

PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD25A0024AD In the matter of: Jacob Arthur-Isaac Barowsky CITATION G.L. c. 210, § 6

TO: Christian Potter any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:

Benjamin Whitten of Chicopee, MA Rebecca Whitten of Chicopee, MA

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

Jacob Arthur Isaac Whitten If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3.10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Springfield ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: 04/14/2025.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 10, 2025

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING Project Description: Chicopee Bridge Replacement, Br# C-13-038 I-391 over Route 116 (Chicopee Street) Project File No. 612187

A Public Informational Meeting will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed project in Chicopee, MA.

WHERE: Legacy Church 780 Chicopee Street Chicopee, MA 01013

WHEN: Thursday, April 3rd, 2025, 6:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments made at the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the full replacement of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Bridge which carries I-391 over Route 116, locally known as Chicopee Street, in the Willimansett neighborhood of Chicopee. The existing bridge is a concrete structure, originally opened to traffic in 1979. It provides three northbound lanes (towards Holyoke) and three southbound lanes (towards Chicopee), though the left lanes of both directions are currently closed to traffic. Though safe for all users, this bridge has reached the end of its useful lifespan and must be replaced. MassDOT proposes to replace the existing structure with a new bridge which will provide three lanes in each direction, a 75-year design life span, and incorporate modern bridge design elements to reduce maintenance impacts to the Willimansett neighborhood and the traveling public. During demolition of the existing structure and construction of the new bridge, some limited detours and closures may be required to ensure public safety, but in general, MassDOT will seek to maintain traffic on both Chicopee Street and I-391. We invite all members of the community to attend the meeting and learn more about this project.

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

In the event of inclement weather a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events.

JONATHAN GULLIVER HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR CARRIE E. LAVALLEE CHIEF ENGINEER 03/21, 03/28/2025

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A

Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on March 21, 2025 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

2011 Mini Cooper WMWSU3C59BT183919 Sheik Mohammad 3 Avalon Pl., Apt. 2 Worcester, MA 01609

2013 Nissan Sentra 3NIAB7AP2DL687271 Charles Neel 3 Algonquin D., Queensbury, NY 12804

2013 GMC Acadia SLE 1GKKVNED4DJ191204 Austin Dean

97 Robinson Hill Rd. North Franklin, CT 06254 2010 Chevrolet Aveo KL1TD5DE4AB046688 Lawrence Tetreault 79 Lyman St. North Attleboro, MA 02760

2006 Honda Accord Se 1HGCM55376A023068 JC Reliable Tow Service Corp 47 Fruit Ext. Milford, MA 01757

2001 Buick Lesabre 1G4HP54K314250247 Edward Therrien 4790 Lake Superior Drive Cocoa, FL 32926 03/07, 03/14, 03/21/2025

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Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on March 28th 2025 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

2012 Subaru Impreza VIN: JF1GJAH68CH006862 Anthony Ellington- Viner 50 Campechi St. Springfield, MA 01104

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Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on April 4, 2025 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

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VIN: 1N4AL2AP0AN431287 Greybel Pena-Mesa 729 High St., Apt. 4L Holyoke, MA 01040 2009 Acura MDX VIN: 2HNYD28699H508028 Edwin Rolon 206 Allen Park Rd. Springfield, MA 01118

2003 Honda Accord LX VIN: 1HGCM56363A141140 Juan Andres Guzman De La Cruz 42 Tewksbury St., Apt. 1 Lawrence, MA 01843

2007 Honda Odyssey LX VIN: 5FNRL38247B125763 Julio C Mejias 23 Bend St. Providence, RI , 02909

2005 Nissan Sentra VIN: 3N1CB51DX5L564564 Michael Hill Po Box 445 Gilbertville, MA 01031

2015 Volkswagen Jetta Se VIN: 3VWD17AJ7FM221855 Heidi Dickson 7 Grove St. Kennebunk, ME, 04043

2012 Jeep Liberty Sport VIN: 1C4PJMAK8CW102229 Bernadette Roberts 221 Old West Warren Rd. Warren, MA 01083

2007 Toyota Tacoma VIN: 5TETX22N77Z402640 Bobby Pinkney 95 N Westfield St., Apt. 31 Feedinghills, MA 01030

2013 Gmc Acadia SLE VIN: 1GKKVNED4DJ191204 Austin Dean 97 Robinson Hill Rd. North Franklin, CT 06254 03/21, 03/28, 04/04/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD22P0417PM In the matter of: Diane Orlandi of Chicopee, MA Protected Person/ Disabled Person/Respondent CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT To the named Respondent

and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the first and final account(s) of Nancy C Godbout of Granby, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/18/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

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do not move the needle on student achievement."

"Right now, what I can tell you, there's a lot of work being done between all the departments, as well as leadership between the principals and Unit B members and coaches and content specialists. What you're going to see this evening is something where I talk about benchmarking in the form of P.P.P. procedures, processes, and protocols and what you should expect to see when we come back in June or July, where I will have the School Committee rate me on the work I've been leading this year," Ware said.

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Ware introduced the five priorities which are in order as follows: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Im-

proving Student Attendance, Student Conduct and Student Social, Emotional and Mental Health. The presentation is to visually break down the work that is being done in the respective departments.

"When you see me again in June or July, I will have evidence speaking to all these categories so that you can actually say yea or nay to the actual work that's being done, continuing all the way down to the evaluation," Ware said. "I am taking the data of our current systems of the platforms we use in the ELA world and we do look at the data, but we also are talking about systems we want to put in place for the upcoming school year that most of our schools can use, not just factions of our schools."

For Priority One: English Language Arts, the four steps included data analysis, strate-

gic planning, implementation, and evaluation that stated, "Compare end-of-year scores to baseline data. Report achievement and challenges to the School Committee."

For Priority Two: Mathematics, the four steps included data analysis, collaborative planning, implementation and support and monitoring and evaluation, stating the same as priority 1. Priority Three for Improving Student Attendance had four steps and baseline data which will "Identify chronic absenteeism rates and set measurable improvement targets." Step two is strategic interventions that will have positive reinforcement programs, mentorship initiatives, and family outreach efforts.

Step three is monthly monitoring and step four with incentive programs that will implement district-wide recognition programs, stating

"Celebrating both individual and school-level improvements."

For Priority Four: Student Conduct, the four steps included data analysis, strategic planning, implementation, and recognition programs that stated, "Develop district-wide programs to recognize positive behavior. Foster a supportive school climate."

Lastly for Priority Five: Student Social, Emotional, and Mental Health, the four steps included a baseline assessment, integration of social-emotional learning into the curriculum, support resources such as "implement counseling services, wellness rooms, and mindfulness programs," and recognition.

Ware also went over additional priorities such as HR process improvements and budget and finance improvements.

Conference on Aging

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging will host "The RiverMills Center Conference on Aging" on Friday, May 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main Street.

RiverMills Center is excited to present its first "Conference on Aging" that will feature break-out sessions on a variety of topics that impact older adults and their caregivers. Housing,

home care, benefits, home safety are some of the topics, among others, that will be covered during this day-long conference. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided, along with a keynote address by Motivational Speaker Carrie Stack. For more information on registering for this event, please contact Program Coordinator Casey Conroy at 413-534-3698 ext. 118 or Volunteer Coordinator Brandon Dumas at 413-534-3698 ext. 130.

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MORTGAGEE'S

SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Statutory Power of Sale referenced in a certain mortgage given by Willimansett Center East RE LLC to Love Funding Corporation dated August 1, 2012 and recorded August 8, 2012 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19385, Page 88, the undersigned being the present holder by assignment of said mortgage (assignments recorded in Book 24344, Page 53, Book 25058, Page 158 and Book 25748, Page 88), for breach of the conditions contained in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 am on the 3rd day of April, 2025**, upon the mortgage premises known as 11 Saint Anthony Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

That certain parcel of land situate in Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe found marking the southeasterly line of Chicopee Street and at the northeast corner of land N/F Eugene J. & Joyce M. Stefanik; said iron pipe marks the southwest corner of the subject property;

Thence running N56-17-30E along the southeasterly line of Chicopee Street for a distance of 153.51 feet to a concrete bound found on the southwesterly line of Saint Anthony Street;

Thence running S49-49-30E along the southwesterly line of Saint Anthony Street for a distance of 215.51 feet to a concrete bound found at land N/F Shirley A. Orwat & Joanna V. Frost;

Thence running S40-10-30W along land N/F Shirley A. Orwat & Joanna V. Frost for a distance of 139.56 feet to an iron pipe found at land N/F William C. & Catherine A. Courchesne;

Thence running N51-34-52W along land N/F William C. & Catherine A. Courchesne, Rich A. Chapin III, William J. & Rosalie M. Connelly, Steven & Tammy Jo M. Champagne and Eugene J. & Joyce M. Stefanik for a distance of 258.24 feet to the iron pipe at the place of beginning.

Said Parcel is shown on ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey, Chicopee, Massachusetts prepared

for The Northeast Health Group, Inc., prepared by D.L. Bean, Inc., Surveyors & Engineers, dated April 26, 2011, updated June 19, 2012 and recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 364, Page 25.

Said Premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior, liens or other enforceable encumbrances or instruments of record entitled to precedence over said mortgage, and subject to, and with the benefit of, all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record having precedence over the Mortgage and subject to all leases, tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession, including rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the subject premises and the right of redemption, if any, to the Internal Revenue Service. Said premises to be sold at the sale "AS IS WHERE IS." It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal laws, ordinances or regulations.

TERMS OF SALE: FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$400,000) DOLLARS in cash, certified or bank check to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The successful bidder shall be required to increase the deposit to a full ten (10%) of the purchase price within five (5) business days of the public auction and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified or bank check and the foreclosure deed shall be delivered and accepted within thirty (30) days after the public auction at the offices of Halloran & Sage LLP, 225 Asylum Street Hartford, CT 06103.

The successful bidder of the Premises will be responsible for all closing costs, recording fees, deed stamps and shall be required to sign an Auctioneer's Memorandum of Sale containing the terms of sale at the time and place of the public auction. The successful bidder of the Premises shall be subject to a 1% buyer's premium.

This mortgagee's sale of real estate may be postponed or ad-

journed from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney or auctioneer for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description for the premises contained in said Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale fails to purchase the described Premises according to the terms of this notice of sale or as provided for in the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the mortgagee reserves the right to sell the Premises by foreclosure deed to the next highest bidder provided that the next highest bidder shall deposit with the mortgagee's attorney, said Halloran & Sage LLP, the amount of the required deposit and execute an agreement similar to said Memorandum of Sale, within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder. Title shall be conveyed to the next highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice.

OTHER TERMS, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF SALE.

Willimansett Holdings LLC Present Holder of Said Mortgage

By Scott Rouisse, Manager Attorneys for Willimansett Holdings LLC

Oscar L. Suarez, Esq.
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03/07, 03/14, 03/21/2025

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546 Chicopee Street and a parcel on East Side Chicopee Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Certain pieces or parcels of land situated in the Town of Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts, more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 1: 546 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, MA (Parcel 5 and Parcel 6)

Beginning at a re-rod set marking the northwesterly line of Chicopee Street with the Southwesterly line of Warregan Street; said re-rod marks the southeasterly corner of the subject property;

Thence running S56-17-30W along the northwesterly line of Chicopee Street for a distance of 200.88 feet to a stone bound found on the northwesterly line of Artisan Street;

Thence running N50-37-30W along the northwesterly line of Artisan Street for a distance of 167.72 feet to a re-rod set at land N/F Meg Realty, LLC;

Thence running N39-22-30E along land N/F Meg Realty, LLC. For a distance of 137.01 feet to a re-rod set at land N/F James Long;

Thence running N56-17-30E along land N/F James Long for a distance of 118.60 feet to an iron pipe found on the southeasterly line of Warregan Street;

Thence running S33-42-30E along the southeasterly side of Warregan Street for a distance of 200.33 feet to the re-rod set at the place of beginning.

Parcel 2: Unnumbered parcel on East Side Chicopee Street, Chicopee, MA (Parcel 4)

Beginning at a granite bound found marking the intersection of the southeasterly line of Chicopee Street and the northeasterly line of Saint Anthony Street; said granite bound being the northwest corner of the subject property;

Thence running N56-17-30E along the southerly sideline of Chicopee Street for a distance of 119.70 feet to a re-rod set at land N/F Louis M. Bouchard;

Thence running S49-49-30E along land N/F Louis Bouchard for a distance of 112.84 feet to a re-rod set at land N/F Mirta I. Diamond;

Thence running S40-10-30W along land N/F Mirta I. Diamond for a distance of 115.00 feet to a

magnetic nail set on the northeasterly line of Saint Anthony Street;

Thence running N49-49-30W along the northeasterly line of Saint Anthony Street for a distance of 146.07 feet to the granite bound found at the place of beginning.

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NAMI Western Massachusetts 14th Annual Art and Poetry Show

Reception to be held in Chicopee

HOLYOKE - NAMI-WM (The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Western Massachusetts) will hold an opening reception for its 14th Annual Art and Poetry Show featuring the work of artists and poets living with mental health conditions.

Taking place on Wednesday, April 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front St. The reception, and parking adjacent to the library, are free.

The show will feature art and poetry works, some for sale to the public, with all proceeds going to the artists. Complimentary refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend this very

special event.

The exhibit runs the entire month of April. This is a wonderful venue for artists and poets with lived experience to have a showcase for their work. It provides an important opportunity to educate the public about the lives, abilities, and creativity of individuals in the Western Mass. community with mental health conditions. NAMI Western Massachusetts is dedicated to building better lives for individuals and families affected by mental health conditions. According to statistics, 1 in 5 Americans will face mental health problems every year. With your help, NAMI-WM can continue to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy, and support programs for people in our community.

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tween \$95,000 and \$300,000, with the \$95,000 one chosen.

Boron later added, also, the boarding up would take up to two weeks and the contractor was ready to go once he called them.

"Then there will be a daily one-hour visit from the security company to check the riser rooms and the alarm panel and make sure there's been no vandalism to the boarding and make sure all the doors are secured and that's what we need to do by law," Boron said. "So, we are going to board it and we're also going to have the security company just go up once a day for about an hour, check everything out and go from there."

The fee, Boron said, would be \$25 and charging the city for the daily check, coming out to "just under \$10,000 a year."

"But we have a potential buyer, so we're hoping if that thing moves quicker that this will get off our plate and the new buyer will take over from there," Boron said.

Ward 6 Councilor Samuel Shumsky "appreciated this effort being done" as

he's done some history on regional disasters in relation to mills catching on fire, noting two of these fires happened in Springfield and that one—a chlorine fire—displaced a third of residents in the city.

"I know this issue was not contested, but it was kind of a hot topic the last couple months and now that we have a lien going on the property, we're going to recoup all that money. I think this is a great effort and I applaud everything that's being done," Shumsky said.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello agreed with Shumsky and said Boron "should be commended for the amount of security that you're applying to this particular building."

"It's going to be quite a tax relief—a tremendous tax relief—when this building is sold and somebody else is responsible, and I'm only hoping that that day comes sooner than later because this has been back and forth in regards to the money, taxpayers and security since roughly March or April of 2022. I think that's when the city condemned it and they had to go in and, unfortunately, it should be the owner of this building that should be providing that," Costello said.

When Costello asked about the lien to help recoup the money, Vieau explained when the building was con-

demned and tenants were asked to leave, the owner had paid for security when court-ordered and "they did for a significant time period," with Boron adding it was for about a year the owner had paid and then they stopped.

"Like the Building Commissioner and police, we've had many meetings with the fire department, the Building Department, in trying to make sure that we had the authority to enforce what was security through the courts of Western Mass—through the Housing Court—and sharing with that, I've learned that certain things are out of my control," Vieau said. "This is a private sector-owned property. It's not owned by this municipality, but we are ordered by law to protect that asset from, like mentioned, a catastrophe where someone gets in there and lights it on fire. When they stopped paying, we had to."

Vieau added the prospective buyer also put in for and hired a design engineer firm and, also, put in an application for a special permit.

"So this is one, I say, substantial step towards moving towards getting a new owner and in the meanwhile, I think it's in our best interest to do what's right and board this first floor and the lien will be attached and that would be something I ask the City Council to make sure that

those liens are paid at the closing upon issuing a special permit," Vieau said.

Councilor-at-Large Tim Wagner asked who the design engineer firm was, explaining he wanted to avoid any possible conflicts of interest and abstain from any votes going forward if need be.

"My company contracts out with several engineering firms just as a point of reference, so I'm just trying to avoid anything," Wagner said.

Vieau replied the design engineer firm is VHB.

Councilor-at-Large Jerry Roy asked about the security.

"The security, it's going to be prorated if somebody ends up buying it? Or do we have to fulfill the full-year contract?" Roy said.

Boron replied he already has a contractor ready to sign with the security company moving forward and "will need a week in advance to close out the contract."

"I got them on board for the next month to see how things play out so that the closing can go through and everything gets applied for and they say once we know what's going on, either the new owner will take over the security in the meantime or they'll hire their own company," Boron said. "But, by law, they'll have the right to take over that once they take the ownership of the property."

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