Selectmen Discuss Appointing Interim Police Chief

By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

Selectmen Chairman William Buckley suggested to his colleagues on April 22 that they begin to develop a process to appoint an interim police chief to serve from July 1 until a successor to Police Chief Thomas O’Laughlin is appointed. Rather than discussing a process, however, the two other selectmen each had a candidate to recommend.

Selectman William Kingkade advocated naming retired Sergeant Michael Pighetti to the role, noting he had served as interim chief in the 2001-2002 timeframe. “He is highly qualified and able to serve,” Kingkade said. “He is a known entity to the entire board and to the town.”

Selectman Michael Walsh wanted to name Deputy Chief James Valverd on the position, noting that the town should be looking at elevating people already in the chain of command. Walsh cited the example of the School Committee’s promotion of Assistant School Superintendent Kevin Mckernan when Superintendent Robert Tremblay left. “We should elevate the interim police chief to be the Interim Police Chief.”

$107.3-Million Budget Recommended for FY20

By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

The Finance Committee closed out its review of articles submitted for the Annual Town Meeting on April 24, unanimously recommending a $107,318,498 operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020, which begins on July 1. That number includes a School Department budget of $50,550,305 – $129,840 less than school officials requested.

Michael Scharf, chair of the Finance Committee subcommittee reviewing the school budget, called his lower recommendation “a fair and reasonable one.” But, many Finance Committee members wanted to know why the gap could not be closed. “How come we’re talking about $130,000?” questioned School Committee member Joseph Callery drew laughter when he suggested meeting in “the middle,” which he defined as the School Department lowering its “ask” by $30,000 and the Finance Committee giving another $100,000. Correia’s move to reconsider the budget recommendation to do that change failed to garner enough support.

Town Council Responds to Walsh’s Objection

By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

Town Council Charles Boddy has issued an opinion on the issue of whether a retired police officer can serve as an acting Police Chief – an issue raised by Selectman Michael Walsh at the Board of Selectmen’s April 22 meeting. Boddy stated that such an officer can serve, provided he or she acts in a purely administrative capacity and does not exercise police powers.

Last month, Selectman William Kingkade advocated naming retired Sergeant Michael Pighetti as interim chief, but Walsh objected, citing a Massachusetts regulation he claimed would prevent Pighetti from being named to the interim chief’s position unless he first attended police academy training. Kingkade then asked that Boddy review Walsh’s information.

The Town Crier obtained a copy of Boddy’s April 29 memo to selectmen through a request made under the state’s Public Records Law. In it, Boddy stated that any police officer who has interrupted their service for five or more years needs to complete training requirements before “once again exercising police powers.” However, Boddy’s memo noted that an officer with two years of continuous service in the police force can act as an interim chief.

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 приметы исторического мага, которые я держал в своем коллекционном месте. Эти предметы представляют собой небольшие кусочки древесины, металла, керамики и других материалов, которые были использованы магом в своих обрядах и ритуалах. Они имеют различную форму и размер, но все они являются магически заряженными и могут быть использованы в различных ситуациях, чтобы привлечь определенное количество энергии или божества. Кроме того, маг также использует принадлежность своих очаров, которые представляют собой небольшие кусочки ткани или кожи, которые были использованы магом в своих обрядах и ритуалах. Эти принадлежности также могут быть заряжены энергией и могут быть использованы в различных ситуациях, чтобы привлечь определенное количество энергии или божества. Кроме того, маг также использует принадлежность своих очаров, которые представляют собой небольшие кусочки ткани или кожи, которые были использованы магом в своих обрядах и ритуалах. Эти принадлежности также могут быть заряжены энергией и могут быть использованы в различных ситуациях, чтобы привлечь определенное количество энергии или божества.
Celebrate Milford on May 18

Celebrate Milford 2019 will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, in Milford Town Park.

The first annual Homemade Wine Tasting contest will be held from 2-4 p.m., allowing adults to try some homemade wine and vote on which one each person likes the best. A winner will be named and receive an award at the end of the competition.

Special attractions are the DeLorean Time Machine and Volkswagen Bus tributes from the Back to the Future movies, plus a huge group of accessories such as props and mannequins.

The day’s events will kick off with a parade featuring marching bands and many youth organizations. Immediately following the parade, the events at the Town Park will be open for business. There will be a record number of craft vendors this year, plus the Greenleaf Garden Club.

The Kids’ Zone has a full line-up of inflatable entertainment, including a 90-foot obstacle course, multiple bounce houses, a bubble soccer arena, sumo wrestling, and a three-hunger run. There also will be super hero characters, BoBo the Clown, and an on-site magician. A dozen food vendors will be selling everything from barbeque, pizza, fried dough, specialty sandwiches, and seafood, to ice cream, cake and pastries. The beer garden will open at 11 a.m. with many beers on tap, including Milford’s own CraftRoots Brewing.

Nine local bands will be playing throughout the event.

Pre-Town Meeting to Focus on 10 Articles

By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

The May 15 Pre-Town Meeting – an opportunity for Town Meeting Members and the general public to ask questions about some of the articles on the Annual Town Meeting warrant – will be focusing on 10 specific articles. The forum is being held at 7 p.m. in Upper Town Hall.

Sponsors of articles will be available to make brief presentations and answer questions about these articles:

• Increasing the Board of Selectmen from three to five members (Article 11);
• Changing the Annual Town Election to November (Article 18);
• Spending an additional $285,000 on legal and engineering consultants to complete the purchase of the Milford Water Company (Article 13);
• Paying part of the health insurance costs for a town retiree’s surviving spouse (Article 12);
• Funding the salary of an interim police chief (Article 15);
• Amending the Zoning By-laws to allow projecting (hanging) signs (Article 21);
• Allocating $50,000 for the Police Chief Selection Committee’s expenses (Article 16);
• Correcting a problem dating back to 2007 regarding the Milford Geriatric Authority not having to make payments in lieu of property taxes to the town (Article 14);
• Petitioning the state legislature to grant a Malt Beverages and Wine license to Canvas n Cup at 189 Main St. (Article 19); and,
• Appropriating $1,073,318,498 as the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020, which begins on July 1 (Article 4).

The Town Meeting Study and Improvement Committee chose and ranked the articles in this order, based on the numbers of responses it received from people interested in learning about the Annual Town Meeting warrant articles. Chairman Reno DeLuzio said that, if time permits, two additional articles will be addressed:

• Authorizing the Town Treasurer to enter into payment agreements with people entitled to redeem parcels in tax title (Article 8), and
• Rescinding acceptance of a state law concerning non-criminal penalties and disposition of abandoned motor vehicles (Article 20).
Town Meeting Members to Vote on 25 Articles

By Kevin Budden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

Town Meeting Members will be considering 25 warrant articles at the May 20 Annual Town Meeting, including the Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget, letting the public vote on increasing the Board of Selectmen from three to five members, and asking for special state legislation to move the town’s annual election to November.

As recommended by the Finance Committee, the proposed operating budget for next year is $1,073,318,498 and includes $50,550,305 for the School Department – $129,840 less than school officials requested. The proposed operating budget is 3.5 percent higher than the current one, according to Finance Director Zachary Taylor. Taylor is recommending using $812,230 of Free Cash to fund eight financial requests on the warrant:

• $6,289 from vending machine receipts to be used for student activities;
• $60,000 for a new Fire Department staff vehicle;
• $43,000 for a new Parks Department truck;
• $285,000 for legal and engineering consultants to complete the purchase of the Milford Water Company;
• $56,000 for the Police Chief Selection Committee’s advertising and interviewing expenses;
• $6,500 to fund a collective bargaining agreement with cemetery workers;
• $156,441 to fund a collective bargaining agreement with police officers; and,
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Parking Changes for West Hill Park This Summer

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, which manages and operates West Hill Park Day Use Area as part of the West Hill Reservoir and Dam has announced the park will be open for the 2019 Summer Season from May 18 through September 8. Operating hours for the park are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The park offers a variety of recreational facilities, including a swim beach, picnic shelters, playground and hiking trails. Parking is now limited to West Hill Dam entrance at 518 E. Hartford Avenue, Uxbridge. Visitors to West Hill Park Day Use Area will have to walk approximately one mile, from the Dam parking lot to the beach and picnic area. Restrooms and drinking water are available in the park. Shelter reservations are available and must be made in person at the West Hill Dam office. Visitors should plan accordingly as parking is limited. Drop offs or carpooling is suggested.

There will be no Day Use Fees for the 2019 season. Historically, West Hill Park has been accessed by visitors through the use of West Hill Rd., a former public road. Regrettably, due to a property line dispute between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and an adjacent landowner, access to West Hill Park is not available through West Hill Rd. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is diligently working towards a resolution of this issue.

MYC Summer Camp

Milford Community Youth Center Summer Camp registration is now open. Camp runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with an extended day option until 5 p.m. The camp is open to Milford and non-Milford residents with full week and single day options available. Milford Youth Center is located on Pearl St.

Field trips include Urban Air Trampoline & Adventure Park, Water Wizz, Canobie Lake Park, Pizz, Skating, Hopkinton State Park, Paw Sox Game. The camp, which is age 8 through 14, begins on Monday July 8 and runs through Friday, August 16. Visit MilfordYouthCenter.org for all camp information including fees and registration forms. The camp complies with Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations and is licensed by the Milford Board of Health.

Local businesses or organizations that would like to sponsor a camper this summer, should please contact the Center here. The donations help make camp available for local youth in need. It is possible to sponsor an individual camper or a family. To become a sponsor, call 508-473-1756; email milfordyouthcenter@comcast.net or visit MilfordYouthCenter.org.

Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park

May Programming

The Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park will sponsor the following events this month. All programs take place at River Bend Farm Visitor Center, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge, unless otherwise noted. Programs are free and open to the public. All ages are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or registration call 508-278-7604.

Nature Themed Story Time—Thursday May 17, 24 and 31, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. A story time followed by a short outdoor nature walk and a craft activity will be held. In case of rain all activities will be indoors. Appropriate for ages 3-6, siblings are welcome.

Canal Walks—Sunday May 12 and 26, 1 to 2 p.m. Discover the canal’s historical and cultural significance and its role in the factory transformation of the Blackstone Valley. All walks, which are about two miles, end at start location. Meeting locations are: May 12 at the Blackstone Canal Greenway, and May 26 at the Millville lot of the Blackstone River Greenway.

Reading New England’s Forests—Saturday May 25, 1 to 3 p.m. In celebration of Preservation Month with viewing a series of films by the National Park Service showing the preservation efforts along the Blackstone from the Chestnut Hill Meeting House, through Rogerson’s Village in North Uxbridge to the Village of Livermore in Lincoln, R.I. An optional, two-mile, leisurely walk on the canal towpath will follow the movie.

Woodlands and Waterways—Saturday May 11 and 25, plus Monday, May 27, 10 to 11 a.m. Walk along the banks of the Blackstone Canal and through areas of field and woodland. Learn about how the canal and agriculture shaped the landscape to what it is today during the two mile walk. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes; bring water and insect repellent.

Goat Hill Loop Hike—Saturday May 11, 1 to 2:45 p.m. A three-mile round trip hike, hike loops up Goat Hill and back. This forest trail ranges from easy—difficult in some areas and has a

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Milford Federal Helps Milford Beautification Efforts

In honor of Earth Day and Milford Beautification Day, employees from Milford Federal Bank hit the streets of downtown Milford on Friday, April 26 in an effort to help clean up the town. Volunteers were members of Milford Federal’s Community Care Crew, which was founded in 2018 with the mission of “taking action to create positive change in our communities, and in ourselves, by participating in community service that is meaningful to them and their communities.” Milford Federal President & CEO Paul Gilbody said, “Milford Federal has been a core part of the Milford community for over 130 years and we feel it is our responsibility to meaningfully contribute in any way we can. This is one of our first community outreach projects with the Community Care Crew, and we are excited for more events like this in the future.”

Milford Federal photo

After 46 years at Milford Federal, Maria Alves Retires

Maria Alves, Customer Service Manager at Milford Federal Bank, retired on May 1 after nearly 46 years of service. She started working for the bank as a teller in 1973 at the age of 16. “It has been an extraordinary part of my life, a time I will never forget,” said Alves “When you love your job and the people you work with, 45+ years is not that long, especially while making wonderful friendships and having incredible success along the way.”

Her warm generous spirit, smile, empathy, heart of gold and exceptional customer service will be missed at the bank by customers and coworkers alike.

A more recent photo of Maria Alves.

UniBank Hosts Monthly Free Home Buying Seminars

UniBank will be sponsoring free monthly home buying seminars throughout 2019. These educational opportunities will provide homebuyers with valuable information about finding and buying the home of their dreams. Important discussion topics include: Negotiating a Winning Offer, Finding the Right Mortgage and Pre-Qualifying, Down Payment Options, The Importance of Home Inspections, and more. Refreshments will be served and a door prize will be awarded at each event.

The next seminar is Tuesday, May 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at UniBank’s Grafton branch 89 Worcester St. Seminar speakers include: Pamela MacDougall, UniBank Mortgage Consultant; Matt Smith, Inspector, Warren Home Inspections; Pinder Brach, Realtor, RE/MAX Executive Realty; Mark Wickstrom, Attorney; Dickie Delormes, LLP, and Paul Baker, Appraiser, Baker Appraisals. Contact UniBank’s Anjali Paranjape at 508-839-4980 or anjali.paranjape@unibank.com to register.

Attendees will be entered for a chance to win a $100 gift card. Sweepstakes to win gift card is subject to complete official rules which are available at UniBank’s Grafton branch. To enter, individuals must register and attend the seminar. No purchase or account required to enter or win. Must be 18 years of age or older to enter. A winner will be drawn on May 14.

All seminar attendees will receive a $250 mortgage closing cost coupon from UniBank. For up-to-date details, visit UniBank.com.

Empty Chair Degree Ceremony

On Memorial Day, May 27, the Brethren of Montgomery Lodge of Milford will be conducting the Empty Chair Degree after the town parade. This is one of the few rituals in Freemasonry shared with the public. Everyone is invited to attend and witness the ceremony. Dating back to the 1870s, the Empty or Vacant Chair Degree was used in Masonic lodges throughout the nation to pay tribute to those who did not return from the Civil War. Since then, it has been held by lodges on Memorial Day to pay homage to Brother Freemasons who sacrificed their lives for the country.

The Milford ceremony will start at 11 a.m. at the Lodge, 155 Main St., with light refreshments and guided tours. The Empty Chair Degree will be conducted at 12 noon with an honor guard provided by the Milford Boy Scout Troop 314.

Bob DeVita Named Senior of the Year

For nearly 15 years, DeVita has led a crew of other volunteers who cook meals on special occasions – earning him the nickname as ‘chef du jour.’ I’m looking forward to many, many more years of helping out at the Senior Center,” he said. Over the years, whenever he asked people to assist him in preparing meals, “I’ve never heard the word ‘no,’” DeVita said. He recalled how he grew up hearing his grandfather telling him, “It’s a good thing to give back to your community.” DeVita said that, as he grew older, he decided to start giving back “to a community I love.” He also is a long-time member of the town’s Finance Committee.

Edwin Roth, chair of the Council on Aging (left) congratulates Bob DeVita on being recognized as Milford’s “Senior of the Year.”

The Advertiser’s Club Directory

The Advertiser’s Club Directory is a listing of those businesses that have contracted to advertising at least 12 times a year in The Milford Town Crier. Features include a listing in this directory, discounts and a feature article about your business (size and frequency requirements apply).

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The Advertiser’s Club Introduces

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Milford Town Crier

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To the Editor,

I am writing in response to Kevin Rudden’s “Ruminations” column in the April 26 Milford Town Crier. In his column, Rudden indicates his struggle with a couple factors which were his personal takeaways from the April 9 Chief Selection Committee meeting.

Time and time again, Rudden finds the need to reiterate his knowledge of local government, praising the process for how it works and the systems in place to effectively govern. So what has changed Kevin? Because in your April 26 column chastising Selectman Mike Walsh and Chief Thomas O’Loughlin, you seem to all of the sudden forget that this is how government is supposed to work. Are you implying that Walsh, not “Town Counsel” and just go along with Town Counsel Charles Boddy’s opinion simply because he is a member of the appointing Board? That notion is ridiculous. It’s an opinion, not law. That said, do you not agree with all the controversy surrounding this Board of Selectmen and the Chief Selection Committee that it is best to err on the side of caution by utilizing the very system in place to resolve such conflict? Why is it the alternative that you are suggesting, that Walsh just grab his things and leave?

As far as your claim that the Chief of Police “suggested” that Walsh “sue the town, you couldn’t be more off base. I don’t know anyone else, but I heard an attorney and committee member stating his knowledge on the legality of the issue. Are you an attorney Rudden?”

This is where I take issue, I realize this column is your opinion, which I respect your right to have. But your bylines and learned opinions are a different matter. If done that way the chairmanship of the board changed, so did board that representative on the selection committee? And, when O’Loughlin leaves his position on June 30 that the to-be-appointed interim chair takes his seat?

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But, it should be apparent to anyone who watches the April 9 committee meeting – check it out at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt1HvHsbIiw&ts=4 – that this is not the way the meeting of any town committee anywhere should ever be held.

One of the committee members urged that its meetings aired onMilford TV so there would never be rumors of who said what during a given meeting. The obvious consequence of such “transparency” is that we do get to see and hear everything – the good, the bad and the ugly.

Ruminations Reprint from April 26

The Police Chief Selection Committee was supposed to meet in the Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday. Since this column is being written before then, I hope the committee was actually able to conduct some business – which it could not do on April 9.

While I respect the differences of opinion aired at that meeting over who was and was not a committee member, I found three disturbing things occurring at that meeting. I would add that I’ve never seen anything like this in 42 years of covering meetings as a reporter. First, a selectman who voted to hire Charles Boddy as the town’s lawyer – that is, the person who issues opinions to guide the town’s boards and committees – publicly repudiated his handpicked counsel’s advice. That’s one of the town’s top three elected officials basically saying, “Your opinion is worthless” and possibly undercutting the counsel’s ability to be listened to by others.

Second, a police chief suggested to that selectman that he – the selectman, that is – sue the town regarding his no claims, it does, indeed, contain no wording about removing or replacing members.

But, as others point out, it specifically names the positions of chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Police Chief as being members of the selection committee. Doesn’t that mean that when the chairmanship of the board changed, so did that board’s representative on the selection committee? And, when O’Loughlin leaves his position on June 30 that the to-be-appointed interim chair takes his seat?

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But, it should be apparent to anyone who watches the April 9 committee meeting – check it out at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt1HvHsbIiw&ts=4 – that this is not the way the meeting of any town committee anywhere should ever be held.

One of the committee members urged that its meetings aired onMilford TV so there would never be rumors of who said what during a given meeting. The obvious consequence of such “transparency” is that we do get to see and hear everything – the good, the bad and the ugly.

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First, a selectman who voted to hire Charles Boddy as the town’s lawyer – that is, the person who issues opinions to guide the town’s boards and committees – publicly repudiated his handpicked counsel’s advice. That’s one of the town’s top three elected officials basically saying, “Your opinion is worthless” and possibly undercutting the counsel’s ability to be listened to by others.

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Third, the well respected chairman of the selection committee was castigated by some of his own committee members, just for conveying the Town Counsel’s opinion. At issue was the wording of the town by-law governing the Police Chief Selection Committee. As one faction
Health Board Picks New Trash Hauler
By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist
The Board of Health voted on April 30 to hire a new vendor. E.L. Harvey & Sons, Inc. of Westborough – beginning in July. Harvey will replace long-time vendor E.L. Harvey & Sons, Inc. of Wayland. (April 22)

Recent Actions by Milford Selectmen
By Kevin Rudden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

- Issued a citation recognizing Eagle Scout Joshua Ahrens for building two benches – one located in front of the Shaw’s supermarket on Prospect St. (Rt. 140) and the other in front of Milford High School – for use by people recently facing the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) buses. “What a great job he did,” said Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli, who chairs the Public Transportation Advisory Committee. “The benches are beautiful.” (April 22)

- Approved transferring the Common Victualler license held by Puza #5 on Cedar St. (Rt. 85) to Elaz Shehata of Wayland. (April 22)

- Approved transferring the Second Hand/Antique Dealer license for Central St. Resale on Central St. to Michelle Crowley of Milford. (April 22)

- Voted to support four articles on the Annual Town Meeting warrant: $156,441 to fund a collective bargaining agreement with police officers, $6,500 to fund a collective bargaining agreement with cemetery workers, $50,000 for the Police Chief Selection Committee’s expenses, and $285,000 for continued legal and engineering consultants needed to complete the acquisition of the Milford Water Company. (April 22)

- Reviewed a proposed process for hiring people at a salary step higher than normally expected with Human Resources Director Maureen Giffin. The issue recently arose when a new Information Technology technician was hired. Giffin said that – prior to a job offer being extended – there will be a special meeting with herself, the department head and the personnel Board to determine the starting salary. (April 22)

- Met with several members of the Celebrate Milford organizing committee to review plans for the fourth annual event on May 18. “It is a lot of work. It’s all well worth it,” said committee member Joseph Soares. “It’s amazing the number of people it draws,” said Selectman Michael Walsh. Selectman Chairman William Buckley said the annual event “Generates a positive vibe about the community.” (April 22)

- Town Administrator Richard Villani reported that Algonquin Gas will be working at its facility at 124 South Main St. on April 28-30 and May 2-3. The work may involve loud noises and people nearby may smell an odor of natural gas, he said. (April 22)

- Villani reported the annual St. Patrick’s Day fund-raising event held by the Milford Youth Center raised $4,750 for programs at the center. (April 22)

- Voted to delegate to Villani the authority to sign approvals for downtown façade upgrade applications that meet all of the town’s criteria. (April 22)

- Followed Villani’s recommendation and hired Marie Helena Pieres as his new Administrative Assistant at a starting salary of $21.69 per hour. Villani said 303 people applied for the position, with the list winnowed to the top 26, then 13, then 10 and then four. Pieres speaks Portuguese and Spanish. Villani added. (April 22)

- Buckly said Villani’s annual performance application should be completed by the board’s next meeting. (April 22)

- Granted St. Mary of the Assumption Church a one-day Wine and Malt license for a fundraising event being held from 6 p.m. to midnight on May 11 in the Parish Hall. (April 22)

- Granted St. Mary of the Assumption Church a permit to hold a procession from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on May 12 along Granite St., Sumner St., Main St. (Rt. 16), Pearl St. and Winter St. (April 22)

- Granted St. Mary of the Assumption Church a permission to close Winter St. between Granite St. and Main St. (Rt. 16) for a festival being held from 5 p.m. to midnight on June 1. (April 22)

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- Accepted a $2,500 gift from Benjamin Moorock Company on Sumner St. to the Police Department. (April 22)

- Supported Police Chief Thomas O’Loughlin’s recommendation to install a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign on Water St. at the intersection of South High St. The chief said the sign, requested by Barbara Savage, would make a better line-of-sight for vehicles entering Water St. from South High St. (April 22)

- Appointed Associate Commissioner Steven Zalog to fill the unexpired term of the late Marilyn Lovell on the Historical Commission. (April 22)

Recent Actions by Milford Town Boards
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- Met with Ann Labonte of the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice of Greater Milford to discuss an agreement for providing in-home care for persons in upcoming VNA flu clinics. Labonte said she would research the cost. (April 22)

- Labonte recommended the town offer Hepatitis A and B inoculations to Police, Fire, and Sewer department workers. “As of now, OSHEA [the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration] recommends it,” she said. The Hepatitis B inoculations – three shots over a six-month period – cost $400 per person, Labonte said. The shots should be provided to other high-risk populations, such as opioid addicts, Labonte added. She agreed to meet with the Police Chief and Fire Chief to discuss her recommendation. (April 22)

- Met with Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli to discuss staffing at the new brush/leaf dump off Fosse Mill Rd. Crisafulli said he added $20,000 in overtime funding to his department’s Fiscal Year 2020 budget to cover the cost of staffing the area two days each week. Board members Kenneth Evans and Paul Mazzuchelli said the Health Department has the staff to run the new area all four days that it is open each week. Crisafulli said his workers might file a grievance over losing overtime pay. “You guys can staff the whole thing, but I’ll face a grievance,” he said. “I say we ride it out this year and see how it goes.” (April 22)

- The board agreed to split the $9,436.72 cost of bringing electricity to the new leaf and brush dump with the Highway Department. The cost includes installing three utility poles, two street lights and the ability to bring heat and air conditioning to the staff’s building. Crisafulli explained. (April 22)

- Mazzuchelli reported that five businesses in town failed a February 13 tobacco compliance check by selling tobacco products to a person under the age of 21. Charlie’s Mini Mart on School St., Dazed Smoke Shop on East Main St. (Rt. 16), Jay’s Smoke Shop on Medway Rd. (Rt. 109), Milford Mini Mart on West St. (Rt. 140) and Thomas Mart on Cape Rd. (Rt. 140). Because the incidents are either a first offense or the businesses have not been cited in a long time, they all were given warnings rather than fines or loss of their licenses to sell tobacco products, Mazzuchelli said. (April 22)
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MYC Fashion Show

The Ninth Annual Milford Youth Center Fashion Show, Dressed Up, Not Messed Up, is Saturday, June 8 at the Center on Pearl St. Through this event MYC tries to raise awareness about underage drinking and help teens become better informed about the dangers of alcohol so they can make healthy decisions throughout life. It is also designed to increase youth self-esteem and attitudes toward their body image.

TJ Maxx of Milford will be providing outfits for the show and local businesses will be providing hair and makeup. Sign up must be received by Friday, May 31. All participants are able to sign up for time slots to try on outfits and appointments for hair and makeup. Volunteer hairdressers/makeup artists are needed to help out for a couple hours before the show, on June 8 to prepare the models. Please contact the Center at 508-473-1756 or email MilfordYouthCenter@comcast.net if interested.

Over 200 community members enjoyed the 9th Annual St. Patrick’s Fundraiser for the Milford Youth Center. MYC photo

Thanks for a Successful MYC St Pat’s Fundraiser

On March 29, the Milford Youth Center (MYC) was able to celebrate with over 200 community members at its annual fundraiser. On behalf of the Milford Youth Commission and staff, thanks to everyone who attended, donated, supported, and volunteered to make the 9th annual St. Pat’s Fundraiser, which successfully raised $8,750 for MYC programs.

The 2019 Community Appreciation Awards were presented to Benjamin Moore and Milford TV. A special presentation was also made to the Morin Family on behalf of the late Artie Morin. He was the former Director of the Center during a very difficult, yet transformative period in the history of MYC. Morin remained an advocate for the Center and its program well after he completed his tenure. The awardees and Morin Family were also presented citations from State Representative Brian Murray, D. Milford, and Selectman Mike Walsh. Thanks is extended to CraftRoots Brewing for providing an awesome location for the party for the second year in a row and to Zach Innis & the Honeybees for performing.

Thank you to the following for donations and/or raffle prize: International Study Tours, LLC, Paul Berenino, Milford girls Softball League, The Callahans, Joshua Olinn, Antonio Lopes, United Way of Tri-County, Trinity Episcopal Church, Amy & Adam Eastwood, Lisa White, Commerce Bank, a division of BerkshireBank, Judy Tusino, Benjamin Moore, Brian Murray Law Office, Rodney Burnham, Danielle King, Janelle Provencher, Evelyn Bon Tempo, Clare Comaschi, Debbie Seaver, Signs Plus, Walsh Brothers Incorporated (Gentile Family), Abrantes Building Company, Applebee’s New England, Edible Arrangements, 99 Restaurant, Clare Comaschi, Debbie Seaver, Signs Plus, Walsh Brothers Incorporated (Gentile Family), Abrantes Building Company, Applebee’s New England, Edible Arrangements, 99 Restaurant, compromising donations from the Milford Town Crier, Myfm 101.3 and Milford TV; and last but not least donations of time from the staff members, volunteers and board members who helped with the planning, ticket sales, raffle prizes and set-up. Anyone who would still like to donate to the Center may call 508-473-1756, email MilfordYouthCenter@comcast.net or just stop by.

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Greenleaf Garden Club members, Hazel Schroder (left) and Theodora Weber next to their floral interpretation of a 11th century Cambodian temple lintel, one of the 50 floral designs created by local garden clubs for the 43rd Annual Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. GGC photo.

GGC member Anne Sarkissian stands next to her Art in Bloom design using a Red Sox theme at the MFA Art in Bloom held in late April. She was sponsored by the Garden Club Federation of MA judges’ Council. GGC photo.

Locally Grown-Greenleaf Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford Members are busy digging 100s of plants from their gardens and preparing for Celebrate Milford on Saturday, May 18 and their Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, June 1. Their table at Celebrate Milford on June 1 will feature a drawing for a beautiful container garden and a container filled with garden goodies.

Smaller container gardens will be sold and seed bombs given to all who stop by the table. Members will be available to answer gardening questions and give information about the club from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 50th GGC Annual Plant Sale will be held at Louisa Lake, Dilla St. from 8 a.m. to noon, rain or shine on June 1. Chairperson Patsy Timmons says, “Don’t miss this opportunity to get perennials, annuals, veggies and shrubs from members’ local gardens.” In addition to the hundreds of plants, container gardens filled with succulents, flowering plants and herbs will be offered at reasonable prices. Complementing the plants, a Garden Gallery will offer a variety of garden related items and refreshments for browsers. Members will be available to help select plants for local gardens. Proceeds from the plant sale will be used to fund the club’s civic plantings, GGC programs such as Garden Therapy and Junior Gardeners and the monthly programs. The club also gives a scholarship annually to a deserving student. The Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Garden Club Federation of MA, Inc. For information, email greenleafgardenclub@gmail.org.

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**Picking Up Litter to Help Beautify Milford**

Wearing very stylish purple and pink vinyl gloves as they helped with the town cleanup were the members of Milford Brownie Troop 30016. Troop members are, l-r, are: Back Row: Autumn Murray, Katelyn MacKenzie, Bryanna Hamilton and Alice Gilman. Front Row: Caroline Flinckle, Leah Schiapis, Victoria Powers and Ainsley Allen. Harry Platcow photo

With their tools at hand members of Milford Daisy Troops were eager to help cleanup Milford during the town’s Annual Beautification Day sponsored by the Citizens for Milford and the Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail. Shown, l-r are: Front row: Arianna Lobezro, Abby Yaddeo, Zoci Royso, Mia Fonseca, Avery Yaddeo, Abby Stever, Amelia Kimball, Kendall Ghanash and Jeff Kimball. Back row: Katie Yaddeo and Joanna Fonseca. Contributed photo

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Submitted by Mary Frances Best, Milford Town Library

Meet Buzz Lightyear!

Another tradition at MTL is the Lyme Disease Awareness Display on the Round Table across from the Circulation Desk. May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Tick identification cards, handouts, and more educational materials will be available free of charge to the public. The display is coordinated by a local woman who has been affected by Lyme disease. She strives to educate others to prevent Lyme and other tick-borne diseases like Powassan and Babesiosis.

ESL Training Workshop

The Center Book Group will meet on May 22, at 6 p.m. in the Children’s Program Room. The group wishes to take one home and pick a recipe to bring to the June 5 meeting. Copies of Milk Street: Tuesday Nights Indian cookbook: . At their next meeting on June 5, members will choose a recipe from Milk Street: Tuesday Nights by Christopher Kimball (formerly of America’s Test Kitchen). Copies of Milk Street are available at the Reference Desk for anyone who wishes to take one home and pick a recipe to bring to the June 5 meeting. Contact Mary Frances at 508-473-2419 x229 or mfrances@cwmars.org.

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Will Broussard – Tales from the Home of the World’s Worst Weather

On Wednesday, May 15 at 7 p.m. the Friends of the Milford Town Library Diversity Film series will screen a film titled “Waptona – The Home of the World’s Worst Weather.” Waptona, a small town in South Dakota, has the record for the highest, lowest, and most frequent temperatures in the United States. Broussard, the town’s mayor and Chief Meteorologist, will share his experiences and insights into this unique weather phenomenon.

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**Milford Lions Golf Tournament**

MILFORD-The Milford Lions Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 17 at the Pleasant Valley Country Club, 95 Blackstone St., Milford. Registration begins at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:30 a.m. Visit www.milfordtowncrier.com for more information. Proceeds benefit Town Library, Old Town Hall, Historical Society, and the food bank, as well as providing scholarships.

**The 2019 Daniels Farmstead Markets**

MENDON-The Daniels Farmstead, 286 Mendon St., Blackstone, will open the season with Birds & Blooms on Sunday, May 19. At 11 a.m., naturalists Kathy Barton and Beth Milkie will lead a wildlife walk. At 1 p.m., Landscaper and Naturalist, John Root will give a 90-minute presentation, Edible Perennial Gardening and Landscaping. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Blackstone Cultural Council, supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Spring plants, annuals & perennials will be available for sale. Vendors are welcome to contact the event. Visit DanielsFarmstead.org for information.

**Twice Blessed Thrift Shop**

HOPEDALE-The Sacred Heart Church of Hopedale Twice Blessed Thrift Shop will offer 50 percent off women’s clothing, jewelry, shoes and pocketbooks May 17-19. Opening every Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon. Closed, Sunday, May 26.

**Adirondack Chairs and Tables**

MILFORD-The Construction/Technology Department and the Automotive/ Collision Department at Blackstone Valley Technical High School have crafted two white-painted, Adirondack wooden chairs and two folding side tables which will be raffled off by the Auxiliary members at Milford Regional Medical Center (MRMC). Tickets will be sold in the MBMC Atrium Café, 14 Prospect St., Milford, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 23, 24 and 26 from 6 to 7 p.m.; Fridays, May 24, 31 and June 7 from 12 to 1 p.m. - Noon; Saturdays, May 25, 26, and 29 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Or contact members of the Auxiliary at 508-422-2099. The public is welcome to purchase tickets. Funds raised will help fulfill the Auxiliary’s commitment to raise $125,000 for the 6th floor renovation which will have 11 new beds for Oncology and Palliative Care patients.

**Open House for Restored Home**

MENDON- An Open House will be held at the restored Gaskill/Pond House at 34 George St., Mendon, on Saturday, May 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend and tour the home which is a circa 1830 farmhouse.

**Milford Humane Society Yard Sale**

MILFORD-The Milford Humane Society will have its first yard sale of the season, Saturday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain-date Saturday, June 1, at the shelter, 289 West St., Milford. Drop off donations for following items are 4 to 6 p.m. the Friday before the sale by 10 a.m. the morning of the sale at the shelter.

Donations of clean, gently used items in good working condition are greatly appreciated: household goods, furniture, toys, games, sports equipment, garden items, collectibles, books and tools. Not accepted are TVs, computers, monitors, clothing, shoes, mattresses, large appliances, air conditioners, out-of-date electronics, fitness equipment, cars or sofas.

Milford Humane Society is a non-profit, no-kill, all-volunteer cat shelter. For more information, call 508-473-7008 or visit MilfordHumane.org.

**Red Sox Tickets to Help the Mendon Legion Post**

MILFORD-Red Sox Fans! American Legion Commander Susan Tetreault is offering two tickets to the Saturday, July 27 Red Sox-Yankee game to raise funds to renovate the Roger L. Woods American Legion Post, 13 Milford St. (Rt. 16), Mendon. Tetreault needs to raise a total of $20,000 for the overhaul measure.

Seats are located in the Pavilion Reserve Section just after the first base side, Section 15, Row G. The cost is $10 for one raffle ticket and $20 for three; 100 tickets must be sold for the raffle to take place. Monies will be returned if the minimum sale is not met. The drawing will take place right after Mendon’s Memorial Day Parade on May 27. The winner does not need to be present.

To purchase tickets, contact Tetreault at 508-473-5681 or stop by the Mendon Computer Outlet, 14 Hastings St. (Rt. 16) in the plaza with Willowbrook Restaurant.

**Home of the World’s Worst Weather**

MILFORD-Mount Washington, N.H. is known as the “Home of the World’s Worst Weather.” At 6,288 feet, the mountain is an imposing place of extremes that has been captivating visitors for hundreds of years.

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Learn about these tales from Will Broussard, the Observatory’s Education Coordinator, where he coordinates and leads programs on Mt. Washington’s natural, cultural, and scientific history. The program will be Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the Milford Library, 96 Water St., at 4:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Town Library, this event is free and open to the public.

**Hearing Loss Association of America Meeting**

NORTHBOROUGH-Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Central MA Chapter Program on Saturday, May 18 will be held at the Northborough Public Library beginning at 10 a.m. Kevin Frunck, HLAA Board of Trustees member and Director of Audiology at MA Eye and Ear Institute, will present information on Over the-Counter hearing aids during the morning presentation. At 1 p.m., Barbara Kelley, HLAA Executive Director, will provide insights from the national perspective on a range of topics related to hearing loss during the afternoon presentation. CART (Computer Aided Real Time captioning) will be provided.

The Northborough Library parking lot is accessible by Patty Lane. For more information, visit Northboroughlibrary.org/hlaa.aspx Please email info@hearinglossofma.org for more information on HLAA Central Massachusetts and notification of future events.

**Home Area Chamber of Commerce Events**

AREA-The Milford Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC) will be hosting the following events. For more information, visit MilfordChamber.org or call the MACC at 508-478-6700.

- **Adirondack Chairs and Tables** topping event in the Atrium Café, 14 Prospect St., Milford. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. Or contact members of the Auxiliary at hbailey@milfordchamber.org, call 508-478-6700 or stop by the offices, 258 Main Street, Suite 306, Milford.

**Celebrate Mom at Mother’s Day Concert**

HOPKINTON-The Hopkinton Community Church (HCC), 98 Hayden Rowe St., Hopkinton, presents a Mother’s Day Classical Music Concert, featuring the Reverse Duo, on Sunday, May 12 at 11 a.m. Kathy Burmeister, harp and Christine Tsen, cello, will bring their signature sound to the works of John Denver, Johann Pachelbel, Alphonse Hasselmans, Jay Ungar, and Marcel Tournier. Tickets are $15 adults, $10 seniors/students.

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**Community Covenant Church, Hopkinton**

HOPKINTON- The Hopkinton Center for the Arts (HCA), 98 Hayden Rowe St., Hopkinton, will open the season with Birds & Blooms on May 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. and say beloved prayers during a 20-minute worship service. Everyone is invited to enjoy fellowship, coffee, tea and light refreshments following the service. The church located on Congress St. Milford, next to the Post Office, is handicap accessible. Parking is available in the church lot, the Post Office parking lot and the lot behind the church. Please call 508-473-3299 with any questions and to R.S.V.P.

**Blackstone Valley Gardeners Annual Plant Sale**

UPTON-Blackstone Valley Gardeners Annual Plant Sale will take place at the VFW Hall, Rt. 140, Upton on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to noon or until sold out. Members will offer a large variety of perennial plants which have been carefully dug and potted up from local gardens.

**Milford Regional Medical Center- Auxiliary Meeting**

MILFORD- The Milford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, May 14 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A on the first floor of the hospital, 14 Prospect St. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month from September to June. The Auxiliary members conduct monthly fundraising events, with all funds raised from these sales directly supporting building funds, departments throughout the Medical Center, and scholarships. The public is welcome to attend all fundraising events. For more information about joining the Auxiliary, please call 508-422-2099, or visit MRMC/Auxiliary@milreg.org.

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**Pottery Night**

MILFORD-A Pottery Paint Night is being held in the Bell Tower Room of Sacred Heart Church, Milford, on Wednesday, May 15 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Cost is $5 per person. Sign-up by May 4.

**Alzheimer’s/Dementia Friendly Worship Service**

MILFORD-The First Congregational Church in Milford invites those with Alzheimer’s/dementia and their caregivers to worship at a special Sunday service on May 19 at noon. Come sing familiar hymns, hear favorite scripture passages, and say beloved prayers during a 20-minute worship service. Everyone is invited to enjoy fellowship, coffee, tea and light refreshments following the service. The church located on Congress St. Milford, next to the Post Office, is handicap accessible. Parking is available in the church lot, the Post Office parking lot and the lot behind the church. Please call 508-473-3299 with any questions and to R.S.V.P.

**Blackstone Humane Society**

SOUTH BLACKSTONE-The Blackstone Humane Society will host their annual Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain date Sunday, May 19. The plant sale includes perennials, specializing in cottage garden favorites. Bake sale will include Swedish baked goods. Call 508-435-3723 or visit ComCorHop.org, or more info.

**Coffee House**

MILFORD-The First Congregational Church of Milford, 4 Congress St., is hosting a Coffee House, Saturday, May 18. Doors open at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Performances will be by students and instructors from Music and Arts of Milford. Donation at the door are $5. Serving Fair Trade coffee, tea and desserts.

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Selectmen Vote Not to Sell Watershed Lands

By Kevin Budden
Staff Reporter/Columnist

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously on April 22 not to sell two parcels of town-owned land in the Charles River watershed area off Cedar St. (Rt. 85) and Rt. 1-495. The town received an unsolicited offer for the two parcels a few months ago.

Over the past few months, the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Town Planner Larry Dunkin and former Town Planner Reno DeLuizio have asked selectmen to not sell the parcels, citing the need to protect water supplies with the pending purchase of the privately owned Milford Water Company. The parcels are located near the established by the state Department of Environmental Protection.
New MHS Building Trades Program Offers Students Alternative Career Choices

By Melissa Orf
Staff Reporter

Milford High School is bringing back shop class, and just in time too. In the next decade, there will be more than 3 million high-growth jobs in the construction trades industry, and unless there is more interest, not enough skilled workers to fill them.

On April 25, nearly 150 Milford High School (MHS) students had the chance to learn about careers in skilled trades and received hands-on experience working with industry leaders, learning how to assemble and build dog houses. The houses were donated to local animal shelters such as Bypath Humane Society.

Lowe’s Director of Skilled Trades Mike Mitchell speaks to students at Milford High School about the opportunities in the high-growth building industry. MHS received a donation from Lowe’s and other industry partners for a hands-on building experience and to help grow their classes in their building trades program.

Mitchell spoke about the opportunities in the skilled trades, and of the labor shortage for these high-demand jobs.

“Almost 40 percent of those enrolled in a university won’t finish with a degree,” said Mitchell. “All while companies like manufacturing are looking for workers to fill major voids.”

Acknowledging the national shortage of skilled workers, Lowes and a number of other industry partners have kicked off “Generation T,” a movement to educate and connect people with opportunities in the skilled trades.

“We want to change the perception of the trades, to show you that there are high growth jobs out there that can be fast tracked to small businesses,” said Mitchell.

Back in Milford, Generation T partners donated over $10,000 in products, tools and labor to support the launch event at MHS. The school also received a $14,000 donation from the Milford Lowe’s to be used for parts and materials for classes throughout the year, and thanks to Store Manager Tarcisio Ferreira and Service Leaders Shawn Payne and Dan Bush, will also be getting support throughout the year for students interested in the skilled trades.

“Whether or not they take [building trades] classes here at MHS, this is about career exploration,” said MHS Principal Joshua Otlin. “We want to show students all of the great opportunities that are available in the building trades industry.”

After constructing the dog houses, students gathered in the auditorium to hear more from Mitchell. “Everything you did this morning was extraordinarily relevant and valuable for all of you,” said Mike Mitchell, Lowe’s Director of Skilled Trades. “If you know how to build a dog house, you can learn how to build a house... and you can make a lot of money building houses.”

Johnie, Rosell and Brieno were one of the over 100 Milford High School students who learned more about careers in skilled trades and received hands-on experience working with industry leaders, learning how to assemble and build dog houses. The houses were donated to local animal shelters such as Bypath Humane Society.

For additional information, contact the appropriate Board or official.

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By Melissa Orff
Staff Reporter

The results of two surveys sent to Milford Public School (MPS) staff, parents and students were discussed during the May 2 School Committee Meeting.

The first survey was for feedback on the Alternative Structure Learning Day (a.k.a. Blizzard Bag Day), the district implemented in early March during a snow day.

The Alternative Structure Learning (ASL) pilot program, approved by the School Committee in December, provides assignments for students to do at home when school is cancelled due to weather, so that the day would be considered part of the 180 days of school mandated by the Department of Education, and added to the end of the school year.

Close to 2,000 people responded to the survey asking about student’s experiences with the ASL day.

“The faculty was overwhelmingly positive; so were the parents,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kevin McIntyre, presenting the survey results to the Committee.

Although some of the students would rather have spent the day other ways, 81 percent of the 1,100 students responding felt “very positive” or “positive” about completing the ASL day, which results in Friday, June 14 being the last day of school, instead of making up a snow day by ending school on Monday, June 17.

As for continuing the ASL program, 12 percent of survey responders said the program should be cancelled next year, while close to 80 percent called for two or more ASL days if school was cancelled due to weather.

“My caution to expanding the program is that we only did it one year, and we had a pretty mild winter this year,” commented McIntyre about moving from a pilot to a formal program next year.

McIntyre told the Committee the administration will continue to look through the survey comments and speak to the teachers’ union before making a recommendation to the Committee about the ASL program moving forward.

“There is a lot to look at still, but it is a promising practice because the general feedback was that there are some positives there that we can build on,” he said.

The other survey sent out was on the Long-Range Facilities Plan. For the past year, the district has been gauging the community’s appetite for another large school building project – either a major renovation or a new school building.

The survey was distributed to determine priorities, after the Long-Range Facilities Subcommittee and the administration held several community forums to discuss options.

“The [results] showed the same conclusion the Long-Range Planning Committee came to,” said McIntyre. Both said Milford High School is the highest priority for a significant renovation or a new facility, followed second at 39 percent for Stacy Middle School.

Milford High School, built in 1971, is costly to maintain and repair due to its age, and lacks educational spaces such as science and technology labs, plus flexible spaces for career readiness programs.

“At Stucy, built in 1980 and extensively renovated in 1994, school officials said that HVAC and electrical updates, parking lot issues, and necessary door and window replacements are needed as are additional instructional spaces designed to meet 21st century learning.

“It’s comforting that there is support from students, faculty and families for these efforts,” commented School Committee Member Meghan Hornberger.

McIntyre said with the community forums and surveys complete, the next phase is to finish a draft of the education plan to be reviewed by the Long Range Planning Committee and the School Committee before putting it out to the community to start the conversation about the future of the MPS buildings.

The district would then put in a “Statement of Interest” into the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to request partial funding for any project.

53 BVT Students Medal at SkillsUSA State Competition

In the second stage of the SkillsUSA series, competing against thousands of the state’s top career technical education students, BVT students won a total of 53 medals: 25 gold, 16 silver, and 12 bronze. Additionally, five National Voting Delegates, and two State Officers were also elected at the 45th Annual 2019 SkillsUSA Massachusetts State Leadership and Skills Conference Championship hosted by Valley Tech on April 26.

SkillsUSA Championships are competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation. Students compete with each other in hands-on technical exams designed and judged by industry leaders and officials to celebrate career technical education.

Following their performance, Valley Tech’s gold medalists will now represent the Commonwealth at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference Championships in Louisville, Ky.

The following students, organized by hometown, earned gold, silver, and bronze medals at the conference. Also listed are special recognition winners, including those elected to serve on the SkillsUSA Massachusetts State Executive Council and the National Voting Delegates.

**Hopedale**
- Special Recognition: Madeleine Postrais, State Officer Candidate
- National Voting Delegate: Abby Kelly
  - Silver: Eli Moore, Culinary Arts

**Mendon**
- Special Recognition: Samantha Stephens, Exploratory Project Demo (Perfect Score)
- Gold: Christopher Aurelio, Photography; Zachary Riverner, Mobile Robotics; and Samantha Stephens, Exploratory Project Demo
- Bronze: Jacqueline DiCecco, Culinary Arts

**Milford**
- Special Recognition: Adam Cavanaugh, Presiding Officer, National High School Treasurer; and Tanyiakhe Muanya, National Voting Delegate

- Gold: Demetri Almeida; Telecommunications Cabling; Olivia Cheschi, Promotional Bulletin Board; Logan Keefe, Digital Cinema Production; Renata Santiago, Entrepreneurship; and Melissa Vieira, Nursing Assisting
- Silver: Adam Dickey, Mechatronics; and Selah Harper, Nurse Assisting
- Bronze: Aidan Luetkemeyer, Diesel Equipment Technology; and Patrick Ober, Robotics & Automation Technology

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Valley Tech Student Council Earns National Recognition

By Melissa Orff
Staff Reporter

Three new flags have been raised at Milford High School to celebrate the ethnically and socially diverse student body in a ceremony held on May 3.

Hosted by Milford High School’s (MHS) Global Citizenship Program (GCP), the flag raising ceremony recognizes the heritage of the students by hanging their country’s flag in the Media Center. This year, the flags of Pakistan, Cuba, and Kenya joined 65 others to honor the vast diversity in Milford.

GCP Members Grace Prevelle and Sofia Wilson welcomed a large crowd gathered in the Media Center and spoke about the advantages that diversity brings to their school.

“When individuals choose to learn about others and choose to respect the similarities and differences, it helps us personally grow,” said Prevelle. “Today’s ceremony sends the central message that all who attend Milford High School are welcomed, appreciated, and respected.”

Three students, representatives of the countries whose flags were raised, spoke about their birthplace, and what it meant to see their heritage honored at the ceremony.

“I have come a long way from being in a small country in Asia to living in America with my family, getting a free education, and many additional opportunities to make something of my life,” said Mustafa Sheikh, a junior at MHS who moved to the country from Pakistan in 2017. Mustafa has dreams of becoming a doctor like his father, whom he credits with allowing him to “embark on one of the most life changing journeys I will ever encounter upon.”

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Quinsigamond Offers New Programs

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Three New Flags Help MHS Celebrate Student Diversity

The flags of Pakistan (far left), Cuba (center), and Kenya (not pictured) were raised during a ceremony hosted by the Global Citizenship Program on May 3.

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Milford High School junior Mustafa Sheikh spoke at the Milford High School Flag Raising Ceremony about his family’s sacrifices that brought him from Pakistan to America.

Calling all Graduates!

Graduating from High School or College this Spring? Our Milford Souvenir Graduation Issue is June 14.

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Deadline is June 4.

Submissions are not needed for graduates of Milford High School or Blackstone Valley Tech, since our reporters are covering those graduations.

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Milford Dedicates Volleyball Match to Linda Zacchilli

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The Milford High boys’ volleyball team will welcome all friends and family there, along with her former athletes. “Not only is Zacchilli dedicated to longtime coach and program founder Linda Zacchilli. “We are really excited for this to be a community event,” said Milford head coach Andrew Mainini. “Not only is Zacchilli a fan of taking a volleyball season one game at a time, but the Milford head coach would be disingenuous if he did not recognize his 12-1 squad has the potential to be one of the best — or even the best — in the state by the time the season comes to an end.”

“We don’t want to get ahead of ourselves, but from my experience, if we don’t start thinking we have the potential to go all the way, when we get there and realize we could do it, it might be too late,” Mainini said. “We have to have an honest conversation about having really lofty goals based on the experience and the talent we have.”

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Defense Sparks Milford Baseball Win Streak

Alex Dion did not try to make things overly complicated when asked what allowed his team to rattle off three league wins in a row and get back over .500 for the season. “Catch the ball and don’t walk guys,” the Milford High baseball coach said with a chuckle.

The formula seems simple, but the Scarlet Hawks’ ability to avoid giving teams extra outs has been crucial to the recent success, which includes winning the Hockomock League foes Stoughton, Oliver Ames and Canton. “We cleaned things up defensively,” Dion said. “Guys have had the ability to do it the whole year, but we struggled a bit two weeks ago with catching the ball. We were beating ourselves and the guys did a great job of responding.”

Dion said the team gathered after a loss to Framingham dropped its record to 4-5. “We sat down and talked about the opportunity we had to go out and play those league games in four days and the guys understood what we had to do. We did enough offensively to be able to score runs and win games and we just blew the ball, we didn’t beat ourselves.”

Milford has been bolstered by solid pitching and the balanced lineup throughout the year and began the week 7-5 overall and 5-4 in the Hockomock. Dan Corsini has led the way at the plate, batting over .400 for MHS, and on the mound. Colby Pires, a junior, has also lifted the rotation with good control and several strong starts.

Sophomore Mario Lee has been a pleasant surprise for the Scarlet Hawks out of the bullpen. He earned a save in a one-run win over Stoughton and pitched in eight of the team’s first 12 games.

Junior Applebee has come on strong for Milford at the bottom of the lineup, batting .424 and setting the table for Nick Marcolini, Matt Shaver and Pires at the top of the order. “We are getting production one through nine,” Dion said, pointing out that 10 players on the team have scored at least three runs. “We don’t really have to rely on one or two guys to get the job done.”

Milford has nearly all-Hockomock games remaining on the schedule, a lone non-league game against Hopedale is the only exception. The Hawks began the week just a half game behind Stoughton in the Davenport Division standings, keeping a league title very much in play if Milford continues to make the plays in the field. “We have gotten good pitching the whole year,” said Dion. “If we can continue to catch it and not give the other teams outs, we can be pretty good.”

Creedon Leading Young Milford Softball Squad

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The Milford High softball team is battling through a rebuilding season with a number of young players thrust into key roles, but Scarlet Hawks’ senior Lucy Creedon has provided a steady presence to help keep the experienced squad, and relatively inexperienced squad through a challenging season. “She has been a great leader for us,” said Milford head coach Steve DiVitto. “She is swinging the bat well and playing well in the field.”

Though 12 games, Creedon is hitting a team-high .359 with a pair of doubles, three triples and five runs batted in. Equally important in a year in which victories have been difficult to come by is Creedon’s attitude and approach to the game. “She is always upbeat in practice and working hard,” DiVitto said. “They have all done a really good job staying with it, but Lucy has done a great job as a senior leading the way.”

The approach has rippled through the rest of the team. “They have done a very good job of not sulking or feeling sorry for themselves,” DiVitto said. “They have come out and worked hard in practices and put forth some good efforts in games.”

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Girls Tennis Doubles Team Earns Tournament Bid

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The Milford High School girls’ tennis team has shown improvement throughout the season, including the Scarlet Hawks second doubles pairing earning a spot in the individual tournament at the end of the season.

Senior Cristally Prado and sophomore Ketny Sousa have done well enough this season to take part in the tournament, which will include schools in Milford’s district from all the divisions that compete. “They have done well and are pretty good at battling in their matches,” said head coach Rosemary Talbot. “They have won over 50 percent of the matches they have played in, so we are hoping they do well in the individual tournament.”

A number of other MHS players have stood out this year, including the first doubles pairing of Caroline Middlecoat and Francielly Rodrigues, who have been competitive in most of the matches they have played.

The Scarlet Hawks have also had a fairly consistent lineup in the singles positions, with Ashlyn Oliveri taking on the difficult task of playing in the top singles spot. “She is the best player on our team but she has a lot of tough competition,” Talbot said. “She is playing against girls who compete year round, but she puts up a good battle and does her best every time.”

Second singles player Juliana France has been an “interesting” one to watch, her coach said, due to her athleticism. “I don’t know if she has taken a tennis lesson before, but she is very athletic and able to hustle across the court without thinking,” Talbot said.

Olivia Marshall has seen time at third singles and Talbot calls her one of the most competitive players on the team. “She definitely does not like to lose,” Talbot said.

Milford earned its first win of the season at the end of April with a 5-0 sweep of Stoughton. Winning another match is a goal for the Hawks, but mostly the focus is on continuing to get better through the second half of the Hockomock League slate.

“We are definitely building, even if we lose a set, we are losing by a game or two,” Talbot said. “The girls are really great to coach. They are all very willing to learn and get better.”

Milford Boys Tennis Wins Thrilling Match

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The Milford boys’ tennis head coach Lisa Caruso and the rest of her team had to spend more than three hours awaiting the conclusion of Monday’s match against Attleboro, but the result was worth the wait as the Scarlet Hawks emerged with a 3-2 victory.

The result came down to Riley Lynch, a first-year senior who outlasted his opponent in a seven-point tiebreaker to decide the home match.

“It was awesome, the whole team was clinging to the fence, so cute how the older kids bonded with a specific younger kid on the court and everyone was really engaged,” Caruso said. “It was what has happened, but about what is going to happen. Focus on the here and now and move forward.”

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MHS Track Relay Qualifies for Nationals

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The Milford High School boys’ track and field team’s sprint relay earned a thrilling first-place finish at the Division 2 relay meet and, in the process, qualified for the national track and field meet.

The quartet of Joey Madden, Sean Lehanoe, Pedro Moura and Hugo Lopes covered the 1600-meter distance in 3:35.78, smashing the program record by seven seconds.

“It was an exciting race,” said Milford head coach Glenn O’Connor. “Hugo was in third when he got the baton and he passed two guys and made it a pretty exciting finish. He closed it really well.” Lopes ran the final 400-meter leg in around 50 seconds flat. Madden ran an 800-meter leg with Lehanoe and Moura each running 200-meters. The team earned the right to compete at North Carolina in the June at the national meet.

The Scarlet Hawks have had a number of highlights this spring and are beginning to turn the focus to the individual meets and accomplishments.

“We would like to see if we can get a couple of Hockomock League championships,” O’Connor said. “I think Hugo can win any race he wants to run and Joey won the 800 last year and is only faster this season.” Miguel Torres figures to battle for a spot on the podium in the mile or the two-mile. O’Connor added, and Max Moran is looking strong after running a personal best 4:37 in the mile during a dual meet against North Attleboro.

While acknowledging the challenge of competing with some of the larger track and field powerhouses in the league like Franklin and Mansfield, O’Connor said a top-five finish, similar to what the Scarlet Hawks were able to do during the indoor season, is not out of the question. Some of the younger MHS athletes also stood out in the recent freshman-sophomore meet. The 4x100 relay team of Kevin O’Connor, Keithley Sutton, Nick Rochefleau and Lucas Rocha placed sixth in the league.

Freshman James Comisky added a sixth-place finish in the two-mile, running a personal best.

“For the national track and field meet,” O’Connor said. “We are a young team and we have some really good individuals.” The Scarlet Hawks were slated to compete against Stoughton at home on Tuesday, May 14.

Qualifying for the national track and field event in June is the MHS boys’ sprint relay team, 1-5, Sean Lehanoe, Pedro Moura, Joe Madden and Hugo Lopes. The team smashed the Division 2 record by seven seconds in their qualifying win. MHS photo

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BVT Super Bowl State Champions Honored at State House

The Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) Varsity Football Super Bowl Champion team was honored with a visit to the Massachusetts State House on April 23. They achieved school and state history by winning the MIAA Division 7 Championship on December 1 at Gillette Stadium, Foxboro. It was for one the record books with BVT being the first vocational school in Massachusetts to win a State Football Championship, by beating St. Mary’s of Lynn, 17-0.

The 2018 MIAA Division 7 Championship Varsity Football Team, listed by hometown. Team captains are noted with an asterisk.


Milford-Joel Anderson, Dawson Potter*, and Nolan Smith Milford-Ethan Blake*, and Justin Santor* Milbury-Josh Mateo Sutton-Justin Limanek, Nick Reed, and John Warren

Upton-Jordyn Amero*, JD Antaya, and Michael Arduino Uxbridge-Sal Ante, Francis Caccavelli, and Aera Tashjian

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