

Library hosts owl program

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Library was filled with children and adults, who enjoyed a Saturday afternoon of fun learning about owls.

Kathy Kennedy from Massachusetts Audubon brought wings, claws, photos, and skulls for everyone to pass around.

This program was supported by a grant from the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council. A local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a State agency.



Submitted photo

The highlight of the interactive owl presentation was the dissecting of an owl pellet to see what bones could be found beneath the layers. Timothy, Skylar and Vincenzo Gondola enjoyed finding hidden bones and matching them to a provided chart.

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of Cemetery Commission, said the commission spent \$9,900 so far in expenses, but it would leave enough for Memorial Day cemetery cleanup and mowing. He said the commission may need to adjust the mowing schedule by reducing frequency and cut back the weed whacking of the gravestones depending on the quotes the commission receives for the mowing costs.

Select Board Chair said the Historical Commission was willing to lower the amount of \$1,500 requested. The commission purchased a computer with the FY 2025 amount and hoped to purchase another sign with this year's amount. She said the sign costs \$1,000. The Select Board opted to leave the amount requested at this time. She also said the Historical Commission was looking for members.

Next on the agenda was the Planning Board. Planning Board member Tom Hughes said their budget was level funded for the new fiscal year at \$1,015. The amount included \$515 wage and \$500 expenses.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has a full complement of members. There FY 26 budget was \$25 for expenses and \$125 for dues for a total of \$150.

The Tree Warden budget was the final one on the agenda. Select Board member Michael Brunelle, also Tree Warden, presented the Tree Warden budget that included \$375 salary, \$20,000 expenses and \$2,500 road details. He reduced the road detail from \$4,000 last year to \$2,500 this year. The total budget was \$22,875.

The Select Board Chair said the Building Inspector budget would be on the agenda for their next meeting. She said he also wants to discuss fees.

Select Board Member Brunelle said with all the cuts in grants from the federal government was the Quabbin Regional School District impacted by this and if so, were they hoping the state would step up their funds to the towns. He said he hoped the "towns were not to back fill those grants."

Under old business, Select Board Vice Chair Haapakoski asked if the town accountant had given revenue projections. Administrative Assistant Maribel LaRange said the town accountant would have those numbers in another week.

Select Board Chair Tessnau said she would be meeting tomorrow with someone from the One Step Community Grant on what programs were available and what might be a choice for the town.

The board voted to go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining or litigation.

Education

BSCF donation supports nature's classroom



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

The Barre Savings Charitable Foundation donated \$8,000 to the Hardwick Elementary School PTO to help pay for the fifth grade nature's classroom trip this spring. Shown front row from left are teacher Pamela Dunigan, fifth grade students, teacher Mary Fleming and Hardwick PTO representative Tina Swindlehurst. Back row from left are Hardwick Elementary School Principal Emily Soltysik and Barre Savings Charitable Foundation President Stephen Brewer.

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Elementary School PTO recently received an \$8,000 donation from the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation, to help cover the cost to send fifth grade students to nature's classroom in the spring.

Stephen Brewer, president of the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation, said one of the best things the foundation does is help send children to programs like this.

"You're in for a wonderful time and a great learning

experience too," he said.

Brewer, who is a retired state senator and former state representative, said that while the youth are only 20% of the population, they are "100% of our future."

Brewer said to date, the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation has dispersed \$750,000 in donations over the last seven years, including to the Hardwick Elementary School PTO.

The Barre Savings Charitable Foundation was formed after the 147-year-old Barre Savings Bank

merged with Fidelity Cooperative Bank in 2016. A fund was created to honor the bank's legacy of serving the community, which has now grown to \$2.7 million.

The purpose of the foundation is to provide charitable support for the people in communities previously served by Barre Savings Bank. The foundation focuses its giving on youth and senior programs, programs supporting education and health and human services and other projects improving the quality of life for the region.

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The sale will be held at Early's on Park Avenue at 536 Park Ave., Worcester, MA 01603 03/13, 03/20, 03/27/2025

TOWN OF NEW BRAINTREE PUBLIC HEARING

Upon the petitions of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., the Select Board of New

Braintree has scheduled a public hearing on **Monday, March 24, 2025, at 7:10 p.m.** at the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA.

Plan marked jointly for National Grid and Verizon New England Inc. No. 31061985 dated November 27, 2024, for permission to install 1 JO Pole on Moore Road beginning at a point approximately 869 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Worcester Road. Installing P60-1 for customer service. New Braintree MA

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

The public is welcome to attend.

Questions regarding the above can be directed to the municipal contact:

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03/06, 03/13/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Worcester and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No.
WO25P0732EA
Estate of:
Edward T. Thompson**

**Also Known As:
Edward Thurlow Thompson
Date of Death:
January 27, 2025
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Christopher Edward Thompson of Barre, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Christopher Edward Thompson of Barre, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 03/13/2025

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Holden Grange announces scholarship

RUTLAND – Holden Grange offer the W. Sumner and Howard L. Jordan Scholarship to a graduating high school senior or to a student in attendance at any recognized institution of learning beyond high school, who has not received this scholarship previously.

Scholarships are offered for a degree-granting program and a full-time or part-time non-degree granting vocational education program designed to prepare students for work in a trade or a specific field. Scholarship awards range from \$300 to \$1,000, depending upon type of program and enrollment status.

An applicant who does not belong to Holden Grange must reside in Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland or Sterling and be pursuing a course of study in agriculture/horticulture, veterinary science, conservation/environment. A Holden Grange member in good standing for at least one year preceding the date of application is eligible to pursue any course of study.

The scholarship recipients will be named in June and funds will be awarded to the applicant upon successful completion of the first semester with at least a 3.0 grade point average for a degree-granting program or evidence of successful

completion for vocational courses.

An application in the form of a letter of intent, stating future educational goals and a description of three community activities or three Grange activities in which the applicant is involved, must be accompanied by a transcript and a letter of recommendation. All parts of the application must be emailed or postmarked by May 1 to Holden Grange, 26 Glenwood Place, Rutland, MA 01543. For more information on this scholarship or the Grange in general, people may call 508-886-2341 or email holdengranger78@gmail.com.

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very good communication with clients' problems." Lindley said. Lindley has a background in insurance adjuster work and personal injury litigation, including auto accidents, dog bites and slip/fall. "I represent clients and I answer all their questions. The firm and provide clients with guidance on the court, as well as settling the case and the best interests of the firm," Lindley explained. The firm is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and they can speak to a representative and find the help you need. You can find more information by visiting their website, farberandlindley.com and prepare a consultation, and they have an attorney to represent and help you according to your true need. "It's one to address for your clients." Lindley said. "I want the community to know that here in Barre we provide quality advice and counsel for businesses, personal injury victims and households. We've been in Barre for 20 years and we're here to support them in their operations."

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