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lines and permit restrictions. The board unanimously voted to approve the project with the same conditions as before.

**Proposed Zoning Bylaw Changes**

There are changes to the town's zoning bylaws proposed, specifically related to home occupations. Several key amendments were discussed, including restrictions on the size of accessory buildings, the need for residential appearances, and the inclusion of nuisance provisions concerning noise and dust. One of the main points of debate involved vehicle weight limits for commercial vehicles associated with home occupations. A 12,000-pound limit was initially proposed, but board members expressed concern that this figure might be too low, particularly for common heavy-duty vehicles like the Ford F-350. After further discussion, a compromise was reached to set the limit at 33,000 pounds.

Another key issue was the screening of vehicles associated with home occupations. The board proposed that vehicles either be screened from public view or stored in a garage, but not both, to offer homeowners more flexibility. The discussion also touched on the need for a special permit process for non-conforming home occupations to ensure compliance with new zoning rules. There was concern that these changes might negatively impact long established businesses, and the potential for increased enforcement was noted. Board members debated the need for a grace period for

businesses to comply, ultimately deciding to remove a clause that would provide such a grace period for now, with plans to revisit the issue in the future.

The Planning Board also considered adjustments to the zoning district map, specifically addressing "split lots" that straddle different zoning areas. The board agreed to revise the map to ensure zoning aligns better with property frontages.

**Residential Cluster Housing Proposal**

Another significant topic of discussion was a proposed amendment to allow for residential single family cluster housing on a 35-acre plot on High Street. This project aims to address the region's housing shortage by permitting smaller homes on smaller lots, with minimum lot sizes of 7,500 square feet and setbacks of 15 feet for side yards and 30 feet for rear yards. Concerns were raised about the affordability of the homes and whether accessory dwelling units (ADUs) could be included on the smaller lots, though setbacks would likely prevent such additions. Additionally, the availability of public utilities, such as water and sewer, was discussed, with the need to ensure these requirements are clearly outlined in the zoning bylaw.

The proposed zoning change would create a new zoning district (RSFC) and would require town approval at the upcoming town meeting. However, approval for subdivision plans would still be necessary before any development could proceed, with careful attention needed to

ensure compliance with storm-water management and infrastructure regulations.

**Commercial Recreation and Campground Regulations**

The board also discussed revisions to zoning regulations for commercial recreation developments, including campgrounds. A proposed expansion of a local campground would increase the number of campsites from 200 to 400, raising concerns about traffic safety on the current access road, Town Farm Road. There was discussion about the possibility of adding a second access road from Beebe Road, though this would require navigating current zoning restrictions related to buffer zones. The board considered whether exceptions could be made for infrastructure like underground utilities within buffer zones, but ultimately decided that any changes would need to ensure the primary purpose of the buffer, minimizing visual and noise impacts, is not compromised.

**Enforcement of Zoning Bylaws**

A recurring issue throughout the meeting was the enforcement of zoning bylaws, particularly in relation to home occupations. The board noted that enforcement has been challenging, with some members expressing concern about selective enforcement and the need for formal complaints before zoning violations can be addressed. This issue, along with other house-keeping matters regarding zoning enforcement, is expected to be a focus of future meetings.

# End the Wait™ for older adults facing hunger and isolation

## Legislators Join Local Efforts to Raise Awareness and Expand Services for Older Adults in Western Massachusetts

REGION—Access Care Partners (formerly WestMass ElderCare) is proud to support End the Wait™, a national campaign led by Meals on Wheels America to address the urgent and growing needs of older adults experiencing hunger and isolation. As demand for home-delivered meals and support services continues to climb, Access Care Partners is calling on the community to join in ensuring no one is left waiting.

"Here in Western Massachusetts, we deliver over 1,200 meals each day—but we know the need is even greater," said Roseann Martoccia, Executive Director of Access Care Partners. "With rising costs and an aging population, we need increased funding, more volunteers, and community support to ensure that every person who needs help receives it."

To highlight this urgent issue and show their support, local leaders are joining Access Care Partners throughout March and into April to deliver meals and connect with older adult constituents:

- Friday, March 28** – Representative Shirley Arriaga
- Monday, March 31** – Representative Mandy Domb
- Thursday, April 3** – Representative Patricia Duffy and Holyoke City Councilor Juan Anderson-Burgos

These Community Champions will tour Access Care Partners' "Nutrition Central" in Holyoke and accompany Meals on Wheels drivers as they deliver meals in Holyoke, Chicopee, Ludlow, South Hadley, Granby, and Ware.

**The Need is Clear—It's Time to End the Wait™**

Despite the program's impact, too many older adults in our region are waiting—for meals, for care, and for connection. Nearly 80% of Meals on Wheels recipients report that their driver is their only consistent social contact. Yet limited government funding and minimal philanthropic giving—only 1% of U.S. donations go to senior causes—have created a crisis of access.

"Across the country, local Meals on Wheels providers are working tirelessly to deliver nutritious meals and moments of connection, but they could be reaching even more seniors and doing even more for them if they had additional resources," said Ellie Hollander, President and CEO of Meals on Wheels America. "That's why we launched our bold plan to End the Wait™—to ensure all seniors have access to the life-saving services they need to live nourished lives with independence and dignity."

**Get Involved**

To support Access Care Partners' work or learn how to volunteer, donate, or advocate, visit <https://www.access-carepartners.org> or contact Lynn Wolf at [lwolf@accesscarepartners.org](mailto:lwolf@accesscarepartners.org) or 413-538-9020 x329.

To learn more about the national End the Wait™ campaign, visit [www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/end-the-wait](http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/end-the-wait).

## Public notices

**Town of Monson Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE**

In accordance with §7.3 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing, **Tuesday, April 15th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Select Board meeting room at the Town Administration Building, 110 Main Street, Monson, Ma. 01057 on the application of Monson Housing Authority for Special Permit with Site Plan Approval. The Special Permit for work within the Water Supply Protection District as provided by §7.3, §4.2 and Site Plan approval provided by §7.4 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The petitioner proposes expanding the existing parking lot located on 31 State Street, Map 114, Parcel 093 Zoned Residential Village. A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Planning Board and is available for viewing during regular office hours.

Craig Sweitzer, Chairman  
03/27, 04/03/2025

**PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11 M.G.L., the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, April 7th, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Town Administration Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.**

The applicant, Ruport Realty, Inc., is seeking a Site Plan Approval as allowed under section 171.29 to construct a commercial building with multiple rental spaces available for vehicle and equipment service, maintenance and repair, and retail or office space on the property located at 1524 Park Street, Palmer. These parcels are also known as Assessor's Map 2, Lots 60 & 60-5.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in the Town Administration Building from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://mass-publicnotices.org>).

Michael Marciniac, Chairman  
03/20, 03/27/2025

**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. HD25C0067CA**  
**In the matter of: James David Brantley**  
**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

**A Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **James David Brantley of Brimfield, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**David Brantley**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/08/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: March 11, 2025

**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
03/27/2025

**Town of Monson Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Monson Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, April 15th, 2025, at 7:05 P.M.** in the Select Board Meeting Room, Town Administration Building 110 Main Street, Monson. It is proposed to amend § 3.0 Schedule of Use Regulations (Table 1) and replace §1.7 Definition as it relates to Home Occupation. A copy of the complete text of the proposed bylaw amendments are on file with the Monson Town Clerk, the Planning Board, and is available on the Town website.  
03/27, 04/03/2025

**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. HD25C0085CA**

**In the matter of: Andriana Nicole Macri**  
**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

**A Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Andriana Nicole Macri of Palmer, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Andriana Macri Badeau**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/18/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: March 21, 2025

**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
03/27/2025

**Legal Advertisement TOWN OF MONSON**

**Monson Memorial Town Hall Plaster Repair, Restoration & Painting**

The Town of Monson invites sealed Bids for the Monson Memorial Town Hall Plaster Repair, Restoration and Painting project. The project includes the furnishing of all labor, equipment and materials required to complete interior plaster repair, restoration, and painting with compatible historic colors of the ceiling and walls of the Monson Memorial Town Hall Main Gallery to preserve and restore the historic appearance.

This project is being funded by the U.S. National Parks Service (NPS), Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program and through the Town's Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding.

Contract documents, including specifications, may be obtained electronically beginning March 17, 2025 at 9:00 AM by contacting Penny Gustafson [Pgustafson@monson-ma.gov](mailto:Pgustafson@monson-ma.gov) at the Town of Monson.

All bids for this project are subject to the provisions and minimum wage rates required by M.G.L. c.149, §§26 to 27H, inclusive. All applicable Federal minimum wage rates and applicable

Federal labor standards shall also apply pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act. When both State and Federal wage rates are applicable, the higher rate must be paid.

The Awarding Authority encourages, to the extent feasible, the use of minority-, women- and disadvantaged-owned businesses for work under this contract. Bidders on the work shall make a good faith effort to achieve the goals of the Federal Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) policy regarding utilization of MBEs and WBEs in order to be deemed a responsible bidder.

Bid security in the form of a bid bond, certified or cashier's check, payable to the Town of Monson, is required in a dollar amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount. A performance bond and labor and materials bond for 100% of the total contract price, issued by a satisfactory surety company shall be required by the successful bidder.

The Town of Monson reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to accept proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the Town, and to waive any informalities or

irregularities in the bids received. Bids may not be withdrawn within 30 days of the bid opening.

The Town of Monson, through its Selectboard, reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding or to reject any and all bids in total or in part as may be deemed to serve the best interest of the Town. The lowest qualified, responsible bidder shall be awarded the contract subject to the continued availability of funds through the National Parks Service and Monson Community Preservation Act.

The Town of Monson will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

The Town of Monson Selectboard is the Awarding and Contracting Authority.

Bids may be changed or withdrawn prior to the bid opening, but not within the sixty (6) days subsequent to the bid opening, by submission of such a change in writing in a sealed envelope, identifying the submitting party and indicating that it contains a correction of the bid for the Monson Memorial Town Hall Plaster

Repair, Restoration and Painting project.

The submission and review of bids must comply with 2 CFR Part 200, MGL Chapter 149, U.S. National Parks Service (NPS), Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program policies and other laws and regulations of the Commonwealth.

A pre-bid site walkthrough will be held at Monson Memorial Town Hall, 198 Main Street, Monson, Massachusetts on March 20, 2025, 9:00am. The building will be available for inspection at that time.

Questions regarding this procurement directed to Jennifer Wolowicz at [Jwolowicz@monson-ma.gov](mailto:Jwolowicz@monson-ma.gov).

**Hard copy bids for the Monson Memorial Town Hall Plaster Repair, Restoration and Painting project for the Town of Monson, Massachusetts, must be received by the Town of Monson, 110 Main Street, Monson, MA 01057, Office of Building Department 4:00 PM prevailing time, on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.**  
03/20, 03/27/2025

# Job Connection

## HELPING YOU FIND HELP

**TOWN OF WARREN**  
**Job Opening**  
**HIGHWAY HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

*Do you enjoy working outdoors?  
Would you like to be part of a thriving, friendly and dedicated team?*

The Town of Warren Highway Department is seeking a qualified candidate for the full-time position of Driver/Laborer/Machine Operator. The Town of Warren is committed to equal opportunity, encourages diversity and inclusion, and believes that a positive culture of inclusion in Town governance contributes to the Town's overall qualities as a great place to live and work. We welcome all to apply.

**Salary:** Starting at \$23.28 per hour with the potential of going to \$24.78 per hour on July 1st.

**Hours:** M-Thurs., 6:00am – 4:00pm, - April 1 – Nov. 30  
M-F 6:00am – 2:00pm, - Dec. 1 – March 31

**Overtime is required for:** emergency calls and including during snow and ice storms.  
Required Licensing/Certification: Possession of a valid 2B Hoisting License and MA Class B CDL.

**Applicants:** To be considered for this vacancy, please submit a cover letter and resume by no later than **4:00 pm on Thursday April 10th, 2025.** Resumes will be accepted via email to [JeremyOlson@warren-ma.gov](mailto:JeremyOlson@warren-ma.gov), or dropped off to: Town of Warren Highway Department 87 Brimfield Rd, Warren, MA 01083 or mailed to: Warren Highway Department P.O. Box 628, Warren, MA 01083.

For a complete job description please visit the Town's website [www.warren-ma.gov](http://www.warren-ma.gov).