my name is Joseph Colletti and I am asking you to do what's right for the future of our children and vote for me for the RHAM Board of Education. As a life-long member of our community and a graduate RHAM in 2010, I want what is best for the kids. I want them to excel after high school and be prepared for real world challenges that they are sure to face. This comes with more classes in economics, finance, and business in general. We face tough times ahead and need our future workforce to be prepared.

The sports field is another large issue at this time. We will have to follow to will of the electors to pursue the turf or go a different direction. But with experience in budgeting through my job at UPS, I will be able to handle either outcome the voters choose. I am prepared to give this position my all because all everyone wants is a better future for our children and for our community.

These are just a few examples of why I am running for the RHAM Board of Education. My email is [joe.coll92@gmail.com](mailto:joe.coll92@gmail.com) if anyone has questions for me before or after the election.

**Thank you for your vote,  
Joe Colletti -- Hebron  
RHAM Board of Education Candidate****Supporting Republican Slate**

To the Editor:

This election season I am truly pleased in the Republican slate. In years past, the process seemed to cater to political insiders. The caucus held this year was very well advertised and attended and roughly 125 Republicans were in attendance.

The slate is composed of young professionals known and loved in the community. They are energized and looking forward to serving the community. Each of them brings a fresh perspective and together they are a well-rounded team.

The prospect of the coming two years with this slate is one that gives me hope and leaves me excited.

Vote Republican; Vote Row B.

**Vanessa Parzych – Colchester****Reelect Benson-Clarke**

To the Editor:

Judy Benson-Clarke, a resident of Marlborough for over 20 years, has been a member of the RHAM Board of Education for 10 years and the RHAM community would greatly benefit if she gets the opportunity to serve another term. Judy is a mother of two RHAM High School graduates and has a great respect for public education. She believes in keeping public education strong.

Judy has a doctorate in gifted education and special education and has held many positions in education, including teacher, principal, special education director, assistant superintendent and superintendent of schools. She has a deep love and respect for public education. She strives for continuous improvement and wants to make sure that every student, family and the community benefit from RHAM's world-class education.

As a mother of two children who have graduated from RHAM, one currently at RHAM and another to be there in several years, I urge you to reelect Judy Benson-Clarke for the RHAM Board of Education to keep RHAM an exceptional place to learn.

**Farrel Sena – Marlborough****It's a Big Deal**

To the Editor:

On Nov. 2, the registered voters of Marlborough will have a rare opportunity to vote on nine proposed charter changes as recommended by the bipartisan, Charter Revision Commission (CRC) and approved by the Board of Selectmen (BOS). For Marlborough residents who are unaware, the town charter is the basic legal document that defines the powers and functions of our elected officials as well as the organization and essential procedures of Town government.

Proposed changes to the charter are a big deal and hopefully every voter will obtain as much information as they can, in order to make an informed decision about their voting choices. Voters are encouraged to review the CRC Final Report which is available on the town website at [marlboroughct.net](http://marlboroughct.net). In addition, a charter revision brochure (flyer), which provides some background information on the charter revision ballot questions, will be included in the Oct. 29 issue of the *Rivereast* newspaper.

Lastly, I would like to publicly give thanks to the CRC members (Joseph Blanco, Louise Concodello, Evelyn Godbout, Sarah McGuire, David Porteous, Julie Revaz, Judy Kelly, and Mary Quirk), for their many hours of dedication and hard work. Since its creation in February 2020, the Commission has conducted its business in a manner intended to maximize the opportunities for public input, to solicit and gather a wide range of ideas, issues and suggestions for improvement in the current 1985 town charter. Every commission member played a key role and participated in researching issues, presenting findings, debate and consensus building and expressed what he or she believed to be in the best interest for the residents of Marlborough.

**Robert Ragusa – Marlborough***Note: Ragusa is the chair of the 2020-21 Marlborough Charter Revision Commission, but said he is speaking as an individual.***Philhower for Town Council**

To the Editor:

I am so proud to support Mark Philhower as a candidate for the East Hampton Town Council. I have known him for more than 20 years and you won't find a person more hardworking, honest, and dedicated to our town. Mark will fight for prudent spending and local control of all issues. He knows it's your money, your town, your freedom. If not you, who? If not now, when? If not here, where?

Vote for Mark for Town Council!

**Emily Nichols – East Hampton****Thank You, Everyone**

To the Editor:

I want to thank everyone in my community, moms, teachers and neighbors who have reached out and supported me during the last few months. I appreciate everyone putting my sign on their lawn as they know that I stand for what they do and will represent them in my seat. This role is not about me or my family but for everyone else in my community who shares the same values and want their children to live in a safe environment.

I encourage everyone to vote on Nov. 2 as that is the first step of making a change in our community and world. I have never been involved in politics or been a public servant, but I will utilize my experience and skill-set to the board as they face a lot of challenges in these new challenging times.

**Diana Morales  
Hebron Board of Education Candidate****Mary Bylone's Accomplishments**

To the Editor:

Not long after Mary Bylone took office, she needed to address COVID-19, the worst pandemic since 1918. Mary, a retired nurse, had the experience to handle an unexpected crisis. Mary followed all state guidelines and facilitated the inclusion of COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites in Colchester. She kept us informed with her daily COVID-19 Facebook briefings. Mary ensured that services to seniors, including meals and transportation, continued. Businesses remained open by temporarily changing zoning laws that allowed for creative outdoor dining.

Mary is an advocate for economic development. Even during the pandemic Colchester gained 180 new businesses since January.

Bloom Energy completed the construction of its fuel cell that will bring \$455,000 of new tax revenue per year for 20 years. Also proposed is a Medical Marijuana Greenhouse which has more potential for additional revenue. As revenue goes up, taxes go down. The Grand list in Colchester grew by 1.5% in 2020 and our bond rating is AA+.

A large parcel of open space land on Rt 16 was purchased. This will connect greenways and provide more passive recreation for our town residents.

State grants for new sidewalks on Lebanon Avenue, for the completed bridge next to Norton Park and for improving our historic town green have been received. These save the taxpayers' dollars.

The proposed new senior center will go to town meeting on Nov. 4 to move this project to referendum on Nov. 16.

At the RecPlex – field irrigation, playground construction, and resurfaced basketball courts are under way. Additional ARPA funds are being requested for the tennis courts, pickle ball, more field work, and playground equipment.

Reelect Mary Bylone and the Democratic team on Row A to keep Colchester moving forward.

**Sincerely,  
Michael Hayes – Colchester***Note: Hayes is a member of the Colchester Board of Finance, but said he is speaking as an individual.***Voting for Tripp**

To the Editor:

I am going to vote for Jim Tripp for Portland first selectman. Jim is honest, caring, enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and works hard. I have known him for 20 years and worked with him on the Brownstone Quorum for that period of time. Jim has been president of the Brownstone Quorum for many years. One of the projects we worked on together was bringing the potential of the brownstone quarries to everyone's attention. The Brownstone Adventure Sports Park brings in a great deal of money to the town of Portland.

Jim's service and experience on the Board of Selectman, Board of Education, the new town park committee, the Portland Airline Trail Committee, and the Lions Club demonstrates his commitment to what is best for the town of Portland. In everything his family is always behind him. It doesn't hurt that he is fun to work with, too!

**Cindy Andrus – Portland****Supports Bylone**

To the Editor:

Recently, I ran the Salmon River race organized by the Colchester Land Trust. First Selectman of Colchester, Mary Bylone, was volunteering and helping runners pick up their race packets, giving up her morning to help a local event run smoothly.

The reasons I love living in Colchester is the community we have here, and the outdoor recreation opportunities. Mary Bylone has been a fantastic leader at supporting both. Volunteering at a race that supports the Colchester Land Trust is typical of Mary and her place in our community.

After Tropical Storm Henri this summer, the rain had gouged huge channels through the Air Line Trail spur. These were so big that it would be impossible for kids to bike along the trail and were pretty big for adult runners to jump over! I sent pictures of these to the First Selectman and the very next day they were repaired by the town. Mary is able to plan for the big picture of long-term growth in Colchester, but she is always there for the immediate things that matter to a municipal leader.

Everything Mary does is responsive to the needs of our community. She cares deeply about Colchester and the people who live in it. Mary Bylone is exactly the kind of leader that our town needs, and I look forward to seeing how she continues to support the growth of Colchester through the coming years.

**Sarah Croucher – Colchester****Choosing Coshow**

To the Editor:

Please join me in voting for Alannah Coshow for East Hampton Board of Finance.

Alannah is dedicated, well-prepared and a fiscally responsible board member that has common sense. She cares about our community and wants to ensure that the taxpayers can afford to continue to live in East Hampton, while the town provides the services our community needs.

Please join me on Nov. 2 and vote Line 9B for Alannah Danaher Coshow!

**Sincerely,  
Judy Isele – East Hampton****Vote Line 'A'**

To the Editor:

I have had the privilege of working closely with Mary Bylone and the rest of the Democratic candidates for many years. I can attest to the commitment and integrity of this team who continues to have Colchester's best interests in mind. I am grateful to be associated with these honorable and dedicated people. Please vote line A on Nov. 2.

**Thank you,  
Susan Thomas – Colchester  
Candidate for the Board of Assessment Appeals****Denler for Board of Finance**

To the Editor:

Two years ago, a vacancy emerged on the Colchester Board of Finance. I saw it as a chance to use my professional municipal experience to help my own community, so I applied. I was appointed at the start of the pandemic and was elected vice chair that summer.

As a member, I fought to increase firefighter staffing and keep taxes flat during the height of the pandemic. I helped redevelop the town's fund balance policy to make sure rainy day funds are used sustainably. I also have served as the liaison to the American Rescue Plan Ad-Hoc Committee. I support using ARPA funds to invest in our community without creating fiscal cliffs that could threaten our long-term financial stability. Now is the time to make improvements in recreational facilities and enhancements to town infrastructure.

Previously, I served as vice chair of the Economic Development Commission. I remain an advocate for responsible economic development that matches the char-

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acter of our community. I believe economic development must be matched by efforts to preserve our open space, including historic farmland, now before it is too late.

At times, the BOF can be a heated board to serve on. I try to remain calm, to listen carefully, consider other perspectives, and ask how my decisions will impact our entire community. This is a board with big responsibilities and sometimes there are no easy answers, but at the end of the day affordability is paramount.

I hope I have demonstrated that I am someone you can have faith in to consider tough decisions for the good of our town. On Tuesday please consider casting a vote for me, Bernard Dennler III, for Colchester Board of Finance. Your support would be an honor.

**Bernie Dennler III – Colchester**

**Vote Nov. 2!**

Dear Marlborough Residents:

As many of you know, I'm a big fan of getting people out to vote. Over the past few years, I've spent many days around town making people aware of how to register to vote and the value of having one's voice heard via the voting booth. I found that while most people were eager for the information, sadly, some people were discouraged not recognizing how valuable one vote can be. I did my best to convince them otherwise!

Voting is critical in our local elections. This year is a great year to vote! We need to elect people who will serve our boards with great pride and the ability to bring members together. We have some amazing people who are willing to dedicate their free time to help Marlborough. I ask that you consider me for Board of Finance when casting your vote.

I've been helping Marlborough with the Scouts for years, and now, with my business background I am ready to help our community through Board of Finance. My work experience, open-mindedness, and commitment to help this town grow with fiscal responsibility will allow me to address your concerns, support your ideas, and bring our town forward in unity.

We can't do this without you! So, vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2! Vote for me, Annie Majoche-Steinbrecher for Board of Finance! I'm ready, able and eager to serve!

**Sincerely,**

**Annie Steinbrecher – Marlborough**

**Those Weren't My Words**

To the Editor:

My name is Barry Rodgers and I am a candidate for the Portland Board of Education. I wanted to touch base on an interview that I did for the *Rivereast* that was published last week. It stated my race and my color, and that I would bring perspective to an all-white board to emphasize the experiences of Black students. Those are not my words. I am not using the color of my skin to run for the board. I am a man; I am a human being with a drive, motivation, ideas and a focus who happens to be running in this election and I am also running because I believe that all students no matter what race they are deserve a great education.

With respect to Stacy Benham, Tim Lavoy, Dave Murphy, even my team of Sharon Peters, Kim Nagy-Marushock and Kate Puorro, none of them were mentioned in the article as being white, so was it necessary to mention that I am Black? I have lived in Portland for 21 years and I have met a lot of great people in this town and it is my wish that if they vote for me they do it because they know me, my heart, my drive, my ability, and what I can bring to the table. My skin color should never be a reason to vote for me. I look forward to this election and if elected I look forward to getting to work for our students and staff. Get out and vote!!!!

**Barry Rodgers – Portland  
Democratic Candidate for the Board of Education**

**Tragic Loss**

Dear Colchester Friends:

Colchester suffered a deep and tragic loss last Friday. Jacob Chapman and Tyler Graham, both 18 years old, were young men of exceptional talent and promise. They were best friends well-loved by the community for their warm, funny spirits and ever-smiling faces. My sincerest sympathies go to their families, friends, and all those who feel this loss. My deepest appreciation goes to the first responders who were at the scene. This devastating event will have a lasting impact on so many people far into the future.

Everyone processes grief differently – in varying patterns and time frames. As we begin to move forward, we can recall what makes our community so special. The vigil on the green Sunday evening was a beautiful tribute to two lives lost too soon. Our community came together to share in our collective grief and offer support to one another. In the upcoming days, weeks, months, and years, let us remember the importance of kindness and compassion towards each other. And let us not forget that we, the residents of Colchester, are here for one another.

Tragedy like this forces us all to pause and take stock of what is really important in life. We have all heard the sayings that advise us to tell our families that we love them, hug those dear to us, never walk away angry, or smile at a stranger. May we strongly consider these words of wisdom as we remember Jacob and Tyler, two special young men who will always be remembered, while we all hold our loved ones a little closer.

**With Regrets,  
Mary Bylone  
First Selectman of Colchester**

**Right People, Right Roles**

To the Editor:

Finding people willing to run for local public office is always hard; finding the right people is even more difficult! This year, the candidates endorsed by the Marlborough Democrats have achieved impressive educational credentials and professional expertise.

Our Board of Finance candidates, Rob Mirabal (bursar at Wesleyan University) and Ann Steinbrecher (MBA/business analyst) have a combined 50 years of professional financial experience while Jack Fidler (Alternate), holds a doctorate and has just begun his career. Our candidates for Board of Education are Wes Skorski, current chairman of the BOE, Anna Holden, a former high school science teacher with her master's in teaching, and Angela Colantonio, a pediatric O.R. nurse who understands firsthand the effects of COVID-19 on children.

Beth Lander Morris holds a master's in environmental management from Duke, and Planning incumbents Jason Cooper, a software engineer at ESPN, and Rita McGary, BSN/RN and lifelong Marlborough resident, are also seeking your votes. Matt Wilson, a geologist and incumbent member of Zoning Board of Appeals, is running for reelection alongside Erica Gorman, a Microsoft Manager and Jason Close, a former electrician familiar with construction and codes. Bill Lardi will bring 40+ years of construction experience to ZBA as an Alternate.

Jillian LaCresse, Cheryl Morgan, and Dianne Dunn bring a wide range of experience and diversity to the Zoning Commission. Erik Stomberg (Alternate) is a senior IT director, leading a team of network infrastructure engineers. RHAM BOE incumbents Dr. Judy Benson-Clarke and Jean Wilson have spent their entire careers in Education, and will maintain needed continuity during a critical phase at RHAM. Koreen Ryan offers her 30 years of mortgage and real estate experience for Board of Assessment Appeals.

We found the right people for the right roles. They want to serve. Please support them with your votes!

**Respectfully,  
Amy Traversa – Marlborough**

*Note: Traversa is a member of the Marlborough Board of Selectmen, but is expressing her personal endorsements.*

**Seeking Votes for Another Term**

To the Editor:

I am Bob Hein, a Democratic candidate for the Board of Finance in East Hampton. I am completing my second year on the Board of Finance and I am asking for the support and votes of East Hampton residents for another term. The last two years were challenging and the next few years will be so also. I also seek your support for incumbent Ted Turner and new candidate Kurt Comisky. Working with board chairman Matt Bennington, we would be a unified team working to make the best decisions for our town budget. We will support the critical services of our town, that is, public safety (police and fire), infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, bridges, sewer, and yes, water) and education. There are also other important aspects of town government, such as parks and recreation, library, senior services, Village Center, and health. All are worthy of our support.

Once again I ask for your vote for me, Robert Hein, along with running mates Ted Turner, Kurt Comisky, and the rest of the Democratic ticket.

**Thank you,**

**Robert (Bob) Hein – East Hampton**

**Heart for Hebron**

To the Editor:

We are blessed in Hebron to have excellent candidates from both parties running for seats on local boards. In the spirit of person over party, I offer my support for a number of candidates running in Tuesday's elections. I support Mike McCormack, who is running for Board of Finance. I have known Mike for over 20 years. He is deliberate in decision-making and an excellent listener. Most importantly, he is deeply invested in the Hebron community.

Also demonstrating a commitment to the community are Claudia Riley, Maura Baker and Heather Summerer, who are seeking election to the RHAM Board of Education. I have known Claudia and Maura almost as long as I have known Mike and continue to admire their energy and dedication to Hebron. Maura, Claudia, and Heather value multiple perspectives and are ready to listen and collaborate, ensuring that RHAM will remain an outstanding district while continuing to grow in a way that meets the needs of all students.

Finally, I offer my support for Jim Petrozza, candidate for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Like Claudia, Heather, Maura and Mike, Jim makes thoughtful decisions and cares deeply for Hebron. These candidates have previously served the community in some capacity, and I admire their authentic commitment to the town and to all those who live here.

So, who is a Republican and who is a Democrat? Who cares! These excellent people will serve our town with a "heart for Hebron." Who could ask for more?

**Mary Rose Meade – Hebron**

**Charter Revision**

To the Editor:

Marlborough needs a more resilient town government for 21st century complexities. The proposed charter revision changes provide that foundation. See the link for the rationale behind each proposal: <https://tinyurl.com/p9f8v4r9>

Vote to approve the nine questions on the ballot to move us towards an enhanced governmental resilience. We are decades overdue with this thorough review and suggestions for improvements in our charter. It was an extraordinary nonpartisan effort that made these proposals possible.

**Dave Porteous – Marlborough  
Former Charter Revision Commission Member**

**Ready? Ask. Vote!**

Dear Marlborough Neighbors:

It's that wonderful time of year when we get to choose who represents us in our local government. It's an awesome responsibility and well-worth the investment of time to know who the candidates are so we can vote according to our values. Remember, candidates are to represent US! We choose them! So much to consider when choosing the candidates that best fit your wants/needs in representation!

Gratitude goes to all the candidates who are so generous of spirit and commitment as to serve the constituents of their town. Their well-honed campaign platforms tell us about themselves.

Campaigning helps candidates meet us so we can ask the questions and share the concerns that trouble us. Campaign statements do matter, both for what they address and equally for what is left out. Be a critical thinker! Question everyone and everything until you are satisfied. "The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing." - Albert Einstein. Find the best candidate to represent you via personal observations, explorations, and questions!

Special thanks to folks at the *Rivereast News Bulletin* for affording candidates and constituents a venue by which to publicly present platforms, ask questions, and clarify ideas and thinking. In this day and age, we require

transparency, and a local paper is great avenue of discovery. Not surprisingly, COVID-19 has had an enormously negative impact on the voting process, from stifling our usual face-to-face townhall meetings that are directed by audience questions to how we vote.

Letting the past two years be a lesson, I look forward to when we can gather together again in search of the perfect union of constituent and candidate! Until then, using the means available to us, let's get ready, ask questions, and vote!

**Forward-looking Marlborough constituent,  
Donna Koropatkina**

**Bisbikos for First Selectman**

Dear Colchester:

My name is Rachel Fuller and I strongly endorse Andreas Bisbikos for the first selectman. Bisbikos is the only candidate who has a comprehensive plan and vision on how to use our ARPA funds from the federal government. His plans are innovative and forward thinking. He wants to invest \$1 million of ARPA funds directly into our local businesses. The \$1 million will come back to the community in gift cards. Each household will receive up to \$100 in gift cards that they will be able to spend on local businesses. This will provide a boost to both our local businesses and to every homeowner in the town. His creative ideas are what we need to move Colchester forward.

Bisbikos is the only candidate who is willing to invest \$500,000 – \$1 million in on our recreation fields. The days of having our children playing sports games in other communities needs to come to an end. We need to take the irrigation and safety concerns of our fields seriously. Bisbikos is the only candidate to meet with league presidents and publicly promote his vision long before the other candidate started playing catch up. If you believe in our children then Bisbikos is your choice.

Bisbikos also wants to invest \$1 million in infrastructure improvements to public spaces such as roads, bridges, a police station, historical buildings, broadband, and capital items related to safety. Leaders lay out a plan and a vision, they don't hide behind handpicked committees. We need 21st century leadership.

Please join me in supporting Andreas Bisbikos for First Selectman. Please also support his wonderful team on Nov. 2.

**Sincerely,**

**Rachel Fuller – Colchester**

**A Clear Choice**

Dear Colchester:

I met Jason LaChapelle a few years ago through my group of friends. Since then I've gotten to him pretty well. He's a good man with a big heart. He's the type of person you can call, any time, and he'll make the time to listen.

Just as importantly, his vision for Colchester is exactly what we need. Low taxes, government transparency, and government accountability are all things we are lacking and must make our return to. His vision for Colchester includes plans to address all these things. As someone who grew up here, this is exactly what we need.

He also has a plan for helping to address the situation with our youth facilities. My stepson played on those fields years ago, and they needed help then. His kids are playing on those fields now, and he's been involved with the soccer club, so he understands what needs to be done to make our facilities the best they can be for our kids.

Jason is not afraid to stand up for what he believes is best, even if it's unpopular. I do not believe his vision for our town is unpopular. I think it's something we all want for our town. He's exactly what Colchester needs to help Andreas, and the Republican slate, see their agenda through to the end.

Vote Jason LaChapelle for Board of Selectmen on Nov. 2nd!

**Rich Parzych – Colchester**

**Vote for Dems, Vote for Science**

To the Editor:

Throughout this election season, independent and unaffiliated voters like myself have been following both sides very closely in Hebron. It became apparent to me early on that the Democrats put forth candidates who believe in science. In fact, they began using #FollowTheScience as their anthem. As a parent, this matters to me. Some things in life are not political and keeping children safe and healthy is not political. Voting for people who support science is imperative right now.

Hebron voters – if keeping your children safe matters to you, please join me and vote for the Hebron Democrats on Nov. 2.

**Thank you,**

**Rich Bussiere – Hebron**

**Your Kids Will Thank You**

To the Editor:

I have personally known Liz Giannelli for many years. She is an amazing mother to her children and truly concerned about the direction of our communities and our country. Liz will not be intimidated and will always do what is right for our kids. She is more than approachable and listens to others with respect and empathy. It is time to vote for people who refuse to be coerced and manipulated by the mainstream media and false rhetoric. Liz will look beyond emotions and search for factual data and the issues that are actually affecting our kids in schools when making her decisions.

Vote for Liz Giannelli! Your kids will thank you!

**Michael Buck – East Hampton  
Board of Education.**

**Vote Bisbikos, Vote Row B**

Dear Colchester:

Experience seems to be the key word when it comes to running for political office. Neither the current first selectman nor the previous first selectman had any municipal experience as a first selectman. They also had less combined experience working on municipal budgets than Andreas would if we are fortunate enough to have him as our next first selectman.

Learning from our mistakes is important. Thirty-four years ago, I started my business here in Colchester. I made a lot of mistakes, but I learned from those mistakes. Sometimes it is about putting the right team together in order to avoid making the same mistake twice.

Andreas Bisbikos has been on the Board of Finance

for six years and understands how to craft municipal budgets that will keep Colchester affordable for everyone. He successfully pushed back against a 5% tax increase that was being advocated by the first selectman. He pushed back against her 8.24% town budget increase. Throughout the process, he was able to craft solutions to reduce the town budget while not reducing any services. He was the first to advocate for ARPA funding when the first selectman was initially against. The reason our taxes didn't go up by 5% is because Andreas drew that line in the sand.

Andreas and his family have been the victim of unfair vitriol and untrue assertions on social media and in the local paper. Running for office can be tough, but he is a fighter. Most importantly, he brings honesty and perseverance to the table. This is what Colchester needs to move into the future. Please join me in voting for Andreas Bisbikos and his team on Nov. 2.

**Sincerely,**

**Duane Palmes – Colchester**

**Recommends Barella**

To the Editor:

I highly recommend Kerri Barella as a candidate for the Marlborough Board of Education. She has a background in education, so she is familiar and knowledgeable about the school system. She has four children who will all be attending Marlborough Elementary. Their education is very important to her, as well as others.

I've personally known Kerri for four years through the MOMS Club of Marlborough. My children love to play with her kids. My children are and will be attending Marlborough Elementary. I would want someone like Kerri to be on my side when it comes to my family's education. She is compassionate, caring and hard working. She deserves to help make important decisions for our children at Marlborough Elementary School.

Thank you.

**Sincerely,**

**Meredith Concodello – Marlborough**

**Vote for Oliphant and Row B**

To the Editor:

I believe in the need to place parents and students before government. Thus, I believe tweets like the one from the Connecticut State Democrats concerning school board meetings and parents displays a lack of good judgement while demonstrating a disrespectful attitude towards parents who engage in their child's education.

Currently, I am running for the Board of Education in Colchester along with my fellow candidates for the Board of Education. They believe, as I do, in the need to encourage active collaboration amongst parents, students, teachers, Board of Education members and administrators as a means of ensuring student success in the classroom. Furthermore, my fellow candidates and I believe parents deserve a say in their child's curriculum as well as in town educational budgets. Silencing their voices only serves to place government above community and people.

If you wish a return to respectful and courteous dialogue and collaboration between parents, students, teachers, Board of Education members, and administrators, then consider voting Nov. 2, row B, the Republican team.

**Very Respectfully,**

**Alex Oliphant  
Candidate for Colchester Board of Education**

**Vote Bisbikos & Row B**

Dear Colchester Residents:

On Nov. 2, we will have a historic opportunity to move Colchester into the 21st century with leadership that encompasses fresh ideas and innovative solutions. Together we can move Colchester into a more affordable and positive direction. Affordability, transparency, economic development, and tradition will guide my administration. It is time for the people to come before government.

In this race for first selectman, I am the only candidate who will reduce the salary of the first selectman and freeze the salary for two years. I am the only candidate who will aim for a zero tax increase each year, implement government transparency software, end the "racism public health crisis" proclamation, honor Memorial Day each and every year, restore 57th Fest as Colchester Summer Fest, hold our elected officials accountable, and actually do something about Jack's Chevrolet.

I also have an ARPA plan that includes investing \$1M in local businesses affected by COVID through ARPA while providing every homeowner \$100 in gift cards to invest in those businesses. This includes investing \$500k – \$1M on our recreational fields, which have been ignored for far too long, have become a liability, and have forced our kids to play in neighboring towns.

It will be greatest honor to serve my hometown of 34 years. I humbly ask for your vote.

**Sincerely,**

**Andreas Bisbikos  
Colchester First Selectman Candidate**

**Thanks from the Knights of Columbus**

To the Editor:

The Portland Knights of Columbus Freestone Council 7 wants to thank everyone who cruised by for our 'Cruise Night, Pasta Dinner & Raffle' last Friday. What a wonderful fall evening it turned out to be, and because of your participation, what a successful event.

We want to thank our Portland Fire Department for their support and use of their spotlights; Tootie's family, who spent the night walking around and reminiscing with friends and family; and everyone who came in for a pasta and meatball dinner and participated in our raffle. Also, thank you to all our sponsors, gift donors, and the Logano family for your generosity.

**Joe Loban and Jerry Duclos  
Event Co-Chairs**

**Supports Hein/Turner/Comisky**

To the Editor:

I have had the good fortune to serve on the East Hampton Board of Finance with a number of dedicated and thoughtful board members. In the past two years our board and others within town government have had to navigate a number of unique challenges. In these extraordinary times it has been important to be both dedicated and willing to listen to all points of view.

Bob Hein and Ted Turner exemplify the type of ser-

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vice that is important to finding common ground. They each have shown that they keep the needs of our neighbors in mind while supporting the critical services of our town. Their input and thoughts have been important to help shape our past two budgets, with this last year's budget passing unanimously. I have greatly appreciated their insights and the time they have dedicated to serving our town.

Kurt Comisky shares a number of the laudable attributes that make Bob and Ted exemplary public servants. As a former Air Traffic Control specialist he knows how to understand a lot of information to help make important decisions. Like Bob and Ted, he cares about our town and wants to help continue the work to make it better.

Thank you, Bob, Ted and Kurt, for running to serve our town.

**Matthew Bennington – East Hampton**

*Note: Bennington is chairman of the East Hampton Board of Finance but said he is writing as an individual.*

### Supports Giannelli

To the Editor:

It is very important that our children are made the priority in all discussions and decisions made by our Board of Education. In order for this to be the case we need to elect board members who have exhibited humble service and compassion towards others without looking for reward or personal gain. We need to elect members who have a working knowledge of current educational standards and solid experience in teaching students with various needs and circumstances to be successful.

Marlborough Elementary School faces many challenges ahead, including navigating new policies brought on by a pandemic, closing the achievement gap exacerbated over the last 3 school years by distance learning and quarantine policies. We are facing a very critical time and our children need leaders who will be on their side working to accomplish policy change in their best interest. Liz Giannelli is that leader and she is ready to get to work for our children!

For all the reasons mentioned above, Liz deserves everyone's confidence and vote for our Board of Education.

**Erika Gray – Marlborough**

### Marques for RHAM Board

To the Editor:

I have been honored to speak with Hebron residents throughout the past few months discussing the important issues facing the RHAM schools and how to tackle them as a potential board member. It is encouraging to see how many people are motivated to vote as we close in on our November municipal elections. I am a lifelong resident of Hebron and graduate of RHAM High School, and I believe seeking a seat on the Board of Education is the best way I can serve my community and repay all that it has done for me.

Before Election Day comes around, I would like to thank all those who have supported my campaign. Those who have donated, put up yard signs, helped knock doors, and have written letters on our behalf. Your efforts are truly appreciated, and I am grateful for all you have contributed to this amazing experience.

Please vote for Gabriel Marques, Michael Charron and Joseph Colletti for RHAM Board of Education on Nov. 2.

**Gabriel Marques – Hebron  
RHAM Board of Education Candidate**

### He'll Surpass Expectations

To the Editor:

I have known Robert Fraulino since 1993. We were shipmates in the United States Navy in the '90s. There are so many memories I could share which would attest to Robb's positive character and strong work ethic. One story resonates the most with me. It occurred on Robb's last day in the Navy. Usually, the days leading up to one's discharge from the Navy, their duties were significantly reduced and let the newly assigned service people perform the majority of work. Not Robb; he worked a full day to 16:00 (4 p.m.) and had to be told, on his last day of active duty, to leave. He was almost late to his going away party.

Robb is the type of person that if you need help at midnight, he will be there. I know he will invest the time and effort in order to perform the required duties on the Marlborough Zoning Commission and likely, he will surpass expectations.

**Jeff Allen – Portland**

### Phenomenal Addition

To the Editor:

Liz Giannelli will be a phenomenal addition to the Marlborough Board of Education. Liz has a bachelor's degree in child studies and a master's in education with 10 years of teaching experience in Glastonbury. Liz has been an active member of our community for over a decade. She has been a passionate vice president of the Marlborough MOMS Club for three years, organizing events, fundraising and making our community a priority.

Liz takes on projects without hesitation and always gives her all. Liz has the knowledge, experience and dedication needed to close the learning gap our children have been experiencing. Our children deserve a compassionate person who will help them to thrive. Liz will work on organic instruction, increase the parent-to-school connection, and advocate for teachers' PD time. With hard work, Liz will increase standardized test scores and increase child literacy. She will listen to parents, teachers and students. Liz can get our kids to love learning and to be excited about school again. Our children deserve the best and Liz is crucial to our children's academic success. I have full confidence in recommending Liz Giannelli for the Board of Education. I will be voting for Liz on Nov. 2nd.

**Amanda Terza – Marlborough**

### Bisbikos for First Selectman

Dear Colchester:

I am writing a letter of support for Andreas Bisbikos as Colchester's next first selectman. As his mother, I know him better than anyone out there – especially over those spreading misinformation and lies about his character and integrity. From a young age, Andreas was always studious and a hard worker. My husband and I have encouraged him throughout his life providing valuable knowledge and wisdom along the way. We have taught

him the importance of family values, tradition, and love of community.

Andreas wouldn't be running to represent his community as first selectman if he didn't feel that the current direction of the town he loves is going down a dangerous path. He has a strong commitment and love for the community. His heart is always in the right place and it pains him to see local government taking advantage of its citizens. He is not afraid to take a stand when he sees something wrong. On the Board of Finance, he has held elected officials accountable -- regardless of party. In life, he has always believed in doing the right thing.

If Andreas has the opportunity to serve his hometown, the community will be in better hands. Please vote for Andreas Bisbikos for First Selectman. Thank you and God bless.

**Sincerely,**

**Demetra Bisbikos – Colchester**

### Support This Team

To the Editor:

Two years ago, when I was elected to the Board of Selectmen, along with First Selectman Mary Bylone, and selectman Rosemary Coyle, we had no idea what lay ahead of us. Shortly thereafter, we were thrown head-on into an unprecedented time in our history: the pandemic of 2020. There was no manual on how to handle this type of event, so we just took things one day at a time. But thanks to the medical and leadership experience of Mary Bylone, and Rosemary Coyle's many years serving in the town government, we were able to very quickly put procedures in place that kept our town running, and provided necessary services to the people.

That is why I support the candidacies of both Mary Bylone, and Rosemary Coyle, and am proud to run on the ticket alongside of them. I ask for your support for this team on Tuesday Nov 2, 2021.

**Thank you,**

**Denise Turner – Colchester**

*Note: Turner is a member of the Colchester Board of Selectmen, but is speaking as an individual.*

### Thanks, Harvest Moon Committee

To the Editor:

The Hebron Democratic Town Committee would like to thank the hard-working committee members of the Harvest Moon Festival for hosting such a phenomenal event on Oct. 23. The day was filled with the kind of laughter and joy we all needed. It felt good to come together as a community, put aside any differences and truly enjoy one another's company.

Watching the children in town enjoy being children was very uplifting. We loved being part of such a fun event. Hebron, if you enjoyed the Harvest Moon Festival, be sure to support other events hosted by the Town Center Project. This group of volunteers brings so much life to our town.

**Sincerely,**

**Hebron DTC Executive Board**

### Supports Benson-Clarke

To the Editor:

Please join me in supporting Judy Benson-Clarke for reelection to the RHAM Board of Education. Judy has served diligently on the board for the past 10 years. During her tenure, she has served as board liaison for professional organizations such as CAFE, as well as holding numerous leadership positions on the board. She is currently serving as vice chair.

Judy holds a doctorate in gifted education and special education, and has worked as a teacher, principal and superintendent which gives her a unique skillset allowing her to contribute to the board in significant, meaningful ways.

Judy has lived in Marlborough for over 20 years where she raised two children who both attended RHAM. She was able to observe firsthand the excellent education students receive there. Judy believes in strong public education and meeting the needs of all students. She is a champion for education, and she works tirelessly to support students, staff and the RHAM community.

Judy has the experience and integrity to continue to represent our town on the RHAM BOE. Please join me in voting for Judy Benson-Clarke on Nov. 2.

**Sincerely,**

**Mary Cochefski – Marlborough**

*Note: Cochefski is a member of the RHAM Board of Education, but said she is speaking as an individual.*

### I'll Protect Taxpayers' Interests

To the Editor:

I am running for the Board of Finance for the Town of East Hampton because the taxpayers deserve to have someone that is dedicated to protecting their interests. There is a movement across this country that everything should be "free." That the government should "pay for it." It doesn't work that way. The United States is a government of the people, by the people and for the people. So when we say the government should pay for everything, we mean the people should pay for everything.

With your tax dollars, I promise to ensure that the Town of East Hampton delivers on what is necessary (public safety, education and the environment) before we spend your money on what is nice to have.

**Russell Bonaccorso – East Hampton**

### Governance and Expertise

To the Editor:

Since early August 2021, I have met with many residents to discuss your concerns and look forward to our future here in Colchester. Many have expressed in-person and on social media platforms their concern for a commonsense approach to governing this town and an alternative to the extreme views of both political parties. As your write-in candidate for first selectman, I have taken these views to heart to freely serve my constituents with no party line loyalty to sway the needs of Colchester.

I anticipate being judged on efforts to forge long-lasting, sustainable, common sense, consensus solutions to the biggest issues facing our town. I will faithfully seek to represent the views of my constituents regardless of party, consistent with their individual conscience and judgment. It's time to put the power of local government back into the hands of its residents.

Unlike the two-party candidates, I bring 30 years of municipal "first selectman in training" experience, contributing to the fiscal management and construction of

major projects including school construction, school safety programs, Brownfield redevelopment, infrastructure improvements, and NGO's providing shelter, medical, and job training programs to homeless veterans. These projects include federal and state grants and reimbursement to municipalities to assist with the funding of these projects. My experience includes developing these grant applications and fiscal management of budgets to obtain reimbursement of project expenditures back to the municipality. My vision is to bring this unique experience to the residents of Colchester to forge a safe, sustainable, and fiscally sound environment for your families, retirees, and future and current businesses in town. If this is the future you seek for Colchester, I ask for your write-in vote on Nov. 2.

Follow the campaign: [www.facebook.com/jeffduigou-colchesterfirst](http://www.facebook.com/jeffduigou-colchesterfirst).

**Respectfully,**

**Jeff Duigou – Colchester  
Candidate for First Selectman**

### Backing Bisbikos

Dear Colchester:

I would like to strongly endorse Andreas Bisbikos and the solid slate of candidates this upcoming municipal election. Bisbikos is the only first selectman candidate to speak about the importance of tradition and what it means to this community. This shouldn't be a surprising as he is a 34-year resident who has deep roots in this town.

Bisbikos has made it very clear that he will be honoring Memorial Day every year. He also wants to look at establishing a museum to honor the storied history of the many soldiers that were willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. No other candidate has spoken this passionately about paying respects to our service men and women.

As a respected and dedicated school teacher, Bisbikos also believes in preserving our historical buildings and monuments. We can't have our local history demolished anymore. We shouldn't have to worry about a progressive agenda looking to change local historical names. He also believes in collaborating with our school systems and embedding local history into its curriculum. This is the type of leader the community needs.

Bisbikos is the only candidate who is committed to restoring 57th Fest as Colchester Summer Fest. This cherished event was one that brought community members together to celebrate our love for Colchester. Our community needs unity now more than ever. Bisbikos understands that and so does his team. The choice is clear this Nov. 2. Please join me in voting for Bisbikos and his team. Vote Row B.

**Sincerely,**

**Robert Walsh – Colchester**

### Thank You!

To the Editor:

To everyone that come out to our Howl-o-ween dog costume parade and Portland's Little Pumpkins youth costume parade and crafts, thank you! All of us had a great time watching Sgt. Kelly and Magnus lead the almost 30 dogs (and one cat in at hat!) as they walked around and showed off their costumes. We had over 50 kids dressed up and who were having fun decorating pumpkins, listening to stories, and snacking on some cider and donuts.

We want to thank all of our local sponsors: Gotta's Farm, Mellili's, Dunkin', and Adams, who helped to provide the pumpkins, snacks, cider, and coffee. A big thank you to all of the volunteers, and to Senior Services, the Library, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, and the Selectwoman's Office, who all helped make the day!

We also wanted to remind everyone to check out the Haunted Light Trail this weekend. Maps are available the Library, Senior Center, Town Hall, and Youth & Family Services. They have also been posted on the town's website and the Youth & Family Services page. We have almost 90 votes in already! Email or call me, Jesse, at Youth and Family Services 860-342-6758 ([jrevicki@portlandct.org](mailto:jrevicki@portlandct.org)) for any questions.

Please call us or check out our website for more information: [www.portlandct.org/youth-services](http://www.portlandct.org/youth-services)

**Jesse Revicki, Administrator  
Portland Youth and Family Services**

### Support for Andreas

To the Editor:

As a resident of Colchester for the past 23 years, I've seen so many changes, some of them not for the better. I've spoken to many friends who live here in town, and the conversation usually comes around to the fact that it is much too expensive to live in Connecticut, and more specifically, in Colchester.

This past year has been hard on so many people of our town, families and elderly alike. To have had yet another tax increase while there was so much hardship and uncertainty in daily life was unconscionable. The fact that our country is in shambles and is being mismanaged by Joe Biden is proof enough for me that we need to go in a different direction, and I think that change needs to start at the local level.

It is for this reason that I will be voting for Andreas Bisbikos for first selectman of Colchester on Nov. 2. His dedication to our small town and his fiscally responsible voting record tells me that he wants to take our town in a direction that will benefit all, not a few. Please vote with your wallet in mind! Vote Row B – Republican.

**Sincerely,**

**JoAnn Magyarik – Colchester**

### Holden Truly Cares

To the Editor:

Anna Holden is someone who truly cares about kids, our community and our world – that is why I am writing to support Anna Holden as a candidate for the Marlborough BOE.

I have known Anna for over 9 years and in that time Anna has proven that she is all about integrity and commitment. She does not preach but lives by what she believes is the best for her kids, the environment and our community. She is open minded, willing to listen and constantly educating herself to gain insight and knowledge on the issues at hand. With an open mind, she can see both sides of an issue and is willing to work together for the most productive result. With the background of being a science teacher for seven years, she understands what challenges are faced globally and in the classroom.... from all sides... And with two young children

in elementary school and an older child in college ... she has experienced the educational system on a variety of levels.

What makes Anna such a positive candidate is her true enthusiasm for learning, asking the difficult questions and working through them. She is committed and understands what our children need educationally to be ready and prepared for our ever changing world. She understands, it starts with education.

As a neighbor and friend, I see her integrate her core values into her children, her family and her community. She is a positive role model and lives by what she believes. As a community member, she participates on the Nature Trails and Sidewalks Commission in Marlborough. She is willing to get involved and go the extra distance.

This is why I encourage you to vote for Anna Holden for the Board of Education.

**Cheri Marks-Cavanna – Marlborough**

### Would Be an Honor

Dear Portland Residents:

As we are now only days away from the election, I have been thinking back on the many conversations I have had since announcing my candidacy for first selectman of Portland. Speaking with people at their doors, talking on the phone to folks who reached out with questions, connecting with neighbors at our community conversations – these have been some of my favorite moments and memories from this campaign. I have appreciated the time you all took to listen to my ideas, and more importantly, to share your thoughts on the issues that are important to you and to our community.

I am running for first selectman because I love this town that has given me and my family so much. I want to leverage the skills I have developed over 20 years as an active volunteer in the Portland community and a 30-year career in the private sector to address the future challenges our community faces, such as the redevelopment of the riverfront brownfield site, how we transition our water system to a Portland-owned source to provide relief to water customers, and the ongoing process of addressing our aging elementary school facilities. I am committed to keeping us moving forward. For me it is, and always has been, about Portland.

As your next first selectman, I will work to preserve our unique history and sense of small-town community, to support and strengthen the services that make our town special, and to make Portland an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

It would be an honor to serve our community as the next first selectman of Portland. I ask for your vote this Tuesday, Nov. 2.

**With sincere appreciation,**

**James K. Tripp – Portland  
Candidate for First Selectman**

### Moore Dedicated to East Hampton

To the Editor:

Barbara Moore thinks about her family first, and then what she can do to help improve and support the town and residents of East Hampton. Her commitment has strengthened each decade, and for over 50 years her dedication has made East Hampton a little bit better every year. I grew up learning about volunteerism and giving back from my parents, and they have doubled down during their retirement, giving countless hours to the town of East Hampton.

Many of the things my parents do won't make headlines and may go unnoticed, but behind the scenes they are always there to lend a helping hand to a local family, a committee, the schools, and the entire town to make East Hampton a wonderful community to live in.

Barbara's recent service on the Town Council has provided steady leadership, experience, and guidance. She is always available to help and listen to needs and works to ensure she does her best to represent everyone's best interests.

Your support of Barbara's continued service on the Town Council for East Hampton will provide continuity and support of the town's education and development priorities in the coming years. She is well-informed and always available.

Please vote for Barbara Moore, Democratic candidate for Town Council in East Hampton on Nov. 2. As an incumbent candidate for the Town Council, Barbara will bring her experience and continued willingness to learn to the council meetings and will always serve as a committed voice for the residents of East Hampton.

**Renee Gaudette – Marlborough**

### Dedicated to Marlborough

To the Editor:

My name is Eric Colantonio and I am seeking re-election to the Zoning Commission. I am a lifelong resident in Marlborough and have been actively involved in many aspects of the community my entire life. One of the roles I am most fond of is being a member of the Zoning Commission. Over the last 10 years that I have spent on the Zoning Commission, I have sought to develop Marlborough into a vibrant community all the while maintaining its town charm.

Marlborough is a gem in the state and I want it to remain that way. I am constantly assessing how to ensure the prosperity of our town while preserving the things that first attracted all of us here. I chose to raise my family here because I believe in this community and the people who make it what it is.

Join me in the continued success of our town. A vote for me is a vote for a bright future.

**Eric Colantonio – Marlborough  
Incumbent Candidate for Zoning Commission**

### Seeking BOF Reelection

To the Editor:

The freedom to run for public office and the freedom to choose who we place in public office are some of the inalienable rights we as United States citizens possess. The freedom to vote is much more valuable when one exercises the right when given the opportunity to do so. It can mean very little if one does not exercise it. I encourage each eligible Hebron voter to reserve 15 minutes of their day on Tuesday, Nov. 2, to exercise their right to choose the members of our Hebron community who will serve on various town boards for the next four years. Voters will also decide whether to approve the funding of a turf field at RHAM High School.

When you vote, please consider reelecting me to the

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Hebron Board of Finance. I have served on the Board of Finance since 2020, after I was elected two times to the Zoning Board of Appeals. During my term on the Board of Finance, I have worked collaboratively with my fellow board members and town staff to pass two budgets with no tax increases for Hebron residents. I support our excellent education system while working to control expenses and taxes. As an attorney, I work to resolve legal issues for clients with thoughtfulness and practicality. I understand the importance of evaluating the positions of others when working towards a common resolution. These experiences have assisted me while serving the Hebron community.

If elected on Nov. 2, I promise to work with integrity and thoughtfulness in assisting with the management of the town's finances and working towards goals that serve the interests of all Hebron residents.

**Michael McCormack – Hebron**

**The Real Sue, Liz and Kerri**

To the Editor:

I am very happy to support Sue Stolfi, Liz Giannelli and Kerri Barella for Marlborough Board of Education.

Why? Because behind their amazing credentials they are phenomenal parents and community members. I know they will always fight for what's right for all of the students so they get the education and extra help they need to succeed. They have a record of consistently attending BOE meetings. They won't push social agendas of adults into the kids' curriculums that others are supporting. I have only seen them support other community members who are volunteering and never have they bashed anyone of different beliefs because they are class acts. I have definitely seen the opposite.

Let the kids be kids, learn and thrive. We need more focus on raising the bar with support for all students falling behind, standard scores are falling as a whole as most have seen. No more excuses. These three are strong enough to help achieve these goals. Time to mix in some new, fresh and inspiring individuals to hold the area back up to the standard the kids deserve. They have what it takes to stand up for the children and support all parents.

**Ashley Murray – Marlborough**

**Giannelli a Great Choice**

To the Editor:

Liz Giannelli is a great choice for the Marlborough Board of Education. She puts all her efforts into whatever endeavor she is trying to accomplish. As a parent and former educator, she has a true passion for education and is dedicated to all children reaching their full potential.

Liz is easy to talk with, has great listening skills and genuinely cares. I am confident that Liz would be an asset to the Marlborough Board of Education, our school and our children.

**Cheryl Benedetto – Marlborough**

**It's Time for Turf**

To the Editor:

I am writing today in enthusiastic support of the proposed athletic field and track upgrades at RHAM High School. As we all know, RHAM is well-known for its academics and supporting a rich high school experience for our children. Now it's beyond time to have our athletic facilities match that same caliber and excellence. Unfortunately, we are falling behind other schools athletic facility offerings due to our lack of investment in an upgraded playing field, track and lighting system. On November 2, we have an opportunity to change that.

People have expressed the concern of costs and there is a lot of misinformation going around. Let me address this by stating the facts. The average additional property tax will be for example: a home in Andover with a home assessed at \$250,000 will see a tax increase of \$65 annually. That's 18 cents a day. I believe this is a modest investment per household for what will surely be a widely-used community asset.

By voting 'yes' on these upgrades we as a community will make a sound investment in RHAM and continue to attract young families to move into the district and do more to sustain the amazing towns that comprise Regional District 8.

On Nov. 2, vote 'yes' on the athletic facilities and turf upgrades.

**Claudia Riley – Amston**

**Follow the Research**

To the Editor:

Marlborough voters, trust the research. The Charter Revision Commission put in hundreds of hours to research, discuss and finalize their recommendations for preparing the Marlborough of tomorrow. This diverse group of your neighbors did the research to make sure their proposals were best for our town.

Similarly, Wes Skorski, Anna Holden and Angela Colantonio have pledged to follow the research, using the data and the experts to guide MES into the future. Wes has shown this over the last eight years on the board, and Anna and Angela have demonstrated this in their work with kids.

Vote Skorski, Holden, and Colantonio for the BOE!

**Sincerely,**

**Richard Storrs – Marlborough**

*Note: Storrs is president of the Richmond Memorial Library Association Board, but said he is speaking as an individual.*

**The Case for Me**

Dear Colchester Citizens:

My name is Jason LaChapelle and I'm running for a seat on the Board of Selectmen. I was always taught not to just complain, but actually do something. And that is why I'm running. Colchester needs help and I believe I bring much to the table to help provide it.

I'm young, only 37 years old, which I feel is a massive asset on a board that is frequently filled with older, retired individuals. My youth, and my young family, gives me a fresh and different perspective than the BOS typically sees. It allows me to see the town through the eyes of our town's majority – the young family.

I have made transparency and accountability a central tenant of my campaign. I will work with all boards to ensure the OpenGov transparency software is put back into the budget and finally see its full implementation through to the end. This software will allow you, the citizen, to see behind the curtain providing much needed transparency and government accountability.

Another major issue of mine, that affects my family directly, is the state of our youth facilities. They are wholly inadequate, especially when compared to other towns. I will work with the first selectman, and the Board of Finance, to ensure enough of the ARPA funds are spent on fixing our fields. I also have plenty of ideas for how we can fund maintenance costs without dipping into your pockets, such as a field sponsorship program for local businesses.

I love it here in Colchester. If I didn't, my wife and I wouldn't have chosen here to raise our young family. Accountability, affordability, and transparency will help ensure Colchester stays a great place for our children. I hope you consider supporting this agenda on November 2nd.

Thank you!

**Jason LaChapelle – Colchester  
Candidate for Board of Selectmen**

**A New Day in Portland**

To the Editor:

On Friday, March 26, I announced my candidacy for Portland first selectman. I promised to modernize town services, promote economic development, prioritize our capital needs, and find long-term solutions for our water and infrastructure needs. Since that time, I have met with hundreds of residents and knocked on many hundreds of doors. I have met some incredible people and I am truly grateful for all of the support I have received.

I believe that my 10 years of elected service in town as both a selectman and as your town clerk have prepared me well for the road ahead. My master's degree in public administration will continue to guide me as we work to make a better future for everyone here in Portland.

I can't do it alone and I am fortunate to be running alongside an incredible slate of candidates. Mike Hernandez, Shaun Manning, Bobby Hetrick, and Mike Pelton will each bring their own unique set of experiences and knowledge to the Board of Selectmen. Tim Lavoy, Stacey Benham, and Dave Murphy will continue to provide the necessary support for our students on the Board of Education. Peter Castelli and Bill Donahue will ensure fairness on the Board of Assessment Appeals and Bob Casati and Jack Sterry will continue their work on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

On Nov. 2, make your voice heard in Portland for better tomorrow and vote row B.

**Sincerely,**

**Ryan J. Curley – Portland  
Candidate for First Selectman**

**Phenomenal Candidates**

Dear Fellow Residents:

Colchester has some phenomenal Democratic candidates on Row A this year.

Rosemary Coyle and Denise Turner are Board of Selectmen members who care deeply about this town and work tirelessly to do what is in the best interests of constituents.

Bernie Denner is a collaborative and diplomatic member of the Board of Finance. Scott Chapman's experience in financial planning will bring further expertise to that board. Jenn Pulse is a competent and reliable treasurer.

Joanne Rose and Amy Domeika advocate for students and educators on the Board of Education. They believe in the power of learning and the right of every student to advance.

Andrew Courmoyer is a fair and balanced BOAA Chairman and Sue Thomas will bring a rounded perspective to that board.

And finally, Mary Bylone is an experienced leader we can trust. She has the professional and life experience to run our town. She's proven that in the last two years. Experience, maturity, and integrity, coupled with the ability to listen, matter-when it comes to managing employees, working with others who have different ideas, and making tough decisions.

Mary ran her campaign based on the facts. She stuck to the issues. She's led us through two massive storms and a pandemic. She's always advocated for what is best for Colchester and put "Community First." She's been honest with us and kept us safe. She deserves another term.

The polls will be open at the three voting locations from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. on Tuesday. You may also vote absentee on Monday in the Town Clerk's office. If you already have an absentee ballot, it must be returned to the ballot drop box in the front of Town Hall before 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

No matter what, please vote on Nov. 2.

**Sincerely,**

**Monica Swyden – Colchester**

**Positive, Substantive Platform**

To the Editor:

Elections in our democracy are about choices between different platforms and governance. We choose what kind of community we want, the kind of future we want, and which candidates and parties can make their aspirations a reality.

The Democratic candidates in East Hampton have a positive, substantive and responsible platform and a balanced governance philosophy. They work to make East Hampton a great community to live in, and for our children to learn and grow in. They care about the future of the town and their record in office shows they can make their visions a reality.

Their platform includes diversifying the grand list without sacrificing the town's character, supporting our excellent educational system with necessary staff, facilities, materials and technology, creating capital budgets that meet long and short-term infrastructure needs, supporting public safety and health protections, developing a clean and reliable public water system, maintaining a transparent and accountable town government, supporting cultural and recreational opportunities and providing solutions for Lake Pocotopaug.

Over the course of the past two years, the Town Council has had a Democratic majority. In that time, consistent with their balanced and responsible governance philosophy, they passed a unanimous 2021-22 budget with the support of the Republican minority. In support of our education system, they added four teaching positions and provided necessary technology for learning in extraordinary circumstances. They funded police, reinstated a vacant officer position, and maintained fire equipment. Their record shows they can provide responsible leadership in a fiscally prudent (and even bi-parti-

san way) during the nearly unprecedented challenges of a global pandemic.

Now is the time to choose to vote for the Democratic candidates. They have put forth their ideas for our town's future and demonstrated they can deliver positive results – not just slogans.

**Brian Corvo – East Hampton**

**Experience Sets Tripp Apart**

Portland Neighbors:

I am writing to urge you to vote for Jim Tripp for Portland first selectman on Nov. 2. I have known Jim for many years and I can say without a doubt there is nobody working harder for our community.

As a member of the Parks and Rec. Commission, I have seen just how focused Jim has been on making positive things happen in Portland. All the work he's done with the Brownstone Quorum to build the Riverfront Park and create the Summer Concert Series was just the beginning. Jim's help was critical to the completion of the Route 17 Park sports complex and athletic fields. Conceptually, Jim drove the design for the splash pad that captures, cleans, and reuses the water to irrigate the fields in a way that is environmentally friendly and saves the town money. He helped make that facility a reality.

Another side of Jim I have gotten to know is as a volunteer at the food bank. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Jim has been a regular volunteer at the food bank, helping to coordinate food pick-ups and making special deliveries of food to people who couldn't make it in to pick up their boxes. It's because of Jim that I am now also regularly volunteering with Ruth and the food bank.

Jim's got the education, the drive to do what's right for our town, the heart, but most importantly he's got real-life experience. That's what sets him apart. His experience managing multimillion-dollar budgets, managing personnel, managing crisis situations, managing large groups of volunteers. He is the only candidate running for first selectman with the real-life experience necessary to manage our town. That's why Jim has my full confidence and my vote on Nov. 2nd.

**Kevin Backman – Portland**

**Bisbikos for First Selectman**

Dear Colchester:

I strongly endorse Andreas Bisbikos for First Selectman. I had the opportunity to recently talk to him about the importance of affordability. He is the only candidate advocating for a zero tax increase every year while in office. With inflation at a 13-year high, we cannot afford to gamble on tax and spend politicians. We need a man of the people.

Bisbikos will be reducing the salary of the first selectman and made a public pledge that he will not take a raise in his first two years. He has also stated numerous times that if times are tough, he will keep his salary freeze in place. It is clear that he is not running for himself, but for the love his community. Being a resident of 34 years, he understands the needs and concerns of the community better than his opponent.

He also will not be working a second job when elected. He will commit all his energy and focus to the town of Colchester. He will be taking a leave of absence from his current place of employment to save his town from the dangerous path it is currently charted for.

It is refreshing to see someone who doesn't see themselves as a politician, but as a loving and caring citizen who is stepping up to keep our community affordable for everyone. We need more people like Bisbikos running for positions in our town. I hope the people of Colchester will join me in voting for Andreas Bisbikos on Nov. 2 and his entire supporting slate.

**Sincerely,**

**Marlene Blumberger – Colchester**

**Vote No on Turf**

To the Editor:

The RHAM Board of Education is asking residents of Hebron, Andover and Marlborough to vote on a \$3.5+ million installation of a new artificial turf field, track and lighting. But what they aren't telling you is the real price tag is over \$5 million when you factor in the maintenance and replacement of the turf in 10 years. This amount of \$5 million doesn't even take into consideration the disposal costs for the turf which is a non-recyclable product and the landfills will not even accept turf waste.

Instead of fixing the fields so they don't retain water and having a playable grass field for only \$800,000, they want to put in artificial turf, track and lights on top of an unproven drainage fix.

Many sports teams refuse to play on artificial turf because of the injuries it causes. In fact the Olympic men's and women's soccer teams forbid playing on artificial turf in their contract.

It's reckless for the RHAM BOE to propose spending millions of your dollars when we don't even know if the drainage issues underneath will be properly fixed. Given the safety issues, drainage uncertainty, and excessive cost. We are asking you to make your voice heard and vote 'no' on the turf field question Nov. 2.

**Respectively,**

**The Andover Republican Town Committee Members  
Carol Barton, ARTC Chair**

**Please Vote Blue**

To the Editor:

The Hebron Democrats have assembled a slate of candidates that contains residents that have varied and unique skills and experiences. The group contains several young, energetic "newcomers" as well as several older and experienced leaders.

They all possess unique skills specific to the elected positions they are candidates for. Whether it's skills in education, municipal planning, finance or leadership, they are all focused on what is best for the voters and youth who live in Hebron.

Our town is at a turning point in its development. We need to maintain the village charm of Hebron while at the same time keep up with the challenges of the 21st century. Challenges in educating our children, maintaining our roads and facilities, and providing affordable resources for all Hebron residents.

The status quo isn't good enough for the next four years. The Democratic slate will bring new ideas and new ways to enable our town to meet all challenges. They will focus on keeping up with ongoing and changing requirements and make Hebron affordable for all residents.

As stated by Leadership consultant Joel Weldon,

"When you are green you grow. When you are ripe you rot."

Hebron must continue to grow with fresh ideas created by thinking out of the box, decisions based on facts, utilizing the best-qualified individuals to do all jobs. Most importantly we must "Follow the Science" to maintain the health and vitality for all Hebron residents.

The Democratic candidates will achieve these requirements and challenges, keeping Hebron as an affordable great place to live.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to continuing my service on the Board of Finance in Hebron for the next four years.

Please vote Blue on Nov. 2.

**Respectfully,**

**Mal Leichter – Amston**

*Note: Leichter is a member of the Hebron Board of Finance, but is speaking as an individual.*

**Vote for Me and Rest of B**

Dear Colchester:

I decided to run for BOF because I got tired of complaining about high taxes and figured instead I would try to fix the problem. I believe by promoting efficiency and transparency in local government we can do this. We need to cut out the backroom deals and illegal meetings that promote special interest and not the citizens of Colchester. We need to get the runaway spending of the current administration under control. We can do better. It's time for a change.

The Colchester Republicans have assembled a great team of candidates with very diverse backgrounds. I would appreciate your support on Nov. 2. Please vote for Tim Vaillancourt for Board of Finance and the rest of row B for the Republican slate. Pay attention, folks; it's your money.

**Tim Vaillancourt – Colchester**

**Community Standards**

To the Editor:

In my travels around town, I have seen a number of vulgar signs depicting hate language towards members of our community, including those targeted at individuals that voted for Biden. Surprisingly, almost all of the people displaying this negativity are also displaying signage in support of our local Republican Party, including their candidate for first selectman. I find it disgusting that while running on a platform of "It's About Portland, Not Politics" this is the messaging that is out there. Aren't I a member of the Portland community, regardless of who I voted for in the last election? How about our children who have had to witness this? RTC candidates, instead of using your positions in the community to advocate for safe and inclusive spaces, is this how you will support Portland if elected?

On Nov. 2, I will cast my vote for Jim Tripp and the rest of the Democratic slate. Jim is a fierce advocate for all of Portland. He has demonstrated his ability to put his word behind hard work with a history of success. He has put in unyielding effort to create a strong community and has taken the time to ask difficult questions including, how do we create safety for all residents of Portland? He has also taken the time to listen. I know that he will work hard to represent all of us in town, even those who voted for the opposing party.

It is time to ask yourself what you want our town to stand for and join me in voting for Jim Tripp, and the team he has put together, next week.

**Sincerely,**

**Shelly Nolan – Portland**

**Please Vote on Charter**

To the Editor:

The Charter Revision Commission's nine bipartisan members volunteered 16 months of their time to update the Marlborough's outdated 1985 town charter. There were over 60 meetings and three public hearings. All this information is available on the town's website, marlbroughct.net.

The Charter Revision Commission would like to thank our chair, Robert Ragusa, for his dedication to this very important town document.

In today's *Rivereast* newspaper, Marlborough residents will find the: "Town of Marlborough Charter Revision Public Information Brochure, Board of Selectmen and Charter Revision Commission, Proposed Revised Marlborough Town Charter, Referendum Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021."

There are nine charter revision questions on the ballot and each of these questions are explained in the brochure. The proposed changes are not final unless approved by the Marlborough registered voters at referendum. Each question will have a yes/no vote on the ballot and acceptance of each provision will be counted and implemented separately.

The Charter Revision Commission members are asking Marlborough voters to please vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2. Thank You!

**Louise Concedello – Marlborough**

*Note: Concedello was a member of the Marlborough Charter Revision Commission, but said she is writing as an individual.*

**Humbled and Honored**

Dear Editor:

I am humbled to ask our Colchester voters for their support on Election Day, Nov. 2.

For the last two years, it has been an honor to serve as Colchester's treasurer. Your vote on Tuesday will allow me to continue serving you and the community that we love.

Working closely with Mary Bylone and our finance department, we have made great progress to support our residents and small businesses, particularly during the pandemic. Our bond rating is strong, and we are fortunate to have new federal and state funds to responsibly invest in needed programs and infrastructure.

My professional background aligns well with the treasurer position. I started my career in public accounting performing audit and tax work. Since then, I have focused my professional track in accounting, budgeting and financial analysis.

I am currently the chief financial officer (CFO) for Mental Health Connecticut, Inc. a multi-million dollar gross revenue non-profit that engages people with mental health conditions and their families in transitioning from long-term care to independence and self-sufficiency. As CFO, I am responsible for the overall management and direction of the financial plans and accounting practices

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of the organization.

As the mother of five, I have coached our youth sports programs, been Treasurer for the youth soccer board, taught religious education at St. Andrew Church and participated in the Colchester Community Theater.

I am humbled and honored to ask for your vote again to continue to serve as Treasurer of our town. I believe my professional background, knowledge and commitment contribute to our community in a meaningful way. Thanks for your vote for me and for Row A team on Election Day this Nov. 2.

**Jennifer Pulse – Colchester**

### Keep Moving Forward

To the Editor:

I am writing this to endorse the East Hampton Democratic candidates for Town Council. These people volunteered their time during the COVID-19 crisis, not only keeping East Hampton moving forward, but also working with the town manager to make sure the citizens of East Hampton got the help they needed to get through this crisis. Under their watch, progress has been made on water issues that have plagued the town for decades. They worked equally well on both senior citizen and education issues and have made inroads on other issues that have plagued the town for years.

The Republicans say they can do better, but if you look behind their rhetoric you'll find all fluff with no substance. With the current Council, there is no more "kicking the can down the road."

Barbara Moore, Kevin Reich, Dean Markham and Derek Johnson deserve another term. They have the compassion, intelligence and the where-with-all to keep getting things done.

And for the first time that I can remember – there was no drama on the council! So on November 2nd, please join me in voting for the Democratic ticket for Town Council, Board of Finance and Board of Education.

**Tom OBrien – East Hampton**

### Hoping for Holden

To the Editor:

As an educator, parent and Marlborough resident, I am writing to endorse Anna Holden for the upcoming elected position on the Board of Education. Anna's background as a former science teacher, parent and involved citizen make her a well-rounded candidate.

Anna instantly welcomed my family and I when we moved to Marlborough; we connected through our young children and mutual passion for education. I believe she will be a strong advocate for all students and she will work towards ensuring that every child has the chance to maximize their potential in inclusive and equitable classrooms. She takes every moment to teach her own three children and her passion for knowledge and wonderment will extend to all of our youth once she is elected.

Without a doubt, Anna is a caring and compassionate leader; qualities important for board members. I have watched her lead and plan multiple social gatherings in our neighborhood, work toward improving our environment and recently foster an elderly dog. She served in the Women's Club for two years and was a member of the MOMS Club for several years. Anna brings hope to our community and to the future of our youth by consistently displaying dedication to Marlborough and extending her generosity to us all.

Finally, Anna is willing to listen to all sides of an issue when we have debated various topics in our personal conversations. She is intelligent and honest. I admire that she is willing to support what she believes in but also learn from others and make informed decisions.

I wish her the very best on Nov. 2 and urge my neighbors to cast their vote for Anna Holden.

**Thank you,  
Carmen Howe – Marlborough**

### Curley for First Selectman

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to support Ryan Curley in his campaign to become Portland's next first selectman. Ryan is one of the most hard-working, driven individuals I know. As a selectman, Ryan always strived to hold his counterparts accountable and strived to vote in the best interests of the town. From his performance as both a selectman and as town clerk, it is clear to me that Ryan holds steadfast convictions to Portland's success. He has always been willing to listen and work to develop the optimal solution to any given problem.

For these reasons, I support Ryan Curley for Portland's First Selectman.

**Thank you,  
Robert Taylor – Portland**

### Against Turf Funding

To the Editor:

I am against funding for artificial turf at RHAM. Artificial turf clearly causes more injuries to high school athletes than natural grass. It creates a long-term expense for the towns and is environmentally indefensible. Natural grass is better for children and athletes.

Many of the arguments in favor of artificial grass by the RHAM BOE are presented without scientific references or with incorrect citations. The one statistic showing artificial turf as safer than natural grass – Slide 13 – is from a 2004 study funded by the artificial turf industry. It is presented without scientific citation. This statistic, word-for-word, is frequently found in artificial turf sales materials despite the fact that the study has been clearly refuted by the body of scientific literature.

Second, a key statistic in Slide 3, Yearly Field Usage, states the "Sports Turfs Managers Association recommends no more than 250 years of use per year." A reference could not be provided to me because it doesn't exist. The STMA does not recommend anything of the kind. (I called and asked them.) In fact, references sent to me by RHAM personnel and others suggest that natural grass playing fields can be used 400 to 600 hours a year without degrading the playing surfaces. If so, then the data provided suggest that the RHAM field are underused. (The most used field at 318 hours a year is 316 Field (South).) In addition, the cost-benefit analysis which relies on this incorrect standard, is wrong. In fact, turf will be a long-term expense.

I hope voters will "follow the science" and vote "No." (Please email me for a complete reference list on injuries, usage and costs at johnbcollins27@gmail.com). In addition, I hope the RHAM BOE corrects the errors in its

newsletter before the election.

**John Collins – Amston**

*Note: Collins is a member of the Hebron Board of Selectmen, but is speaking as an individual.*

### Positive Change

To the Editor:

The BOE is the board of directors or board of trustees of a school or local school district. They develop policies, rules, and regulations to control the operation of the schools, including system organization, school site location, school finances, equipment purchases, staffing, attendance, curriculum, extracurricular activities, and other functions essential to the day-to-day operation.

In Colchester there are seven members on the BOE. Politically two are guaranteed Republican and two are guaranteed Democrat, the other three members can be either. This year, 2021, there are four positions open on the BOE.

The Republican slate is a strong, diverse slate of four candidates that will work hard as a team to be the voice for all, administrators, educators, parents, and most importantly the students. Each candidate brings a special quality with them. Alex Oliphant is an educator who sees the need to fill the educational gaps he sees coming to him at a college level. He is a dedicated teacher who cares for the needs of all students. Rosemary Gignac is a recent graduate who brings a fresh young vision to the position and whose interest is focused in Special Education after going through the program. Donna Antonacci and Margo Gignac are moms with kids currently in our school system who feel it's time to get involved to carry forward a voice for the community where every parent and student's voice will be heard and never dismissed.

If you wish a positive change for all of the Colchester students, please consider voting for all four of the Republican Board of Education candidates and vote all of Row B for a positive change for all of Colchester.

**Sincerely,**

**Donna Antonacci, Alex Oliphant,  
Rosemary Gignac and Margo Gignac  
Candidates for the Colchester Board of Education**

### Supports Bylone

To the Editor:

We all have our own unique experiences and relationships with people. My relationship with Mary Bylone is a friendship. I know that I can call her and ask her to go kayaking, to meet for breakfast or to take a call and discuss an idea. We have fun campaigning, especially knocking on doors. We talk the entire time. We share our stories. And if I asked Mary for help, she would help me.

I have worked on both of her campaigns. In my view, she is what is called a "servant leader". A servant leader shares power and supports the people around them so they can be at their best. She also has the strength of leadership to respond immediately when necessary. She exhibits excellent judgement, the "core" of exemplary leadership.

Now we are both running for office! Mary is running for her second term to build on the tremendous work begun in her first two-year term.

When Mary entered office nearly two years ago, she immediately set about to audit and understand the many departments that comprise Town services. Throughout her two-year term, Mary demonstrated the leadership our town needed and continues to need. We saw it during the Covid crisis. We see it with the everyday running of Town Services; digging deep to prioritize needs, being proactive and having the judgement to respond to urgent needs.

I ask for your Vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2, both for Mary Bylone and the entire Democratic team. We have a strong, diverse team full of experience, energy, and the personal qualities necessary to work collectively for the betterment of the Town of Colchester.

Thank you!

**Joanne Rose – Colchester  
Candidate for the Board of Education**

### Vote for Curley

To the Editor:

My vote is going to Ryan Curley for first selectman of Portland on Nov. 2.

I believe he has the passion and knowledge to help keep Portland moving forward to be our great town.

Ryan has firsthand experience from the time he was a small child until now to know what our people want for our town. He listens with compassion, has sincere concerns to create economic growth, believes in clear communication with our town department heads and staff, and surrounding towns.

He uses his accounting skills to keep technology current and he looks for ways to save us time and money! Let's vote for Ryan Curley because with 34 years of experience growing up in Portland, he knows and loves this town.

**Judith Thompson – Portland**

### Vote 'No' for Turf

To the Editor,

I have been following the turf project for some time now and after doing my research have decided to vote against this project. Here are my reasons.

The Hebron school system as well as the town have enough other priorities right now rather than spend \$3.56M on a field which will be utilized only by a limited number of people.

Injuries are not reduced on turf fields (ref Joe O'Connor letter 10/15/21), they are increased by at least 16% based on the NIH study (dated 2019) on lower body injuries on turf fields. This study did not include any other injuries (wrist, shoulder, elbow) and covered only injuries resulting in 8 days or longer of duration.

Turf fields are not less expensive when you include replacement costs based on an 8-10-year life span (and not the 12-15-year life as promoted in the turf flyer) at a replacement cost of \$500,000 in 2018. (ref. Safe Healthy Playing Fields Inc. 2018-19 study which forecasted turf life as 10-year max).

We have no guarantee the new turf field will solve the water problem. A significant portion of the water problem is due to the topology of the school grounds. A new field will not solve the water flow problem.

Also has been promised this project will not exceed the estimate of \$3,560,000. Really? Would like to know how you are going to get a contractor to issue a contract w/o a contingency clause allowing them to increase pricing based on unforeseen circumstances, acts of God and

the all-time contractor favorite, customer change orders.

Lastly, there are alternate fields in Hebron which can be converted rather build a new field.

Join me in voting 'no.'

**Davis Howell – Hebron**

### Giannelli for BOE

Hello Fellow Marlborough Residents:

My name is Liz Giannelli and I am running for the Marlborough Board of Education. I worked as a kindergarten teacher at Naubuc Elementary School in Glastonbury for 10 years. I have a B.S. in child studies and an M.S. in education and I am currently certified to teach K-6th grade in Connecticut. I understand how a classroom works, how students learn best and appreciate the challenges our teachers and students are facing. I have lived in Marlborough for over a decade and love this town! We have such a special, close-knit community, which I hope to enhance while preserving its charm.

I am running for the local Board of Education because I love education and all the aspects of it. Furthermore, I am passionate about helping others and giving back to the community.

The students at MES should thrive, succeed, and feel confident in their abilities while the Board works diligently to close learning gaps. It is critical we formulate a solid plan to help our children achieve their full potential. I also hope to increase the home to school connection.

Public schools should provide students with a quality education that enables them to excel in the classroom and beyond. If elected to the BOE, I will utilize my knowledge of curriculum and best practices while practicing fiscal responsibility. I pledge to listen to all and have tough but open conversations with community members to reach a consensus centered around our children.

Education is one of the most powerful tools we can give to the next generation. Marlborough is a high-ranking and high-achieving district. Let's make sure it stays this way! Thank you for your time and for considering me for this role on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

**Elizabeth Giannelli – Marlborough**

### Support for Michael Nastri

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Mike Nastri running for the Marlborough Board of Finance. I know Mike both professionally and personally. Professionally I have admiration for his diligence and thoughtfulness for the past 20 years. He is well-respected across many functional areas having taken time to understand and fully rationalize solutions requires commitment, strong communication and a bit of ingenuity with available resources.

Personally, I know Mike has been involved supporting our town while raising his kids and beyond. Everything from coaching youth basketball and treasurer of soccer to assisting Boy Scouts and their various projects and charitable programs. My son was introduced to the Scouting program at Marlborough Lake when he was encouraged to cross the Scout bridge by Mike. He continues volunteering in community programs, such as the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), where he will be found working on traffic flows associated with Marlborough or regional community needs.

Most importantly, Mike worked as an alternate on the Board of Finance in this past election cycle. His professional experience has endured him well executing a peer review of Marlborough versus its peers to highlight areas for consideration to make improvements. Mike is unaffiliated and consistently demonstrates crossing party lines for the betterment of our town. Please join me in supporting Mike's election to the Board of Finance. I am confident Mike will work to keep Marlborough successfully positioned as an attractive town with a bright future.

**Scott Wallace – MarlboroughVote for Hebron**

### Supporting Rudko

To the Editor:

I have had the opportunity to follow Selectman Rudko over the past two years. His efforts in keeping his campaign promises have been admirable. In 2019 he promised transparency and accountability and he most certainly delivered on those promises. Without his voice and challenging the status quo, I feel that the taxpayers would have never been informed about the activities in town hall.

For nearly two years he has dedicated his time in serving this community. He's served not only on the Board of Selectmen but various liaison positions to boards and committees, including his participation, during most if not all, on the Board of Finance meetings. More importantly, he has provided reports to the community on his Facebook page educating the public regarding the activities of the town and holding elected officials accountable for their actions.

This Nov. 2, I look forward to supporting him and the entire Republican slate. I invite you in joining me by voting Row B.

**Jerry Thompson – Colchester**

### Passionate Candidates

To the Editor:

We're only a few days out from the municipal election!! It's common for voters to take local elections for granted, though they undeniably shape our lives and those of our children. This year, we have the opportunity to elect some truly exceptional candidates to the boards and commissions in town. These candidates are passionate about values we as Democrats hold dear; equity, inclusivity, and opportunity. We believe in science, access to healthcare and education for all, and fair zoning practices.

We know that vaccines and masks are the way to keep our kids learning in person. There is not a single candidate on our slate who is running just to fill a spot and have a Democrat on the ticket. Each of us is dedicated to serving and not only doing well, but doing good. If you've seen us waving, door knocking, or working at the Harvest Moon Festival, you know that we are a cohesive group with amazing energy and drive that will endure and lead to collaboration across all of the town boards. As voters, we all have the duty to make informed decisions when choosing who will represent us. I urge you to go to hebrondems.com and read our candidates' bios. What you will find there is dedication and an irrefutable desire to do what is best for our community.

As a candidate and co-chair of the Election Committee, I am beyond proud of this slate and cannot wait

to vote for Tiffany Thiele for BOS; Heather Petit and myself for Hebron BOE; Claudia Riley, Heather Sumner, and Maura Curran Baker for RHAM BOE; Eric Lindquist and David Sousa for P&Z; and Amy Dunnells and Mal Leichter for BOF. I hope you'll join me.

**In Solidarity,**

**Nicole Matthews – Amston  
Candidate for Hebron Board of Education**

### Local Elections Matter

To the Editor:

We have all heard the phrase "local elections matter," but it bears repeating as Nov. 2, Election Day, draws near. There is no greater impact on our day-to-day lives than who we vote for to represent us on the Boards of Education, Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Planning and Zoning, as well as many others. The wonderful volunteers elected to these positions make decisions on policies, curriculum, and budgets affecting our children and their education, our taxes, town services and resources, as well as how Hebron will develop in years to come.

Please take the time to read the candidates' bios to truly learn who you are voting for. If candidates are up for reelection like myself, look at some of their meetings to see where they truly stand on issues and funding for our town and schools. This is our community and we need our neighbors who volunteer for these boards looking for ways to help us grow, not hold us back.

Hebron is a beautiful town with an amazing community. I could not imagine living anywhere else. Hebron deserves the absolute very best. Please come out on Nov. 2 and vote for just that. Thank you.

**Heather Petit – Amston**

*Note: Petit is chair of the Hebron Board of Education, but said she is speaking as an individual.*

### Bylone for First Selectman

To the Editor:

As chairman of the Senior Center Building Committee for the past two years, I have had the pleasure of working with Mary Bylone on this project I feel is not only important for the senior citizens of Colchester, but for the community as well. This project will serve the needs of Colchester now and in the future. The committee was formed when Art Shilosky was first selectman but Mary became selectman shortly after the Committee's first few meetings.

During the past two years the building committee has hired an architect and a project manager/owner's representative to help develop the plans and budget that will be going to a town meeting on Nov. 4 to adjourn to a referendum on Nov. 16.

As soon as Mary became first selectman, she quickly got herself up to speed as to what the committee was doing and got involved in the direction we were going. She was very transparent and honest about the meetings she attended and was always available to discuss issues as they came up.

Once the plans and budget were finalized by the committee, Mary became very supportive of the project and made sure she told everyone the importance of this project to the community. She got behind the project 100% and never had a Plan B. She knew this was the project that the town needs now and for the future.

Because of her support of the project, I will be voting for Mary on Nov. 2 and I urge everyone else who believes in this project and the future of Colchester to vote for her as well.

**Anthony J. Tarnowski, LEED A.P. - Colchester**  
*Note: Tarnowski is chairman of the Senior Center Building Committee but is speaking as an individual.*

### Tripp the Best Choice

To the Editor:

With all the future challenges facing Portland, it is fortunate that we can choose an outstanding candidate for first selectman, Jim Tripp. Jim will provide the leadership and problem solving skills needed to maintain and enhance our quality of life.

Jim has a proven record of getting things done, both as a selectman and as a community leader. Many sidewalks have been replaced, so we can walk safely. The sidewalk replacement policy shows the towns commitment to providing safer and more attractive neighborhoods. Jim chairs the BOS Water and Sewer Committee which is working on a major priority, keeping water rates affordable in the future and addressing infrastructure needs. We are at a crossroads; we can't afford not to take action.

We must address and solve this urgent problem. Jim Tripp has a plan and I am confident he will find a solution. On Nov. 2 the best choice is Jim Tripp.

**Fred Knous – Portland**

### Concerning Turf

To the Editor:

The artificial turf field proposed for RHAM High School is concerning. Artificial turf is mainly manufactured using polypropylene, polyethylene, and nylon - all of which are derived from oil and natural gas. With the serious implications of fossil fuels contributing to climate change and environmental degradation, as well as overwhelming plastic pollution, expanding the use of fossil fuels is not conducive to the health of our planet. Installing an artificial turf field at RHAM further contributes to fossil fuel use.

**Maria Tulman – Andover**

### Vote 'Yes' on Turf Fields

To the Editor:

I urge RHAM voters to vote "Yes" in support of the improvements to the athletic facilities at the high school/middle school complex. Please consider:

1. The timing of this project is perfect. You are about to get a tax reduction as the RHAM building project bonds will be paid off soon. The new \$50 to \$60 average annual cost per household will be less than the reduction from the RHAM debt.

2. Only three of the 33 schools in our conference don't have artificial turf fields. There is no reason to assume that we know something that they don't know. Instead, let's think about giving our kids today's standard facilities.

3. A turf field will allow play during and after rainstorms which currently put RHAM teams offline for a

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day or two. In short high school athletic season, this is imperative.

4. The proposed lights will allow parents to attend later starting weeknight games. We know from experiments with temporary lights in the past that weekend night games in all sports will bring out the community and provide a great opportunity to show off not just the athletes but the band, the cheerleaders, and the student body as a whole.

5. Finally, the track must be replaced. This community resource is a necessity both for our teams and for those outside the school community who go there to exercise.

Let me close with a word to those who, like my family, no longer have kids in school. Remember how you appreciated those people who twenty years ago supported the RHAM building project when their own kids were already out of school. It is your turn to be one of those people by voting 'yes' on Tuesday.

**Robert M. Fitzgerald – Hebron**

### Lavoy for BOE

To the Editor:

Tim Lavoy has my vote for reelection to BOE. One thing that is typically not mentioned is the incredible amount of time it takes to effectively serve. Tim is retired State of Connecticut human services manager who served special needs students for 36 years, with minor in public administration. He has been a professional advocate, and his segue to BOE has been a natural one. Tim uses his time and talent to serve very effectively, and has the background, intelligence, and passion to serve the students of Portland. He has been a volunteer for Portland in many capacities for 16 years. I have known Tim for 8 years and have been impressed with his due diligence in preparation for BOE meetings and policy decisions.

An important criterion of a BOE member is proficiency in gathering and analyzing relevant data to assist in making important decisions. Accountability is a key ingredient in a successful BOE. Members must be able to back decisions with facts and data and be accountable and transparent to the public. In this, I know Tim shines, and this benefits our whole community!

Tim understands our community values, wishes, and challenges. He is fair-minded, kind, resourceful, and will no doubt continue to be an integral part of Portland's future success! Vote for Tim Lavoy and the Curley/Republican ticket. Let's embrace positive changes together! Please vote.

**Janet Colonghi – Portland  
Registered Independent**

### Voting in Portland

To the Editor:

I see candidates who support education, who have been in rooms with me grappling with white supremacy culture and moving to being more anti-racist in our community. I see candidates who believe in science and healthcare and have worked hard to protect the community from COVID-19. I also see candidates who have posted misleading things about masks, about the 2020 presidential election, and who have questioned community surveys on the lived experience of the Black and Brown community in Portland.

So, I am voting for Jim Tripp, Laurel Steinhauser and Barry Rodgers. People I have known and have seen work hard for the town at BOS and BOE meetings and in our schools on the PTO. I am voting for April Graves, Ken Kearns and Ralph Zampano. They all have been active in the development of our kids and their growth. I am voting for my neighbor Cindy Roman and Tom Malecky and Kim Nagy-Maruschock who have shown up consistently for Portland. I am voting for Sharon Peters – who has withstood hate from those opposing keeping our kids safe from COVID by wearing masks. I am voting for Katelynn Puorro who has deep pockets in social and emotional learning for our students.

I will not be voting for people who pass on misinformation and hate in our town. I will not be voting for people who are ok with their political sign being on the same property that says F\* Biden. I will not be voting for people who endorse fellow running mates who make fun of masks and question the integrity of the election on their social media.

I will vote for John Dillon who has spent the good part of his life giving back to the community.

**Thanks,  
Erin Livensparger – Portland**

### Antonacci for Board of Education

To the Editor:

So we are in the home stretch of this election, and not a moment too soon!

The Colchester elections have been contentious to say the least. At the beginning of this campaign, I stated in this paper that I would run with dignity and I believe I have. I keep promises, seems like a rare thing in this world, but I do. I am confident that I can continue to keep promises when elected to the Board of Education.

I will look forward to creating a culture of education free from politics, being fiscally responsible, and making sure our kids are safe by expanding the SRO in the schools. Over the past few months, our BOE team has spoken to several concerned parents as well as students. I am doing this for parents who want a voice, but more importantly the children who need a voice.

Vote Row B on Nov. 2.

Thank you!

**Donna Antonacci – Colchester**

### Experience Matters

To the Editor:

Experience matters. That is why I am supporting Jim Tripp for First Selectman.

I have had the good fortune of working with Jim for a number of years both before he was elected and in his capacity as both Selectman and Board of Education member for the town of Portland.

Confident and personable, Jim's experience in municipal government and his active role in leading various community groups has served the town well. A natural leader, Jim was instrumental in the transformation of the Riverfront Park from a vision to a vibrant community asset. In addition, he worked closely with the Parks and Recreation Commission and volunteers on the Portland Recreational Complex, which is viewed as one of the best recreation facilities in the area and a source of pride

for the town.

Furthermore, Jim will use his Master of Science in Management degree and bring over 20 years of work experience in the private sector to the First Selectman position. Jim has a history of proven and effective leadership and his hands-on approach will enable him to step into the job on day one.

Along with selectman Jim Tripp, I ask you to support John Dillon, April Graves, Laurel Steinhauser and Ralph Zampano for the Board of Selectmen, Kim Nagy-Maruschock, Sharon Peters, Katelynn Puorro and Barry Rodgers for the Board of Education, Ken Kearns and Tom Malecky for the Board of Assessment Appeals, and Michael Lastrina and Cynthia Roman for the Zoning Board of Appeals. They are constantly exploring ways to make Portland a better place to live and have been successful in doing just that.

Experienced and effective leaders, Jim Tripp and the Democratic team have a record of accomplishment and I ask you to join me in voting for them on November 2nd.

**Sincerely,  
Brian J. O'Connor, Chair  
Portland Democratic Town Committee**

### Voting for Bisbikos

To the Editor:

Today, I'd like to share a few reasons why I will be voting for Andreas Bisbikos in the upcoming election.

First, he has been a resident of Colchester for 34 years and his family owns a small business in town. While being a resident for such a long period time is certainly not a requirement of the office, I think his experiences give him a unique perspective on what makes Colchester such an amazing place to live. Second, he has a clear vision of what he wants to do should he be elected. His ideas for the recreation fields and for infusing our town with pride through a rework of the 57 Fest sound like a great and feasible idea. Finally, for the past several weeks, he has been going door-to-door listening to voters. That shows me that he really cares about our opinion and wants everyone to be involved in the democratic process. He is bringing fresh ideas to office, something that I think our town desperately needs.

For these reasons, I plan to vote for Andreas Bisbikos and the rest of the Republican ticket on Nov. 2.

**Sincerely,  
Amanda Magyarik – Colchester**

### Vote for Deborah Bates

To the Editor:

My Name is Debbie Bates, and I am running as a Republican for a seat on the Board of Selectmen this November. I am honored to have this opportunity to serve the town of Colchester. I have been a resident for 30 years. My husband and I have raised our son here, who is now a senior in college in Massachusetts.

My years of experience as a small business owner, working with small and large corporations, and being fiscally responsible is a great asset to the board. Listening to all viewpoints, open discussions and to build a consensus of what is good for the town are just a few of my beliefs that I will demonstrate if elected.

I believe that I have a vested interest in the town and have been engaged by attending the zoom meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Board of Education. Presently, I have the time and energy to do my due diligence to research the issues that come before the board.

I appreciate your vote on Nov. 2.

**Debbie Bates – Colchester  
Member of the Colchester  
Republican Town Committee**

### Bisbikos for First Selectman

To the Editor:

I have had the pleasure of working with Andreas for the past two years while serving on the Board of Selectmen. During those two years I have been impressed not only with his ideas, tenacity, and character, but more importantly his love of this community.

I would be hard-pressed to find a person in the town who has already devoted roughly a third of his life in serving his community. When we first met to discuss his vision for the future of Colchester, he was ready and excited. As he listed off the four tenets of his campaign: Affordability, Transparency, Economic Development and Tradition I thought to myself these are tenants that are important not just to me, but they are important to the community as well.

This year's Republican caucus for candidates was one of the largest I have seen here in Colchester. The caucus was well advertised and open to the public. Because of our openness in reaching out to the community we have a stellar slate of candidates that I could not be prouder of. As a team, it will be our job to assist in working with Andreas to fulfill his vision in moving the town forward.

I look forward to working with Andreas and Jason LaChapelle on the BOS, as well as the entire slate. I ask you to join me in voting Row B and help us move the town of Colchester into the future.

**Respectfully,  
Taras W. Rudko – Colchester  
Member, Board of Selectmen**

### Important Election

To the Editor:

Nov. 2 is approaching and, while an 'off-cycle' election, it is an important one. Our economy is picking up after COVID-19 and businesses are reinvesting in our community. It is an exciting time to serve on any board, but particularly on the Planning and Zoning Commission where I am a candidate for re-election. My experience and leadership over the last 20+ years on the PZC has helped bring about our current Plan of Conservation and Development, our refreshed Zoning Regulations and a host of other initiatives that, together with the help of dedicated town staff and fellow commission members have made and will continue to make Hebron a wonderful place to live. I believe my experience in law, negotiation and town governance are assets that will serve the town into the future. I would be honored to be re-elected to the Commission in order to continue to serve the town.

I am joined in my quest for reelection by a slate of highly-talented and committed Republican candidates. Dan Larson, running for reelection to the Board of Selectmen and Diane Del Rosso and Michael McCormack, running for the Board of Finance are exemplary public servants with years of experience. Likewise is Devon Garner and the rest of the Republican slate of candidates

who all have impressive credentials and understand the commitment of time and energy necessary to serve.

In all, I strongly encourage Hebron voters to carefully review the proven track records of the Republican slate. Personally, I would ask you to please vote for me, Natalie Wood, for reelection to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Likewise, I would ask for your vote for all the dedicated Republican candidates who are passionate to serve you.

**Respectfully,  
Natalie Wood – Hebron  
Candidate for Reelection,  
Planning & Zoning Commission**

### American Independent Party

To the Editor:

If the voters look at the last 18 years under Mrs. Bransfield there has been nothing concrete done for the town. It's 90% show, like building the town park, which ran over budget by at least \$2 million. Where did the 2 million come from? It came from the \$2 million which was budgeted to redo "Brownstone Ave." which according to Mrs. Bransfield needed to be done (A made up story). Brownstone Ave. hasn't been done. Ask Mrs. Bransfield where the \$2 million went.

Then we have "sidewalks" most of which were done to "buy" votes. And, recently the town halls parking lot was redone, it did not need to be done... And, this past week or so Brainerd Place, the owner came and cleared brush from the property (a call from the town hall?). As I remember they did this two years ago also – "looks count."

Friday, I got my water bill, if you vote democratic you have NO common sense. Call Mrs. Bransfield and hear her "story."

I was in the Air Force for 4 years, and I helped run the "family" business Middlesex Signs. I feel I have "life's" experience to steer Portland on an honest course.

First priority is water; I have a plan (I'm not saying) I estimate two years to fix. If anyone says less vote for them and write the "info" down.

If you don't want to vote for me vote for Curley, he's young 34, his "metal" has not been "tempered" like mine. But, he's honest, not like the deceiving democrats.

**Sincerely and Most Respectfully,  
Lambros Lambrinides – Portland**

### Vote for Me!

To the Editor:

With Election Day next week, I wanted to reach out to the community and remind everyone why I am campaigning for a seat on the Board of Education. First and foremost, come the children of the school community. As a mother of 4, a former special education teacher, and a behavioral consultant, I can relate to the inner workings of the school, but also life at home with the children. I currently have 2 children enrolled at MES, and another two that will attend in the future. I anticipate my involvement on the board long term, supporting our school community. I want our children to receive the best possible education.

I have worn many hats in our beautiful community. One that I am most proud of, is being asked by MES administration to join the reopening task force over the summer of 2020. Collaboratively, we worked to bring our children back to school in the safest way possible. I am president of our local chapter of Mom's Club International, although I have held multiple positions in the board over the last 5 years. Most recently, we raised money and purchased 10 picnic tables for MES for outdoor learning and activities. I was on the board of Marlborough Co-op when my daughter attended preschool there, and currently sit on the School Advisory Council.

My involvement in the community is such a priority to me. I have met so many members of this community along the way, and I truly feel as though I would be able to best represent the constituents of this town. Because of my expertise in education, I have been able to support teachers, parents, and children of our community. I welcome the opportunity to speak with all members of the community, my information can be found at MarIGop.com under the committee tab.

**Kerri Barella  
Marlborough Board of Education Candidate**

### Elect Bisbikos

To the Editor:

I have been lucky to have moved in permanently with my family in this wonderful town. I have always followed events and happenings with them through the years. I remember when Art Shilosky worked so hard bringing an energy source to town which the town could tax. I saw a reference to that on a Democratic mailer yesterday. Everyone should remember that it was First Selectmen Shilosky who worked hard to give us that.

Now we have the opportunity to elect Andreas Bisbikos, a wonderful hard-working man, to first selectmen!

Andreas Bisbikos and Taras Rudko represent what Colchester is all about! Vote Bisbikos!

**Sincerely,  
Pat Kelly – Colchester**

### Vote Mary Bylone

To the Editor:

Visionary – Mary Bylone; Qualified – Mary Bylone; Experienced – Mary Bylone; Honest – Mary Bylone; Proven Leader – Mary Bylone; Accomplishments – Mary Bylone; Community First – Mary Bylone; Communication – Mary Bylone; Ethical – Mary Bylone; Economic Development – Mary Bylone;

Visible – Mary Bylone; Approachable – Mary Bylone; Proactive – Mary Bylone; Public Safety – Mary Bylone; Infrastructure – Mary Bylone; Energy Efficiency – Mary Bylone; Senior/Community Center – Mary Bylone; Collaborative – Mary Bylone; Creative – Mary Bylone; Honest – Mary Bylone;

Protective – Mary Bylone; Grant-Seeking – Mary Bylone; Pro-Health – Mary Bylone; Supportive – Mary Bylone; Partnering – Mary Bylone; Hard-Working – Mary Bylone; Principled – Mary Bylone; Dependable – Mary Bylone; Veracious – Mary Bylone; Creditable – Mary Bylone;

marybylone.com/vision

To learn more about the two of First selectman candidates, view the Q&A video on YouTube here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=1H-8RL99vQs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1H-8RL99vQs)

**Tricia Heldmann – Colchester**

### Time for New Leadership

Dear Portland Community:

Ryan Curley is what we have been looking for. A candidate whose only goal is to help the citizens of Portland, especially us senior citizens.

He is knowledgeable, respectful, highly educated, and experienced. He's just what we have been looking for to lead our community. He has always been there to help me. I consider him a man with character, and a with a true concern for all our citizens' needs. I am voting for Ryan, that's for sure.

**Nicholas J. Cannata – Portland**

### Your Vote Is Your Voice

Dear Portland Residents:

Did you know that only about 40% of Portland registered voters vote in most municipal elections? Only 40%!

Portland saw record voter turnout in last year's presidential election. Ever an optimist, I am hoping that this Tuesday, Nov. 2, we will see record turnout for this year's municipal election. More than the presidential election, more than statewide elections, municipal elections determine the future for our community. They decide what our town priorities are, where we invest our tax dollars, what kind of schools our children attend, how we grow, whether we support our public safety and town services, what our values are as a community. Municipal elections determine how we move forward. And that old cliché rings true: your vote is your voice.

I believe in Jim Tripp. I believe in his vision for how our Portland community should move forward. I believe in the experience, integrity, and leadership of each of the Democratic candidates on the ticket. I hope you will join me in supporting them this Tuesday. But mostly, I hope you vote.

**See you at the polls,  
Laurel Steinhauser – Portland  
Candidate for the Board of Selectmen**

### Working Together for Progress

To My Fellow East Hampton residents:

As Election Day draws near, I would like to take this opportunity to state clearly, in my own words, what I believe about education, community and citizenship.

I firmly believe that children benefit from being in a robust, challenging, and comprehensive educational program, provided in a safe, appropriate and nurturing setting by competent and caring professionals. I believe that continuity is a critical part of such a program. The children of East Hampton, in order to be optimal learners, need to be in school. I believe that logical steps have been taken to ensure that this has occurred, and although difficult decisions have been made over the past eighteen months, they were the product of hard work, solid research and outstanding leadership on the part of our school administrators. I believe that as we move forward, we need to work together as parents, teachers, administrators and citizens to ensure our children's continuity of learning, to overcome both the academic and social/emotional losses they have endured, and to continue to pursue excellence in education. The students of East Hampton deserve no less.

I believe that good communities are built on a foundation of common goals and respect. I believe that as citizens we all have responsibilities to ourselves, to our families, and also to other members of our community. I believe we should look to our leaders and experts for resolutions to difficult situations and show a willingness to engage in constructive dialogue to resolve our differences. And as I wrote last week, I believe both our school system and our community need to be nurtured, supported and given adequate resources to grow. Without progress and growth, we fall behind. Let's work together to move our community of East Hampton forward. Please support me on Nov. 2.

**Nancy Kohler – East Hampton  
Member and Candidate, Board of Education**

### Final Days

To the Editor:

As the days counting down to the election draw to a close, I would like to remind the folks of Hebron that local elections are just as critical as national ones. Just as in Washington, there are candidates in our town who have the opportunity to make our world kinder or crueler. Your vote has a far greater impact on the outcome, as turnout is considerably lower. When those at the top aren't listening, our local officials are often the ones who can step in and enact change. To that effect, we have the ability to elect candidates that are genuinely passionate about the values we share. This year's Democratic slate is comprised of dedicated individuals who are committed to showing up and doing the work without taking for granted the citizens who got them there.

Since first moving to town in 2005 I have come to appreciate what makes our community a wonderful place to live, work and play. As a Democrat I value equity, inclusivity and the opportunities that contribute to living a fulfilling life. I stand for science and the public good. If elected to the Planning & Zoning Committee, I will strive to use my voice towards furthering those values and seeking out compromises that balance the needs of our diverse community today with our future in mind.

I am excited to give back to Hebron along with my fellow candidates on the Democratic slate. I encourage you to educate yourselves about candidates and vote Row A on Nov. 2.

**Eric Lindquist – Hebron  
Candidate for Planning & Zoning Commission**

### Portland Candidates

To the Editor:

Portland Social Justice Coalition supports civic engagement and voter education. We hope all eligible Portland voters participate in Tuesday's municipal elections! To find out if you're registered to vote and for additional voting information, visit the Secretary of the State's website: [portlandir.ct.gov/sots/](http://portlandir.ct.gov/sots/) or Portland's Town Clerk office.

The coalition attempted to plan a Candidate Forum with Portland Library this fall. Unfortunately, it didn't work out, and PSJC members wanted to find another way to help educate voters about the candidates and their positions on different issues that affect Portland. We've invited all First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, and Board of Education candidates to answer, via email, several questions which cover many aspects of town leadership, including social justice concerns.

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The candidate interviews are posted on our webpage: Facebook.com/PortlandCTSocialJustice. This is a public page that anyone can view, with or without a Facebook account. As of the deadline to submit this letter, we have received responses from: Tim Lavoy, Stacey Benham, Ralph Zampano, Sharon Peters, Kim Nagy-Maruschock, Katelynn Puorro, Barry Rodgers, John Dillon, April Graves, Jim Tripp, Laurel Steinhauer and Ryan Curley. Thank you for completing our questionnaire! We will post responses that we receive up until 11 p.m. on Nov. 1st. We hope all candidates will respond, and we encourage all voters to check out the questions and candidates' answers!

For more information about the candidates, you can visit the party websites: gopportlandct.com and portlandctdc.com. You can also find them on Facebook. For additional information on Board of Education nominees, search Facebook for "Portland CT BOE Supporters." This group also hosts detailed bios of candidates.

We appreciate all who are running and working to make our town an even better place. Let's make informed decisions when choosing our town leadership.

**Liz Hibino, Co-Founder  
Portland Social Justice Coalition**

**TOWN OF PORTLAND  
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION**

At the October 21, 2021 regular meeting, the following actions were taken:  
**CONTINUED THE PUBLIC HEARING TO 11/4/21 FOR APPLICATION PZC #21-04:** 1390 Main Street (northwest corner of Rte. 17 and Rte. 17A). Request for a Site Plan, Special Permit and Subdivision Review to construct a new 51,902 sq. ft. steel framed building. This all-inclusive facility will include a gun retail business, indoor range, gun smithing, archery sales, service and range, etc. Application of Let Freedom Ring, LLC. Property of Gil Isle LLC. Assessor's Map 76, Lot 1. Zone RI. Western portion of site is located in Flood Plain Zone AE.  
**APPROVED APPLICATION PZC #21-05:** 311 Brownstone Avenue. Request for Special Permit Modification (Application #19-23) to construct a 2,800 sq. ft. storage building. Application and property of Dean Soucy and Darlene Rice. Assessor's Map 28, Lot 54. Zone B3/Riverfront Overlay.  
 Dated at Portland, CT. this 25th day of October 2021  
 Robert Ellsworth, Chairman 1TB 10/29

**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON, CT  
WARNING OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

The electors of the Town of East Hampton are hereby warned to meet at East Hampton Middle School, 19 Childs Road, East Hampton on November 2, 2021 to cast ballots for the following offices: Town Council, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, Zoning Board of Appeals Term begins 2021, Zoning Board of Appeals Term begins 2022 and Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates. Optical scan voting tabulators will be used. Absentee Ballots will be counted at the polls. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.)  
 Dated at East Hampton, Connecticut, this 26th day of October 2021.  
 Kelly Bilodeau, CMC, CCTC East Hampton Town Clerk 1TB 10/29

**TOWN OF PORTLAND  
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Portland Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at a meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to consider the following:  
**PZC #21-06:** 56 Strongs Avenue. Request for Subdivision of house on .4 acre lot from farm with 33 acres with barns and garage. Applicant and property of Estate of Lucille G. Anderson, Nancy L. Anderson, Executrix. Assessor's Map 47, Lot 14. Zone R10.  
**PZC #21-07:** 378 Cox Road. Map 78, Lot 21. Request for an 11 lot subdivision on a property containing wetlands. Application of Tom Briggs. Property of Synnot Properties, LLC. Zone RR/Forest Neighborhood Overlay Zone.  
 At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be received. A copy of this application is available for public review in the Portland Land Use Department or on the Town of Portland Website: www.portlandct.org  
 Dated at Portland, CT. this 18th day of October 2021  
 Robert Ellsworth, Chairman 2TB 10/22, 10/29

**TOWN OF PORTLAND  
LEGAL NOTICE  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

The electors and qualified voters of the Town of Portland are hereby warned and notified that a Municipal Election will be held at the polling place in said town on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 pm for the following purposes, to wit:  
 First Selectman (1)  
 Board of Selectmen (6)  
 Board of Education (4)  
 Board of Assessment Appeals (3)  
 Zoning Board of Appeals (1)  
 5 year term begins 2021  
 Zoning Board of Appeals (1)  
 5 year term begins 2022  
 Zoning Board of Appeals (1)  
 3 year vacancy  
 Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling place is: **Portland Middle School, 93 High Street Portland, Connecticut**  
 Absentee ballots will be counted at the polls. Paper ballots and tabulators will be used.  
 The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening.  
 ATTEST:  
 Ryan J. Curley  
 Portland Town Clerk  
 Dated at Portland, Connecticut this 25th day of October, 2021. 1TB 10/29

**TOWN OF COLCHESTER  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

The electors of the Town of Colchester are hereby warned to meet on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 pm for the purpose of casting their vote in the MUNICIPAL ELECTION.  
 A complete list of nominees and sample ballot can be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours. Optical voting machines will be used.  
 Voting will take place at the following locations:  
**District #1:** Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT  
**District #2 & #4:** Abundant Life of the Assemblies of God, 85 Skinner Rd., Colchester, CT  
**District #3:** Bacon Academy, 611 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT  
 Absentee Ballots will be counted at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT.  
 Election Day Registration will take place at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT.  
 Dated this 22nd day of October 2021.  
 Gayle Furman  
 Town Clerk 1TB 10/29

**LEGAL NOTICE  
MARLBOROUGH ZONING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Marlborough Elementary School Cafeteria  
(25 School Dr.)**

The Marlborough Zoning Commission will hold the following Public Hearing  
**Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM at  
25 School Dr. (Marlborough Elementary School Cafeteria)**  
 APPLICATION #Z-15-21 Amendment to the Marlborough Zoning Regulations, Article Two Zones Section A, Amendment to Article Four  
 Definitions & New Article Ten J - Lake Terramuggus Watershed & Shoreline Overlay District, and adding a new overlay zone within the Lake Terramuggus watershed as shown on a map on file, for the purpose of regulating the cutting and retention of trees and other vegetation; the erection of docks, retaining walls, sheds, and other structures in proximity to the Lake; the application of chemicals; and other measures to protect the water quality of Lake Terramuggus and the property values around it.  
 APPLICATION #Z-16-21 OM Village, LLC (Applicant) - Amendment to Article 7A.F.E. Impervious Surface Coverage.  
 The room capacity will be limited due to Social Distancing requirements and masks are mandatory for those who are attend in person. Written testimony will be received at the public hearing and written testimony can be sent to the Building / Land Use Department at Town Hall ahead of the public hearing. All testimony and application materials will be available to the public on the Town Website, www.Marlbroughct.net, under Minutes/Agendas then Agenda 2021 then Zoning Commission.  
 Kevin Asklar, ZONING COMMISSION CHAIR 2TB 10/22, 10/29

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**Obituaries cont.**

great-grandchildren, many friends, and countless acquaintances.

Harold was always there when asked, and even times when not asked, to give advice, lend a hand, or share his love of the Lord and his life experience. Harold was an interesting, unique, generous, and loving soul. His passing is a profound loss to his family and friends.

Harold is predeceased by his father Harold A. Durel Sr.; mother, Mildred Irene Patterson Durel; and brother, Donald Durel. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Joan Durel; son, David Durel and his wife Brenda Lee; daughter, Lisa Durel; sister, Kathryn Wilson and her husband Glenn; brother, Ronald Durel; grandson, Steven Durel and his wife Bruna; granddaughter, Maya Whitton, great-granddaughter, Alice Durel; and step-granddaughters, Brooke, Sabrina, and their children, Zen, Nova and Ziya.

Due to COVID-19 challenges, a private funeral was held at Lakeside Funeral Home in Royal Palm Beach, Fla., on Monday, Oct. 12, 2020.

In remembrance, Harold's family asks that you do something kind for someone in need. In lieu of a good deed, consider a donation of any size to the March of Dimes, St. Jude's, ASPCA, or Disaster Preparedness and Relief Services for those in hurricane impacted areas like his childhood state of Louisiana or home state of Florida.

*East Hampton*  
**Stanley A. Spencer**  
 Stanley A. Spencer, 86, of East Hampton, widower of the late Helene Diane (Francisco) Spencer, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Wednesday, Oct. 20. Born Oct. 29, 1934, in Middletown, he was the son of the late Lafayette and Stella Spencer.

Stanley proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy. He had been employed by the Connecticut State Police and retired from the State of Connecticut DEEP. Stanley enjoyed racing stock cars all around the Northeast.

He is survived by his sons Scott Spencer and Steven Spencer, both of East Hampton; his daughter, Sheryl Dolittle and her husband David of Middlefield; and his five beloved grandchildren, Abby, Jacob, Hannah, Ethan and Sydney.

He was predeceased by his sister, Eleanor Veile.

Friends called at the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, on Monday, Oct. 25. Burial followed in the family plot in Union Hill Cemetery in Middle Haddam.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation at www.t2t.org or Protector of Animals at www.poainc.org.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

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 Please email resumes and applications to: [bmorey@hwporter.org](mailto:bmorey@hwporter.org)  
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TRUCK DRIVER / MAINTAINER  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

The Town of Hebron is seeking candidates for the position of Truck Driver/Maintainer in the Public Works Department. Applicant must have a CDL Class A or B license. Must have a minimum of a High School Diploma or GED. Three years of truck driving experience including snow plowing and public works operations or an equivalent combination required. Experience should also include working with heavy trucks and heavy equipment. Applicant must be available nights and weekends during winter months. Must be able to pass a complete physical examination and pre-employment drug test. This is a bargaining unit position.  
 Letters of interest or resumes should be mailed along with a Town of Hebron employment application to Andrew J. Tierney, Town Manager, Town of Hebron, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT 06248 by November 12, 2021. Hebron is an equal opportunity employer. 1TB 10/29

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RE10-15-21

## TOWN OF HEBRON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

The Town of Hebron is seeking candidates for the position of Equipment Operator in the Public Works Department. Applicant must have a minimum CDL Class B license (Class A preferred). Must have a minimum of a High School Diploma or GED. Five years of truck driving experience including snow plowing, road construction, maintenance, and public works operations. Experience should also include working with trucks and heavy equipment. Tree work and bucket truck operation experience is preferred. Applicant must be available nights and weekends during the winter months. Must be able to pass a complete physical examination and pre-employment drug test. This is a bargaining unit position. Letters of interest or resumes should be submitted along with an employment application to Andrew J. Tierney, Hebron Town Manager, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron CT, 06248 by November 12, 2021. Hebron is an equal opportunity employer.

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Glastonbury Housing Authority, Glastonbury, CT

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