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The front view of a 1955 Chevrolet Model 210, owned by Tony Kozlik of Ware.

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and beautiful interior. The color of the exterior of the car was unique, being in an audi grey color. Day also added emblems to the Camaro, says it “makes the side of the car prettier.”

During her first time entering a car into the Car Show, Day said she enjoyed seeing a lot of vintage cars dating back to the 1950s.

One of the rarest cars featured in Janine’s Car Show was a 1941 Blue Plymouth P12 Special Deluxe. Mark Smith of Chicopee has owned the car for five years and has been involved with cars his whole life. The Plymouth is one of 11 cars Smith owns in total. The Plymouth is the oldest car he owns and estimates its value at around \$35,000.

When Smith purchased the car he began doing upgrades. The car has new interior, steering, and wheels. Smith said he still drives the car when he can.



This year’s 20th Annual Janine’s Frostee Car Show T-shirts. Previous year T-shirts were available as well.

“I drive it everywhere,” Smith said.

One of the oldest cars in this year’s show was a 1923 Ford Model T, owned by David and Jill Dal Zovo of Westfield. This 102-year-old car came in bright yellow with a brown box as the trunk. Jill Dal Zovo said the seating in the car is quite

comfortable. “It’s like sitting on a couch,” Dal Zovo said.

Another newcomer to the Janine’s Car Show this year was Kris Brown of Wilbraham, who brought his 1976 Trans Am. Brown is a member of the Smokey and the Bandit Trans Am Club and has been doing car shows almost as long as he has owned the Trans Am.

Earlier this year, Brown went to a car show in Epping, New Hampshire and brought the Trans Am. Brown had his membership plaque on display under the hood of the Trans Am as well as a calendar picture where the car was featured for one month.

Many visitors took pictures of the Trans Am as Brown agreed “The car is the show.” Brown also shared a picture of his Trans Am next to a replica 18-wheel truck that resembles the truck that was featured in the 1977 film “Smokey and the Bandit”.

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Parents and educators questioned if flannel pajama-style pants and flip-flops would be allowed in the proposed dress code, citing the affordability of these items for many of the low-income families. Others discussed whether a sports bra would be permissible to wear as a top in the classroom, or slippers with outdoor soles as shoes.

“We need to find a balance,” Whitham said.

School Committee member Aaron Sawabi said it makes sense to have a standard of how students should dress in the learning environment.

A parent also brought up students wearing ears and tails to school, and asked if that would be considered part of the dress code. School Committee members will research if this falls under costumes or cosplay, or if it would fall under Title VI for identity.

Whitham also shared concerns about dress code being tied to modesty or morality, rather than professionalism.

The current dress code policy does not have a standard for teachers. This would need to be negotiated with the union if the School Committee expands the existing policy to include staff.

“In our current contracts, we don’t have a dress code for staff,” Ware Middle School Principal Kimberly Thompson said.

Whitham said she will

continue researching the dress code policy, including the use of slippers and costumes. She will also gather diagrams used by other school districts that show the definition of acceptable shirts, pants and shorts, etc.

“Obviously this is going to take some back and forth conversation,” Whitham said.

The hearing also addressed the school district’s cell phone policy.

High School Principal Scott Slattery recommended having a location in each classroom to store students cell phones during learning time.

A teacher at Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School said smart watches have been an issues with the younger students.

Parents surveyed about the cell phone policy noted that they were largely unfamiliar with the current policy. Most parents agreed that students should only be allowed access to cell phones during passing periods and lunch time, but prohibited from using them in the classroom during learning time.

The School Committee said they should look at creating three tiers to the cell phone policy, to address specific needs in each school.

The School Committee closed the public hearing and will continue work to amend the existing dress code and cell phone use policies.

Athletic handbook

Athletic Director Thomas Shangochian said having an athletic handbook would

be good due to the changing climate in athletics across the commonwealth. He said Slattery sent out a letter to building staff seeking volunteers to form a committee to work on the handbook, but didn’t receive any replies.

“Mr. Slattery and I have been working together to make an athletic handbook,” Shangochian said.

The draft handbook is 16 pages long and mirrors MIAA policies as well as district policies.

“Before we continue to work on it, I think we just need more direction,” he said.

Shangochian said the handbook also outlines academic requirements and eligibility, athletic awards, registration and tryouts, how to find the team schedules, concussion and injury policies, communication and chain of command, practice and game attendance, daily attendance policy, substance and chemical use, hazing, weather, recruiting and college play, discipline, transportation and more.

“It’s pretty in depth,” he said.

The draft will be reviewed by Director of Student Services Dr. Ginger Colman and the school committee’s legal counsel before adoption.

Budget update

Andy Paquette of TMS, Inc. provided an update to the close of fiscal year 2025’s budget. This includes end of year transfers.

“We’re doing out reconcil-

iation and closeout with the town,” he said. “Reviewing end of year purchase orders.”

Paquette said the balances being carried over into FY 26 are slightly lower than anticipated due to the amount of Circuit Breaker received being higher than expected. He said this won’t have any adverse impact on FY 26.

“By law, you’re only allowed to carry over a certain amount, so we actually had to use more Circuit Breaker than we anticipated because we got more,” he said.

Paquette said there is still a balance in the transportation account because the business office is waiting for the last quarter of McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act transportation expenses. He said there will be a portion of the balance returned to the town from that account.

MOA for interim asst. principal

The School Committee signed a memorandum of agreement for grade six teacher Steven Alaownis who will serve as the interim assistant principal in Ware Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year. Alaownis will have the option to return to his teaching position for the 2026-2027 school year.

Surplus equipment

Thompson said the middle school had created a three-year plan to replace the desks in the school, but with the savings in the budget from

not having three significant staff members since March has allowed them to purchase all of the desks and chairs now.

“New desks should be here on the 13th of August,” Thompson said. “But it leaves us with a lot of desks.”

Technology Director Michael Brown also had a list of surplus items, including four Dell computer carts, 28 Chromebooks, wireless access points, phones, projectors and servers that are now obsolete.

The School Committee voted to declare these items as surplus equipment and will first offer them to the town before removing or disposing of them.

Interim superintendent search

The School Committee discussed questions to use during the interim superintendent search interviews. A list of 15 questions was compiled.

Winslow said the selection, discussion, interview and vote to appoint an interim superintendent will all occur in open meetings.

“We can eliminate candidates in advance based on the posting that we did,” he said. “We will only give interviews to those that qualify and meet out criteria.”

Fireworks

The town’s fireworks event will be held on school grounds with viewing from the football field on Saturday, Aug. 9 with a rain date of

Sunday, Aug. 10. The fireworks show is expected to start at 9 p.m.

The event will also feature Charlie Lask performing as Neil Diamond prior to the fireworks show from 7-8:45 p.m. There will also be family friendly fun including inflatables and bounce houses, a dunk tank and kickball game.

Parking will be available at the neighboring National Guard site.

“It’s going to be a lot of fun,” Fireworks Committee member Dan Flynn said.

Banner advertisement update

Resident Frank Bateman presented his recommendations for changes to the banner advertisement program at the athletic field.

“I think you may be better off not offering the banners to come through the school,” he said.

Bateman said it adds another layer of responsibility for staff at the school, and it may be better to have the businesses work directly with banner vendors.

He said he didn’t have any cost recommendations for the banners, but that someone needs to put together a map of the fence line and manage the leased banner spots.

Bateman said his recommendation is that veteran organizations should be exempt from paying the costs to hang banners at Veterans Field.

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07/31/2025

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