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## LEGAL NOTICE: TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, 18-25, as amended by Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2009, The Wetlands Protection Act, the West Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **WEDNESDAY, July 1, 2026 at 6:00 pm** in the first floor meet-

ing room, West Brookfield Town Hall, 2 East Main Street.  
**6:00 – Public Hearing:**  
**NOI – 207 Shoreline Drive – Dold – Demolition and Reconstruction of existing dwelling**  
**NOI – 153 Wickaboag Valley Road – Continuation - East Quabbin Land Trust – Repair Farm Road and culverts with bridge**  
**NOI – 380 West Main Street – Continuation - Raymakers Construction – Staging area**  
06/19/2026

# - public safety -

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of June 8-15, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 17 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, 10 radar assignments, one traffic control, four emergency 911 calls, eight citizen assists, three assist other agencies, two investigations, two safety hazards, one trespass, one scam and five motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

### Monday, June 8

12:45 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
11:29 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Utley Road, Negative Contact

### Wednesday, June 10

5:15 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal  
8:35 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
10:37 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

1:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Gilbertville Road, No Action Required

### Thursday, June 11

8:27 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
8:49 a.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Removed Hazard

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10:50 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Removed Hazard

### Friday, June 12

12:41 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal  
5:12 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosis, Dennis Whitney Road, Services Rendered

8:31 a.m. Scam, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
2:23 p.m. Investigation, Wine Road, Officer Handled

2:55 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered  
3 p.m. Trespass, McEvoy Road, Officer Handled

5:21 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered  
6:06 p.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

6:34 p.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered

### Saturday, June 13

5:06 p.m. Investigation, Utley Road, Officer Handled

5:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled  
6:55 p.m. Assist Citizen, Davis Road, Spoken To

7:01 p.m. Assist Citizen, Pierce Road, Officer Handled

# FOSC appoints Mackenzie as Artistic Director

**HARDWICK** – Friends of the Stone Church is investing in its celebrated concert program with the appointment of, soprano, educator and arts administrator, as Artistic Director.

Critically acclaimed as “a soprano of extraordinary agility and concentration” by the New York Times, Mackenzie has performed across the U.S. and is particularly known for her evocative chamber music performances. As a soloist she has collaborated with the Albany Symphony, Phoenix Symphony, American Symphony Orchestra and the Juilliard Percussion Ensemble, among others.

After over a decade of being a full-time freelance musician based primarily in New York, she and her husband now live in Worcester, and she serves as the Director of Events & Operations for Infinity Events Co., an event planning company with a focus on producing events for corporate and non-profit businesses.

Mackenzie has a large

network of colleagues in the northeast who are exceptional performers and educators in classical (and classical-adjacent) music and she is excited to bring her skills and contacts to FOSC and to work with the FOSC board to develop its concert programming.

“As a performer and producer whose training is rooted in the classical tradition, but who has had a career built on a love of contemporary classical music, I believe very strongly in bridging the gap between old and new,” said Mackenzie. “I want audiences to have the opportunity to experience something familiar – and something surprising.”

Of the Stone Church Cultural Center, she said, “The Stone Church’s strength as a venue is its ability to be both a formal and informal space. The combination of wonderful acoustics, excellent instruments, and a warm, inviting and creative local community make it a true gem of a place for musical

artists to share their work and to have fun doing it!”

FOSC continues its dual mission of preserving the iconic 1874 Stone Church and welcoming the community in through its open doors. Since its founding 11 years ago, one of the primary ways FOSC has engaged the community is through the presentation of high-quality music.

To continue the tradition of Friends of the Gilbertville Organ, established by founding board member the late Don Boothman, and to develop its own signature concert program, former FOSC director Mary Warbasse reached out to many talented musicians to create a distinctive concert series. Her success is reflected in the fact that musicians contact FOSC wanting to play at the Stone Church Cultural Center.

FOSC president, Judy Edington, and the entire board recognized that this was a program worth continuing and investing in. Warbasse is “delighted that

the program will continue with professional leadership.”

Mackenzie begins her part time position with FOSC immediately and will help complete and fill out the upcoming 2026/2027 concert season. The fall concerts will include Wild and Tended, a program of art songs from the 19th century to today, developed by and presented by Mackenzie and collaborator Matthew Jaskot from College of the Holy Cross.

Edington stated, “The board could not be more excited to begin this new relationship, and we look forward to watching how FOSC’s concert program will grow and evolve in the years ahead.”

FOSC is a charitable organization that relies on the generous support of time, talent and treasure of its community supporters. The Friends look forward to keeping the doors of the Stone Church Cultural Center wide open and welcoming in the community.

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**Finance Committee** member Leo Fayard said creating a balanced budget this year was difficult, and they requested town departments to level fund their budgets. Fayard said the departments complied to the extent possible.

Fayard said one of the reasons for the difficulty was an increase in the school assessment, as the town faced a \$400,000 deficit once it came in. He said the town does not blame the school though, because they looked at grants and creative solutions, and have paid for items the town should have paid for in the past to reduce the assessment to East Brookfield.

Fayard said the school’s operating budget increased, and the budget increase had nothing to do with renovations at David Prouty High School.

Fayard also said state and local revenue has not kept pace with rising costs, and the town used \$225,000 in one time funds to balance the fiscal year 2027 budget, and the process for the FY 28 budget is planned to start in the fall, where the town will look for efficiencies and reductions where possible.

He said the town would hold public meetings if there is still a deficit, in case there is a need for an override next year.

Two residents had questions about the overall budget, with one asking why veteran’s benefits have been reduced from \$30,000 to \$10,000. Select Board Chair Andrew Lynch said the item has not been expended much.

Another resident asked about street lighting and what that covers. Lynch said it covers street lights, and there is an estimate done by National Grid, and all lights

in use have been deemed necessary by the chief of police.

## School budget

Voters approved article 15 for the FY 27 assessment from the Spencer-East Brookfield School District for a total of \$3,400,548. The town will raise and appropriate \$3,164,830, transfer \$112,859 from the elementary stabilization account, and transfer \$122,859 from free cash.

## Bylaw changes

Voters approved article 29, which was to exempt municipal grounds or parking areas as prohibited areas for firearms. This does not exempt any schools.

Article 30 amended the town’s general bylaws to make the tree warden an appointed position rather than an elected one.

Article 31 amended the general bylaws to restrict camping on public or private

grounds without permission from the property owner or town, with a fine of \$50 for violation. One resident asked about homeless people.

Police Chief Joseph Lazarick said the intention of this bylaw is not to arrest people, but to give the town and property owners the ability to move people along. Another resident said the fine was too small, and should have been \$250. Lazarick said people can be arrested if they refuse to leave.

Article 33 imposed a local meals tax of 0.75% “of the gross receipts of the vendor from the sale of restaurant meals.”

## Other articles

All other articles on the town meeting warrant passed, and articles 11, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 33 were passed over.

# Concerts on the Common scheduled announced

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – North Brookfield Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with North Brookfield Cultural Council, will be hosting Concerts on the Common this summer season.

A Mass Cultural Council grant is making these concerts possible for all residents to enjoy.

Dates and bands include June 20 from 6-8 p.m. – Ravenwood, an easy listening blue grass band; July 25 from 6-8 p.m. – Sue Lyons, an acoustical guitar player and vocalist; Aug. 15 from 6-8 p.m. – Stan Matthews, country music with some

exceptional Johnny Cash tunes; and Aug. 29 from 3-5 p.m. – the Superchargers, a fun rock and roll band.

All concerts are free, they are held on Saturdays and start at 6 p.m. and end around 8 p.m. Food will be available for purchase but folks are welcome to bring their own. Feel free to bring chairs, blankets, bug spray and sunscreen – whatever makes you comfortable.

The playground is right on the common, located on Grove Street in town.

There will also be games for families to enjoy and some surprise craft tables during some concerts.

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went to different houses for lunch, and each member read what they had written and encouraged each other to continue to write.

With a growing interest in historic buildings, Borst wanted to take part and explore North Brookfield’s history. She became a member of the nonprofit, Friends of the North Brookfield Town House in 2008.

Borst also gained an interest in the architecture of the buildings from learning about the architecture of some of the neighborhoods in Worcester.

While learning about the work being done in North Brookfield and hearing the stories from many residents, Borst wanted to help out more with the historic Town House.

Soon her interest in history would lead to the publication of her first book,

“George M. Cohan Was Here!: North Brookfield’s Town House past, present and future”. This 100-page book, with 85 illustrations and photographs, covers the history of North Brookfield’s Town Houses from 1833 to 1864 and follows the life of the present building from 1864 to 2013 and beyond.

Her book also talks about the many happenings that took place at the North Brookfield Town House. The many meetings, shows, plays and many community memories are shared and remembered through this historical book.

With the help of Shelby Fullam and at least 100 more residents of North Brookfield, Borst was able to connect with so many people that helped her with her research for the book. Residents provided photos

and notes of their family history.

Borst’s research also involved visiting the historical museum in town and looking through yearbooks from previous high school years. For Borst, it was a lot of fun to track all this history of the town she proudly calls home.

Town Historian Gene Caille also helped out during Borst’s research.

“He gave a lot of insight,” Borst said.

Caille was a history teacher for 30 years and knew a lot about the town.

Borst is also the creator of a PowerPoint program used in third grade classrooms. The program teaches North Brookfield history by describing three of the town’s most important buildings. After reviewing the PowerPoint, students are tasked to organize their own town meeting.

Borst came out with

# Job Connection

## HELPING YOU FIND HELP

### Police Officer

#### JOB POSTING Town of Warren FULL TIME OPENING

The Warren Police Department is accepting applications for the position of a full time Police Officer. Applicants are preferred to be academy trained and must be willing to work weekends, nights, and holidays.

Responsibilities include responding to emergency and non-emergency calls for Police, Fire and Ambulance services. It is preferred that applicants currently possess valid certification as a Police Officer. Candidates must have strong interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills. Preferences include an associate degree or higher in criminal justice, serve in the US military, or experience as a Police Officer.

The Patrolmen’s contract provides an education incentive and a candidate with prior municipal policing experience may also be considered to start at a higher rate of pay.

Resumes and cover letters must be returned no later than Friday, July 3, 2026, to the attention of Lt. Kyle Whitcomb, WPD PO Box 606, Warren, MA 01083 or whitcomb@warren-ma.gov.

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