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plans. PBMs serve as brokers or 'middle-men' in the drug transaction process and are not currently subjected to rigorous oversight by the state, making it unclear if PBMs act in the best interest of consumers or health plans when they negotiate the price of drugs with pharmaceutical manufacturers. The PACT Act 2022 authorizes the Division of Insurance (DOI) to provide much-needed oversight by licensing and regulating PBMs, and establishing sanctions for PBMs that fail to meet certain standards.

To ensure that patients pay the lowest possible cost at the pharmacy counter, the PACT Act 2022 builds on federal legislation to ensure that a patient purchasing a prescription drug is not charged a cost-sharing amount, such as a co-pay or deductible, that exceeds the drug's retail price.

The bill also takes significant steps toward ensuring that patients can get their prescription drugs from the pharmacy of their choice. This bill will allow any pharmacy the opportunity to become licensed to dispense of specialty medications and contract with insurance plans to provide specialty medications to patients. In addition, this bill provides patients with greater access to mail order prescriptions by allowing any network pharmacy to contract with carriers to provide mail-order prescriptions, changing the current practice in which carriers determine what pharmacies are available to patients for mail order prescriptions.

To help control costs further, the PACT Act 2022 requires pharmaceutical manufacturers to notify the state in advance of new drugs coming to market, and of significant price increases for existing drugs. With advanced notification, the state's MassHealth program can better prepare for potential cost increases by exploring ways to mitigate the cost or negotiating improved prices. In addition, advance notification will enable the HPC to focus on these cost drivers at their Cost Trends Hearings, which are held each year to examine the drivers of health care costs, identify challenges and opportunities for improving care and reducing costs in Massachusetts, increase transparency and accountability for health care providers and insurers, and help the state to meet its annual health care cost growth benchmark.

In addition, pharmaceutical manufacturers and PBMs will be included in the HPC's annual Cost Trends Hearings for the first time. By participating in the hearings process, manufacturers and PBMs will be required to provide public testimony on the factors that influence drug costs and provide documentation to back up their claims. The HPC will use this information to analyze how pharmaceutical industry costs impact the state's health care market—and the ultimate cost of health care for Commonwealth residents.

This bill also empowers CHIA to collect a range of drug cost information from pharmaceutical manufacturers and PBMs to include in its annual health care cost report, which does not currently include comprehensive data on drug costs. Collecting this data will allow policymakers and consumers to better understand the role of pharmaceutical manufacturers in driving costs moving forward.

An amendment adopted on the floor would direct the Department of Public Health, in consultation with the Attorney General, to analyze the Commonwealth's code of conduct rules for pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers to ensure that they do not improperly influence prescribing patterns of opioids and other drugs.

The Senate has been a leader in putting forth policies that address unaffordable drug costs. The HEALTH Act, passed by the Senate in 2017, proposed policies to incorporate pharmaceutical costs into the state's annual health care cost oversight process and ensure that consumers are offered the lowest available prices at the pharmacy. The Senate also championed the inclusion of provisions in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget to allow MassHealth to directly negotiate supplemental drug rebates to save the state millions of dollars each year. The Senate passed the first iteration of the PACT Act in the 2019-2020 session. The PACT Act 2022 takes several more important steps forward to rein in drug costs and improve patient access throughout the health care system.

The PACT Act 2022 now moves to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for consideration.

Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE SP-2022-02

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022 at 7:10 PM** on the application of Shawn Cantwell, for a Special Permit to operate a home based painting company (Shawn's Painting Co.) under Section 4.4, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

SITE LOCATION: 61 Hardwick Pond Road, Ware, MA. Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 14098, Page 284. Property is also Assessor Parcel 43-0-16. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

A complete copy of the application can be found at the Town Clerk's office and on the Planning & Community Development Department website under Recent Filings. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

WARE PLANNING BOARD
Joshua Kusnierz,
Chairman
02/17, 02/24/2022

Hardwick Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board per Hardwick Zoning Bylaw, Sections 3.2.4.d and 4.0 will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:30PM** via

Zoom, contact information available at townofhardwick.com.

This Hearing is regarding the application for Special Permit by Amber Duval to operate a general store at 1839 Lower Road, Hardwick. All interested parties are asked to attend.

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>

Hardwick Planning Board
Eric Vollheim, Chairman
02/17/22, 02/24/22

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Ryan D. Carey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Family Choice Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated July 9, 2004 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 7895, Page 158 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on September 6, 2018 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 13069, Page 325, subsequently assigned to MidFirst Bank, A Federally Chartered Savings Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Family Choice Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 13419, Page 63 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 AM on April 14, 2022** at 14 Barnes Street, Ware, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land and buildings at 14 Barnes Street, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, comprising two parcels of land bounded and described as follows: First Tract. Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Barnes Street at the corner of land now or formerly of the Ware Water Works; THENCE southerly on Barnes Street, 62 feet to an iron pipe; THENCE westerly on land formerly of Estee S. Ruggles, 139.6 feet to land formerly of Henry F. Barnes; THENCE northerly along last-named land, about 75.4 feet to land now or formerly of Ware Water Works; THENCE easterly along last-named land,

about 170 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to and together with a right-of-way on the southerly side of said premises, extending from Barnes Street to land formerly of Henry F Barnes,

12 feet in width, the center line thereof being the southerly line of the premises herein conveyed. Second Tract: Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the above-described land on the southerly line of land now or formerly of the Ware Water Works, THENCE southerly on land formerly of Rose Kaplan, to the northwesterly corner of land formerly of Alma Gravel, THENCE westerly on a line in continuation of the dividing line between the lands of Kaplan and Gravel, about 72.5 feet to Muddy Brook, THENCE northerly up Muddy Brook to land of the Ware Water Works, now or formerly, THENCE easterly along last-named land, to the place of beginning Subject to flowage and diversion rights in favor of the Inhabitants of the Town of Ware as described in a deed from Rose Kaplan to them, dated August 9, 1934, and recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 903, Page 167. BEING the same premises conveyed to Ryan D. Carey by deed recorded in the Hampshire District Registry of Deeds on July 9, 2004 in BOOK 7895 PAGE 155

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue

the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

MidFirst Bank Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
19-012721
02/24, 03/03, 03/10/2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500 Docket No. HS22P0049EA Estate of: Michael P. Graham Date of Death: October 20, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Michael L. Graham of Ware, MA.**

Michael L. Graham of Ware, 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.
02/24/2022

TOWN OF WARE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:10 p.m.**, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA, to hear Petition #30513595 by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID for Joint or Identical Pole Locations at Church Street, Ware, MA. Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotices.org>).

All interested parties are invited to attend.
Keith J. Kruckas
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
02/24/2022

Public Hearing Notice Warren Planning Board Zoning Bylaw Amendment

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40A, §5, the Warren Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **MONDAY March 14, 2021 at 7:15 PM** in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street and Via Zoom, to consider a proposed

Zoning Bylaw.
<http://join.zoom.us>
Meeting ID: 869 2706 4530
Passcode: 784772

The Board is proposing to:

Add Section 16 Construction of Commercial Wind Energy Facilities.
The proposed Zoning Bylaw is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk or by contacting the Planning Office at 413-436-5701 ext. 260. The Board invites all interested parties to attend either in person or via zoom and offer comments on the proposed zoning amendment.

Derick R Veliz,
Chairman
02/24, 03/03/2022

Ware Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) by Roland Bolduc for removal of 4 trees in Buffer Zone at 38 Shoreline Drive, Ware, MA 01082. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website: <http://masspublicnotices.org> 02/24/2022



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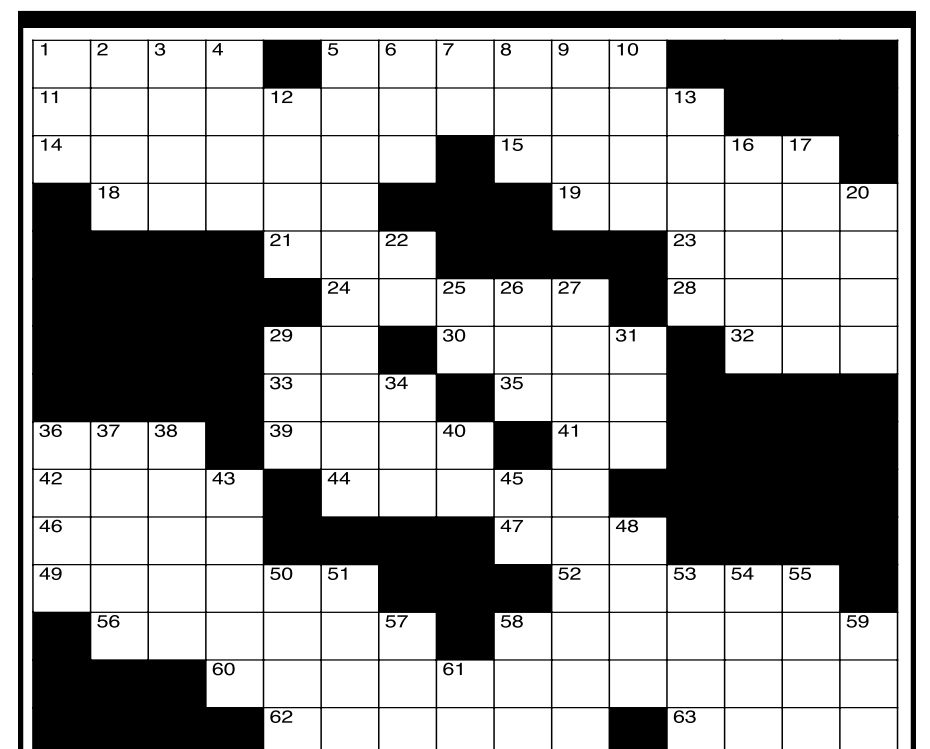
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5. Abounding in rocks
11. Speed
14. German city
15. Lacking sympathy
18. Visionaries
19. Wastes away
21. One precursor to the EU
23. Nursemaid
24. Unconsciousnesses
28. Baby's word for father
29. Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.)
30. Senses of self-importance
32. Midway between south and southwest
33. When you hope to get there
35. Electronic data processing
36. Passports and drivers' licenses are two
39. Fishes
41. Air Force
42. Personal computers
44. Ecological community
46. Wings
47. Halfway
49. Cool, calm and collected
52. Jewelled headdress
56. Musical composition
58. ___ Falls
60. Repeating remarks
62. Periods in one's life
63. Hyphen
4. One point east of southeast
5. Subjects to hostility
6. Work unit
7. Atomic #56
8. British thermal unit
9. "Elusive Butterfly" singer
10. Fastened over animal's neck
12. Device
13. Rechargeable power source
16. Ancient sage
17. Consist of two elements
20. "Pygmalion" writer
22. "The Centennial State" (abbr.)
25. Of I
26. Get older
27. Brotherhoods
29. Buzzing insect
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Brew
36. Leader
37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Junior's dad
43. Horse mackerels genus
45. Morning
48. Unit of linear measurement (abbr.)
50. Double curve
51. Small, twisted bunch
53. Developed
54. Mars crater
55. Humanistic discipline
57. Word element meaning ear
58. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
59. Wood residue
61. It cools your home