



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

The signature of Louis Edwin Granger is on this copy of the Military Dictionary by H.L. Scott. Granger donated the Civil War memorial located on the town's common, and he is buried in the upper cemetery. This book is a recent addition to the Hardwick Historical Society museum's collection.

Historical Society publishes commemorative newsletter

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HARDWICK – As the country prepares to mark 250 years of independence, the Hardwick Historical Society is publishing a commemorative newsletter.

Hardwick played an important role in the Revolutionary War, and has been called “the heart of the rebellion” by many.

On April 19, 1775, 64 of the town's men joined the Minutemen in Cambridge to head into battle. At the time, Hardwick's total population was just 1,000 people.

Noble talked about recent additions to the society's museum collection, including a Military Dictionary owned by Louis Edwin Granger. The book is also signed by Granger, who is buried in the town's upper cemetery, and notable for his donation of the Civil War monument on the common.

Noble said Granger's only request from the town was to provide the foundation for the monument to be placed on. He said it required five casks of cement to make the base.

Granger served as a Brevet Major in the 13th Massachusetts Infantry during the Civil War, and participated in key battles such as Antietam, Bull

Run and Gettysburg.

Granger was born in Hardwick in 1842 and died in New York City in 1899 at the age of 57.

The Military Dictionary came from the collection of Civil War veteran Pvt. Eugene Taylor Colburn, who fought under General George Armstrong Custer.

Noble said the book was purchased at an auction, and then generously gifted to the museum.

The museum also has the Ruggles war chest in its collection, and a powder horn believed to belong to Joseph Allen, an early settler of the town who moved here in 1736.

The museum also has a frock coat that belonged to Calvin Paige, and a Bausch & Lomb Balopticon, a high-grade projector that was purchased for \$500 in 1910. Noble said the town hall had a closet built to house the machine.

There are a number of military uniforms on display from various wars, including World War I and Vietnam. A World War I uniform even has yarn dolls pinned to the inside of its lapel, placed there by a French citizen after being liberated by U.S. soldiers.

The museum also has Native American artifacts, in-

cluding arrowheads found around the town.

The museum's collection of paintings by the late Ware artist Elizabeth Howe Lincoln has returned to the town she called home, and is now on display at the new location for Lost Towns Brewing in the millyard. The paintings are of notable Hardwick buildings and it is fitting that they are located at a business that got its start in Gilbertville.

The museum, located at 40 Common St., has been a popular stop for trolley tours offered by Bygone Excursions of Palmer, and it is set to open for its regular hours starting in the summer.

The museum is typically open on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from noon-2 p.m., June through October. It is also open during the Hardwick Community Fair, held Aug. 14-15.

Private tours are also available by appointment.

To make donations to the Hardwick Historical Society, and for more information about the museum, visit www.hardwickmahistorical-society.org. Donations can also be mailed to Hardwick Historical Society, P.O. Box 492, Hardwick, MA 01037.

Hardwick lists Memorial Day schedule

HARDWICK - The town will observe Memorial Day throughout the various villages. Please note after Wheelwright, the times are approximate and may be 15-30 minutes earlier than stated.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at the World War II memorial in Wheelwright,

Barre Road.

At approximately 10:45 a.m., assemble on the west side of the Common and proceed to the Civil War memorial. After services there, proceed to the Revolutionary War cemetery adjacent to the old Town Hall.

Reassemble at the Hardwick Cemetery at approx-

imately 11:15 a.m. across from the Highway barn on Petersham Road.

The ceremony will then continue to Gilbertville, meeting at St. Aloysius cemetery, Upper Church Street at approximately noon, ending at the World War I memorial, Route 32, Main Street around 12:30 p.m.

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Eagle Hill School and their dorm request for adjustment to the approved retention pond. Cole asked Vice Chair Harry Comerford if there was anything else this project needed. Comerford commented that they may have to speak with Conservation.

The Planning Board also talked about the Mill Reuse survey of properties. The board wanted to know if they have a complete inventory of the mills in Hardwick. Maybe look for other properties. The Board hopes to hear more from this Mill Reuse survey.

Financial accounts

The Planning Board wants to get up to date on how fees and accounts are used. In other words, understand the process.

The board briefly talked about the town payroll for the Clerk, which is funded by the town. The 53G account is an interest-bearing municipal account, that can be used by

a planning board, to hold fees paid by applicants for hiring outside consultants.

For a 53G account, the town has to receive consulting fees. The board had questions about the amount that currently sits in the town's 53G account. The board was uncertain on where that money belonged. Approximately \$3,400 is in the account and the Planning Board wants to find what do with that money.

The Planning Board would then talk about the Revolving Account and propose increase and allowed uses. There are many revolving accounts in town. For the Planning Board they're looking to make a simple amendment for this account.

ANR fees are collected but where the money is going is still uncertain. Cole said there are various elements to the revolving account. The Chair thinks at some point the board might want to decide to include, at the Annual Town Meeting, to add ANR fees and filing fees to meet the Planning Board

expenses.

This involved amending the \$500 increase to Planning Board expenses. The board moved to add ANR and filing fees with the annual distribution being \$5,000 for the revolving account. This vote passed and will go to the Annual Town Meeting.

The next vote was to amend the budget request for Planning Board expenses

from the amount of \$500 to \$300. This also passed unanimously.

CDBG

The Planning Board talked about the Community Development Block Grants. It was mentioned that in the past the town had a CDBG application with Ware that fell through and soon the town of Hardwick went with

the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

One of the big projects is the Memorial Park Planning Project. As part of the update, the board wants to know what they can get done this current round for CDBG. The board feels there are other projects that can be done, such as infrastructure related projects.

Public Notices

BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provision M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 6, the Barre Planning Board has rescheduled the public hearing to **Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 7:20 p.m.** (due to conflict with the Town's Annual Town Meeting on May 19th) in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, 3rd Floor, requested by Jonathan and Chelsea Abram for a special permit for a noncommercial kennel for property located at 176 Station Road, Assessors Map G, Lot 104 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 73195, Page 266.

All interested parties who wish to comment on this matter should attend the hearing, or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Floyd Kelley, Chairman
05/14, 05/21/2026

Oakham

Conservation Commission

There will be a NOI hearing on **Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 6:15p.m.** at the Oakham Town Hall. The NOI was submitted by Moraga Storage LLC for the purpose of constructing a 180MW Battery Energy Storage System on property located at 358 Coldbrook Rd., Oakham. Some of the activity may fall under the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protective Act. Plans may be reviewed at the Oakham Town Hall via appointment with the clerk of the Commission by calling 508-882-3358.

Submitted by:
Lucy Tessnau, Clerk
05/21/2026

NOTICE TOWN OF

NEW BRAINTREE SEALED BID REQUEST

The Town of New Braintree Select Board requests sealed bids on gasoline, diesel, 2 fuel and services on heating equipment for FY 2027. For details and bid packet, please call 508-867-2071 ext. 100 or email: racerra@newbraintree.gov
05/21, 05/28/2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Frank W. LaRange to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., dated November 16, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56343, Page 90, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, recorded on June 28, 2022, in Book No. 67821, at Page 147 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at

10:00 AM on June 5, 2026, on the mortgaged premises located at 711 South Barre Road, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT: The following described parcel of land, and the improvements and appurtenances thereto in the County of Worcester (Worcester District), Commonwealth of Massachusetts to wit: Commonly known as: 711 South Barre Road, Barre, MA 01005 Parcel No.: Map H, Lot 451

Legal Description: Land with the buildings thereon in that part of Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, known as South Barre, on the easterly side of South Barre Road, known as Route 32, being shown as Lot 1 on a Plan entitled "Plan of Land in Barre, MA owned by D.A. Robinson Contracting, Inc., Scale 1"=50'," dated February 23, 1999, drawn by Donald A. Para, Land Surveyor, Inc., New Braintree, MA and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 739, Plan 18, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Lot 1 contains 0.619 Acres. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52145, Page 219.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC

Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
22145

05/07, 05/14, 05/21/2026

Oakham

Conservation Commission

There will be a NOI hearing on **Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 6:00p.m.** at the Oakham Town Hall. The NOI was submitted by Cara Peck of Holden for a single family home to be constructed on Robinson Rd., Oakham. Some of the activity may fall under the jurisdiction of the Wetland Protection Act. Plans may be viewed at the Oakham Town Hall by appointment with the clerk of the Commission at 508-882-3358.

Submitted by:
Lucy Tessnau, Clerk
05/21/2026

NOTICE OF AN INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION AND TIER I CLASSIFICATION

148 Main Street, Barre, Massachusetts

RTN 2-21639

Enforcement Document No: 00022053

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0480), an Initial Site Investigation has been performed at the above referenced location. Detections of petroleum hydrocarbons have been observed at this location which is a Site (defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 2). This Site has been classified as Tier I, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. Response actions at this Site will be conducted by Jurisdiced Agencies, LLC who has employed Jeffrey A. Curtis, Licensed Site Professional, to manage response actions in accordance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0000). M.G.L. c. 21E and the MCP provide additional opportunities for public notice of and involvement in decisions regarding response actions at the Sites;

1) The Chief Municipal Officer and Board of Health of the community in which the Site is located will be notified of the major milestones and events, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1403; and 2) Upon receipt of a petition of ten or more residents of the municipality in which the Site is located, or of a municipality potentially affected by the Site, a plan for involving the public in decisions regarding response actions will be prepared and implemented, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1405. To obtain more information on this Site and the opportunities for public involvement during its remediation, please contact Mr. Jeffrey Curtis, Primary Loss Control, 362 Putnam Hill Rd. Sutton, MA 01590 or at 508-294-0367.

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Barre Gazette

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The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice (with a word limit of up to 500 words) and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

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