

Legal Notices

Town of Granby Board of Appeals

The Granby Board of Appeals will hold the following Public Hearings on **May 27, 2026**, at the Carnegie Building, Top Floor, 1 Library Lane, Granby MA 01033.

6:00 PM- to consider the petition of Linda Healy, Applicant/Owner seeking a variance of Section III- Regulations, 3, Table 2. - Dimensional and Density Regulation, regarding insufficient minimum side setbacks regarding proposed construc-

tion of a garage on a preexisting non-conforming foundation located at 128 South Street, known as Map 5B-A-1 in the Town of Granby, MA.

In addition to the above hearing, the Board of Appeals intends to conduct a public meeting following said hearing as time permits. This notice is given pursuant to Chapter 40A and Chapter 39, Section 23B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Steven Nally, Chairman
Granby Board of Appeals
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to the library could also have additional impacts on the library service. Aside from the reduced hours mentioned prior, Rodio mentioned additional services that could be cut due to the budget deficit.

"We're looking at losing the equivalent of almost one and a half full-time positions," said Rodio. "So there's going to be definitely less coverage around the building. There's going to be cuts to some services and we're definitely going to have to look at reducing hours open to the public."

Additional questions centered around funding the Gaylord Library through trustees. Trustees are persons or organizations that manage

funds, properties or investments for a trust fund. The idea of donations given to the town could be rerouted to help support the local library, an idea that Rodio identified as a "good answer" if it was a possibility. Currently, the town's funding are at the "minimum state aid requirements."

"I think in the long run, the people who suffer from that are going to be students and families who just are pretty strapped for time and are trying to get to the library when they can. We're just not going to be able, losing almost 60 staff hours. We just won't be able to maintain the schedule that we have now," Rodio said.

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set to bloom, extending the library's reach beyond its walls and into the natural environment.

Gaylord is also an integral part of a larger system. The South Hadley Public Library operates across two locations, with staff coordinating services to meet community needs. One such effort is the home delivery program, based at Gaylord, which provides materials to residents without reliable transportation. It's a reminder that even a small library can have an outsized impact.

That adaptability has helped Gaylord endure through closures, restructuring, and shifting financial realities. "Although the building is historic, the services at Gaylord have kept pace with the needs of local library patrons," Rodio said. He points to the library's intimate scale as a strength, a welcoming

space for families, students, and remote workers alike. Much of its staying power, he added, comes from the Gaylord Memorial Library Association, whose volunteers have "always found the drive and energy to keep Gaylord as a key piece of South Hadley's culture."

Today, financial uncertainty looms following a failed budget override. While trustees remain committed to maintaining services, Rodio acknowledged that "the level of that service will depend on the funding available for library operations."

Even so, Gaylord's roots run, literally, deep. Few visitors realize the library was built on the site of a former town burial ground; the grave of John Preston, who died in 1728, still rests behind the building. It's a quiet reminder that Gaylord is not just a place to read about history, but a place where history endures.

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school failed due to budget constraints, was to rebuild a third of the existing structure to create new municipal offices for the town.

"Did somebody ask you where town hall is? It shouldn't be a multiple choice answer," said police chief and interim town administrator Kevin O' Grady, when speaking on the current state of government building structure in town. "This will be nice that it's just one place, one-stop shopping, and people can come in and conduct their business."

The first phase of the new restructuring will put all municipal offices under the same roof, a notable improvement over the three offices currently being in three separate locations. Granby Select Board Chair Mark Bail stated that he would not only like to see the municipal buildings consolidated into the new location, but the senior center as well. Fellow Select Board member

David Labonte agreed with his sentiments.

"Our seniors, they have a nice space, but if we can incorporate them into this building at some point, that would be wonderful for everything and everyone," Labonte said.

"The senior center here would be awesome," echoed Chief O' Grady. "We could hopefully use the old gymnasium and have elections here instead of using it at the school where either they have to close school or we have to put more officers into school for protection of the kids. It's a security risk when there's school going on and people are going to vote."

For now, the former elementary school will be used to house the municipal buildings once the first phase of the project is complete. Gratitude was also on the forefront of the Select Board members, thankful that the former school has renewed purpose



Granby Select Board Chair Mark Bail, Select Board member David A. Labonte, Town Moderator Lynn Mercier, and Police Chief and Interim Town Administrator Chief Kevin O' Grady smile for the camera.

in the greater community.

"I just want to make sure Lynn Mercier gets the credit she deserves," concluded Bail. "She really has kept this

project alive. There's been a lot of ups and downs and she's been there every step of the way."



Turley photos by Ben Hernandez

Citizens gathered to honor the former West Street School and to learn about its future within the community.

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stage.

Funding for the project came in part from a Massachusetts PARC grant, supplemented by town resources and significant private fundraising. The Friends of Buttery Brook Park, alongside the South Hadley pickleball community, raised more than \$280,000. Their ongoing efforts also support free programming and maintenance initiatives.

"We want to ensure the park remains free and open to the public," Prough said.

Art and culture remain a priority as well. Existing murals created by Mount Holyoke College students continue to brighten the playground area, and a new sculpture titled "Verdance" is slated for installation, supported by grants and donations.

Looking ahead, organizers hope the park's expanded offerings, from disc golf and pickleball to walking trails, will encourage healthy, outdoor activity for all ages. Environmental education efforts are also underway, including the installation of monitored bluebird houses and plans for additional programming.

Prough credited the town's Department of Public

Works, particularly Bill Simard and his team, for their role in maintaining and enhancing the space.

With its blend of recreation, art, and community programming, the newly revitalized Buttery Brook Park stands ready to welcome a new season and a growing number of visitors to South Hadley.

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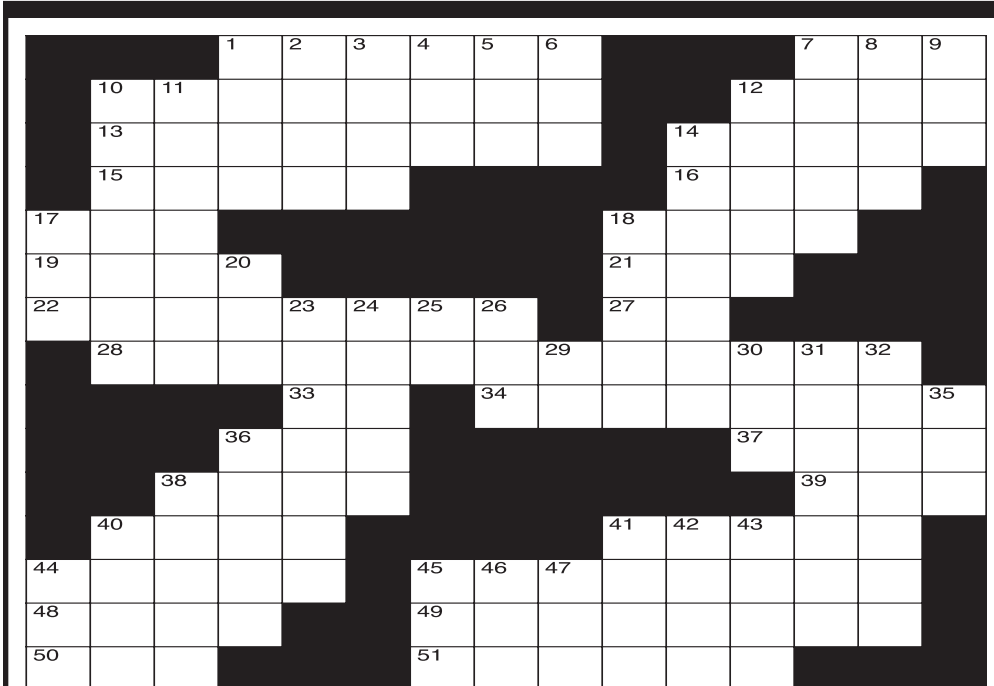
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Thursday, May 21

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| <p>CLUES ACROSS</p> <p>1. Large dung beetle</p> <p>7. Gambling game —-lo</p> <p>10. Further along</p> <p>12. Type of tobacco</p> <p>13. Looked for</p> <p>14. Silk fabric</p> <p>15. Computer method to solve equations</p> <p>16. As fast as can be done (abbr.)</p> <p>17. Tear</p> <p>18. Brews</p> <p>19. "Famous" cookie baker</p> <p>21. Women's Army Corps</p> <p>22. Front parts of an animal</p> <p>27. It's causing quite a stir</p> <p>28. Beloved March holiday</p> | <p>33. 12th letter of the Greek alphabet</p> <p>34. More impudent</p> <p>36. Indicates center</p> <p>37. Young woman (French)</p> <p>38. A cause of distress</p> <p>39. Santa's helper</p> <p>40. Hillside</p> <p>41. Many wombs</p> <p>44. Is afraid of</p> <p>45. Popular baked goods ingredient</p> <p>48. Popular computers</p> <p>49. Conceiving of</p> <p>50. Google certification (abbr.)</p> <p>51. Sturdy</p> | <p>4. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!</p> <p>6. A place to sleep</p> <p>7. Small seeds</p> <p>8. Legendary law man Wyatt</p> <p>9. Female sheep</p> <p>10. Indigenous peoples of eastern Siberia</p> <p>11. A place ships dock</p> <p>12. Reciprocal of sine</p> <p>14. Discomfort</p> <p>17. British Air Aces</p> <p>18. Exit sleep</p> <p>20. Solar energetic particle</p> <p>23. Plagues characterized by starvation</p> <p>24. Short musical composition</p> <p>25. Trauma center</p> | <p>26. Habitual twitching</p> <p>29. A place where checks are exchanged (abbr.)</p> <p>30. Decameter</p> <p>31. Hinged surface in a wing</p> <p>32. Shouting</p> <p>35. Sports official</p> <p>36. Volcanic craters</p> <p>38. Supportive device</p> <p>40. It's part of a rosary</p> <p>41. Two-toed sloth</p> <p>42. Body art</p> <p>43. Let out</p> <p>44. Foreign medical graduate</p> <p>45. Nonprofit journalism organization (abbr.)</p> <p>46. Couples say it</p> <p>47. Bird's beak</p> |
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