

Turning back the hands of time

The Clock Barn nears two decades in business

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Clock Barn was first established in 2007 and was founded by Carolyn and Bob Davenport.

The business started off as an antique shop and went by the name, the Noisy Beagle Antique Shoppe. By the end of 2007, the Davenports began repairing clocks and the business just took off from there.

The Davenports and their business were mentioned in an article featured in an antiques journal and were recognized as specializing in clockwork and clock repair. Soon Carolyn and Bob would have their business focus more on clocks, and The Clock Barn was born.

The Clock Barn works on antique and modern clocks of many types from grandfather clocks, mantel clocks and wall clocks. Bob mentioned the states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York were the home states of the many mass producers of clocks.

On average, before the digital age, a single household could have anywhere from three to four clocks. Carolyn said these clocks become part of a family’s memories.

“They love them for their nostalgia,” she said. “They remember seeing them in their grandparents’ home.”

The Clock Barn not only offers clock repair but also features a store in North Brookfield where they sell



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Retro Infinity wall clocks are for sale at The Clock Barn store.

antique clocks and modern clocks of various styles. There is a lot of ticking going on in The Clock Barn store coming from cuckoo clocks, whimsical clocks, mantel clocks, grandfather clocks, and mantel clocks.

Early in business Carolyn bought Bob a mechanical wind-up clock and soon the couple began buying some clocks. The pair started getting some clocks fixed and one day Bob decided he wanted to learn how to repair clocks.

One helpful source Davenport found while learning about the clock business is the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors, Inc. The National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors, Inc. is a nonprofit association of people who share a passion for collecting watches and clocks and studying horology.

Though he had collected suggestions and support from other clock workers, Bob was self-taught. Though clockwork can be described as complicated work, all the learning paid off, and The

Clock Barn has gained a lot of dedicated customers over the years and has received excellent reviews.

“We built a business out of nothing,” both Carolyn and Bob said.

In addition to the shop, The Clock Barn also includes the workshop, where all the repairs are done. Bob shared that the oldest clock he ever worked on was from the 1750s. According to Bob, any vintage clock can still work; it just needs attention, care, and maintenance.

Throughout the store, there were various clocks made by notable manufacturers. Infinity clocks were displayed on the wall of The Clock Barn store. These wall clocks were retro and brought a mid-century look.

There were also Allen design clocks, which were a style of clocks where the framework could be designed as faces or various items. The store at The Clock Barn had Allen design clocks that looked like ladybugs, bears, teapots, parachutes and other various items.



Allen design clocks of various styles are ticking away inside The Clock Barn.

for clock repairs. He would collect the movements from clocks and bring them back to his shop for repair.

One clock in his workshop is a 1800s period clock where the power comes from the weights. A pendulum regulates timekeeping and at every tick, the pendulum gets a push from the movement. Bob described this clock as a time and strike clock.

There are lots of moving parts in clocks, including the “wheels” as they’re called rather than gears. The saying, “tick, tap,” rather than “tick, tock,” is what makes the pendulum go in opposite direction.

“It has to be in beat to work efficiently,” Bob said.

Bob shared a brief history of grandfather clocks. Originally, these clocks were known as long-case clocks or tall-case clocks. The name “grandfather” came along sometime in the late 19th century.

Most of the repair work Bob does is finding parts out of movements for clocks, which can be easy to track because they were mass produced. He also does a lot of teeth replacement or repair on the wheels or gears for the movements.

Bob’s favorite clocks are the antique grandfather clocks

because he enjoys their history.

While exploring antique clocks, Bob enjoys finding old repair notes, names, and dates on when the clocks were last worked on. In addition to all the disassembling, Bob said clockwork involves a lot of polishing, installing, and inspecting.

“It takes a lot to learn this job,” he said. “I’m pretty determined when I learn to do something.”

Bob admitted that he is mostly self-taught and has learned a lot by doing the job of clock repair.

As of now, The Clock Barn operation is going semi-retired and will be taking a limited amount of work of going forward. The store is still open, but by appointment.

Whether they’re in the store, the workshop, or in their own home, the Davenports are greeted by the ticking of the clocks that are a part of The Clock Barn.

“The ticking is the heartbeat of the house,” Carolyn said.

To make an appointment or contact The Clock Barn, call 508-867-7475 or email theclockbarn@verizon.net. To learn more, visit www.theclockbarn.com.

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Cole said the board received a letter from KCI Technology regarding a proposed cell tower at the Goodfield Farm property on Barre Road. He said the board has not received a complete application for the project at this time.

Cole said the proposed project involves the construction of a 180-foot monopole with cellphone carrier Verizon being the anchor tenant. He said there would be room on the pole for other cellphone carriers as well.

Cole said when the board receives the complete application; a public hearing date will be set.

“When the application comes in, it will be on the agenda,” Cole said.

Recorded meetings
Resident William Tinker, who also serves on the Select Board, asked the

Planning Board members for their input regarding the recording of meetings. He asked the board members if they supported having their meetings video recorded and archived.

Tinker, and others in attendance at the meeting, said it is challenging for many residents to attend board and committee meetings due to work, family and personal obligations. Others said driving at night was oftentimes a deterrent, and that some residents are homebound and unable to attend.

“We certainly don’t want to keep anyone out, but we haven’t seen the need to record,” Cole said.

Resident Judi Korzec said it is difficult for people to get to meetings, and that the town would see greater participation if meeting recordings were available.

“Sometimes you just can’t show up,” Korzec said.

“It’s important to see what’s going on in these meetings.”

Muddy Brook update
Board of Health member Richard Romano and Conservation Commission member Bill Zinni provided an update to the Planning Board about the protection of the Muddy Brook aquifer and watershed.

Romano said the Department of Environmental Protection released groundwater monitoring reports from test well samples taken around the former landfill on Patrill Hollow Road.

“There’s all kinds of contamination in the groundwater,” Romano said.

Romano said the reason Muddy Brook needs to be protected is for human health, safety and the environment.

The Muddy Brook aquifer also supplies drinking water to the town of Ware’s Barnes Street well.

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est was soon sparked to have some workshops for sewing and knitting. Hinckley has always offered these workshops in the winter-time, during the months of January, February, and March.

Kids have done many unique projects during these workshops. From basic knitting stitches, to sewing items like zippered cloth bags and pin cushions.

These workshops don’t just apply to kids, but there is a session available for adults. Hinckley says the adult portion of the work-

shops involve a group of people who love to knit and do handcrafts. These adults like to socialize and work on various projects.

Hinckley is there to help and take questions if the adults have any. It is a fun get-together for the adults. Many adults bring knitted handcrafts, while some enjoy doing some beading and crocheting.

Hinckley says the adults bring their own project.

“Whatever they’re working on,” she said.

There are usually 10 to 15 adults every Saturday during Hinckley’s workshops.

Hinckley will continue to

offer these workshops at the Paige Memorial Library on an annual basis. The biggest benefit is having fun.

The following dates for these workshops at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, are Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 14, Feb. 21, Feb. 28, March 7 and March 14. Kids can sew from 9-10:30 a.m. Class size is limited to six students ages 7-12, pre-registration is required.

Knitting and Handcrafts for adults take place from 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. For more information, contact Hinckley at 413-477-6004 or email pahinckley@gmail.com.

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your FRA is less than half of your ex’s FRA entitlement, you will be. To apply for those benefits you will need a copy of your divorce decree (and perhaps your marriage certificate), and

your ex-husband’s Social Security number (if you do not have his SSN, you can provide his date and place of birth and his parents’ names, and SSA will likely be able to locate your ex’s SS record).

SSA will be able to tell

you what your total monthly benefit as an ex-spouse will be when you meet with them, at which point you can decide whether to claim your benefits early or wait until your FRA to achieve your maximum amount as an ex-spouse.

Public Notices

Oakham Conservation Commission
There will be an NOI hearing at the Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Rd., Oakham on **Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:00p.m.** The applicant, Christina O'Brien of Leicester, filed the NOI for the construction of a single-family home at 0 Old Turnpike Rd., Oakham. This is a buffer zone only project near a BVW.

Lucy Tessnau, Clerk
Oakham Conservation Commission
01/22/2026

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.L.C. 225 SEC.39A THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD ON February 7, 2026 AT A SALE TO SATISFY OUR GARAGE LIEN THEREON FOR TOWING & STORAGE CHARGES AND EXPENSES OF SALE AND NOTICE:
2018 Toyota RAV4
VIN JTMBFREV7JJ254848
2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee
VIN 1C4RJFCG2GC505286
2003 Mazda Mazda6
VIN 1YVFP80D835M34692
2006 Jeep Liberty
VIN 1J4GL48K66W206572
2019 Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross
VIN JA4AT4AA8KZ001447

2017 Hyundai SONATA
VIN 5NPE24AF6HH522687
2016 Chrysler 200
VIN 1C3CCCAB0GN168079
2008 Subaru Impreza
VIN JF1GH616X8H831537
2005 Honda CR-V
VIN SHSRD78895U301771
2014 Ford Fusion Hybrid
VIN 3FA6P0LU5ER323350
2012 Cadillac
VIN SRX3GYFDE35CS649838
2018 Honda Accord
VIN 1HGCV1F34JA170753
2018 Toyota Tacoma
VIN 5TFZS5AN4JX126280
2002 Honda Accord
VIN 1HGCG66832A123685
THE SALE WILL BE HELD AT EARLY’S ON PARK AVE. 536 PARK AVE WORCESTER, MA 01603
0122, 01/29, 02/05/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO21P1647EA Estate of: Michael Thomas Watson Also known as: Michael Watson Date of Death: 01/22/2021 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Eric A Watson of Rutland, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of heirs at law, 1st and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
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 the return day of 02/10/2026.
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 day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. **Kathryn M. Bailey**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 14, 2026
Stephanie Fattman
Register of Probate
01/22/2026

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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