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nity risk reduction efforts, and much more.”

NERIS rolled out in geographic phases throughout 2025. Most Massachusetts fire departments began transitioning to the new system in October and several volunteered to serve as early adopters, including Belchertown, Beverly, Bourne, Dudley, Gill, Greenfield, Huntington, Pittsfield, Sandisfield, Springfield and Walpole.

The new system replaces the National Fire Incident Reporting System and its Massachusetts-level system, the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System. Under the former systems, it could take months to obtain reliable incident and response statistics.

NERIS will also help local, state, and regional agencies understand the impact of large-scale events and prepare for increased emergency activity during major celebrations, disasters, and other incidents.

This summer, NERIS implemented a “special incident modifier” to collect information about emergency responses related to World Cup matches, watch parties and other gatherings.

During that event period, Massachusetts fire departments reported 65 related incidents across six cities and towns, including 31 medical calls, 25 service calls and two elevator rescues.



A granite bench was recently installed near the boat launch at Grenville Park in Ware, dedicated to the late Michael Domey Sr. of Gilbertville. The bench recognized his service as a veteran, Knights of Columbus member, coach and Scouter.



A memorial bench for Michael Domey Sr. was installed near the Ware River and second baseball diamond in Grenville Park.



Turtle Photos by Paula Ouimette
Turtles were sunning themselves on a log at Grenville Park. The turtles could be viewed from the bench dedicated to the late Michael Domey Sr.

Ware Cultural Council announces start of 2027 grant cycle

WARE – The Massachusetts Cultural Council will begin accepting online applications for the 2027 grant cycle starting on Sept. 1 through Oct. 15.

Please visit <https://mass-culturalcouncil.org/organizations/operating-grants-for-organizations/application-process/> for information on how to apply for funding cultural community activities in Ware.

These grants can support various artistic projects and activities such as exhibits, festivals, field trips, school performances, workshops and lectures. The Ware Cultural Council thanks the Massachusetts State Legislature for providing the annual funds to each local cultural council in the Commonwealth.

The mission of the Ware Cultural Council is to promote, encourage, facilitate, the arts, plays, music and interpretive sciences for the enjoyment of Ware citizens of all ages.

For more information, email wareculturalcouncil@yahoo.com.

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Town of Warren Public Hearing Pole Petition

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166, Section 22, a public hearing for consent to install 2 SO Poles on Bemis Road beginning at a point approximately 625’ ft north of the centerline of the intersection of Old Carriage Way and continuing approximately 1,500 feet in a northeast direction; Install new SO Pole P28-84,~30’ west of P28; Install new SO Pole 21-50, ~ 112’ southwest of P 21. Copies of the petitions are available for viewing during normal business hours in the Selectmen’s Office prior to the hearing. This hearing will be held on **Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street, 1st Floor, Selectmen Meeting Room, Warren, MA 01083 at 6:00PM or by remote participation via Zoom. Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84297540904?pwd=P9YKPFRCdQDKwGJFIop0oFJEsMNk.1>** Meeting ID: 842 9754 0904 Passcode: 191841

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Chair Board of Selectmen
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Town of Warren Public Hearing Pole Petition

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166, Section 22, a public hearing for consent to install 8 JO Pole on Bemis Road and relocate 2 JO Poles on Bemis Road beginning at a point approximately 100’ feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Old Carriage Way

and continuing approximately 5,100 feet in a north direction; Install new JO Pole 30-50, ~ 117’ north of P31. Install new JO Pole 28-50,~113’ north of P29; Install new JO Pole 25-50,~112’ north of P26; Install new JO Pole 23-50,~115’ north of P30. Install new JO Pole 12,~116’ north of P13; Install new JO Pole 29-50,~137’ north of P30; Install new JO Pole 26-50,~124’ north of P27; Install new JO Pole 24-50,~112’ north of P25; Relocate JO Pole 22,~15’ southwest; Relocate JO P15,~15’ north. Copies of the petitions are available for viewing during normal business hours in the Selectmen’s Office prior to the hearing. This hearing will be held on **Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street, 1st Floor, Selectmen Meeting Room, Warren, MA 01083 at 6:00PM or by remote participation via Zoom. Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84297540904?pwd=P9YKPFRCdQDKwGJFIop0oFJEsMNk.1>** Meeting ID: 842 9754 0904 Passcode: 191841

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Hardwick Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board per Hardwick Zoning Bylaws (2025), sections 1.4 (Definitions), 3.2.4.r (business uses) and 4.0 (Special Permit), 5.0 (Site Plan Review) will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:45PM** at the

Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA.

The Hearing is regarding the application for a **Special Permit**, including site plan review by **Mark Filgerleski, Jr** to establish an **Ice Cream Stand** at **550 Lower Road, Rte 32**. All interested parties are asked to attend.

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>
Hardwick Planning Board
William Cole, Chair
09/03, 09/10/2026

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 26 SM 002840 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **Michael Flood; Linda Ann Flood** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq):

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered 11 Grove Street, given by Eleanor Mercure, Michael Flood and Linda Ann Flood to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Cross-Country Mortgage, LLC, dated February 8, 2022, and recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14449, Page 93, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated May 1,

2025 and recorded at said Registry in Book 15452, Page 221 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers 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 appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before October 19, 2026** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER**, Chief Justice of said Court on September 2, 2026.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
09/10/2026

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION

The Gilbertville Water District intends to file an application for federal financial assistance with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service. Funding for the project will be under the Rural Utilities Service, Part 1780, Water and Waste Loans and Grants (CFDA 10.760). The project includes replacement of the District’s existing water tank with a new tank at the end of Prospect Street in Gilbertville, MA along with an extension of the existing

water line on Prospect Street to the new tank. Work will all be associated with the construction project. Any comments regarding this application should be submitted in person to the Gilbertville Water District at our monthly meeting at the Gilbertville Public Library on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm or mailed to Gilbertville Water District, PO Box 97, Gilbertville, MA 01031.
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PUBLIC NOTICE Department of Environmental Protection Wetlands Program Notice of 401 WQC Application and Variance

Notice is hereby given that New England Power Company (NEP), 170 Data Drive, Waltham, MA 02451, seeks a 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) and Variance for the Central to Western Massachusetts Energy Improvement Project/E5/F6 Asset Condition Refurbishment Project located within Millbury, Auburn, Leicester, Spencer, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown, Pelham, Shutesbury, Leverett, Sunderland, Deerfield, Conway, Shelburne, and Buckland, MA.

NEP plans to replace existing structures, improve access to structures, reconductor the lines, replace existing shieldwires with optical groundwire, and perform vegetation management activities within the existing transmission corridor. A Variance is requested for temporary construction matting and permanent structure foundations within wetlands located within 400 feet of the high water mark of the Quabbin Res-

ervoir.

Additional information may be obtained from Theresa Portante, BSC Group, Inc., 1 Mercantile Street, Suite 610, Worcester, MA 01608, (617) 896-4509, tportante@bscgroup.com.

Written comments on the 401 WQC and Variance should be sent within twenty-one (21) days of this notice to:

MassDEP Wetlands Program – Major Projects and Policy Unit
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114
christina.y.wu@mass.gov

Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department’s Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.
09/10/2026

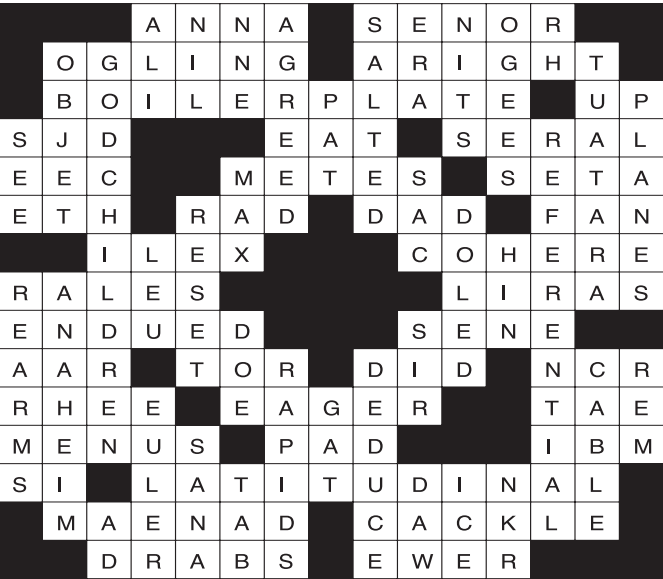
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