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Public Notices

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam, MA on **Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the request of Recai Bayram, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinances Ch. 180, Sections 17 and 8.1 to allow for the keeping of hens at the premises identified as 31 Reed Street.

Doreen A. Prouty Chairperson
Zoning Board of Appeals
02/01, 02/08/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD24P0160EA

Estate of: Emily Connolly Date of Death: January 10, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Mark J. Beglane of East Longmeadow, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Mark J. Beglane of East Longmeadow, 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 of 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. 02/01/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD19P2228GD In the matter of: Alice A MacDonald Of: Agawam, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/

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public health, not generating profits for big health insurance corporations," Hendrickson said in a recent press release. "Every other developed country in the world recognizes healthcare as a right and has some form of single-payer or nationalized healthcare system; it's time for Massachusetts to do the same."

This insurance would be key in creating savings for the town.

"A single-payer system would be significantly cheaper and more financially efficient than our current system," Hendrickson said in the press release. "It's estimated that in FY2023, the Town of Agawam would have saved almost \$13 million on health insurance costs under a single-payer system."

This \$13 million could be used on schools, water and sewer infrastructure, roads and other town financial needs.

"That \$13 million over 10 years would pay for the town's costs for the new school," Resident Susan Grossberg said. "So this is a significant savings for the town."

Additionally, this healthcare could be key for supporting small businesses, according to Resident Guy Qvistgaard.

Qvistgaard explained that the U.S. healthcare system places implicit taxes on small businesses due to high broker fees, fixed administrative costs and adverse selection.

Based on Qvistgaard's research, small businesses pay up to 18% more per worker than larger firms for the same healthcare insurance policy.

"98% of small employers offering health insurance are concerned that the cost of providing health insurance to their employees will become unsustainable in five to ten years," he said. "Medicare for all, as proposed, is a single-payer system that would... take the burden of rising healthcare costs off of most small businesses, municipalities and families."

Medicare for all could also help to drive down prescription drug prices, as stated by Grossberg and Qvistgaard.

Medicare for all would be negotiating

with Big Pharma on behalf of all residents of the state.

"That gives the Medicare for all trustees a very powerful leverage to keep prescription drugs low," Grossberg said.

Not only would the single-payer Medicare be beneficial for the town and small businesses, but it could also help individual residents of Agawam.

"If it's going to save \$13 million for the town of Agawam government budget, imagine how much money it's going to save for the rest of us," Grossberg said.

Medicare for all would help to guarantee coverage of procedures for those in need.

"It eliminates the insurance companies' pencil pushers from the decision of who gets care," Grossberg said. "If your doctor says it's medically necessary, then you get the care."

This healthcare insurance would also mean there was no co-pay, no deductible, no share of costs and no co-insurance in the doctor's office.

People would also be able to select their doctors based on their needs, rather than whether or not they would be covered by your insurance.

"Any provider you chose would be accepted by the new insurance," Qvistgaard said.

Additionally, this insurance would cover vision and dental care.

Grossberg recommended that the councilors, and any interested in learning more about this system, watch the video "Fix It: Health Care at the Tipping Point" on YouTube.

"It's jaw-dropping in how this would work and how much money we would save," Grossberg said.

The city council sent this resolution to the legislative committee, where it will be discussed and ideally sent back to the council for their Feb. 5 meeting.

Should the council pass the resolution at the Feb. 5 meeting State Representatives Michael Finn and Nicholas Boldyga and State Senator John Velis, none of whom currently publicly support single-payer healthcare.

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whether Johnson should look into new, more economical options.

Currently the town has Blue Cross Blue Shield, but they are investigating if there is any benefit to going to the Government Insurance Commission Plan, which is the largest organization in the state.

Johnson is going to compare the GIC's information and rates to the present rate and get that information back to the council for them to take the next steps.

Additionally, they discussed how Johnson will allocate Chapter 90 money, or the money for roads and sidewalks.

On top of that, they addressed safety issues present in the town. This included any issues with intersections, sidewalks or crosswalks.

"We also talked about safety issues, such as which intersections are an issue or unsafe

and how we can correct that," Sandlin said.

They look forward to when the blacktop plants open up so they can begin road reconstruction.

The council also took the time to go over social media "dos and don'ts," especially for newer councilors. Social media is forever and they wanted to ensure that councilors wouldn't spread misinformation, even accidentally.

"When anything important is going on in town, social media has pros and cons," Sandlin said. "We just wanted to talk about how important it is to not fall into a response trap, knowing that your response is forever."

The council felt this meeting was productive and will help pave the way for their meetings going forward.

"It was a good meeting," Sandlin said. "It was productive, because the new people got to ask questions and senior members got to clarify issues."

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 22, 2024
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
02/01/2024

Notice of Private Sale

Notice is hereby given by USA Towing, 71 Garden St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030, sale of a motor vehicle pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, that on **February 05, 2024 at 8 a.m.**, at USA Towing, said motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and costs of sale.

2019 Chevy Malibu
VIN: 1G1ZD5ST2KF127616
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Last known reg. owner:
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date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you in addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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.

Protected Person CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Jewish Family Service of W. MASS. of Springfield, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent. The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **02/20/2024**. This day is NOT a hearing