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**PUBLIC NOTICE
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and OPPORTUNITY
FOR COMMENT ON
PROPOSED
DE MINIMIS IMPACT
DETERMINATION
ON SECTION 4(F)
RESOURCES
(Coy Hill Wildlife
Management Area)**

PROJECT: MassDOT Project 606517 West Brookfield Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 9

CITY/TOWN: West Brookfield

PROponent: The Town of West Brookfield

This notice will initiate review of the above-referenced project pursuant to Section 4(f) of the DOT Act of 1966 (23 CFR 774). Information specific to the proposed project and its impacts, avoidance, minimization, mitigation or enhancement measures may be obtained from:

Alex Lamarche
10 Park Plaza, Room 4260
Boston, MA 02116

The project, as designed, will require permanent easements and temporary construction easements within Coy Hill Wildlife Management Area in the Town of West Brookfield. These permanent and temporary easements are required for improvements to existing drainage infrastructure, driveway reconstruction, stone wall removal, slope stabilization, erosion control, grading, installation of retaining wall, clearing and grubbing, sediment removal, and wetland replication in support of resurfacing and safety improvement work along West Main St (Route 9). The property and its usage are held for protection as significant public recreational resources under Section 4(f) of the DOT Act.

This notice is being published in an effort to solicit public comments on the impacts this project will have on the referenced parcel. Given the minor square footage (approximately 13,603 square feet/0.312 acres) of permanent easements, location of the required easements (located in areas immediately adjacent to Route 9), and improvement to the quality of stormwater runoff that this project will provide, it was determined that no recreational or wildlife refuge functions of the WMA will be impacted as a result of the easements.

MassDOT intends to pursue a determination that the proposed use of the temporary pedestrian detours meets the definition of de minimis (or minor) impacts, as specified under 23 CFR 774.17(5). A de minimis finding is being made based on the preliminary assessment that the proposed use of this resource will have no adverse effect on the recreational activities, features or attributes qualifying it for Section 4(f) protection. All persons wishing to comment on the project should write to Alex Lamarche, 10 Park Plaza, Room 4260, Boston, Massachusetts 02116, referencing the above referenced project within 15 days of this notice. Comments will become part of the official record and will be considered when making future project-related decisions.

By Alex Lamarche
01/19/2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE
RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE**

As required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 132B, National Grid (New England Power and/or Massachusetts Electric Company) hereby gives notice that it intends to selectively apply herbicides along specific transmission line rights-of-way in 2024.

The selective use of herbicides to manage vegetation along rights-of-way is done within the context of an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program consisting of mechanical, chemical, natural, and cultural components. In right-of-way vegetation management the pest or target is vegetation (primarily tall growing) that will cause outages and safety issues. National Grid's IVM program encourages natural controls by promoting low growing plant communities that resist invasion by target vegetation. The selective use of herbicides and mechanical controls are the direct techniques used to control target vegetation and help establish and maintain natural controls.

National Grid may utilize any of the herbicides noted the MA Sensitive Materials list. Rodeo, and possibly one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, will be applied directly to the surface of stumps immediately after target vegetation is cut (Cut Stump Treatment). Garlon 4 or Garlon 4 Ultra will be applied selectively to the stems of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Basal Treatment and Dormant stem treatment). Krenite S or Rodeo, mixed with Escort XP, and one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, or Milestone will be applied selectively to the foliage of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Foliar Treatment). Cambistat as a tree growth regulator. Applications shall not commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the following treatment periods. The herbicide mixes and additional information about rights of way management in Massachusetts can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/rights-of-way-vegetation-management>

Municipalities that have rights-of-way scheduled for herbicide treatments in 2024:

Sturbridge

Municipalities that have rights-of-way that were treated in 2023 but may require some touch-up work in 2024:

North Brookfield, Sturbridge

Treatment Periods

February 1, 2024 – May 30, 2024:

CST
Basal
Dormant Stem

May 30, 2024 - Oct 15, 2024:

Foliar
CST
Basal
Cut stubble

Oct 15, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024:

CST
Basal
Dormant Stem

**The exact treatment dates are dependent upon weather conditions and field crew progress.*

Further information may be requested by contacting (during business hours, Mon-Fri from 8:00 am-4:00 pm):
Mariclaire Rigby, National Grid, 939 Southbridge Street,
Worcester, MA 01610.

Telephone: (781) 290-8310 or email:
mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com
or email: mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com

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Lucas Emmanuel earns Dean's List

WELLESLEY HILLS – Lucas Emmanuel of Fiskdale has been named to the MassBay Community College Dean's List.

Emmanuel, who studies biotechnology, achieved this outstanding academic honor for the fall 2023 semester.

To be eligible for the MassBay Dean's List, students must complete at least six credits of college-level courses, be in good standing with the College, and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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TOWN OF WARREN - JOB POSTING

POLICE OFFICER Full/Part Time Openings

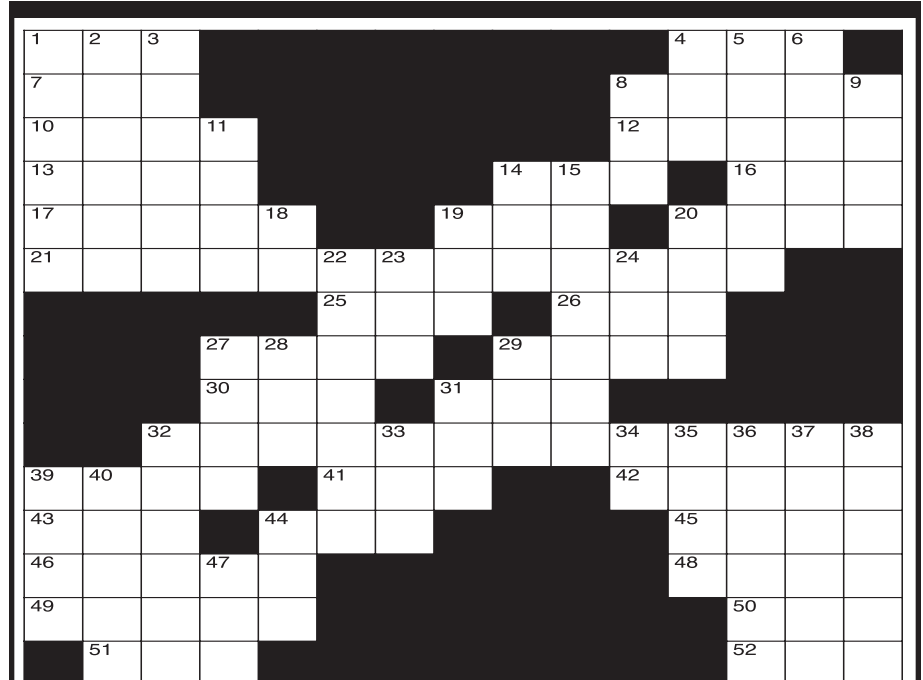
The Warren Police Department is accepting applications for the position of full time and part time Police Officer. Applicants are preferred to be academy trained and must be willing to work weekends, nights, and holidays.

Responsibilities include responding to emergency and non-emergency calls for Police, Fire and Ambulance services. It is preferred that applicants currently possess valid certification as a Police Officer. Candidates must have strong interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills. Preferences include an associate degree or higher in criminal justice, serve in the US military, or experience as a Police Officer.

The Patrolmen's contract provides an education incentive and a candidate with prior experience may also be considered to start at a higher step rate of pay.

Resumes and cover letters must be returned no later than Friday, January 26th, 2024, to the attention of Lt. James Early, WPD PO Box 606, Warren, MA 01083 or early@warren-ma.gov.

The Town of Warren is an EOE



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Microgram
- 4. Where golfers begin
- 7. Each
- 8. Warm weather metropolis
- 10. Coat with sticky substance
- 12. Girl's given name
- 13. Myth (Spanish)
- 14. Ultrahigh frequency
- 16. Former NBAer Jeremy
- 17. Where rockers work
- 19. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 20. Soft-finned fishes
- 21. Localities
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Union
- 27. Member of religious
- community
- 29. Small shrill flute
- 30. Small constellation in the Milky Way
- 31. They ___
- 32. College kid on vacation
- 39. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
- 41. Part of the human body
- 42. A progressive grading
- 43. Sound unit
- 44. Noise some birds make
- 45. Abba ___, Israeli politician
- 46. Portuguese city
- 48. Be extremely, uncritically fond of
- 49. Resembling old Norse poems
- 50. Ask for out of extreme need
- 51. Sino-Soviet

CLUES DOWN

- block (abbr.)
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Boundary
- 22. Antilles island
- 23. It's used to make furniture
- 24. Clod
- 27. They indicate where places are
- 28. Bobby ___, NHL champ
- 29. Prints money
- 31. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 32. Appetizers
- 33. Midway between north and northwest
- 34. Spanish be
- 35. Breezed through
- 36. Grilled dishes
- 37. In a way, excites
- 38. Change mind
- 39. A French abbot
- 40. Popular candy
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 47. Wood or metal bolt
- 52. Midway between south and southeast
- 1. An insane person
- 2. ___ Boothe Luce, American author
- 3. Buttock muscles
- 4. Men's fashion accessory
- 5. "Hotel California" rockers
- 6. Electronic communication
- 8. Magnetomotive force (abbr.)
- 9. Hostleries
- 11. A way to resound
- 14. Exclamation: yuck!
- 15. A resident of Indiana
- 18. Exclamation of surprise

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