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town throughout his process of preparing to take the mayoral position.

“Superintendent Hoffman has been great in providing information and Mayor Sapelli has been outstanding,” Johnson said. “I spent a lot of time with him getting up to speed on the personnel and human resource issues that are going on.”

Once Johnson has settled into the office and has gotten fully up to speed on the different projects and issues within the town, he plans to focus on the budget for FY24 and the Agawam High School Project.

“The thing that’s going to take the main focus for 2024 is the high school project,” he said.

Johnson really hopes to push this project through during his term as mayor. He is aware of how expensive it will be for the town, but he feels it will be key for Agawam, especially for children in the school system.

“We need to make that investment,” he said. “It’s been 50 years since we built our last school. The high school was built over 70 years ago, so we need to make the investment.”

Additionally, they have already secured MSBA approval and, preliminary, the state claims it will put in \$100 million to the project.

“It would be foolish, in my opinion, to abandon it and lose the state funding,” he said.

Johnson also hopes to focus on continuing the collaborative environment that Sapelli has created throughout his term as mayor.

“Mayor Sapelli has brought a real collaborative spirit to working with the council and he’s the chair of the school committee,” Johnson said. “I want to continue that

collaborative effort.”

He knows there will be issues that people disagree on, but he hopes that they can still find common ground and continue forward, as they have been working to do over the last six years with Sapelli as mayor.

“I’ve learned a lot working with Bill as council president, so collaboration is key to me,” Johnson said.

He hopes to foster this environment through small group meetings.

According to Johnson, over the past several years if the council had a productive agenda review process and when a difficulty did arise, he and Sapelli would meet with smaller groups or talk to individuals to try to find a compromise.

“I want to keep that same mindset of trying to get everybody on board with every issue,” Johnson said. “When you do that, people will say, ‘hey I think that’s good, but I think this is better’ and so trying to get all those ideas in that melting pot to come up with the best solution.”

Johnson looks forward to being able to implement these ideas throughout his term as mayor.

He is grateful to all in Agawam who voted for him to be elected as mayor once again.

“I am honored to be Agawam’s next mayor,” he said.

He left the mayor’s office 24 years ago, and since then has worked on the city council, the STCC Board of Trustees, the Mass Housing Finance Agency Board and been involved in many community groups.

According to Johnson, all of these experiences have only enhanced his leadership skills, so he hopes the people of Agawam see the growth as well.

“I’m honored that many years later they put their faith and trust in me again,” Johnson said.

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and his father opened it in 1986 and running it since his father handed it over to him in 1994.

The restaurant has a give back program called Give Back Wednesdays, through which they have given back over \$120,000 to the community since 2011.

Through the restaurant Borgatti claims he has gotten to know many people in Agawam, which is part of what inspired him to want to serve on the council.

“You get attached to the town and the people,” he explained. “It makes for a really great opportunity to do more. So, I’m excited, I really am.”

Borgatti truly loves the community and hopes to be able to serve them through his position on the council.

He plans to be a “watchdog” on the council when it comes to taxes and business thanks to his own experience.

He also hopes his experience running EB’s Restaurant will assist him in planning items out on the council. At his business he has to watch his finances and plan properly and he hopes to apply that mindset to the town.

“When you run a business you have to plan and manage properly,” he said. “At my business I’m already looking into the next promotions, the next thing, when you relate that to the town you have to plan and manage properly, you can’t have crisis to crisis management.”

Additionally, he hopes to be able to continue the collaborative working environment that the council has fostered over recent years. He feels that Mayor William Sapelli built a good relationship within the council, and wants to improve upon it.

“Everyone needs to get along,” he said. “We need to really work together as a council, which I think Mayor Sapelli has created

that culture because we didn’t always have that in Agawam. He’s been amazing...we’re really in a good place right now and I think I can help maintain that.”

Additionally, he hopes to encourage transparency between the town and the council. He is aware it can be difficult to foster communication and he hopes to be able to improve upon it during his term.

“I want to try to figure out a way to encourage people to get involved,” he said. “If you have an issue you care about, go to the council and speak.”

On top of working on these aspects of the council environment, Borgatti also has plans for what he hopes to focus on in his voting and proposals.

Borgatti wants to support the high school project and the other ongoing construction projects in Agawam, such as the police station and the Tuckahoe Turf Park.

Additionally, he hopes to look into sidewalks and improving public safety.

“Education and safety is what brings people to a town,” Borgatti said. “People will come to town and want to live here and raise a family here and that’s what you need.”

Businesses will also be a large portion of his focus, thanks to his own experience running a business in town.

To try and prepare for taking up his seat on the council, Borgatti has been listening and attending recent council meetings. He also attended the new councilor orientation, along with his fellow newly elected councilors.

Throughout his preparations he has felt very welcomed by the council and the town.

“The town was really very supportive,” he said. “I’m looking forward to holding up to that expectation.”

Borgatti’s term will officially start on Jan. 2, when he is sworn into the council along with his fellow newly elected councilors.

# Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD23P2271EA  
Estate of:  
Rita G Moore  
Date of Death: 12/19/2020  
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 **Leslie J Moore, III of North Stonington, CT and Judith A Moore of Springfield, 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: **Leslie J Moore, III of North Stonington, CT and Judith A Moore of Springfield, 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 01/23/2024.**

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: December 22, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
01/04/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No. HD23P0465EA  
Estate of:  
Donald Jacobs  
Date of Death:  
August 15, 2022  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate,

by Petition of Petitioner **Erin Rand of Suffield, CT**.

**Erin Rand of Suffield, CT** 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.

01/04/2024

**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. HD23A0154AD  
In the matter of:  
David Alejandro Garavito  
CITATION  
G.L. c. 210, §6**

TO:  
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:  
**Darwin Gomez of Agawam, MA  
Clara Gomez of Agawam, MA**  
requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to  
**David Alejandro Gomez**  
**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: 01/16/2024.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 22, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
01/04/2024

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