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TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, Section 9, and Section 11 Back Lot Permit, of the West Brookfield Zoning Bylaws, the Planning Board will open a public hearing on **Monday, December 15th, 2025 at 6:00 pm** in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 2 East Main Street, for the following application:

Darcie Confar seeks Special Permit approval to create a Backlot, approximately 20.805 acres, at 62 Birch Hill Road, West Brookfield.

Interested parties may review the plan at the office of the Town Clerk in the Town Hall, 2 East Main Street, West Brookfield. A copy is posted on the display board outside of the Town Hall and on the Town website at www.wbrookfield.com, under the Events Calendar.

The Board invites all interested parties to attend the public hearing.

Timothy Morrell
Planning

TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the North Brookfield Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing to consider a petition to locate poles, wires, cables, and fixtures, including the necessary anchors, guys, and other such

sustaining and protecting fixtures, brought before it by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc **Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6:15 PM** at the North Brookfield Police Department, 55 School Street, North Brookfield, MA 01535.

The pole location that will be considered is as follows:

Madbrook Rd- National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Madbrook Rd beginning at a point approximately 915 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Oakham Rd. Install a new Pole 25-25 to power new residential home.

Said hearing will begin at 6:15 PM and continue until completion, and will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 166.

Jason M Petraitis, Chairman
Jamie Gilman
Ralph Kay
12/05, 12/12/2025

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Town of West Brookfield Water Department (“Owner”) shall receive sealed General Bids at the Town of West Brookfield Water Department Office, Town Hall Lower Level, 2 East Main Street, West Brookfield, MA, to the attention of Kathy Landry, Water Department Administrative Assistant, for the construction of the Leland Road Water Treatment Facility Upgrades, Contract No. WDLR2026-01, DWSRF-19048, until 2:00 PM

prevailing time, Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted.

The Town of West Brookfield Water Department shall receive sealed filed sub-bids at the Town of West Brookfield Water Department Office, Town Hall Lower Level, 2 East Main Street, West Brookfield, MA, to the attention of Kathy Landry, Water Department Administrative Assistant, for the construction of the Leland Road Water Treatment Facility Upgrades, Contract No. WDLR2026-01, DWSRF-19048, until 2:00 PM prevailing time, Wednesday January 7, 2026, at which time sub-bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Sub-bids submitted after this time will not be accepted.

Sub-bids will be required on the work described in the following disciplines of work: Masonry; Miscellaneous and Ornamental Iron; Waterproofing, Dampproofing, and Caulking; Painting; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning; and Electrical.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Town of West Brookfield Leland Road Wellfield, 16 Leland Road, West Brookfield, MA 01585, at 10:00 AM prevailing time, Wednesday December 17, 2025.

The Work of this Contract generally consists of the construction of a 41’-4” by 29’-4” double wythe masonry building with three GreensandPlus filtra-

tion vessels for iron and manganese removal, a below grade spent backwash tank, backwash supply tank, and pipe gallery. A sodium hypochlorite disinfection system will be installed in the existing WTF building on site as well as new submersible well pumps and motors. Building components include HVAC, plumbing, SCADA, and electrical. Site work includes installation of 8-inch ductile iron water main and associated valves, hydrants, fittings, and appurtenances, approximately 187 feet of 24-inch diameter ductile iron water main for 4-log virus inactivation, relocation of propane tanks and associated piping, electrical, grading, chain link fence, gravel driveway, stormwater controls, erosion controls, and miscellaneous site work. All work shall be completed within 510 consecutive calendar days of the date fixed in the Notice to Proceed.

The Contract Documents may be obtained electronically through Tata & Howard, Inc. by contacting Juliette Burcham at LelandWTFbid@tataandhoward.com.

The bidding and award of the Contract will be under the provisions of “Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 149, Sections 44A-44J (MGL c.149, ss.44A-44J).” Each bid and sub-bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount and in the form described in the Instructions to Bidders. A Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond each in the amount

of 100 percent of the Contract Price will be required in the form described in the Instructions to Bidders. Each general bid must be accompanied by a DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility for Water and Sewerage Treatment Facilities and an Update Statement in accordance with MGL c. 149, s44D. Each filed sub-bid must be accompanied by a DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and Update Statement for the respective trade in accordance with MGL c. 149, s44D and s44F. No Bidder may withdraw their bid within 30 days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after the actual date of the opening of the General Bids.

This project is funded in part by the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the “Trust”). This project requires compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection’s Diesel Retrofit Program. Procurement Considerations - Six Good Faith Efforts. 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart C: Pursuant to 40 CFR Section 33.301, the sub-recipient agrees to make good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, services, and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement, and to require that sub-recipients, loan recipients, and prime contractors also comply. Records documenting compliance with the six good faith efforts shall be retained. The specific six good faith efforts can be found at: 40 CFR Section 33.301 (a)-(f).

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Executive Office

of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the contractor, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract. Federal Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the United States Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon Act also apply to this project.

If the bidder views/obtains the plans and specifications from a source other than those noted in this Advertisement for Bids, the accuracy and/or completeness of the bid documents cannot be guaranteed and the bidder assumes the responsibility for obtaining any additional information regarding the project, including addenda, that may be required for bidding. Failure to acknowledge addenda issued during bidding shall designate a bid or sub-bid as non-responsive. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept any bid, or to waive any informality on bids received.

TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD
WATER DEPARTMENT,
MASSACHUSETTS
12/05/2025



TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OLIVETTE
Heather Pascale as Sister Mary Hubert (left) gets an earful from Susan Clark as Sister Mary Regina, or the Mother Rever

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Tomasi said, “They are so talented and we share the same sense of humor.”

This chance reach-out manifested into the star-studded cast that will have you “holy rolling” in the aisles with laughter.

Heather Pascale of Barre, a mother of seven, is returning to the stage as Sister Mary Hubert with two of her daughters Olivia Pascale (also of Barre) and Gina Rourke of Wheelwright, as well as her mother, Susan Clark.

The family has music running through their veins, and have formed several successful family bands, including a Christian rock band called Six Stories Up. The daughters credited their mom, and their grandmother, for teaching them to sing and make music.

Tomasi described Heath-

er’s voice as “amazing.”

“She can be three different characters in one black dress, depending on what sister she’s talking to,” Tomasi said.

Heather can be remembered for several roles with The Gilbert Players alongside her children. She even starred in a production with her youngest daughter, Sophia, when Sophia was just 9 months old.

“She even cried on cue,” Rourke said of her sister’s acting debut.

Heather said she had taken a hiatus from the theater, but was excited to play the convent’s second-in-command in “Nuncrackers”.

“I had take a little bit more than a decade-long break and Linda pulled me out of the woodwork,” she said.

Heather said she put her experience as a mother into the character of Sister Mary Hubert.

“I’ve had to be a lead-



Sister Mary Paul (Amnesia) played by Olivia Pascale and Sister Mary Regina played by Susan Clark, sang during the song “Three Hundred Sixty-Four Days”.



Gina Rourke sang as street-smart, tough-talking Brooklyn nun, Sister Robert Anne.

er to these girls their whole life,” she said pointing to her daughters. “Sister Mary Hubert is a bit of a leader.”

Clark of Barre, plays the role of Mother Reverend, Sister Mary Regina, and she admitted that her grandchildren somewhat misled her

when she accepted the role by saying it, “didn’t have a lot of lines.”

“I told her the part would be really easy,” Rourke said with a laugh.

Nonetheless, Clark eagerly took on the challenge, easy or not, and said the experience has been wonderful and has given her more cherished memories with her daughter and granddaughters.

“I’m loving being with my family,” she said.

At 76 years old, she is no stranger to performing, having first joined The Gilbert Players in their production of “Annie” along with her grandchildren.

Clark said she brings her sense of humor to her role as Mother Reverend, and jokingly said she uses her husband as inspiration in the scenes where she’s lecturing the other nuns. She has also put her baton-twirling talents to use for the first time in over 40 years.

Rourke, who has been performing as long as she can remember, became the lead singer of the family band when she was just 8 years old,

and even won The Center’s Got Talent singing “Jesus, Take the Wheel” her senior year of high school.

Rourke said her Italian family members inspired her role as the street-smart, tough-talking Brooklyn nun, Sister Robert Anne.

Rourke has appeared in a lot of shows at The Gilbert Players, including “Annie Get Your Gun”, “Annie”, “The Wizard of Oz” and “Honk!” In high school, she was able to play her favorite stage role of all time, that of Asaka in “Once on This Island”. She has also performed with Sterling Community Theatre.

Rourke has been a dance teacher for 12 years, and also did the choreography for “Nuncrackers”.

Rourke described Sister Robert Anne as someone who “likes to be kind of a star.”

“I really love to perform...I’m very confident performing and so it vibes with me,” she said of the role.

Her sister Olivia has been in five shows with The Gilbert Players, most recently in “Chicago”. She has also performed with the Sterling Community Theatre and Central Mass Onstage.

Olivia said Sister Mary Paul, also known as Amnesia, got that nickname after suffering memory loss when a crucifix fell on her head. Her sweet southern drawl delicately covers her sarcastic side.

“She’s super funny,” Olivia said of her character. “She’s sassy and quirky, and super sarcastic.”

Joining the family to round out the cast of nuns is Hardwick resident Laura Grunwerg as Sister Mary Leo, a nun who dreams of being a dancer.

“My ambition is to become the first nun ballerina,” she said.

Grunwerg moved to town two years ago, and this is her first time performing with The Gilbert Players.

When she lived in New York and worked as a library director, she wrote and directed several old-time radio shows, and also participated in community theater.

Grunwerg got her acting debut in Hardwick during this past October’s Ghost Walk in the cemetery adjacent to the Town House, playing the role of Bathsheba Newcomb Ruggles, the mother of the infamous Bathsheba Ruggles Spooner.

All of the cast members said they have enjoyed working with Linda and John and being a part of “Nuncrackers”.

“I love working with John,” Rourke said. “I take his criticism very seriously. He makes us better for sure.”

Rourke said Linda “loves to make her cast happy,” right down to bringing cookies to rehearsals.

About ‘Nuncrackers’

Enjoy some quality time with your own family and share laughs with the sisterhood this weekend at “Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Christmas Musical”.

Tickets are \$10, \$17 and \$19. Ticket prices will never go above \$20, Tomasi said, keeping theater affordable and enjoyable for all.

Tickets can be purchased online at thecenterateaglehill.org, calling the box office at 413-477-6746, or at the door. Advanced purchase is recommended as this show is likely to sell out.

The Center at Eagle Hill is handicapped accessible.



EARLY DEADLINE

In observance of **CHRISTMAS** for Dec. 22-26 newspapers there will be an **EARLY CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINE!**

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Thurs., Dec. 17 at 3 p.m.

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