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Massachusetts Trial Court
Superior Court
Dennis P. McManus
Clerk of Courts
Worcester County
Worcester Superior Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
ORDER OF NOTICE BY
PUBLICATION
DOCKET NUMBER
2685CV0923A
Country Bank of Savings
vs.
Heirs, Devises and Legal
Representatives of the
Estate of Daniel F. Leahy, Jr.,
a/k/a Daniel F. Leahy, et.al.
TO: Heirs, Devises and Legal
Representatives of the Es-
tate of Daniel F. Leahy, Jr. * all
in said Commonwealth;
and to all persons entitled to
the benefit of the Servicemem-

bers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.
App. §501 *et seq.*:
Country Bank for Savings
claiming to have an interest in
a Mortgage covering real prop-
erty in MA, known and numbered
as 14 Maple Street, Brookfield,
Worcester County, Massachu-
setts given by Daniel F. Leahy
to Country Bank for Savings
dated 7/1/05, and recorded in
Worcester County District
Registry of Deeds, in Book
36723, Page 29 has/have filed
with this court a Complaint for
determination of Defendant's/
Defendants' Servicemember sta-
tus.
If you now are, or recently
have been, in active military
service of the United States of
America, then you may be en-
titled to the benefits of the Ser-
vicemembers Civil Relief Act.

If you object to a foreclosure of
the above-mentioned property
on that basis, then you or your
attorney must file a written ap-
pearance and answer in this court
at Worcester Superior Court
on or before 7/29/26 or you may
lose the opportunity to challenge
the foreclosure on the ground of
noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, MICHAEL D. RIC-
CIUTI, Esquire, Chief Justice of
the Superior Court at Worcester,
Massachusetts, this 17th day of
June, 2026
Dennis P. McManus
Clerk of Courts
Paul Mullan
First Assitant Clerk
* a/k/a Daniel F. Leahy and
Samantha J. Leahy-Burgess
07/03/2026

- community -

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set up a feasibility study,
with the help of the Cen-
tral Massachusetts Re-
gional Planning Commis-
sion.
Lynch also said he has
applied the town for a
\$25,000 earmark through
Sen. Peter Durant's office
for an Heating Ventila-
tion and Air Conditioning
study at the town hall, as
there are issues controlling
the temperature in the
building. He said he would
also look into a Mass Save
grant to see if it is eligible.
Lynch said right now,
the only study approved
for the building is an
Americans with Disabili-
ties Act study, which will
not start until the win-
ter, so any facilities study
would likely not begin un-
til next year. He said the
town should steer away
from split units because
they are inefficient.
Board of Selectmen
member Amber Kowal-
czyk said the town could
explore consultation com-
panies, exemplifying a
company called Vickers
Consulting Service, who

evaluate municipalities
and help them apply for
grants or loans.

Appointments
Police Chief Joseph
Lazarick presented Wil-
liam Penkala Jr. to the
board, requesting he be
appointed as a part-time
police officer. Lazarick
said he works as a police
officer in Brimfield, does
work with the Hampden
County Sherriff's Of-
fice, and is a firefighter in
Springfield.

Lazarick said he has
additional experience in
West Springfield and Had-
ley, and served in the U.S.
Army. Lazarick said his
work ethic, character and
commitment make him
highly qualified, and the
board voted to appoint
Penkala.

The board also voted
to appoint Troy Allen as
an alternate plumbing in-
spector.

Contracts and permits
The board signed a
contract with Republic
Services for a one-year
term for trash pickup at a
cost of \$176,342.77, with
the option to extend the
contract four years at the
end of the term on June

30, 2027. Lynch said when
the term ends, the town
will actually request a five
year extension.

The board also signed
a permit for Bercume
Equipment, located at 155
Adams Road for stockpil-
ing, crushing and other ac-
tivities with gravel, along
with cement manufactur-
ing.

Roadwork updates
Lynch said there will be
reclaiming, binding, top
coats and tack coats on
Draper Road, West Stur-
bridge Road, and Young
Road to Howe Street.

Minutes and next meeting
The board approved
the minutes of the June 15
meeting, and set up a next
meeting date of July 13,
where they will meet with
the Finance Committee.

Lynch said he heard
from department heads
that the Finance Commit-
tee did not meet with them
this year during the bud-
get creation, and said the
Board of Selectmen did
not see the budget until
the night of annual town
meeting on June 10. He
said the meeting would be
to discuss communication
between the boards.

- public safety -

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of
June 22-29, the Hardwick/
New Braintree Police De-
partment responded to 17
building/property checks,
19 directed/area patrols,
eight radar assignments, five
emergency 911 calls, two cit-
izen assists, one assist other
agency, one motor vehicle
accident, two complaints,
three animal calls and four
motor vehicle stops in the
town of New Braintree.

Monday, June 22
10:55 a.m. Assist Citizen,
Memorial Drive, Officer
Handled
11:33 a.m. Serve War-
rant, Wine Road, Arrest(s)
Made

Tuesday, June 23
10:04 a.m. 911 Medical
Emergency, West Brookfield
Road, Transported to Hos-
pital

11:22 a.m. Parking Com-
plaint, Worcester Road,
Spoken To
12:07 p.m. Assist Other
Agency, Memorial Drive,
Officer Handled

Wednesday, June 24
9:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle
Crash, Oakham Road, Ser-
vices Rendered

Thursday, June 25
2:59 a.m. Medical Emer-
gency, West Brookfield
Road, Patient Refusal
9:08 a.m. 911 Medical
Emergency, West Brookfield
Road, Transported to Hos-
pital
10:42 a.m. Assist Citizen,
Memorial Drive, Officer
Handled

Friday, June 26
11:47 a.m. Complaint,
Worcester Road, Negative
Contact

Sunday, June 28
4:15 a.m. 911 Medical
Emergency, West Road,
Transported to Hospital
Monday, June 29
7 a.m. Medical Emergen-
cy, Oakham Road, Trans-
ported to Hospital

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treatment after the incident.
After the incident, An-
imal Control ordered a 10-
day at-home quarantine on
the dog.
Selectmen Henry Brogna
asked if the owners had
made any improvements or
have added any restraints to
their property after the in-
cident. Brogna suggested that
the owners should make
sure the gate isn't open.

The owners said they
are not sure what cause the
dog to bite the victim, and
offered to cover any medical
expenses.

A resident of Cottage
Street addressed a concern
that the street does have a
bus stop and there are chil-
dren who ride their bikes off
the street. Another neigh-
bor spoke up and witnessed
the attack and claimed there
was another related incident
involving a delivery driver.
Animal Control Officer
Leah Shattuck attended the
public hearing and said the
dog needs be behind some-
thing more secure. After
reviewing the photographs
provided by the dog own-
ers, both the board and
ACO recommended a better
fence.

"A lot of emotion in-
volved in this situation,"
Sickenberger said.
Town Administrator
Theresa Cofske said the
board should review the
definitions to determine
what makes an animal a
nuisance or dangerous. Due
to the incident involving a
dog attacking a person and
causing harm, it is more
likely that the dog is found
as a dangerous dog.
The board voted to de-
termine the dog as meeting
the determination of a dan-
gerous dog.
The conditions the board
agreed on include that the
dog will be humanly res-
trained, confined to the
premises of the keeper of
the dog, when removed
from premises the dog shall
be securely and humanly
muzzled, the door of the
house should also be gated
with a self-closing gate by
the top of the porch rail-
ing and that the owner of
the dog provides proof of in-
surance not less than \$100,000.

An official order would
be issued to the dog own-
ers by the board, which in-
cludes they have the option
to appeal the Select Board's
orders within 10 days upon
receipt of this order. If the
owners do option to appeal,
they would have to appeal in
the district court.

Anonymous donation
The board discussed and
accepted an anonymous
donation in the amount of
\$45,000 to the Council on
Aging to help keep the Se-
nior Center open five days a
week.

The board thanked the
anonymous donor for this
donation and members of
the Senior Center were ex-
cited to hear this news.

Youth sports complex proposal

The board heard from
Garrett Piermarini to dis-
cuss a proposal for a Quabo-
ag Youth Sports Complex.
With West Brookfield El-
ementary School closing,
this organization was look-
ing for ideas to utilize the
fields on the school property
and still be a usable area for
youth sports.

Each group/sport car-
ries its own insurance and
wants to come up with a
long-term program. Having
this sort of project helps the
group raise funds and apply
for grants to continue and
protect all the sports pro-
grams.

Quaboag Regional
School District Facilities
Director Marc Astrella
said a schedule of how this
complex would be managed
would have to be made and
the courts could be used all
year long.

The Select Board will
talk to town counsel about
the complex idea and come
back to it in a later meeting.

WBES playground
The board heard from
the West Brookfield Ele-
mentary School PTO to
discuss the playground at
school. The PTO purchased
\$110,000 in playground
equipment that was sup-
posed to be installed this
summer.

Members of the PTO
said they "want it to stay in
this community." The PTO
is also exploring options of
where the playground would
go if it were moved.

Sickenberger asked if
there was any room behind
the school. Another idea
was to possibly put the play-
ground in a small park.

Astellra asked what
would happen to the play-
ground if the property were
sold.

The Select Board will
review the location of the
playground with town coun-
sel.

Charter school discussion

The board discussed
the potential for a charter
school in West Brookfield.
Sharing information about
charter schools was Denise
Pontbriand.

After talking with sev-
eral charter schools across
the Commonwealth, Pont-
briand said one charter
school expressed interest in
some towns, including West
Brookfield.

If the town were to grant
permission to follow this
process, there would be
public information sessions
to follow.

"We have to do some-
thing, can't just let the build-
ing sit there," Brogna said.

The Board will take this
charter school idea under
advisement and will meet
with Pontbriand again with
more information to follow.

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