

Public notices

Town of Monson Planning Board
LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. §11, the Monson Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.** in the Auditorium of Granite Valley School, 21 Thompson Street, to review a petition for a Special Permit for an Estate Lot as provided by §6.5 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws for Gleb Leiderman. The property is zoned Rural Residential and is located on Paradise Lake Road identified on Assessors Map 74 Parcel 23A as shown on a plan prepared by Heritage Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc dated 01/20/2025 and revised 02/20/2025. A copy of the application is on file with the Planning Board and available for viewing during regular office hours.

Craig Sweitzer, Chairman
01/01, 01/08/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD25E0051PP
CITATION

To Margery J. Wilburn, of Carroll County, Taneytown, Maryland, as herself and as Personal Representative of William Stanton; James E. Stanton, as himself and as Personal Representative

of Sandra Stanton, Jacqueline A. Stanton, and Donna Stanton, all from Hampden County; Ralph I. Stanton, Jr., and Prudence Neilsen, both of Worcester County; Janet Arborio, of Hartford County, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Charles L. Stanton, of Brimfield, representing that they hold as tenants in common in an undivided part or share of land lying in Brimfield, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney, should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **5th day of March 2026**, the return day of this citation.

WITNESS, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 31st day of December 2025.
01/08, 01/15, 01/22/2026

Palmer Conservation Commission
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act, MGL c.131 s.40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Bylaws, the Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:40 PM, Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at the Town Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability for the Thorndike Street Siphon Replacement project. The project will replace existing sewer infrastructure within the Thorndike Street right-of-way, extend new sewer utilities into the Shearer Street right-of-way, and construct a new pump station on Shearer Street. The project would impact the 200-foot Riverfront Area and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bank Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. The applicant making the request is Tighe & Bond on behalf of the Town of Palmer.

Any interested person wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

Donald Blais, Jr., Chair,
Palmer Conservation Commission
01/08/2026

Town of Monson Planning Board
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Monson Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, January 20, 2026,**

at 7:10 P.M. in the Auditorium of Granite Valley School, 21 Thompson Street, Monson.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear and act upon a proposed new zoning district entitled "Planned Village District". This district is intended to guide the redevelopment of approximately 108 acres of the former Monson Developmental Center and includes amendments to the zoning map and bylaw text, definitions, dimensional and use regulations, and design standards applicable to the area.

The land proposed for a zoning map amendment from Reserved Land (RL) to the Planned Village District (PVD) is shown on a plan entitled "*Plan of Land in Monson, MA*", prepared by Northeast Survey Consultants, dated April 12, 2023, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 397, Pages 121-125. This land description is further amended by an Approval Not Required plan entitled "*Plan of Land in Monson, MA*", prepared by Northeast Survey Consultants, dated April 11, 2025, and recorded in said Registry in Plan Book 403, Page 30.

Owner and Applicant: Westmass Area Development Corporation

A copy of the proposed bylaw may be viewed during regular office hours at the Planning Board Office or at the Town Clerk's Office, in addition to the Planning Board's web page.

Craig Sweitzer, Chairman
01/01, 01/08/2026

Local grants awarded for Town of Palmer

PALMER – The Palmer Cultural Council has announced the award of 18 grants totaling \$14,776 for cultural programs in Palmer. Below is a complete list of recipients and grant amounts.

The Local Cultural Council Program is the nation's largest grassroots cultural funding network, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to Mass Cultural Council, a state agency which then allocates funds to each community. A board of municipally appointed volunteers makes decisions about which activities to support at the community level. New members are welcome and can contact us at palmerculturalcouncil@gmail for more information.

Grants will support many grassroots activities: concerts, field trips for schoolchildren, 250th American Independence programs, nature and science education programs. Nearly half of LCC funds support educational activities for young people and the other half split between community events and programs for our senior population.

This year's grants include:

Celtic Celebration –

- Council on Aging \$275
- Arts in the Park – Palmer/Monson Family Network - \$325
- Palmer Cemeteries Tour - \$500
- Connie Francis Story – Council on Aging - \$400
- Musically Married – Council on Aging - \$200
- Bad News Jazz & Blues Orchestra - \$750
- Palmer's 250th Historical Memorials & Monuments of Palmer - \$1,500
- 4th Grade Field Trip – Basketball Hall of Fame - \$1,500
- Patriot Fanfare Brass Ensemble Concert - \$975
- 7th Grade Field Trip – Hanover Theater - \$750
- 5th Grade Ecology Field Trip, Saco ME - \$1,000
- 3rd Grade Field Trip to Old Sturbridge Village - \$2,000
- 2nd Grade Field Trip to Springfield Science Museum - \$1,771
- Old Mill Pond Beginner Band Initiative - \$1,000
- Name That TV Tune – Council on Aging - \$280
- Totality Music Program – Council on Aging - \$250
- Mike & Beth Cabaret – Council on Aging - \$300
- Western Mass Brass Band – 250th Celebration - \$1,000
- Palmer Cultural Council Funds of \$197 for a program for students who are not attending the Washington, DC trip.

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- Former CIA
- Language
- Constrictor snake
- Demand
- Rich man
- Short-tailed marten
- Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- Superconducting super collider
- International group of countries within the Americas
- Sacred state for Muslims
- Shrink therapy
- Engrave
- Localities
- Paddle
- Periodical

27. Dishonestly gained money

29. Gain possession of

30. Actor DiCaprio

31. High schoolers' test

32. Mr. October

39. Sign of healing

41. One's grandmother

42. Entrap

43. One who simultaneously buys and sells

44. __ Francisco

45. Web-based data provider of marine life

46. Type of snake

48. Dark mark or stain

49. Member of the Salii

50. Former measure of length

51. CNN's founder

52. Witness

CLUES DOWN

- Acquire
- Console
- Hunting expedition
- Pie __ mode
- Simple shoes for peasants
- Eurasian shrub
- Reciprocal of a sine
- Work together in harmony
- Grenade
- File extension
- Minute pores in a plant
- Medal of Honor
- Make a mistake
- Advance slowly, as if by inches
- Sandwich meat
- An awkward stupid person
- Strong tree
- Commoner
- Electro-encephalograph
- __ Mahal
- Congressman
- Disorderly crowd
- 007's creator Fleming
- Atomic #55
- Part of a door
- Short-tail martens
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Cuddle
- Gang in "The Outsiders"
- Of Croatia
- Body cavity
- Get free of

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Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and Business Assistance Corporation





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