

PUBLIC NOTICES

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RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE

As required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 132B, National Grid (New England Power and/or Massachusetts Electric Company) hereby gives notice that it intends to selectively apply herbicides along specific transmission line rights-of-way in 2026.

The selective use of herbicides to manage vegetation along rights-of-way is done within the context of an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program consisting of mechanical, chemical, natural, and cultural components. In right-of-way vegetation management the pest or target is vegetation (primarily tall growing) that will cause outages and safety issues. National Grid's IVM program encourages natural controls by promoting low growing plant communities that resist invasion by target vegetation. The selective use of herbicides and mechanical controls are the direct techniques used to control target vegetation and help establish and maintain natural controls.

National Grid may utilize any of the herbicides noted the MA Sensitive Materials list. Rodeo, and possibly one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, will be applied directly to the surface of stumps immediately after target vegetation is cut (Cut Stump Treatment). Garlon 4 or Garlon 4 Ultra will be applied selectively to the stems of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Basal Treatment and Dormant stem treatment). Krenite S or Rodeo, mixed with Escort XP, and one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, or Milestone will be applied selectively to the foliage of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Foliar Treat-

ment). Cambistat as a tree growth regulator. Applications shall not commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the following treatment periods. The herbicide mixes and additional information about rights of way management in Massachusetts can be found here:

<https://www.mass.gov/rights-of-way-vegetation-management>

Municipalities that have rights-of-way scheduled for herbicide treatments in 2026:

TREATMENT PERIODS		
Feb 1–May 30, 2026	May 30–Oct 15, 2026	Oct 15–Dec 31, 2026
CST	Foliar	CST
Basal	CST	Basal
Dormant stem	Basal	Dormant stem
	Cut stubble	

**The exact treatment dates are dependent upon weather conditions and field crew progress.*

Further information may be requested by contacting (during business hours, Mon–Fri from 8:00 am–4:00 pm):
Mariclaire Rigby, National Grid,
939 Southbridge Street, Worcester, MA 01610.
Telephone: (781) 290-8310 or email:
mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com

02/05/2026

OFFICE OF
THE SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 140 of the General Laws that Goe Tani Greige of West Boylston, MA, has applied for a Used Car Dealer's License - Class II for 122 Federal Street, Inc. for the purpose of buying and selling second-hand motor vehicles at 122 Federal Street, Belchertown, MA.

A public hearing relative to this application will be held on **Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:50 p.m.** in the Select Boards Meeting Room on the first floor of Lawrence Memorial Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

SELECT BOARD
Lesa Lessard Pearson, Chair
Jennifer D. Turner
Nicole Miner
Whitney Jorns Kuhnlenz
Jonathan Ritter
02/05, 02/12/2026

Belchertown Zoning Board of Appeals
Notice of Public Hearing
In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 11 the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **February 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM.**
This hearing will be held in the Planning Board's meeting room of Lawrence Memorial Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, MA

on the application from Robert Mileski seeking a special permit §145-69; to revert the building at 720 Franklin Street (Map 109 Parcel 51, Zoned AGA/AGB) into a two-unit dwelling; §145-11 Residential Use (2). A copy of the application may be inspected at the Town Clerk's office (Room 201) 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, Lawrence Memorial Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, MA. or at website https://www.belchertown.org/committees/zoning_board_of_appeals/index.php

Any Person interested and wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Jennifer Sharrow, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals
02/05, 02/12/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No. **HS25P0776EA**
Estate of:
Thomas W. McRae
Also known as:
Thomas William McRae
Date of Death: 11/13/2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Courtney S. Pucel of Belchertown, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Courtney S. Pucel of Belchertown, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/27/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE A Personal Representative

appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 30, 2026
Mark S Ames,
Register of Probate
02/05/2026

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

OBITUARY

Debra L. Slate

It is with heavy hearts and much sadness that we announce the passing of Debra L. Slate. Beloved Mom, cherished sister-cousin-friend. Deb left this earthly life with family by her side on January 24, 2026, after a hard-fought battle. Brought up in Chicopee, she was the daughter of Roland (Buddy) and Lillian (LaPine) Slate. Deb built a life in Belchertown for herself and The Light of Her Life and Best Friend, her son J.C. Deb earned an associate's degree in business from STCC and fulfilling a lifelong passion of service to others, worked for over 50 years with special needs mentally challenged clients in a variety of settings.

Deb will be remembered as a loving mother and cherished friend to many, whose heartfelt presence and kindness enriched the lives of those around her. Deb will be greatly missed by her loving son, J.C.-James Snodgrass, Gunner, her faithful dog and Lily, her cat, all with whom she lived along with her sister, Cynthia Ulmer of Port St. Lucie, FL, many cherished cousins and friends, two of whom she called her "daughter",

Casey Gamache and her "second son", Greg Ely.

Deb had a very special crafting talent admired by all, creating many beautiful handmade items even doing so from her hospital bed. Deb's happy place and solace

when away from home was spending time at Queen Lake with the "Gal Pals", Robin, Barb and Paula or taking in the sights and sounds at the ocean. Those who knew Deb recognized what an amazing woman she was. A quiet presence yet a staunch advocate for all the special people that brought so much joy to her life including a huge love of animals.

Rest in peace now our dear friend. We love you! A celebration of life service will be held at a later date in the spring. In lieu of flowers and fulfilling Deb's love for animals, donations can be made to the Belchertown Police Department K-9 Unit.

DEATH NOTICE

Debra L. Slate
Died January 24
Celebration of Life to be held in the spring

National Cribbage Day to be celebrated Tuesday, Feb. 10

REGION – Cribbage is one of the oldest regularly played card games. Created by Sir John Suckling in the early 17th century, the game evolved from the old English game "noddy". Although the exact date cribbage was invented is unknown, National Cribbage Day is celebrated yearly on Suckling's birthday, February 10.

Millions of Americans of all ages enjoy cribbage at home with family, at bars, senior centers and social clubs. The most common version is played with two players using a cribbage board with pegs and 121 holes. The American Cribbage Congress (ACC) is the governing body of cribbage in the United States, hosting tournaments and maintaining a national

ranking system. The ACC includes more than 5,000 players of all ages and over 500 grassroots cribbage clubs. In addition the ACC has an internet cribbage program giving members an opportunity to play in online tournaments.

Locally, the "Pegging Fools" (Club #72) Cribbage Club meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 135 Goodwin St., Indian Orchard. For more information about local cribbage activities or National Cribbage Day events, contact Peter Setian, 413-552-6336.

The ACC continues to promote and grow the game of cribbage nationwide and on the internet. More information is available at www.cribbage.org.

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The Sentinel

OBITUARY
POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

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