

HILLTOWN HIKING ADVENTURES

Discovering an unusual man made structure



A Western Massachusetts Hilltown Hiker stands on the rim of what appears to be a cistern on Round Top Hill.



Even one of the Hilltown Hikers canine hiking companions checks out the inside of what appears to be a cistern.



Hilltown Hikers explore in and around this structure.

CHESTER – While hiking on the old Chester and Becket Railroad in Chester, which runs parallel to Route 20, the Western Massachusetts Hilltown Hikers took a look at their lidar imagery for this area.

They noticed a small rise in the ground close to the base of Round Top Hill. Hiking uphill towards the rise proved to be worthwhile. A cistern was found on this rise, whether it was once near or connected to a building is not known, checking the historic maps no structures were located here, just grazing

land for the farms on the old Huntington Road.

The structure was built entirely underground, lined with bricks and some mortar. No pegs, pipes or any kind of piping was found in or near the structure.

It is approximately 22 feet across and 7 feet deep. Cisterns are used to collect rain water usually from the roof of a structure. Historically, they were used to collect water where a well was impossible. With the abundance of springs in Chester, this seems highly unlikely. The hikes are always an adventure.



Two of the Hilltown Hikers explore the inside of what appears to be a cistern.

Submitted photos

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Project File No. 607231

A Live Virtual Public Informational Meeting will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Reconstruction of Mountain Street project in Williamsburg, MA.

WHEN: 6:00 PM, Thursday, February 8, 2024

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Reconstruction of Mountain Street project. All views and comments submitted in response to the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The project is located along Mountain Street from the Kingsley Avenue intersection, northerly to the Whately Town Line, for a total project length of approximately 15,000 linear feet. This project includes the reconstruction of Mountain Street by reclaiming the existing pavement. The project proposes to provide a constant 24 foot wide roadway to match the existing roadway that has a current average paved width of 24 feet. Travel lanes will be striped promoting traffic calming for driver self-regulation of travel speed awareness.

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides 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 meeting, 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 meeting.

This meeting will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

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CHIEF ENGINEER
01/25, 02/01/2024

Town of Williamsburg

The Town of Williamsburg, acting through the Board of Selectmen is seeking price quotes to scrape and paint the exterior of the Old Town Hall building at 8 Main Street, Williamsburg, MA. Solicitations are being conducted pursuant to M.G.L ch.30, §39M. This is considered a M.G.L ch.149 project.

Specifications for the project will be available on 29 January 2024. Please email townadmin@burgy.org with #01292024-OTH in the subject line to request documents.

Price quotes will be due back by 02/16/2024 with an expected notice of award on 02/23/2024. 01/25/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P1624EA

Estate of:
Shirley Ann Smith-Winer
Also known as:
Shirley Winer
Date of Death: 05/12/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: Mandeliene Smith of Lexington, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that Mandeliene Smith of Lexington MA be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 02/07/2024.

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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal 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 recipients 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.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 10, 2024
Rosemary A. Saccomani
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01/25/2024

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