

GREAT BARRINGTON

Berkshire Agricultural Ventures welcomes Martha Page

GREAT BARRINGTON – Berkshire Agricultural Ventures, a growing nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting local agriculture and a resilient regional food system, announces the appointment of Martha Page to its Board of Directors.

With her extensive experience in nonprofit, government, and private sector management, Martha brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to further strengthen BAV's mission and impact across the Berkshire-Taconic region.

Page joins the board following her successful tenure as the Executive Director of Hartford Food System Inc, where she spearheaded innovative initiatives to address food security, promote equitable access to nutritious food, and foster community development. Her deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the food system will be invaluable in helping guide BAV's strategic vision.

Throughout her career, Page has demonstrated exceptional leadership and a commitment to collaborative problem-solving. Her multi-disciplinary background has allowed

her to navigate complex landscapes and build strong partnerships across sectors which will play a vital role in helping to shape BAV's initiatives.

"We are thrilled to welcome Martha Page to the Board," Tom Gardner, Board President of BAV, said. He emphasized Martha's impressive background and steadfast commitment to enhancing food systems, which strongly resonates with BAV's mission. "Martha's extensive expertise in the government and not-for-profit sectors will help BAV foster the development of a more resilient, sustainable, and equitable food system within their service area."

Martha Page will collaborate closely with other Board members and BAV's dedicated staff to ensure that BAV continues to make a significant impact on the local agricultural communities of Berkshire, Litchfield, Columbia and Dutchess counties.

"I am so excited to join the Board of Berkshire Agricultural Ventures, I have followed the work of this impressive organization and have been a fan for several years," Martha Page said. "What they do to ensure

strong farms and food businesses in this region resonates so strongly with my ongoing commitment to help build a resilient New England food system. I look forward to working closely with Rebecca and the other Board members to promote and support the work of BAV's dedicated and talented staff."

Berkshire Agricultural Ventures is a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded in 2016, working to support the development and viability of local farms and food businesses, to build a thriving local food economy, improve access to fresh food for everyone, and address climate change through regenerative agriculture. BAV brings together technical business assistance and nimble financing through low-interest loans, grants, and other professional resources for food makers in the Berkshire-Taconic region of New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

For more information about BAV, people may visit www.berkshireagventures.org, email Patrick Grego, Communications & Development Associate, at patrick@berkshireagventures.com or call 413-248-6156.

Legislation Announced on U.S. Leadership Advancing LGBTQI+ Rights on World Stage

WASHINGTON- As LGBTQI+ communities across the world gather to celebrate Pride Month, Sen. Edward J. Markey, Jeanne Shaheen and Jeff Merkley and Rep. Dina Titus reintroduced the Greater Leadership Overseas for the Benefit of Equality Act, legislation outlining a comprehensive vision for the United States to uphold and defend international LGBTQI+ rights.

The GLOBE Act would ensure equality and justice are critical components of U.S. foreign policy, reaffirm that the United States will not tolerate any discrimination, hatred, and violence against LGBTQI+ persons around the world, and develop assistance and immigration programs for LGBTQI+ individuals abroad.

The legislation would also make permanent the office of the Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons, which President Joe Biden established, as well as ensure that future administrations con-

tinue to uphold LGBTQI+ rights on the world stage by directing the State Department to document and respond to bias-motivated violence against LGBTQI+ people abroad.

The bill will implement a comprehensive strategy to prevent and respond to criminalization, discrimination, and violence against LGBTQI+ people. The GLOBE Act also calls on the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to establish a permanent Senior LGBTQI+ Coordinator responsible for coordinating across the agency with respect to inclusive development programming.

"As LGBTQI+ people face rising discrimination here at home, we must use Pride Month as an opportunity to affirm our commitment to freedom and equality - regardless of gender or sexual orientation - for every person, from Utah to Uganda," said Markey.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P1025EA
Estate of:
Franklin Ernest Pero, Sr.
Also known as:
Franklin E. Pero,
Franklin Pero, Ernest Pero
Date of Death: 08/12/2021
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Frank E Pero, Jr. of Chester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Frank E Pero, Jr. of Chester, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/01/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by

an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: July 03, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
07/13/2023

LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID HIGHLAND VALLEY ELDER SERVICES MILK BID

Highland Valley Elder Services Nutrition Program is soliciting open bids for food service milk. The Program serves over 750 meals/day. Begins October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Sealed bids must be received by August 31, 2023. For more information and a bid packet, email kslattery@highlandvalley.org
07/13/2023

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Project File No. 607675

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Bridge Replacements Project, W-36-011 & W-36-017, Bridge Street over the Mill River and South Main Street over the Mill River in Williamsburg, MA.

WHEN:
6:00PM, Thursday, July 27, 2023

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bridge Replacements Project, W-36-011 & W-36-017, Bridge Street over the Mill River and South Main Street over the Mill River. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing the Bridge Street and South Main Street bridges over the Mill River and rebuilding the portion of South Main Street between the two bridges. The traffic pattern in the area will be modified such that in

the final condition both bridges and the section of South Main Street between the two bridges will create a single travel lane, one-way loop to the South Main Street intersection with Route 9 (Main Street). Shared use path accommodations will be added to the South Main Street bridge and extend through the reconstructed portion of South Main Street in accordance with the applicable design guides.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Williamsburg is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to massdotmajorprojects@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7210, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Project File No. 607675. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or post-marked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is hosted.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT pro-

vides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation

announcement posted, on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR
CARRIE E. LAVALLEE,
P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER
07/13, 07/20/2023

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