

# Church News

## Local pastor offers sermon

### Healthful Resolutions Part 5

Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) was an American revivalist, philosopher and theologian who served as a key figure in the Great Awakening.

Each New Year I entertain his writings, as he wrote at length on the theme of healthful resolutions. Please consider the following as we conclude our extended series.

1) Time  
What did he resolve on the theme of time and the maximization thereof? "Resolved, never to lose one moment of time; but improve it the most profitable way I possibly can." Edwards was a man who knew he had but a finite span of time to accomplish the good will and purpose of the Lord.

Therefore, real thought had to be given to the proper use of such a precious commodity. To what degree are you mindful of the time you have been granted? Are you diligent or indifferent? Do you realize that Christ Himself was concerned with the stewardship of His time? Note His words in the Gospel of John:

**John 9:4 (NKJV)**  
4 "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."

I also call you to consider the musings of the apostle Paul on this matter. I find his inspired words to be sobering yet insightful.

**Ephesians 5:15-17 (NIV)**  
15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Remember what Henry David Thoreau commented: "You can't kill time without wounding eternity."

2) Affliction  
What did Edwards resolve on the handling of affliction and adversity? "Resolved, after afflictions, to inquire, what I am the better for them, what good I have got by them, and what I might have got by them." That is, Edwards was a man who realized that earthly suffering, as difficult as it might be, could provide genuine spiritual benefit (i.e., if properly navigated).

No one likes to suffer, but this does not change the fact that we do. As the Book of Job declares: "Man is born to trouble, as surely as sparks fly upward" (5:7). Yet this does not mean that we cannot derive advantage(s) from negative experiences. If I were to share all that Scripture presents on this theme, we would be here for many more editions! I offer these alone:

**Romans 8:28b**  
28 . . . we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**James 1:2-4**  
2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

**Romans 5:1b-5**  
1 . . . since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

As you enter 2026, make the most of your time and even the afflictions of this life, watching what the Lord can do in kind! Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below.

Also, feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 am. We hope to see you soon.

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# Public Notices

## BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, 3rd Floor, requested by Jesse M Klayman, Moonlight Run Farm LLC for a special permit for a commercial kennel for property located at 1140 South Street, Assessors Map G, Lot 430 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 63284, Page 16.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board, 40 West Street, Suite 5, Barre, MA 01005 or send email to [barreboards@townofbarre.com](mailto:barreboards@townofbarre.com).  
01/29, 02/05/2026

## Barre Housing Authority Temporary Shoring Installation Project #021074 Section 00 11 13

**ADVERTISEMENT TO BID MGL c.149 Over \$150K**  
The **BARRE HOUSING AUTHORITY**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Temporary Shoring Installation at State Aided Development: Bradford Apartments (705-1) in Barre, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **NAULT ARCHITECTS INC.**

The Project consists of but not limited to:

Installation of temporary wood beams, columns and related items in an occupied 3-story apartment building to shore and support portions of compromised framing.

The work is estimated to cost **\$173,800.00.**

All bidding Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online by 02/06/2026 at 12:00PM EST for general bids.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

**THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at [biddocs.com](http://biddocs.com) and received no later than the date and time specified.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, **General Building Construction**, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until **11 February 2026 at 2:00PM EST** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received un-

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Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

**TRADES - NONE**  
General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates) and made payable to the **BARRE HOUSING AUTHORITY**. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects advertised under \$50,000.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost.

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO). The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. **Request for waivers must be sent to EOHLC (Chad. Howard@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED.**

The Contractor and all sub-contractors (collectively referred to as "the Contractor") agree to strive to achieve minority and women workforce participation. The Workforce Participation benchmark is set at 6.9% for women and 15.3% for minorities. The Workforce benchmark percentages are a statutory requirement under MGL c. 149 § 44A(2)(G).

**PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT:** Scheduled Date and Time: 02/04/2026 at 9:00 AM EST

Address: 39 Main Street, Barre, MA 01005

Instructions: Non The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at:

Nashoba Blue Inc.  
433 Main Street  
Hudson, MA 01749  
978-568-1167  
01/29/2026

## 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 JTMBFREV7J254848  
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 5TF5Z5AN4JX126280  
2002 Honda Accord  
VIN 1HGCG66832A123685  
**THE SALE WILL BE HELD AT EARLY'S ON PARK AVE. 536 PARK AVE WORCESTER, MA 01603**  
01/22, 01/29, 02/05/2026

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF ADESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Project Description: Barre - Bridge Replacement, Br# B-02-004, Old Coldbrook Road over Prince River Project File No. 612084**

A Design Public Hearing will be held to present the design for the proposed project in Barre, MA.

**WHERE:** Barre Town Hall, Selectboard's Room  
40 West Street  
Barre, MA 01005

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 12, 2026 @ 6:30PM

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

**PROPOSAL:** The proposed project consists of a full bridge replacement is of Bridge # B-02-004, Old Coldbrook Road over the Prince River. The project limits extend approximately 150 feet in either direction from the ends of the current bridge. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities do not exist within this area; however, accommodations are currently being considered in the design. Options are also being investigated on routes that may be necessary for a detour during construction.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The town is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to [MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us) or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 612084. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted on the MassDOT website listed below.

This hearing 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](mailto:MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us)). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, 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 hearing.

In case of inclement weather, a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

JONATHAN GULLIVER  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR  
CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.  
CHIEF ENGINEER  
01/29, 02/05/2026

## BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Select Board Room, Floor 1, Barre, MA on the application for Approval of Definitive Plan filed by Rotokawa Estates, LLC on January 13, 2026 in accordance with GL. c41, 81K-81GG relative to property located on the Southerly side of Wauwinet Road, Parcels D-71 and E-59 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 45829, Page 319.

Copies of the application and related materials can be viewed at the Boards' Office, Floor 3, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing. The plan can be viewed at the Boards' Office, 3rd floor.

Floyd Kelley, Chairman  
01/29, 02/05/2026

# BHN launches treatment program for youth and families

SPRINGFIELD - Behavioral Health Network, Inc., the designated Community Service Agency for Western Massachusetts, has announced the launch of its Family-Based Intensive Treatment program.

This new service expands BHN's commitment to delivering essential behavioral health care to children, youth, and families through a community-centered approach.

The FIT program helps families in crisis to stabilize by providing intensive home-based support. FIT serves youth under age 21 with MassHealth insurance.

Each family is supported by a dedicated team, providing clinical support, 24/7 availability and peer support from someone with lived experience. The team teaches practical skills to help children thrive at home and connects families with commu-

nity resources for long-term success.

FIT is part of a full continuum of child and family support services, available to families in the following communities of Hampden and Worcester Counties, ensuring that families across Western and Central Massachusetts have access to timely, compassionate care: Ware, Warren, Barre, Hardwick, Oakham, West Brookfield, East Brookfield,

Brookfield, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Rutland and Hubbardston.

"FIT expands the continuum of care within BHN's child and family programs, ensuring families receive intensive, home-based support when they need it most. These programs reflect our commitment to building stronger, healthier communities," said Michelle Michaelian, Senior Vice President of Child and

Family Community-Based Programs.

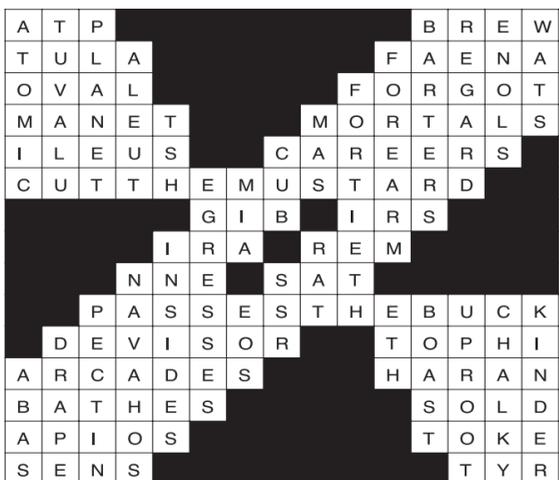
Families interested in learning more about the FIT program can call 413-301-9355 or visit [www.bhninc.org](http://www.bhninc.org).

## About Behavioral Health Network

Behavioral Health Network, Inc. is a nonprofit regional provider of comprehensive behavioral health services for adults, children, and families. Originating

from the Child Guidance Clinic established in 1938, BHN has grown into a network that serves communities across Massachusetts.

BHN offers a wide range of community-based services, including innovative, integrated whole-health models, traditional clinical and outpatient care, therapeutic services, day treatment, addiction services, crisis intervention, and residential supports.



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## OBITUARY POLICY

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*Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*

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