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and more **B1-4**



The Pine Plains FFA Ag Fair brought a crowd to the high school on Church Street Saturday, Oct. 11. Right, Stissing Mountain High School Principal Christopher Boyd enjoys a dip in the dunk tank to raise money for the Pine Plains teachers' union-sponsored scholarship.



**By JOHN COSTON**  
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — Ten candidates for office in the Nov. 4 election will answer questions from Dutchess County voters at a candidate forum on Friday, Oct. 24, at the Annex at the NorthEast-Millerton Library located at 28 Century Blvd.

The forum, which is sponsored by the library, will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Candidates for local and county offices will answer questions from residents in attendance or from residents who have submitted questions in advance.

"We're excited to keep the tradition of the candidate forum going," said Rhiannon Leo-Jameson,

director of the library. "Some years we can't always get candidates together."

This year's forum will include: Rachele Grieco Cole, a democrat, and Chris Mayville, a republican, who both are running uncontested for the North East Town Council;

**See CANDIDATES, A8**

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MILLBROOK — Dozens of residents of the Town of Washington packed into the courtroom in Town Hall on Reservoir Drive for a standing-room-only regular meeting of the Planning Board on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Well over three-quarters of the

crowd were there to listen in to a pre-application meeting between Planning Board members and representatives of Centaur Properties LLC, a New York City-based development company that's proposing an 18-hole golf course, equestrian facilities and luxury residential development on the 2,000-acre Hitchcock estate.

A pre-application meeting, Plan-

ning Board Chair Susan Meaney explained before beginning the discussion, allows developers or anyone with a potential project to meet with the Planning Board and ask questions about the planning and zoning process prior to submitting an application.

"This is not a public hearing,"

**See HITCHCOCK, A8**



AMENIA — After serving more than five years as Priest-in-Charge of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia, the Rev. AJ Stack announced Tuesday, Oct. 7, that he will resign from the church and Food of Life/Comida de Vida pan-

try. His last day at his current post will be Sunday, Nov. 2, the conclusion of the Feast of All Saints.

The news was shared in two emails from Stack — one to Food of Life pantry subscribers and volunteers, and another to parish members.

See REV. AJ STACK, A8



**The Rev. AJ Stack, center right, blessing a chicken at the pet blessing event at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia on Saturday, Oct. 4.**

By **LEILA HAWKEN**  
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AMENIA — After months of meticulous planning by an energized planning committee, the first annual Amenia Harvest Festival will come to life on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will be held along Route 343 (East Main Street) between Fountain Square and Mechanic Street, the road closed to traffic to accommodate the festival's features and crowds of residents and visitors expected to attend.

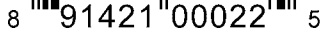
Festival organizer and committee chairman Ken Topolsky

shared some of the plans during an interview on Wednesday, Oct. 8, excited to report that more than 50 vendors have signed up, including C&C Grilled Cheese, charcuterie and soup and Silo Bakery. Great Cape will offer fresh cider and donuts. There will be chili and sandwiches. Isabela will be there and the Amenia Fire Department will have its grill going. Look for Fuego Deli

It's not all about phenomenal food, though, as there will be a Tarot card reader, and a booth devoted to Etsy wares, and more.

Children will be kept amused with free activities, including a

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OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Upstate Pines is proposing to open a cannabis dispensary in the historic weigh station building at the intersection of Route 82 and Railroad Avenue.

Pine Plains Planning Board approves waiver for proposed dispensary

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PINE PLAINS — Members of the Planning Board voted unanimously to grant a waiver to Upstate Pines allowing the cannabis dispensary to operate within 300 feet of the firehouse and the Post Office at their regular meeting Wednesday, Oct. 8.

That vote came after Planning Board attorney Warren Replansky explained recent state guidance superceded the town’s ability to restrict the business on the grounds of its proximity to the Post Office and the firehouse.

Approval of the dispensary itself was not yet granted, and the public hearing will be continued at the Wednesday, Nov. 12, meeting of the Planning Board.

Replansky explained an advisory opinion handed down on Monday, Oct. 6,

from the state government and the Office of Cannabis Management clarified that municipalities may only legally restrict a nonmedical cannabis dispensary’s distance to a “public youth facility,” defined as a publicly accessible space with the primary purpose of providing services to children.

“So that might’ve saved you a bit of time,” Planning Board Chair Michael Stabile said to the applicants following Replansky’s remarks.

Next steps for the project now require the applicants to undergo State Environmental Quality Review, a standard process that most major development projects are required to follow.

Planning Board members, Replansky and the applicants also discussed parking and traffic control plans after receiving input from Dutchess County Planners that re-

quested more specific information about the potential future uses on the site including a grocery store and an ice cream shop.

County planners wanted to see a detailed description of the scope of all future uses to limit the possibility of segmentation, which is when a project is proposed and completed in vague phases that inhibit the full environmental review process.

Also on the agenda was a resolution to allow construction of a small house at 441 Carpenter Hill Road and the approval of a site plan for ground-mounted solar panels in the backyard of a residence at 560 Carpenter Hill Road. Board members approved the resolution for the small house and accepted the site plan for the solar panels, setting a public hearing on the matter for Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Fallen tree cancels Journal, News jubilee

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LAKEVILLE, Conn. — The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News Jubilee Luncheon fundraiser at the Grove Sunday, Oct. 12 was canceled after a very large section of a tree fell on the caterer’s tent at about 10 a.m.

Most of the catering staff heard the tree breaking up and got out of the tent in time, but the chef was hit by the falling limbs and sustained non-critical injuries.

A portion of the Grove’s roof sustained damage and branches came through the tent.

The Lakeville Hose Company responded to the scene. The chef was transported to Sharon Hospital by the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service.

“While we’re deeply disappointed to cancel our annual fundraising event, our first concern is for our



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The roof of the Grove was damaged by the tree, the event tent was punctured, a chef was injured and the Jubilee Luncheon was canceled Sunday, Oct. 12.

caterer’s chef, who was injured in the incident and is now recovering at home,” said James Clark, publisher. “We’re grateful there were no more serious injuries, and we deeply appreciate the understanding and support of our honoree, underwriters, and guests.”

The incident occurred

during preparation for the event, which would have centered around the presentation of the Estabrook Community Leadership Award to Bunny Williams.

Food that The Marketplace had prepared for the event was donated to People’s Pantry in Great Barrington.

One dead, two hurt in Sharon car crash

By RILEY KLEIN  
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SHARON, Conn. — Emergency crews were called Saturday, Oct. 11, to Amenia Union Road in Sharon for a report of a vehicle into a building with entrapment.

Connecticut State Police reported Charles Teti, 62, was driving his Jeep Grand Cherokee northbound on Amenia Union Road when, for an

unknown reason, the vehicle veered across the southbound land and exited the roadway where it struck a tree and home. Airbags deployed.

Teti and front seat passenger Aidan Cassidy, 63, sustained serious injuries. Teti was airlifted to Hartford Hospital and Cassidy was transported by ambulance to Sharon Hospital for treatment.

Back seat passenger Shea

Cassidy-Teti, 17, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced dead on scene. Cassidy-Teti was a senior at Kent School. He played on the football and tennis teams.

The residence that was struck is located at 35 Amenia Union Road.

The case remains under open investigation. Witnesses are asked to contact Trooper Lukas Gryniuk at Troop B 860-626-1821.

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### Koi harvest

The “Elusive Ki Shusui” koi were temporarily relocated into a tub before being returned to their home pond at Maxine Pietro’s annual koi harvest at Broccoli Hall Farm in Amenia on Friday, Oct. 10. Speaking of their yellowish beauty, Pietro is pictured pointing out that the fish are scaleless but for scales that grow along the “zipper” on each fish’s dorsal ridge. The koi in the photo are estimated to be 6 or 7 years old.

# NECC’s Early Learning Program an oasis in Dutchess County’s child care desert

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MILLERTON — In its third year, the North East Community Center’s Early Learning Program has become a vibrant, nurturing space for children and an invaluable resource for families in Dutchess County, an area identified as a child care desert by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. There are openings in both the toddler and preschool rooms for children ages 18 months to five years. The ELP follows what’s known as the Creative Curriculum, a research-based early childhood program that builds confidence, creativity and critical thinking through hands-on, project-based learning. “Kids are natural explorers,” said Emily Redmond, Early Childhood Programs Director. “Oftentimes, they



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The Early Learning Program uses the research-based Creative Curriculum, which features a flexible, play-based approach with lots of time outdoors.

tell us what they need to learn, so we leave plenty of room to follow the child.” Before joining NECC, Redmond spent 13 years

prepares multiple meals and snacks for the kids each day in the on-site commercial kitchen, often using locally sourced ingredients. Known for his colorful aprons and bubbly personality, he has even been spotted in the classroom playing a few songs on the guitar. So beloved is Chef Lenny that some students incorporate his role into their own play at home, pretending to cook and serve just like him. “Not many child care programs have an on-site chef to prepare daily meals,” laughed Redmond.

The only thing more colorful or bubbly than Chef Lenny is the new classroom fish tank, a favorite feature that provides both a calming presence and learning opportunities. A lively mix of fish adds to the ambiance, including several types of goldfish, a student-favorite pictus catfish, one powder blue gourami, a halfmoon blue betta, two dalmatian mollies and more.

The ELP is fully licensed by New York State, allowing NECC to accept state subsidies and help families access financial assistance.

“We truly value all forms of diversity, including socioeconomic diversity, and as a hallmark of NECC’s mission we strive to eliminate barriers to accessing quality education,” said Redmond, noting that the organization’s Family Programs department can provide support throughout the application process, including bilingual assistance.

NECC’s Early Learning Program is a New York Office of Children and Family Services-licensed day care center located at 11 Park Street in Millerton. Contact emily@neccmillerton.org for more information.

## Millerton boards struggle to fill vacant seats

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MILLERTON — The Village Zoning Board of Appeals was scheduled to hold a joint working session with the Planning Board on Tuesday, Oct. 7, and while village officials did not answer questions about the meeting’s purpose, public records indicate it was likely to address a possible

merger of the two groups amid ongoing challenges to attract volunteers. The idea of a merger, raised by ZBA Chair Kelly Kilmer at the Board’s Sept. 2 meeting, would likely help the Village operate more efficiently and address its apparent volunteer shortage. However, the session was canceled due to a lack of quorum — the minimum number of members

needed to conduct business. Officials say the workshop session will be rescheduled. There is currently one open seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals, which comes with a five-year term starting in 2025. The Planning Board has two openings — one is a new five-year term beginning in 2025, and the other is to complete an existing term that runs through 2028.

Participation has been a challenge over the past year, raising concern among Village Board members. In response, the Board took action in July, unanimously passing a local law on July 29 to help address the issue. The new law, now part of the Village code (Articles 41-3 and 41-4), allows members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to serve even if they live outside the Village, as long as they reside within Dutchess County. Despite expanding the eligibility area, several seats remain unfilled.

Recently appointed Zoning Board Chair Kelly Kilmer spoke at the July 29 Village Board meeting in support of the local law and urged residents to get involved. “It is very crucial that we get people on these boards,” she said. “When people are trying to plan things to upgrade the Village — whether it be their home, their business or whatever — we need people who are going to be here and engaged.”

## Spotted Lanternfly a nuisance but not a threat

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The Spotted Lanternfly, an insect native to Asia and first found in the U.S. in Pennsylvania in 2014, has made its way into northeast Dutchess County, New York, and the Northwest Corner of Connecticut.

Brent Boscarino, Coordinator of the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management, explained that the lanternfly is a nuisance pest, but it’s not quite dangerous enough to trees and plants to kill them. “Response is going to vary depending on where it is discovered,” Boscarino said. He said the insects don’t pose a threat to humans or even that large of a threat to local trees and plants except for vineyards and timber lots.

Spotted Lanternflies will

breed and congregate in groups in a tree or a collection of vines, feeding on the plants leaves and stems with special mouths that pierce and suck out the sap. During this process the insects secrete a sticky substance known as honeydew. The added moisture can propagate sooty mold on the bark of trees and plants. But the insect is rarely solely responsible for killing its host plants, Boscarino said, and if they’re out of sight there’s no need to go search out the bug to eradicate it. Instead, focus on areas where large populations of the bug might be causing a nuisance, like in trees nearby to regular gathering areas. “If you’ve got a big canopy tree that hangs over your deck or a pool or a place where you congregate with your family, that is the area to focus on,”

Boscarino said. Suggested management strategies focus on trapping the insect in its nymph stage, when it’s flightless and continually falls off and climbs back up the trunk of its host tree. Sticky traps can be used, but additional measures should be included to prevent mammals and birds from becoming stuck to the trap, according to information published by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. CAES also has information about funnel-style traps, where a mesh is wrapped around the trunk of the tree to route the bugs through a funnel into a container. Spotted Lanternflies prefer to congregate in the invasive Tree of Heaven, and removing that tree from a property can go a long way in discouraging the insects, according to the CAES.

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OBITUARIES

Shirley Anne Wilbur Perotti

SHARON — Shirley Anne Wilbur Perotti, daughter of George and Mabel (Johnson) Wilbur, the first girl born into the Wilbur family in 65 years, passed away on Oct. 5, 2025, at Noble Horizons.

Shirley was born on Aug. 19, 1948 at Sharon Hospital.

She was raised on her parents' poultry farm (Ode's Eggs, Inc.).

After graduating from Housatonic Valley Regional High School, she worked at Litchfield County National Bank and Colonial Bank.

She married the love of her life, John, on Aug. 16, 1969, and they lived on Sharon Mountain for more than 50 years.

Shirley enjoyed creating the annual family Christmas card, which was a coveted keepsake. She also enjoyed having lunch once a month with her best friends, Betty Kowalski, Kathy Ducillo, and Paula Weir.



In addition to John, she is survived by her three children and their families; Sarah Medeiros, her husband, Geoff, and their sons, Nick and Andrew, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, Shelby Diorio, her husband, Mike, and their daughters, Addie, Lainey

and Lyla, of East Canaan, Connecticut, Jeffrey Perotti, his wife, Melissa, and their daughters, Annie, Lucy and Winnie, of East Canaan. Shirley also leaves her two brothers, Edward Wilbur and his wife Joan, and David Wilbur; two nieces, three nephews, and several cousins.

At Shirley's request, services will be private.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Sharon Woman's Club Scholarship Fund, PO Box 283, Sharon, CT 06069.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Barbara Meyers DelPrete

LAKEVILLE — Barbara Meyers DelPrete, 84, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025, at her home. She was the beloved wife of George R. DelPrete for 62 years.

Mrs. DelPrete was born in Burlington, Iowa, on May 31, 1941, daughter of the late George and Judy Meyers. She lived in California for a time and had been a Lakeville resident for the past 55 years.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, George, include son, George R.



DelPrete II, daughter, Jena DelPrete Allee, and son Stephen P. DelPrete. Grandchildren; Trey, Cassidy, and Meredith DelPrete, Jack, Will and Finn Allee, and Ali and Nicholas DelPrete.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's Church, Lakeville, on Saturday, Oct. 4. May she Rest in Peace.

Ryan Funeral Home, 255 Main St., Lakeville, is in care of arrangements.

To offer an online condolence, please visit ryanfhct.com

Veronica Lee Silvernale

MILLERTON — Veronica Lee "Ronnie" Silvernale, 78, a lifelong area resident died Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025, at Sharon Hospital in Sharon, Connecticut. Mrs. Silvernale had a long career at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, where she served as a respected team leader in housekeeping and laundry services for over eighteen years. She retired in 2012.

Born Oct. 19, 1946, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Bradley C. and Sophie (Debrew) Hosier, Sr. Following her graduation from high school and attending college, she married Jack Gerard Silvernale on June 15, 1983 in Millerton, New York. Their marriage lasted thirty-five years until Jack's passing on July 28, 2018.



Ronnie is survived by her daughter, Jaime Silvernale (Wm. MacDaniel, Sr.) of Millerton, her beloved grandson, Wm. MacDaniel, Jr.; two special nieces, Shannon and Rebecca and a special nephew Sean Hosier. In addition to her parents and husband, she was

predeceased by her brother, Bradley C. Hosier, Jr. and her dear friend Ruth Fullerton of Millerton.

Visitation was private. A celebration of Ronnie's life will be held in the future. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family or to plant a tree in Ronnie's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneral-home.com

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Amenia's Sun River Health to host Fall Fest Oct. 22

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — Serving the area community with a variety of health needs, Sun River Health is hosting a Rural Health Fall Fest, inviting everyone to enjoy a selection of family activities on Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 3 to 7 p.m. The event will be held at

the Sun River office location at 3360 Route 343 in Amenia. The free outdoor event will feature food, music and more. Kids can enjoy games and prizes, and face painting.

Adults can learn about the range of community-based resources. There will be Tai chi and a drumming circle, and health screenings includ-

ing blood pressure checks, flu shots and information about cancer screening.

The event is presented

by Sun River Health in partnership with the Eastern Dutchess County Rural Health Network.



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Dutchess County tax auction scheduled for Oct. 22



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Tax foreclosed properties available in the upcoming Oct. 22 auction can be found at www.aarauctions.com

bidder.

Interested buyers should check the properties removed from the auction on the auctioneers' website, aarauctions.com which is updated daily. Any unsold properties are held over until the next auction. Interested buyers must register, place a deposit, and be prepared to pay the balance quickly if they win.

Potential buyers should do thorough research on the properties and understand the risks. Properties are sold "as is," with no guarantees about condition, title issues, or outstanding liens beyond taxes. Some of these distressed properties can be inaccessible back lots, too small to build on or even underwater, while others can be bargains.

Successful bidders take full responsibility for repairs, legal complications, or eviction of occupants. Ray D. Simmons bought 139 Rudd Pond Road in Millerton on .44 acres for \$11,000 at one of the last county auctions held live in Poughkeepsie in 2019. Then he had to invest another \$20,000 to tear down the deteriorated house, remove 95 tires and fill a 30-yard

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report Oct. 1 to Oct. 8.

Oct. 1 — Deputies responded to Route 22 in the area of Trinity Pawling School in the Village of Pawling for a report of a mother vs. adult son domestic dispute occurring in a vehicle. Upon arrival Deputies learned that the son had fled the vehicle on foot. Investigation resulted in the parties being reunited. No offenses had been committed. Matter later resolved without further police intervention.

Oct. 2 — Deputies responded to the area of Johnson Lane, in the Village of Millbrook for a male/female domestic. A Third-party caller reported hearing banging and yelling coming from the apartment. Both parties were found to be intoxicated and denied being involved in a dispute. Matter resolved

without any further police intervention.

Oct. 2 — Deputies report the arrest of Michael R. Mudry, age 53, for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree subsequent to a traffic stop in the area of 5523 Route 22 in North East. Mudry to appear in the Town of North East Court at a later date.

PLEASE NOTE: All subjects arrested and charged are alleged to have committed the crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty and are to appear in local courts later.

If you have any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected criminal activity please contact the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office tip line at 845 605 CLUE (2583) or Email dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

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OUR TOWNS



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Rio Jazz at Smithfield Church

A program of Brazilian Jazz delighted the audience at The Smithfield Church on Saturday, Oct. 11. One in the series of Bang Family Concerts, the concert was titled “Rio Jazz: Intimate Brazilian Jazz.” An ensemble of renowned area musicians was assembled by Matt Finley, the group’s director and pioneer in popularizing the genre. Finley’s wife, Denise Jordan Finley provided the vocals on “When She’s Gone,” one of the concert’s highlights, drawing robust applause.

Keane Stud impact analysis moves to public presentation

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — A continuing effort on the part of the developers of the Keane Stud subdivision to create a required environmental impact analysis was the subject of long discussion at the regular Planning Borad meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Termed a scoping analysis, since June the developers havde consistently sought planning board guidance on the preparation of the scoping analysis of the environmental and visual impacts of the proposed subdivision on the landscape, including the panoramic view from DeLaVergne Hill.

Representing the Keane Stud developers was attorney Diana Kolev, Partner of DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise Wiederkehr, LLP, of White Plains. The process is also being advised by the board’s visual consultant George Janes, in attendance at the meeting.

Following discussion, the planning board agreed to authorize Janes and planning board attorney Paul Van Cott to work together with the developer’s representatives to create a presentation that

will detail the potential environmental and visual impact of the subdivision.

Due to the lack of a quorum at that point in the meeting, Van Cott advised that an authorization would suffice, rather than a formal motion. Planning Board member James Vitiello had abstained and board member Nina Peek had recused.

“The applicant is seeking to move the project forward,” Van Cott said.

Proposed Keane Stud subdivision plans call for 605 acres to be divided into 23 large agricultural lots.

Part of the public-facing process is to prepare an initial public presentation of the impact analyses well in advance of eventual required public hearings. Accordingly, the planning board has scheduled a public information presentation for Wednesday, Oct. 22, beginning at 8 p.m. A regular Planning Board meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

A copy of the scoping analysis is expected to appear on the town website in advance of the meeting.

“There are presentation alternatives within the draft of the scope analysis already,” said Janes, describing two ideas.

The first idea is a cluster design incorporating natural features that might create another Amenia hamlet.

“The present panoramic view has been shaped by men and women over the past 100 years,” Janes noted, adding, “There are no particular right answers.”

Van Cott suggested that the subcommittee should find alternatives that would help the applicant achieve goals, seeing potential for examining certain site areas that would be less visible than others.

“When you start to lessen one negative impact, you may worsen another,” Planning Board Engineer John Andrews observed.

“When you start clustering housing, then you need central water and sewer,” Andrews noted as an example.

“The hope is to look for something that will avoid visual impact,” Van Cott said.

Attorney Kolev reminded the board that the proposal is for a subdivision, dividing the acreage into agricultural lots.

Vitiello reminded the board to be looking for alternatives that conform with what has been proposed in the application.

Millbrook officials alarmed about village stormwater flow

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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MILLBROOK — A high volume of stormwater is flowing into the village wastewater treatment plant, a village-wide problem described in a recent announcement from the office of Mayor Peter Doro.

The overflow problem has been ongoing and has now reached a point where a solution is needed. The stormwater must be eliminated from the inflow as the wastewater system cannot handle it, and the practice does not conform to current state regulations.

The village’s wastewater operator, VRI, has been measuring and documenting the problem. When the weather is dry, they report that the wastewater treatment plant can handle what comes its way. But, when it rains, inflow often exceeds operating capacity.

The suspected source of the stormwater flow may be found in sump pumps and downspouts discharging into the sewer system.

The mayor’s announcement urges that anyone with a sump pump or downspout connected to the sewer line, or if anyone does not know, simply contact Village Hall and make an appointment for a free inspection. There will be no penalty and village officials will work with the

resident to find a solution.

On the other hand, if a resident or business ignores the situation, the village will need to bear the expense of study and investigation to find the offending sump pumps and downspouts. Penalty will be levied and the person responsible will bear the expense of the systems being disconnected.

The mayor’s announcement invites cooperation in resolving this issue.



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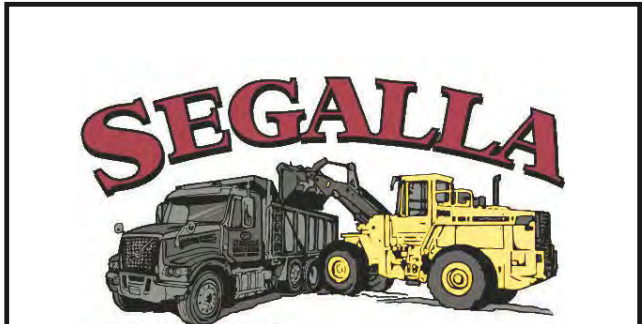
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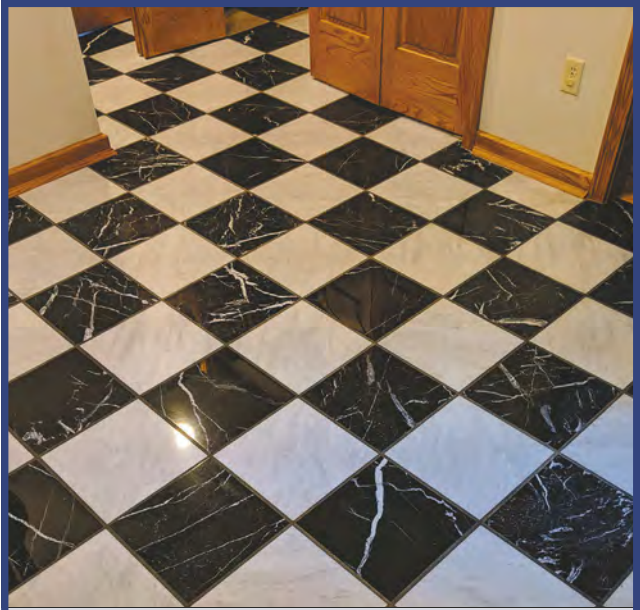
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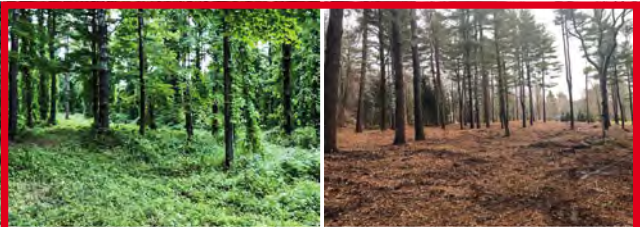
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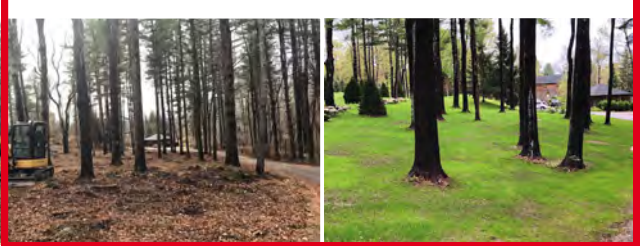
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# Amenia residents comment on Powder House Road applications

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — A handful of residents offered comments during public hearings on lot size variances for two Powder House Road duplex rental properties at the Monday, Oct. 6, meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Representing the applicants for the two properties at 8 and 14 Powder House Road was Joshua Mackey of Mackey Butts and Whalen LLP of Millbrook.

A previous application that had described multi-family units was withdrawn in August by the applicants who down-sized the number of units to two-family duplexes, each with

two bedrooms, being built on the two lots, one on each lot.

Building official Mike Segelken reported that both lots have town water and health department approval for their septic systems.

Comments from neighboring residents centered on concerns about dense housing affecting the community and the neighborhood. Parking plans were also of concern, residents noting the proximity of the buildings to the road and seeking assurance that tenant parking will not be allowed between the buildings and the road.

Discussion ensued about confusion over interpretation of existing code regulations.

After the close of the two

hearings, the ZBA discussed the residents’ comments and their own views of the applications.

ZBA attorney Robert Stout agreed to draft resolutions for each of the two lots to be voted on at the next ZBA meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 3.

“It’s pretty straightforward,” said ZBA member James Wright. “They’ve done all that they needed to do. They had building permits.” Wright spoke of the local shortage of rental units.

“Codes are open to interpretation,” Segelken said. “The code needs to be updated.”

“It’s difficult when it’s not clear,” ZBA chairman Terry Metcalfe agreed in regard to the code.

# Village to host help session for new online water billing

By ALY MORRISSEY  
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MILLERTON — Village residents with questions about their water bills, meters or usage are invited to attend a help session with Trustee Katie Cariello, Village Clerk Lisa Cope and Deputy Clerk Emerald Havelin on Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the NorthEast-Millerton Library

Annex. The event offers residents a chance to get answers and assistance in person.

Cariello said the idea for the session grew out of a recent Village Board meeting. “We had discussed the new online payment system, and I thought it would be great to celebrate this new process by helping residents learn how to pay their bills online — and to simply get to know one

another,” she said.

She added that the library was “very kind to offer the space,” noting that it already serves as a central gathering place for the community.

Cariello said she’s looking forward to meeting residents face-to-face. “It’s a wonderful opportunity to connect with our neighbors and make sure everyone feels comfortable navigating the new system.”

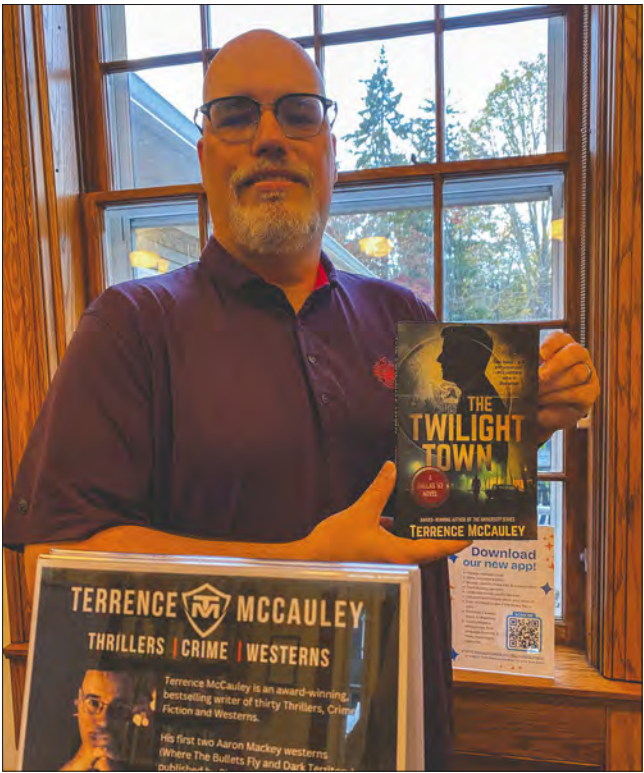


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## Local author pens crime thriller

Acclaimed local author Terrence McCauley presented a book talk at the **Amenia Free Library on Wednesday, Oct. 8.** He spoke about the research and writing of his latest work, “The Twilight Town: A Dallas ’63 Novel.”

# All you can eat pancakes at the **Amenia** firehouse returns on Oct. 19

AMENIA — The **Amenia Fire Company** will be holding their monthly Pancake Breakfast at the Firehouse on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

It is all you can eat with a menu of pancakes, French toast, eggs and omelettes,

home fries, bacon, sausage and beverages. You can eat in or take out.

The firehouse is located at 36 Mechanic St., **Amenia**. Adults are \$12.00, Seniors/Under 12 are \$11.00.

For information call 845-373-8352.

# LEGAL NOTICES

**Legal Notice**  
**Brevi Properties LLC**  
Brevi Properties LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 8/27/2025. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 16 Peaceable Way Dover Plains, NY 12522. Purpose: Real estate management. Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

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**Change of Meeting Date**  
Please take notice the regularly scheduled **Amenia Zoning Board of Appeals** meeting scheduled for 11/17/25 has been rescheduled to 11/3/2025 at 6:00pm.

10-16-25

**Legal Notice**  
Silent Mind Apparel, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/09/2025. Office location: Dutchess County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 593. Purpose: any lawful act.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF AMENIA**  
**SNOW REMOVAL BIDS**  
**PERIOD 11/6/2025 - 4/30/2026**

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for Town of **Amenia Side Walk Snow Removal** will be received until Noon on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at the Town Clerk’s Office, Town of **Amenia,** Amenia Town Hall,

4988 Route 22, **Amenia,** NY 12501 opened and read at the **Amenia Town Hall,** 4988 Route 22 on Monday November 3, 2025 at 1:00pm.

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Town Clerk’s Office during regular business hours, by calling (845) 373-8860 Ext. 125 or by emailing townclerk@ameniany.gov. All bids must have proof of insurance for liability and property damage in addition to proof of Worker’s Compensation coverage. All bids must also be accompanied by a notarized non collusive statement and corporate bidders must file a corporate resolution with a corporate seal. All envelopes must be clearly marked “Snow Removal Bid 11/6/2025 to 4/30/2026”.

The **Amenia Town Board** reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids will be awarded at the scheduled Town Board meeting on November 6, 2025.

Dawn Marie Klingner  
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10-16-25

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

NAILED BY ALYSSIA LLC has been formed as a limited liability company (LLC) located in Dutchess County, New York by filing Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State (NYSS) on July 15, 2025. Alyssia Morton Beliveau is designated as registered agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Alyssia Morton Beliveau will be mailed any process against it served to 579 Carpenter Hill Road, Pine Plains, NY 12567. The purpose is to engage in any lawful business practice.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2026 BUDGET**

The **Wassaic Fire District** shall hold a public hearing

for the purpose of discussing its proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget on October 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at the **Wassaic Fire House,** 27 Firehouse Road, Town of **Amenia,** New York. Copies of the proposed budget are available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of **Amenia** and by contacting the secretary at 845-705-8304.

Copies of the proposed budget will also be available for inspection at the aforesaid public hearing.

Pamela Butts  
Secretary  
Wassaic Fire District  
10-16-25

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Board of the Town of North East on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at the North East Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the application of Perotti Homestead Farm LLC for a Minor Subdivision on Tax Parcel #7069-00-953630 located at 5-15 Homestead Farm Lane, Millerton, NY in the A5A Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall or via email. Please request a copy by emailing the Planning Board office at pb@townofnortheastny.gov or calling 518-789-3300, Ext. 608.

Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board at such hearing. Dated: October 9, 2025.

Dale Culver  
Chairman,  
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**Notice of Submission of Question to Voters of the Town of **Amenia** at the next General Election**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to NYS Education Law §259(1)(13), and in accordance with the provision of the N.Y.S. Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of **Amenia** at the General Election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2025:

“Shall the annual contribution of the Town of **Amenia** for the operating budget of the **Amenia Free Library** be increased

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“I write tonight with difficult news, and I wanted you to hear it from me as soon as the Vestry and I had a chance to meet,” he wrote. “After much prayer and careful discernment, I have submitted my resignation to the Vestry as Priest-in-Charge of St. Thomas, and therefore as Executive Director of Food of Life/Comida de Vida.”

Stack provided few details about his departure. At time of publication, he had not announced his next steps but said the decision was “not

sudden,” and followed careful consideration over a period of months. He will not be leaving the area or the diocese.

An announcement about his path forward and the transition process is expected soon. In the meantime, Stack said he remains “fully present” at the church, and the food pantry services will continue without interruption.

Stack expressed gratitude for the community and the growth of St. Thomas’ mission during his tenure.

“Together we have welcomed new neighbors and strengthened our outreach in meaningful ways,” he said. “I trust that good work will continue.”

He joined St. Thomas in March 2020 and guided the church and community through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. In a recent interview with The News about the food pantry, Stack estimated that it serves 653 individuals from 156 households each week, highlighting a significant contri-

bution to the community.

The announcement was met with messages of reassurance from pantry volunteers. Jolly Stewart, a Vestry member and volunteer, wrote to the community with words of reassurance following the announcement. “I have complete faith in the strength of the parish of St. Thomas,” she wrote. “Our history shows how we have done this time and again, each time becoming more than what we were before. We can, without a doubt, do this now.”

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Casey McCabe, a democrat, also running uncontested for North East Justice. Among Dutchess County races:

Tracy MacKenzie, who is endorsed by Republicans and Democrats, is running uncontested for Dutchess County Family Court Judge; Kara Gerry, a democrat, and Ned McLoughlin, a republican, are in a contest for a Dutchess County Court judgeship currently held by McLoughlin.

Chris Drago, D-19, and Tonya Pulver, a republican, are competing to represent Dutchess County’s 19th District seat currently held by Drago.

Democratic incumbent Dan Aymar-Blair and Will Truitt, the republican chair

of the county legislature, are competing for the Dutchess County Comptroller position currently held by Aymar-Blair.

Leo-Jameson is encouraging questions for the candidates to be submitted in advance, which will not be revealed to candidates beforehand. Dutchess County residents may pose questions during the forum. To submit a question on the library’s website, go to the calendar at nemillertonlibrary.org and find the link in the Oct. 24 calendar entries.

The format calls for opening statements from the candidates, followed by questions from residents, and candidates will be able to stay after the forum to answer questions personally.

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Meaney said. “That doesn’t mean that you can’t let your voices be heard. If you have opinions about what gets said here tonight or what the potential proposal might be you can certainly write letters to the Planning Board.”

Henry Hay and David Blatt are the men behind Centaur Properties’ proposal for the Hitchcock estate. Blatt began the discussion by expressing his and Hay’s desire to have an open dialogue with the community.

“It goes without saying this is an incredible piece of property — an incredibly large piece of property,” Blatt said. “It deserves a responsible and thoughtful steward and our hope is that we can bring that level of stewardship that the property deserves and the level of attention to detail and care that this property needs.”

Following was a description of the project centered around an 18-hole golf course that Blatt and Hay said was essential to the development.

“Our ideas on our project are to create a world class golf course, clubhouse — limited membership,” Blatt said.

Additionally, the developers expressed a desire to construct a spa, equestrian facilities, trails, housing and to conserve a portion of the estate.

Planning Board members then began a back-and-forth with the developers, asking the two men for more specific details about their proposal. One of Meaney’s first questions centered around private membership.

“We’re going to have a very, very small membership,” Hay said. “Maybe 300 people.”

That response prompted board member Nicole Drury to clarify if the proposal is more akin to a private golf club or a gated luxury housing development of the likes of the Discovery Land Company’s Silo Ridge Field Club



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

**A packed house crammed into the courthouse in the Washington Town Hall in Millbrook to hear a pre-application meeting between members of the planning board and developers proposing an 18-hole golf course, housing, and other amenities on the historic Hitchcock Estate on Tuesday, Oct. 7.**

in Amenia — a gated luxury subdivision in Amenia with an 18-hole golf course and other amenities.

“This is nothing like Silo Ridge,” Hay said in response. “This is Buckingham Palace to a craphouse. It’s completely different. It’s much higher quality.”

Later on in the meeting, Planning Board member Eric Alexander again drew comparisons between Centaur’s proposal and the nearby Silo Ridge Field Club in Amenia, which he called a “bad situation for that community.” He cited a perception of exclusivity within the luxury housing development that has put off the surrounding Amenia community.

But Hay wouldn’t elaborate on the distinctions between the Hitchcock estate proposal and Silo Ridge Field Club.

Environmental conservation was central to the board members’ concerns, prompting conflicting responses from Blatt and Hay about the amount of open space that will be left after development.

“At least 50%,” Hay said before Blatt cut him off.

“I think 25 to 50% is kind of a good estimate,” Blatt said, quickly correcting his colleague. “We would love to put aside as much as possible.”

The pre-application meet-

ing ended shortly after input from the Planning Board’s attorney, Hannah Atkinson of Van DeWater & Van DeWater out of Poughkeepsie, and Meaney that not much more could be said about the proposal until something concrete has been submitted to the board.

“There’s a code so you can be working within the framework of what’s expected in these different zones,” Atkinson said of the town’s zoning code, and urged the developers to read the code and use it and the town’s comprehensive plan to guide them in designing the project. “You’re not going to be 180 degrees off what the board is expecting if you follow the provisions of the code.”

**Fools Rush Inn, Cary Institute**

The Planning Board had its hands full until after 8 p.m. with other agenda items including a public hearing for the Fools Rush Inn on Old Route 82. The owners of the building that transitioned from a historic bed and breakfast to simple residential housing many years ago were seeking a special permit to re-establish operation of the inn.

After a series of glowing recommendations from neighbors, the board closed the public hearing and voted unanimously to approve the special permit.

Also on the agenda was a pre-application meeting with Cary Institute President Josh-

ua Ginsberg and head grounds manager Fred Merritt to discuss rehabilitating the Gifford mansion that sits on Cary’s grounds to serve as housing for the institute’s faculty.

The biggest question in that discussion was whether housing was an acceptable use on an established educational facility. The consensus of board members and attorneys was that residences for faculty and staff are fully permissible on the grounds of an educational facility, but the necessity of a special permit was unclear.

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bounce house, inflatable axe-throwing, pumpkin bowling and pumpkin painting, along with face painting.

At some point there will be a costume parade open to adults and children alike. Prizes will be awarded.

An assortment of live music should keep things lively, including “The Crew,” an Amenia favorite from the summer concert series; Mark Adams, a notable local talent, and even The Smithfield Church choir is expected to sing.

“Amenia is on the cusp of stepping up as a major art, gastronomic, outdoor and cultural community,” Topolsky said. “This festival repre-

sents an opportunity for us to engage with our neighbors and our community and proudly share the gifts that we have.”

Signage for parking will be posted, but space is available at Judge Manning on Mechanic Street, Beekman Park, and Four Brothers Drive-in, although cars parked at Four Brothers will need to leave no later than 3 p.m. Golf carts will offer transportation from parking to the event and handicapped parking has been arranged.

The event will go ahead at an indoor location in the unlikely event of rain, Topolsky said, adding, “God loves Amenia. How could it rain?”

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## Crescendo launches 22nd season

Christine Gevert, Crescendo’s artistic director, is delighted to announce the start of this musical organization’s 22nd year of operation. The group’s first concert of the season will feature Latin American early chamber music, performed Oct. 18 and 19, on indigenous Andean instruments as well as the virginal, flute, viola and percussion. Gevert will perform at the keyboard, joined by Chilean musicians Gonzalo Cortes and Carlos Boltes on wind and stringed instruments.

This concert, the first in a series of nine, will be held on Oct. 18 at Saint James Place in Great Barrington, and Oct. 19 at Trinity Church in Lakeville.

For those unfamiliar with Crescendo, the award-winning organization was founded in 2003 and brings lesser-known works from the Renaissance and Baroque periods — along with contemporary fusion pieces — to new life. Its performances often blend classical composition with nontraditional instrumentation for a refreshing new take on an established body of work.

Gevert, who is German, Chilean and American, is a conductor, keyboardist and musical scholar. As the multi-national, multi-lingual (German, Spanish and English) creative director, she is a veritable whirlwind of talent, professionalism and inspiration who conceives of new musical treats for her audiences. She also hires and nourishes local



PHOTO BY STEVE POTTER

Christine Gevert, artistic director of Crescendo

talent, sources internationally known vocal and instrumental professionals, and provides her audiences with well-researched program notes for each concert, packaged in lush, full-color programs that resemble illuminated manuscripts.

“It is the excitement about and dedication to the music, along with the prerequisite vocal and instrumental talent, that characterizes a Crescendo member,” said Gevert. “I don’t care about things like how old or young you are or where you’re from — it’s all about bringing these performers together to provide unforgettable musical experiences for its audiences.”

“Traditional audiences for classical music performances tend to skew older,” Gevert continued. “For that reason, I’ve embarked on an effort to reach younger listeners, and have done things like taken a Crescendo choral group to perform at Housatonic Regional High School. I’ve also launched an effort to recruit and train young singers in Baroque singing techniques so they can perform with our existing choral group.”

The upcoming 2025-26 season includes, among other performances, a solo recital and benefit concert on Nov. 22 by the international Baroque opera star and counter-

tenor Nicholas Tamagna. The curated program will include works by Handel, Vivaldi, and Monteverdi.

Two dazzling Christmas concerts follow: on Dec. 6 and 7, Crescendo presents J.S. Bach’s “Sweet Comfort” cantata and Mass in G minor, featuring the full chorus and soloists with a period instrument orchestra. On Dec. 21, the annual Holiday Concert will be presented: “A Tapestry of Traditions: Unraveling the History of Christmas Carols,” with the entire Crescendo vocal ensemble and Gevert on organ.

For the full schedule, concerts details and ticket information, visit: [www.crescendomusic.org](http://www.crescendomusic.org)

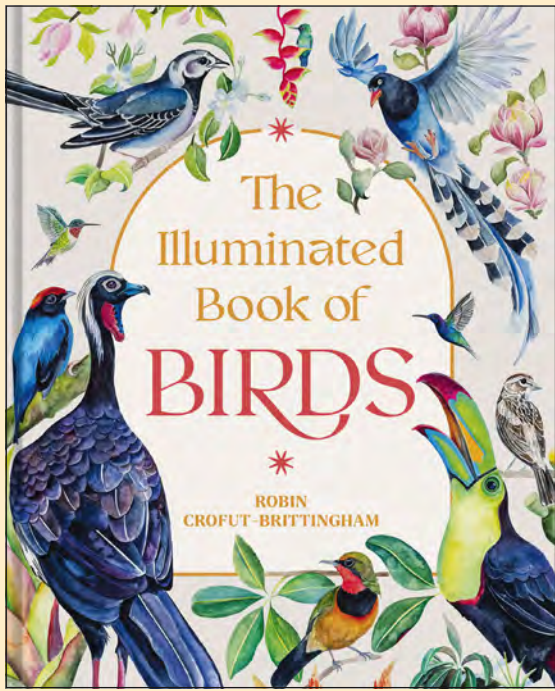


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## Robin Crofut-Brittingham brings bird art to life in new book and show

Robin Crofut-Brittingham, a native of East Canaan, is an established artist living in Montreal. Her new book, “The Illuminated Book of Birds” will be published Oct. 21 by Timber Press, and there is an accompanying art show at Berkshire Botanical Garden in Stockbridge, “Flock: Watercolor Paintings by Robin Crofut-Brittingham,” on view from Oct. 18 through Nov. 30.

The paintings in the book look as if they are from a 19th century book. In a phone interview with Crofut-Brittingham,

the artist said the traditional look is intentional.

“I’m always combining over antique natural history books.”

In her travels around the world (including France and Russia), she has made a point of observing the local birds.

She describes herself as “an amateur naturalist.”

Now working as a full-time artist, and “selling enough to make it work,” it occurred to her that while regional bird guides are fine for their purpose, she could do something

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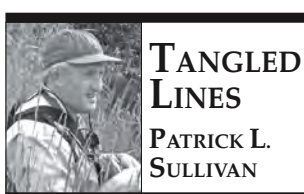


# Low water, bad hip, no fish

This is the autumn of my discontent. There are two problems disrupting my fall fishing. The first is the drought. I'm not sure it's been officially declared but I have eyes. My main stomping grounds, the Housatonic and Esopus watersheds, are super low and have been for weeks. These main rivers are just barely fishable, and forget the tributaries.

This is disappointing because fall fishing is my favorite time. Trout put on the nosebag in anticipation of the long, bleak winter, and the chiller temps chase off the more casual anglers.

Not that I'd be able to fish much right now, which brings me to the second problem. Fate has given my right hip the gang gong. In early September I could hardly walk. With the aid of a steroid shot about a month ago, I slid back into the convalescent class and could do a bit of controlled hobbling, but surgery seems inev-



itable.

A few weeks back I took a week off in the Catskills and on day one limped out into the Esopus, where I played with the switch rod rig my main Catskill fishing buddy Gary Dodson assembled for me and managed one small rainbow before declaring victory and making my painful and awkward way out. I spent the rest of the week chopping firewood, which doesn't involve the hip much, and watching bad cinema, which doesn't involve the hip at all.

So I am in the unenviable position of getting my fishing kicks vicariously.

Gary has been out in Pulaski chasing salmon in similarly low flows. As per usual on the Salmon River, it's hit or miss. Lately more hitting than



Left, Gary Dodson managed this Coho salmon in the Salmon River in western New York two weeks ago despite low flows in that watershed. Below, he also coaxed this smallmouth bass out of the very low Esopus Creek two weeks ago, using a Clouser pattern. He was trying for a spawning brown trout but was happy to get anything.

missing, and he keeps me updated with photos and cryptic text messages such as "Had a good one come unbuttoned last second. Nick said it was at least 25 pounds." Nick is Gary's favorite guide, because he is a fearless wader and gets Gary's salmon in the net.

He also went all the way down to where the Esopus empties into the Ashokan Reservoir with the idea of throw-

ing streamers for big browns. He got smallmouth instead.

Still, it's better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick.

On the other hand, what would be worse than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick? Leprosy?

Meanwhile, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection stocked the two Trout Management Areas of the Housatonic recently, and with the flow low but water temperatures acceptable this is the time to get out there and practice stuff with willing participants.

I would be doing two things.

The first is playing around with dry-dropper rigs. This is when you attach a nymph on a dropper tied to the bend of the hook of a very visible dry fly. It is very similar to indicator nymphing except the fish might hit the dry fly instead of the nymph. It also appeals to my inner traditionalist in a way a bright orange bobber most decidedly does not.

I usually go with short droppers, no more than two feet, but I got to thinking about maybe adding a foot or



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overwhelmed the eye. By editing and layering, we allowed their favorites to shine while storing others for later rotation. The result was a home that breathed. When they hosted friends, guests noticed not the size of the house, but the warmth of its atmosphere.

Creating that kind of feeling doesn't require an interior designer — or a big budget, to be honest. It often comes down to intention. A well-placed lamp that softens the evening light. A textured throw across a sofa. A dining table, however small, always ready to fit one more chair. These touches whisper "welcome" in ways oversized square footage never can.

Fall is the perfect season to reassess. A room that felt breezy in July can seem stark in October. Adding layers — pillows, rugs, curtains — grounds a space. But restraint is just as

important. Too many seasonal touches, and a home tips into clutter. Too few, and it feels unfinished. Somewhere in the middle lies the sweet spot, where comfort and style meet.

I often suggest what I call the "guest test." Imagine a friend stopping by on a chilly evening. Would they feel comfortable settling in with a cup of tea or a glass of wine? If the answer is yes, you've likely found the balance.

Homes don't need to impress physically. They need to express emotionally. Guests won't remember if your bookshelf was perfectly styled, but they will remember how your home made them feel — cozy, cared for and welcome.

That's the magic.

My Ottawa friend's city house proved it best. Under twinkling lights, with dough stretched by hand and endless laughter in the night air, it wasn't about size at all. It was about warmth, generosity and connection — the true heart of every home. In Lakeville, that same spirit shines through smaller cottages and rambling homes, where charm, character and care create spaces people love to linger in.

Because in the end, a home isn't measured in square feet, but in the memories it holds.

*Kerri-Lee Mayland is an Emmy award-winning news anchor and designer. She lives in Lakeville.*

## Correction

In the Oct. 9 article about the upcoming art show at Hunt Library, the ending date for the show was wrong. The show "Face Time" opens on Oct. 25 and runs through Nov. 21. There will be an art talk on Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

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### OCTOBER 16

#### Art Talk: Rika Laser and Gail O'Donnell

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

Thursday, Oct. 16, 5:30 p.m.

Art Talk: Rika Laser and Gail O'Donnell in conversation about their art and their dual exhibition at the library, closing on Friday.

### OCTOBER 17

#### Coat Sale and More Benefit

St. Joseph School gym, 25 St. Joseph Drive, Millbrook, N.Y.

Uncle Al's Thrift Shop in Millbrook will have its annual COAT SALE and More on Friday & Saturday (Oct. 17 & 18) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Joseph School gym, 25 St. Joseph Drive. The event will feature coats & jackets, sweaters, boots, handbags and other cold weather accessories. The Coat Sale is a popular annual event that benefits St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church in Millbrook. For more information, call Uncle Al's Thrift Shop at 845-677-5002.

#### WINE CLASS at Ten Mile Table

14 Main St., Wassaic, N.Y.

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During this two hour class we'll discuss Sicily as a winemaking force, and why she's so damn special. We'll taste four native grapes to the region.

Class will discuss the impact of Sicily's unique terroir on its wines, and delve into the specific traditions and foods on the island.

### OCTOBER 18

#### Art Talk

The Good Gallery, 23 South Main Street, Kent, Conn.

Greg St. John's current exhibit "Traces of Time" continues with artist talk scheduled for Oct. 18 at 3 p.m. at The Good Gallery in Kent.

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#### Schaghticoke: Stories of Survival

Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main St., Sharon, Conn.

Darlene Kascak, a member of the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, will lead "Schaghticoke: Stories of Survival" on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 1 p.m. in Sharon Town Hall. This free program will immerse participants in the lifeways of the Schaghticoke people, both past and present. Visit tinyurl.com/SSSOct18RSVP or call (860) 364-5137 to register.

#### Art Show Opening

Birdie and Hall, 12 Cornwall Road, Warren, Conn.

Oil and canvas painter Steven Miller's new exhibit opens at Birdie and Hall Saturday, Oct. 18, with a reception from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the exhibit runs through Jan. 10.

#### Pumpkin Fest

Bunny McGuire Park, Main Street, North Canaan, Conn.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, Pumpkin Fest will take place at Bunny McGuire Park. Scarecrow contest, haystack prize search, pumpkin carving, food, vendors and kids karaoke.

#### Evening of Song Celebrates Country Life and Farming

Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.

Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, presents an evening of songs about farming, rural living and the harvest, Oct. 18, 7 to 9 p.m. All ages are invited to celebrate the area's agricultural heart and soul by drawing from a long tradition of songs about working the land.

Tickets sold at the door for \$15 or what you can afford. Reservations are not required.

#### Grand Opening: Whistle Pig Books

Whistle Pig Books, 62 Main St., North Canaan, Conn.

Whistle Pig Books invites the community to its Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 18th, from 10 a.m. to noon. Refreshments served from Rosie's Kitchen. The bookstore will remain open until 3 p.m. for browsing and shopping.

#### Book Signing with Frances Palmer for her book, "Life with Flowers"

Honeychurch, 35 Church St., Lenox, Mass.

12 to 2 p.m.

#### Run & Wag 5K

Village Green, Pine Street, Cornwall, Conn.

The Little Guild animal shelter's Run & Wag 5K brings runners, walkers and tail-waggers together to support animals in need. Festivities begin at Cornwall's Village Green at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, and the race begins at noon. Registration is available online only at www.littleguild.org through Friday, Oct. 17, at noon.

#### Take Back the Hike

Skiff Mountain South Preserve, Kent, Conn.

Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m.

Join Project SAGE, Kent Land Trust, and Kent Parks & Rec for the third annual Take Back the Hike at Skiff Mountain South Preserve. This 3-mile community hike raises awareness about domestic violence, personal safety, and the healing power of nature. Inspired by the Take Back the Night movement. Free; registration encouraged: bit.ly/registerforhike

#### Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

On Saturday, Oct. 18, 4 to 5 p.m., join Claudia Cayne for a lively and informal discussion of the novel Clear, by Carys Davies, a best book of 2024 choice by the New York Times, Vogue, the Guardian, Washington Post, and NPR. No need to register. Learn more at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/15140695

### OCTOBER 19

#### Framed: The Murder of Beulah Simons – A Play Lab Work-in-Progress

Ancram Center for the Arts, 1330 County Route 7, Ancram, N.Y.

Join Outer Critics and Drama Desk Award-winner Mary Murfitt for a staged reading of Act One from her new musical Framed at 4 p.m. Based on true events, the story explores a love triangle, a murder, and a controversial trial. Book and lyrics by Mary Murfitt; music by Mary Murfitt and Pam Drews Phillips.

#### CVFD Open House

West Cornwall Firehouse, 289 Sharon-Goshen Tpke., Cornwall, Conn.

The Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department is having an Open House Sunday, Oct., 19 from noon to 2 p.m. Enjoy some family fun, lunch and snacks along with an opportunity

to see all the fire trucks including examples of the new vehicles the department is looking to purchase.

#### Tommy Mesa & JP Jofre in Concert

The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.

Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m.

Cellist Tommy Mesa and bandoneón master JP Jofre present a genre-blending program of tango, classical, and original works in an unforgettable afternoon of music. Hosted by Clarion Concerts.

### OCTOBER 21

#### What's Happening with Healthcare in the Northwest Corner?: A Talk with Joanne Borduas, CEO Of Community Health and Wellness

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., join us for a dynamic talk by Joanne Borduas, CEO of Community Health and Wellness (CHWC). Learn how CHWC, the only federally qualified health center in the Northwest Corner, is providing much-needed health care to the residents of the region. All are welcome. Registration is recommended at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14920154

### OCTOBER 22

#### Boondocks Film Society Presents: Donnie Darko

Story Screen Cinema, 160 Fairview Avenue, Suite 78, Hudson, N.Y.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Join Boondocks Film Society for a screening of Donnie Darko at Story Screen Cinema. The evening includes a pre-film happy hour with live music by King in Yellow, themed food and cocktails, and a free commemorative poster by Dan Hamilton.

Film starts at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: storyscreenpresents.com

### OCTOBER 24

#### The Afterlife of Trees: A Science Conversation with Amy Zanne - In-person (Lovejoy Auditorium at the Cary Institute) + Livestream

2801 Sharon Tpk., Millbrook, N.Y.

Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

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#### Witkowski Piano Duo: Four Hands, One Amazing Performance

Hotchkiss School, Salisbury, Conn.

Join The Hotchkiss School for a special recital by the internationally acclaimed Witkowski Piano Duo on Friday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Katherine M. Elfers Hall. This concert celebrates the 20th anniversary of the hall and features works by Gershwin, Rachmaninov, and Villa-Lobos. Free and open to the public.

#### Haunted Mill and Monsters Ball

Wassaic Project, 37 Furnace Bank Road, Wassaic, N.Y.

Oct. 24 & 25, 4 to 7 p.m., Oct. 26, 2 to 5 p.m.

Immersive haunted art installations in a multi-level mill, featuring works by over a dozen artists. Tickets: \$8–\$10 individuals, \$15–\$20 families.

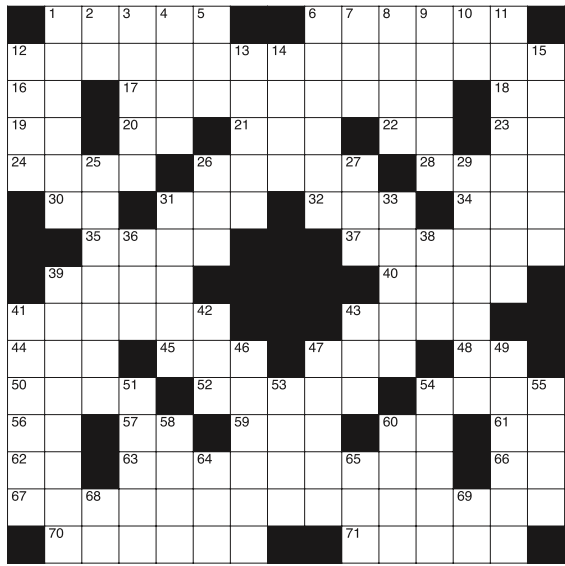
Monsters Ball Oct. 25, 7 p.m. to late.

Costume-required dance party with live music at The Lantern's garden. Advance tickets only; no door sales.

## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

- Martial arts in China
- The butt of jokes
- Nevertheless
- Sportscaster Michaels
- A firm believer
- Atomic #18
- One's bestie
- Of I
- Hamburger accessory
- Thus
- Partner to Pa
- Scottish tax
- Cuts away
- Require
- Government lawyer
- Own (Scottish)
- Body cavity
- Brew
- Young woman (French)
- Platforms
- Pair of points in mathematics
- Attack suddenly
- Aviators
- Make perfect
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Neither
- The center of a city
- Sacrifice hit in baseball
- Singer Redding
- Dragged forcibly
- Puncture with a knife
- Belonging to me
- Expresses surprise
- Haul
- The Golden State
- Biblical Sumerian city
- Integrated circuit
- Opposed to certain principles
- Sodium
- Qualities
- Walk
- It awaits us all



- Speak indistinctly
- Students get them
- Japanese warrior
- Dessert
- Doleful
- Most cushy
- Moon crater
- Small evergreen Arabian tree
- Something fugitives are "on"
- 007's creator
- Paintings on hinged panels
- Type of bomb
- Japanese classical theater
- U.S. gov't department
- Flightless bird
- One who cuts wood or stone
- Buttock and thigh together
- A way to gather

- Body part
- Argentinian city
- Undergarments
- Jai \_\_, sport
- Container for shipping
- Type of screen
- Get free of
- Indicates position
- Business department

### October 9 Solution

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### Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

### October 9 Solution

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## Word of the Week

Hints relate to adjacent five-letter words. Solve to reveal correct letters.

Green tiles indicate correctly placed letters in the Word of the Week.

Yellow tiles indicate a correct letter in the wrong place.

Uncolored tiles indicate letters that do not appear in the WotW.

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- Arcade game \_\_\_\_-a-mole
- Leafy lunch option
- Recorded sound; speaker output
- To shower with affection
- Oct. 18 Run & Wag 5K message



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On a dirt lane overlooking Copake Lake, 69 SW Colony Road is a recent rebuild which sold for \$426,500 with a dock, shed and direct access to the lake.

Late-summer surge in the Copake real estate market

By CHRISTINE BATES  
Special to the Millerton News

COPAKE — Real estate sales activity across a broad range of price levels continued in the Town of Copake in September with eight transfers as the summer season ends.

Four houses and four pieces of vacant residential land were sold each for less than \$1 million at an estimated median price of \$425,000. In mid-October there were 20 properties actively listed for sale ranging from a five-bedroom home on 19 acres for \$4.58 million to a small building lot for \$19,000.

69 SW Colony Road — 2 bedroom/1 bath home transferred on Sept. 24 to 69 SW Colony Rd LLC by Leona G. Darrow/Leona G. Fitzgerlad for \$426,500.

15 Roosevelt Drive — 1,080 square foot studio on a .346-acre lot transferred on Sept. 23 to Elizabeth Louise Aquino and William Aquino as Trustees and Aquino Family Joint Revocable Trust by Raymond Muldorf Trustee and Murial S. Muldorf Revocable Trust by Trustee for \$602,000.

840 Pumpkin Hollow Road South — 4 bedroom/2 bath home on 2.27 acres transferred on Sept. 19 to David Temchulla III by Halee M. Hastad for \$400,000.

Taconic Street — Residen-

tial vacant land transferred on Sept. 16 to Barbara A. Ross by Lisa Jan Marcel, Lindy Miller and Lindy G. Miller Sr. for \$99,000.

White Barn Road — 31.6 acres of residential vacant land transferred on Sept. 10 to Sydney J. Butler Jr. and Amy Carlson by Michael and Eileen as Trustees of Michael Cohen 2023 Revocable Trust and Eileen Cohen 2023 Revocable Trust for \$349,000.

44 Slate Rock Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 13 acres transferred to Justin Tsai and Sarah Kimble by Bruce J. and Ellen Salkin for \$975,000.

Cat Track Road — Residential vacant land transferred on Sept. 4 to John and Lorraine Farrell by Brian Evans for \$30,000.

Cherokee Drive Lot 12 — Residential vacant land transferred on Sept. 2 to Michael and Anna K. Messing by Bruce J. and Ellen Salkin and Michael and Anna K. Messing for \$26,250.

*\*Town of Copake real estate recorded as sold with consideration is derived from Columbia County public deed transfers with property details from SDQ Imagemate. Market data and active listings data reported from realtor.com, and Trulia.com on Oct. 10. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.*

‘I don’t want to walk away’ – Winery applicant makes final plea to North East Town Board

By ALY MORRISSEY  
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MILLERTON — The North East Town Board met on Thursday, Oct. 9, for its regular meeting, which featured a packed agenda and emotional public comments from John King, who made a final plea for officials to reverse their decision to delay his application to amend Town Code 180-40. The amendment could have allowed King to add a country inn and event component to his planned winery on a 36-acre parcel on Smithfield Road near Route 22/44, providing what he called “necessary revenue streams” to sustain the business.

The board rejected King’s plea and, in a roll call vote, unanimously approved a resolution to discontinue his application “without prejudice to the Town Board’s future ability to bring it up.”

Although Supervisor Chris Kennan and the board spent months learning about King’s proposal and considering a code amendment, feedback from the Town Planning Board, the Conservation Advisory Council and zoning consultant Nan Stolzenburg ultimately led officials to delay any action until early 2026, when the town is scheduled to begin a comprehensive review of its residential and agricultural zoning districts. That process will follow the near completion of a years-long review of the commercial district, which has involved more than 100 meetings.

“If it gets delayed and we can’t do this now, I have to pull the plug,” said King. “Because I can’t wait for a lengthy process.” He asked the board to consider the economic boost and job opportunities a winery would provide.

“I don’t want to walk away from this project, and I hope the Town doesn’t want me to walk away and lose the opportunities it would create,” he added.

Still, the Board felt that

the risks of a rushed code change outweighed the potential economic benefits, citing fears of increased traffic on Old Route 22 as well as questions surrounding the definitions and nuances of the state’s Agriculture and Markets Law. Kennan reminded King that “We’re not turning this down forever,” but reaffirmed the Board’s commitment to a process that ensures officials have all the information they need.

Councilwoman Meg Winkler noted, “People have been working so hard over these years — first on the Comprehensive Plan and then on the zoning review of our commercial district.” As chair of the housing committee, she said she has a vested interest in the upcoming review of the residential district but also recognizes the importance of taking things one step at a time. “This is a process that we’ve all been going through and respect a lot.”

During a second public comment period at the end of the meeting, King called the resolution “very inappropriate,” claiming it merged two amendments and made wedding events the focus, rather than country inns. He suggested that if the amendments had been considered separately, the outcome could have been different.

Planning Board member Bill Kish countered, noting, “You can make a very minor change and have a huge impact.” He added that zoning should not be written to suit a specific need, but rather to support the community. “I think you made the right decision in deciding to consider this in the context of the overall zoning,” he told the Board, “and not trying to take the language that was created — basically to save historic structures back in the 1980s — and change it to support a completely different use.”

**Public hearing set for 2026 budget**  
During the meeting, the

Board also discussed the 2026 North East budget, which was submitted to the Town Clerk on Sept. 30. “We worked as hard as we could to create a budget under the cap — if it weren’t for the increased EMS costs, we would have come in under it,” said Supervisor Kennan. “We aimed to be very careful with taxpayer funds.”

The Board set a public hearing on the budget for Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

**Other business matters**

In other news, Elizabeth Barrett was reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review, and the Town signed an intermunicipal agreement allowing the Millerton Police Department to park its vehicles in the Town’s highway garage until the new Village building is constructed.

The Board also voted to forward the list of properties in the Town of North East with unpaid water bills to Dutchess County, which will result in added fines on those property taxes next year.

The Town is beginning a feasibility study on installing solar panels at the highway garage, which was specifically designed to accommodate solar technology. A formal bidding process is expected to

follow the study.

After a months-long review of IT companies, the Town signed a contract with PCA — Professional Computer Associates. “I’m excited to move forward,” said Councilwoman Meg Winkler, a core member of the IT task force.

Additionally, the Town renewed its annual contract with the North East Community Center to support its community programs. “The Town has been happy to support the North East Community Center — they do a lot of good work for our community,” Kennan said.

**Upcoming events at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex**

A listening session will take place on Oct. 22 with the Dutchess County Transportation Council, which is updating the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan to improve options for older adults, people with disabilities, low-income individuals and others who struggle to access reliable transportation. On Oct. 25, a Repair Cafe will be held, encouraging locals to meet makers and tinkers who can help fix a wide variety of items.



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