

## MEETING MATTERS

### Townsend BOARD OF SELECTMEN SEPT 12.

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**Top Story:**  
Selectmen signed a contract allowing for a pump to be constructed in the new Harbor Trace Well.

According to Water Superintendent Paul Rafuse, the construction on just the well should be completed in the next two weeks. The well was built by F.G Sullivan Drilling Company Inc. Selectmen had approved the construction of the well, but not the pump station.

"It is a two phase project," Rafuse said.

This second part of the project was award to Winston Builders Corporation, for \$971,900.

Selectmen wanted to know if town council had approved the legality of the contract and Town Administrator Gregory Barnes said they had. They also wanted to know what Rafuse thought of the contract, in terms of the technical aspects of it.

"We don't have the technical background," said Selectman David Chenelle. "Do you agree with the contract?"

Rafuse said he did and that his engineers created a contract they are satisfied with.

As Rafuse had stated at a previous selectmen's meeting, the well will not be used to pump additional water during the day. He said the town is allowed to pump 499,000 gallons of water a day.

"The well is for redundancy purposes," said Rafuse, adding it will ease the use of the two existing wells.

Currently these two wells pump out water for 10 to 12 hours a day but with the addition of another well, they will each pump for about four to six hours a day, according to Rafuse.

Selectmen agreed they would sign the contract, con-

tingent upon the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Fund giving their approval on the project. According to Barnes, the trust fund organization must approve financing for the project.

#### In other news:

- Selectmen voted to close the portion of Brookline Street in front of the Townsend Congregational Church for the Second Annual Gregory E. Reeves Memorial Scholarship Run. This is where the race starts and ends, and registration takes place there as well. The area will be closed on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Selectmen discussed whether or not to write off \$26,000 in uncollected ambulance service fees. The Ambulance Department uses Coastal Billing, which, according to Barnes, does a thorough job in terms of billing customers. Barnes said the people who owe money have been notified five times of their outstanding bill. The company does not take it as far as litigation, and Barnes said it is up to town officials to decide how aggressive they want to be with the outstanding bills. He said in the past, the town has been lenient with those that are uninsured.

Chenelle said he was not comfortable waiving \$26,000 of debt without at least looking into the issue more. The board agreed and decided to set up an appointment with representatives from Coastal Billing and the officials from the ambulance department to discuss other options.

- The date for the fall Town Meeting was set for Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. to be held in Memorial Hall.

## In brief

#### Registration available for upcoming Babysitter's Training Course

The American Red Cross of North Central Massachusetts will host a Babysitter's Training Course from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Sept. 23, in Room 2 of Memorial Hall.

This course teaches youth ages 11 and older the responsibilities and qualities of being a good babysitter, in addition to what is expected from the person who hires them, and the best ways to be safe and keep children in their care safe. Fee is \$42 per student.

For more information, or to register, call (978) 537-3339, Ext. 24.

#### Toddler storytimes to be held at library

The Townsend Public Library will hold toddler storytimes Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., beginning Sept. 26 through Oct. 31, in Room 1 of Memorial Hall. Appropriate for children ages 2 to 4 years old and their siblings. For more information, call the library at (978) 597-1714.

#### Townsend 275th Anniversary Committee seeking donations from community

The Townsend 275th Anniversary Committee is hard at work planning the Townsend Old Home Days scheduled to be held Saturday, Sept. 30 and is seeking help from the community.

The committee is seeking sponsors to advertise in the bulletin which will be handed out throughout the fair. The cost of the advertisement is \$15 for business card size; \$20 for quarter page. Please send money and business card or logo to Townsend 275th Anniversary, c/o Townsend Old Home Days Fair, P.O. Box 115, Townsend MA 01469. If you need additional assistance, contact Keith Jackson at (978) 400-1658 or David Lamoureux at (978) 480-2006.

Also, any business that would be interested in donating a product, gift certificate, or service to be raffled at the Townsend Old Home Days is asked to contact Paul Bergeron at (877) 204-7138 or Tubby Boucher at (978) 597-8876. Proceeds of the raffle will benefit the 275th Anniversary. Donations may be picked up or dropped off at the Town Common on Sept. 30, at 10 a.m.

Do you have old knick-knacks, dishes, or items you no longer want? Why not donate them to "Grand Ma's Attic", with proceeds to benefit the 275th Anniversary. There will be a large trailer at the common for all donations on Sunday, Sept. 24 and Friday, Sept. 29 from 8 a.m. to noon. Please no large appliances, air conditioners, gasoline items, large furniture, and by all means no flammables, combustibles, or corrosives. For more information, contact Paul Bergeron at (877) 204-7138.

For years, Bill Burke of Fitchburg had suffered knee pain from an old sports injury. Earlier this year, Bill re-injured his knee. It became so painful he couldn't walk up stairs or even sleep at night. When he considered knee replacement surgery, he knew exactly where to go. His wife, Linda, had successful knee replacements on both her knees at HealthAlliance Hospital.

"My surgeon was great. He explained the x-rays in detail and he was very thorough about explaining the procedure. And since he's done so many knee replacements, he knew exactly what he was doing." In fact, Bill was impressed with the entire medical staff at HealthAlliance Hospital.

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"Everybody was great. My doctor checked on me every morning to see how I was doing. The nurses were wonderful and the physical therapy people were outstanding. I feel great now. I have nearly 100% of my movement back and my leg is feeling wonderful. I'd recommend the surgeons at HealthAlliance Hospital to anyone."

Bill Burke,  
retired Fitchburg Firefighter

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