

Public Notices

Barre Conservation Commission
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public hearing will be held on a **Notice of Intent** to raise grade of backyard and

replace retaining wall for property located at 839 South Street, Assessors Map E, Lots 37, 37A, 37B and recorded with the District Registry of Deeds Book 70392, Page 302.
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To be held on **Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conservation Commission Office on the 3rd floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.
Ronald Rich, Chairman
08/20/2026

Giant mushrooms found in backyard

NEW BRAINTREE – Dean and Darlene Gildert recently found giant puffball mushrooms growing in their backyard.

This large fungus can range from softball to beach ball sized, and can be found growing in lawns and fields during late summer into early fall.



Submitted Photos
These giant puffball mushrooms were found by Dean and Darlene Gildert of New Braintree.

This giant puffball mushroom measured over nine inches tall. Its size is compared to a tennis ball.

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motor repair like auto body shops, car washes, chemical labs, dry cleaners, snow dumping from outside the district, hotels, junk yards, municipal sewage treatment and storage of liquid petroleum.

According to Planning Board Chair Kristofer Munroe, there are plans to

modernize the bylaw and aquifer map, since they are over a decade old, and the science around groundwater and aquifers have improved over the years. He said it should be scientifically grounded and not necessarily pro or anti-development.

A qualified engineer will have to do the mapping, and Munroe said he has reached out to Places Associates to recommend somebody.

Munroe also noted the study has to be funded, and the board only has a revolving account of about \$3,500 and a line item of \$1,500 for professional services, but there is the potential of some grants coming through, though they are not guaranteed.

The board will continue to discuss the bylaw at future meetings.

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performed reconnaissance, visual and environmental inspections, looking for reportable conditions prior to any future development of the property.

They found an asbestos pipe exposed, brake pads, engine parts like shocks, all of this near wetlands and vernal pools. There were fluorescent lights, possibly containing mercury found, and an automotive battery potentially beyond the property

line.
The report said multiple Massachusetts environmental laws may have been violated, along with a federal law. Next steps are below surface testing.
Jim Stevens, an abutter to the property, said the asbestos is fine right now as it is not disturbed, but if developers start moving it around, it can spread, and his household's lives depend on testing before development. Another resident who abuts the property was concerned about elevation differences, and the

potential of chemical flow in the groundwater towards wells.
The Board of Health order calls for no additional materials to be brought on the property without permission, no excavation or digging without permission, no heavy machinery on unpaved surfaces without permission and no waste removal without permission. The board will set a public hearing for this matter in the future, and the property owner has the right to an appeal.

SOCIAL SECURITY from page 4

ex for more than 10 years, you are entitled to the same Social Security benefits as though you were still married. That is true, even if he has remarried and his new wife is also getting a spouse benefit from his record.
You will still be entitled to an ex-spouse benefit from your ex-husband as his former wife. And if he dies before you, as a surviving ex-spouse you will get the same Social Security benefit he was receiving at his death, instead of the smaller amount your will get while you are both living.

Regarding rejoining the workforce, while you can certainly go back to work at age 73 without it negatively affecting your Social Security benefits, if you are struggling financially, I sug-

gest you visit this website sponsored by the National Council on Aging: www.benefitscheckup.org.
At this website, you can enter your zip code and find much information about other supplemental assistance you may be entitled to where you live, including healthcare and medication assistance, housing, nutritional assistance, etc.
Regarding your question: "Is there anything I can do to prove that I worked 40 years and wasn't paid?" Social Security determines benefits based solely on your personal earnings as reported to the Internal Revenue Service, which is, in turn, dependent on how your joint income taxes were filed over the years you worked in your husband's business.
Social Security is unable to assist you with IRS matters. I'm afraid yours is more

of a legal matter you would need to pursue by discussing your situation directly with the IRS or engaging an attorney for assistance.
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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, July 12
1:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, West Street, Transport to Hospital
3:53 p.m. Unwanted Party, Barre Road, Report Filed
4:54 p.m. Keep the Peace, Elm South Street, Area Patrolled
5:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Ambulance Signed Refusal
5:40 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest Fogue Souop, Jules Bertrand, 55, South Barre Road
Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Marked Lanes Violation
6:36 p.m. Abandoned Vehicles/Parking Issues, School North Street, Removed from Scene
6:41 p.m. Prisoner Watch or Meal, Barre Police Headquarter, Prisoner Bailed
Arrest Arrest Fogue Souop, Jules Bertrand, 55, South Barre Road
Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Marked Lanes Violation
7:51 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Kendall Street, Officer/Chief Advised
8:45 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Cutler Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Monday, July 13
10:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wauwinet Road, Citation Issued
10:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wauwinet Road, Citation Issued
1:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued

Tuesday, July 14
12:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Barre Road, No Transport Required
10:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, West Street, Mutual Aid Transport
11:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
11:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued
12:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Common Street, Citation Issued
12:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Wildwood Drive, Transported to Hospital
4:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
4:45 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Cathy Lane, Negative Contact

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, July 12
1:02 p.m. Larceny or Theft, North Brookfield Road, report Filed
5:40 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest Fogue Souop, Jules Bertrand, 55, South Barre Road
Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Marked Lanes Violation

Monday, July 13
4:56 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Bechan Road, Entry Gained
6:26 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, North Brookfield Road, Investigated
6:53 p.m. Harassment, Adams Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, July 15
11:50a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
12:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Hancock Road, Transported to Hospital
1:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
1:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
1:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
2:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Gauthier Road, No Transport Required
4:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons Curran, Neil P., 27, Barre
Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with
5:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
6:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning
8:27 p.m. Missing Person, Mechanic Street, Officer Spoke to Party
10:29 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Ruggles Lane, Officer Spoke of Party

Thursday, July 16
7:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Headache, Hale Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
10:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
10:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
10:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons Wilson, Tarique K., 39, Worcester
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No
11:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Mechanic Street, Investigated
11:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
5:01 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, State Police, No Action Required
5:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Station Road, Mutual Aid Transport
7:14 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Moulton Street, Information Taken
8:19 p.m. Disturbance/

Disorderly, Common Street, Officer Spoke to Party
8:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Rutland Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, July 17
5:20 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Twin Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
8:28 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Hale Road, Transported to Hospital
9:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
10:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Washburn Road, Citation Issued
12:27 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party
2:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Dehydrated, Williamsville Road, Mutual Aid Transport
3:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Gauthier Road, Transported to Hospital
5:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning

Saturday, July 18
12:04 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Valley Road, Officer Spoke to Party
12:42 a.m. Fire – Structure Fire, Memorial Drive, Fire Extinguished
1:14 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), South Street, Entry Gained
3:56 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ruggles Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
12:42 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Winter Street, Transported to Hospital
1:24 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, West Street, Dispatch Handled
2:25 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, Barre Police Headquarters, No Action Required
5:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Criminal Complaint
Summons Carpenter, Julia Elizabeth, 33, South Barre Road
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No
5:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
6:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
6:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

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