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Town Hall, and five (5) community members representing diversity in one or more of the following areas: Racial and ethnic backgrounds, Social positions with respect to gender identity and sexual orientation, social positions with respect to disability, and Age groups and prior vocational experiences. All are encouraged to apply. Please submit a letter of interest to: Select Board, The Finnerty House, One South Main Street, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007 or by email to select-board@belchertown.org.

Historic District By-Law Commission: The Town wishes to fill a member Real Estate seat on the Historic District By-Law Commission. The Commission has regulatory control over new construction, reconstruction, alterations, movements, and demolition of all exterior architectural features of buildings and structures within the Historic District which are visible from any public street, public way, or public park.

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Advisory Board: The Town is seeking an individual to represent and serve as a Liaison to the Town of

Belchertown on the PVTa Advisory Board. Interested individuals should have the time and desire to attend respective meetings in Springfield and periodically review the PVTa's services to the Town and its contiguous communities.

Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation (QVBAC) / Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (QVCDc) Board Member: The Town is seeking an individual to represent and serve as a Liaison to the Town of Belchertown on the QVBAC to bring the concerns of Belchertown's residents and small business community forward to ensure that the services provided by the QVBAC/QVCDc are in line with the town's needs. The board member also helps disseminate information from the QVBAC board to Belchertown's residents and small business community, especially when there is a particular program or initiative they'd benefit from. While no business acumen is required, an interest in and or connections with Belchertown's small business community would be advantageous. Enthusiasm for Belchertown, and the ability to determine and communicate the interests

of its residents are the most important qualifications. For more information about the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and the Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation, please visit www.qvcdc.org.

Veterans' Services Advisory Board (VSAB): The Town is looking to fill one (1) vacancy on the VSAB. The Board works closely with the Town's Veterans' Agent on issues pertaining to veterans to include but not limited

to Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, war memorials, veterans' graves or any other related areas of concern.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Town wishes to fill two (2) openings for associate member seats on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA is responsible for hearing and deciding on applications for Special Permits, Variances and Appeals from decisions of the Zoning Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector.

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Public Interest Technology Initiative (PIT) at the UMass College of Information and Computer Sciences. As a result, an employee workshop will be held in February by UMass PIT to explain what AI is, what it is not, potential risks, and practical ways it may be useful in municipal work. "This is the first step in the Town determining how we are going to use AI," said Williams. "It's here, it's not going away, and we

want to figure out how it can help everyone in doing their jobs."

The Communications Committee currently has two open seats and is seeking volunteers wanting to help make Belchertown's government more clear, accessible, and transparent. Those interested in getting involved in the Communications Committee can submit an interest form at www.Belchertown.org/volunteer.

Quabbin Photo Group to host presentation on wildlife tracking for photography

BELCHERTOWN – The Quabbin Photo Group will be hosting a presentation at its February meeting featuring Outdoor Education Specialist Jack Bonafini from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. His presentation will focus on tracking deer, designed especially for photographers.

With nearly a decade of experience in the Hunter Education and Learn to Hunt programs, Jack brings deep field knowledge and practical insight into deer biology, habitat, food preferences, and tracking techniques. This session will give you a clearer understanding of deer behavior and movement patterns, along with real-world strategies for reading sign and interpreting the landscape.

You'll come away with tools and techniques to improve your chances of meaningful, ethical, and respectful close encounters and to capture stronger, more informed wildlife photographs. Whether you're new to wildlife

photography or looking to sharpen your field skills, this informative seminar will help take your work to the next level.

Monday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at Belchertown Recreation Department, 66 State St., Belchertown (behind the Belchertown Police Department)

Founded in 1984, the Quabbin Photo Group traces its roots to the Belchertown Color Camera Club, which was established in 1948 by noted local photographer Les Campbell. What began as a small group of friends meeting in homes a few times a year has evolved into a vibrant organization that now holds monthly meetings and educational programs for photographers of all levels.

For more information, visit our website at quabbinphotogroup.com or contact QPG President Mark Lindhult at mlindhult@gmail.com or Program Chair Ed Comeau at ecomeau@comeauphotography.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Belchertown Conservation Commission LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the authority of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Belchertown Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Chapter 139), the Belchertown Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Lawrence Memorial Hall Auditorium, located at 2 Jabish Street in Belchertown, MA 01007** to review a **Notice of Intent** permit application submitted by Ken Kozlik c/o Sherman & Frydryk for the proposed work to construct an Accessory dwelling unit at 35 Lake Drive (Assessor's Map 102-90) in Belchertown. Work is proposed to occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Anyone interested in this matter should appear at the time and place designated. 02/12/2026

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

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

TOWN OF GRANBY REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOL

MANAGEMENT COMPANY ADVERTISEMENT

The Town of Granby/Granby School Committee is requesting sealed proposals from qualified firms, for the management of school food services.

Proposals Due: **Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.**

Requests for bid documentation: will be available via email Todd.Dorman@tdorman99@granbyschoolsma.net

Proposals shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the following marked clearly on the outside: **Granby Public Schools**

Proposal for Food Service Management Company,

with the bidders name, business address and phone number and sent to Attn: Todd Dorman, Director of Finance and Operations, Granby Public Schools, 387 East State Street, Granby, MA 01033.

Bid documents will be available Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

Pre-Proposal Conference shall be held on **Friday, March 6 at 11:30 a.m.** at 387 East State Street, Granby, MA 01033. A tour of the SFA facilities immediately following the Pre-Pro-

posal Conference. Please contact Todd Dorman at 413-409-5393 or tdorman99@granbyschoolsma.net to verify your attendance at the tour.

The Town of Granby/Granby School Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all proposals or accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be the most advantageous to the SFA. 02/12/2026

PUBLIC NOTICES ARE NOW ONLINE

- 1 Email all notices to notices@turley.com
- 2 Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.
- 3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts' public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

Public notice deadlines are Friday at 3 p.m.

visit www.publicnotices.turley.com

the application may be inspected

FOOD SERVICE

The Sentinel OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries. One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice (with a word limit of up to 500 words) and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

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- Do you want a career supporting local journalism, which tells the unique stories of our communities?
- If so, then join our team! Turley Publications is looking for an outgoing, energetic person interested in selling advertising for our community newspapers. The right candidate will assume an established territory with a portfolio of customers.
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Jamie Joslyn
24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069
Email: jamie@turley.com



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