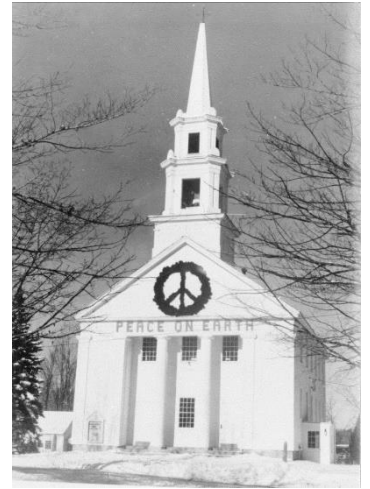
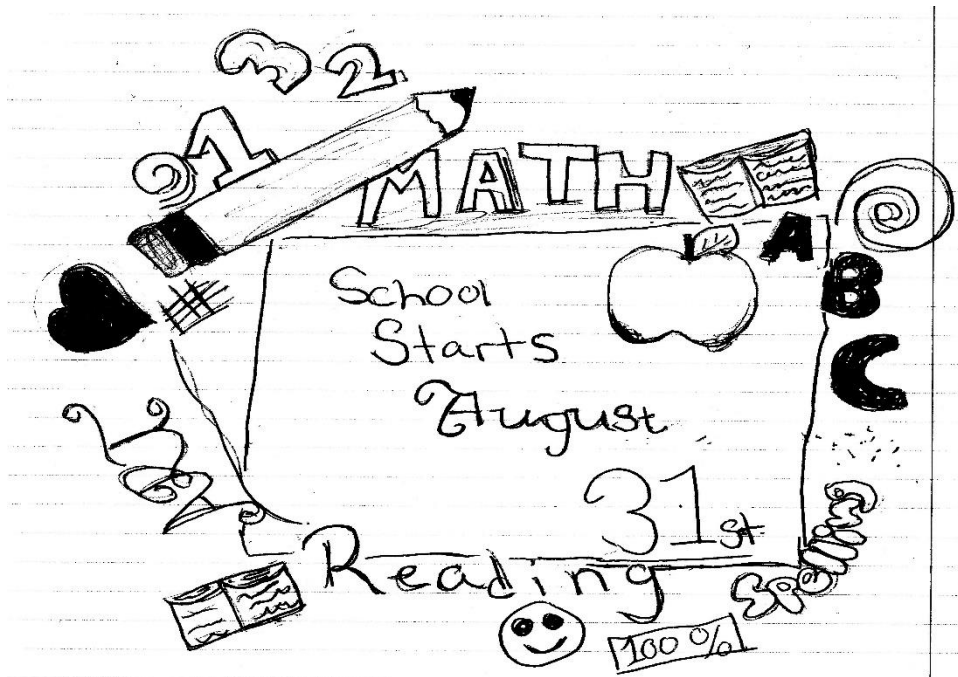


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60 The Common
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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Our Community Church

Guidelines to live by

- 1) Never give up
- 2) Be nice to one another
- 3) Think good thoughts
- 4) Try to do better
- 5) Say “Please” and “Thank you”

Never Give Up! Somedays are more difficult than others. Sometimes it may be frustrating to deal with school or people. You may find yourself in a class where you are having a tough time understanding what is being taught. You now have to make a decision. A) Give up and say, “I just can’t do it!” B) Seek help and guidance, perhaps there are other ways to explain something to help you understand.

Be Nice to one another! In a world where being Impatience, inconsiderate and self-centered are becoming “Normal.” Take time to think about the people around you and the ones you go to school with and try to be “Nice.” I know it is not easy to be nice all the time, because somedays we get tired and don’t feel like being nice. If you keep trying to look for the good qualities in all the people around you. (Don’t give up, everyone has good in them). You will find that after a while, people will be nice to you and want to be your friend.

Think Good Thoughts! Your mind is like a garden, whatever you plant in it will grow. Too much T V (violent videos and movies), too much computer games, too much of anything is not good for you. So, when you are filling your mind up with stuff everyday, try to make it Good Stuff. Look for something good in the world around you. Think good thoughts.

Try to do Better! To be perfect every day all the time is very difficult for most people. It is human to make mistakes. When you know what your weaknesses are, try to do better. Sports, when you practice, you are trying to do better. When you study for a test, you are trying to do better.

Say “Please” and “Thank you”! Good manners are always in style and people do notice when you don’t have or use good manners. Good manners set the stage for people to want to listen to you and be around you. They show Respect you have for other people.

By Leslie Dossett

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
September 2026 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS August 23rd
For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf
Email to: newsletter@phillipston.com



Narragansett Regional School District

Warrant for Special District-Wide Meeting

Monday, August 3, 2026

6:00pm

To be held at the Narragansett Middle School - Safka Auditorium
460 Baldwinville Road
Baldwinville, MA 01436

WORCESTER, ss.

To the District Secretary of the Narragansett Regional School District.

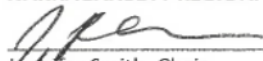
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Towns of Templeton and Phillipston, County of Worcester, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Narragansett Middle School Safka Auditorium 460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, in said Templeton, on Monday August 3, 2026 at 6pm, then and there to act on the following article:

Article 1: To see if the Towns of Phillipston and Templeton will vote to approve the \$26,987,139 budget for fiscal year 2027, proposed by the Narragansett Regional School District School Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to warn said inhabitants qualified as aforesaid to meet at the time and place and for the purposes herein mentioned by posting attested copies of the warrant in each of the two Town's Clerks Offices and in the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, the Town Hall at 160 Patriots Road in East Templeton; as well as the Phillipston Town Hall, 50 The Common in Phillipston, Phillips Free Library, 25 Templeton Road, Phillipston, and the King Phillip Restaurant, State Road, Phillipston, and by publishing a copy of said Warrant in a newspaper in general circulation within the member municipalities at least fourteen (14) days before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 14th day of July in the year AD 2026.

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE


Jennifer Smith, Chair

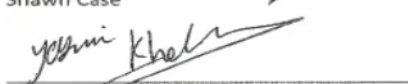

Danielle Boucher-Brunelle


Heather Niemczura


Henry Mason


Shawn Case


Elizabeth Bond


Yasmine Khdeer

Vacant

Delivered and posted by:

District Secretary:

Dr. Christopher Casavant


Date

Phillipston Lions

Phillipston Lion Club meeting Tuesday, August 11 at 6 PM at 250 State Road Phillipston A
summer party/meeting All are welcome.

Phillipston Community Lunchroom

Wednesday, August 12 from Noon – 2 PM at the Phillipston Church.

Soup, meal and dessert – FREE (donations are welcome). Children are welcome.

Dinner on August 15 Baked Chicken Potato, Veg, Rolls, Tossed Salad and Desert.

Available soda, water, coffee & tea. Cost \$13.00

Senior meals/delivery is August 25 around 11 AM – 2 PM. Some new “cool bags” will be left if you are not home with your meal inside. If you are not home for a meal delivery, please leave the bag out for a meal to be delivered.

Save the date: Vendor Fair: Sat., Sept. 12 – Inside the school gym. Vendors wanted. Call Marilyn 978-503-2269 or find an application online andersendeen@gmail.com

Haunted School - October 24 5:30 – 8:00 PM Phillipston School - \$8.00 Cash

“Get your socks knocked off” Fun, games and snacks too!

The Fire Dept. will be there also!

Dinner November 21 Phillipston Lions Dinner

Pot Roast, potato, vegetable, toss salad and desert (apple crisp)

Phillipston Lions Club will be working on a new club for students ages 12 – 18. Leo Club.
From many towns North Central. More information coming soon



Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

August 4, 2026, 2pm.

* “like” our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

New Materials

New Books include: Cancel Me if you Can by Dave Portnoy, Regime Change by Maggi Haberman and Land by Maggie O’Farrell

New Children’s books include: The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spring and Something’s Wrong by Jory John

BOOK CLUB

Our next read is: How to Age Disgracefully by Clare Pooley. We will meet on **Tuesday, August 25 at 5:30** to discuss. New members always welcome- we have a fun and friendly group that loves to chat about books...and everything else!

Summer Reading Incentives

Stop by once school is out and check out our FUN summer reading incentives! You can enter a raffle to win a great prize and earn a tasty ice cream from the Kitchen Garden!!

Upcoming Programs

We have 2 upcoming programs (funded through the Phillipston Cultural Council):

September 17 6pm ‘New England Ghosts’ with Johah Knight

September 30 5:30-7:pm – Copper Bookmark Workshop with Heather Beck
(limited space- stop by the library or call (978) 249-1734 to sign-up)



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped us with this year’s Village Bazaar! We truly appreciate your generosity and kindness. It was a beautiful day, and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves at our various tables and games. Thank you to our friends and family for donations for our tables and your time and energy to make this day a success. Thank you to the following businesses who donated to our fundraiser: The Kitchen Garden, Red Apple Farm, Lamb City Campground, Theatre at the Mount, Wilson Bus Lines, Wachusett Mountain, Noel’s Nursery, MacMannis Florist and Greenhouses, The Florist at Gelinas, Petersham Country Store, Haffners, Hannaford in Gardner, Hannaford in Athol, Price Chopper, Moon Hill Brewing & Gardner Ale House, Speedee in Gardner, The Good Earth, and BJ’s in Leominster! Thank you, also, to the Westminster Strummers, who entertained us as we enjoyed our delicious chicken BBQ! It was also awesome to have Phillipston Fire & EMS and Phillipston Police Dept. (with K9 Officer) join us for a very special day!

Thank you!



Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

117 Main Street., 2nd Floor, Greenfield, MA 01301 • (413) 772-2438 • Fax: (413) 772-3786
www.franklincountywastedistrict.org • info@franklincountywastedistrict.org

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Franklin County Solid Waste District will hold the 2026 household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, September 19, at Greenfield Community College (GCC) and the Orange Transfer Station.

Residents and businesses must pre-register by September 9th. Online pre-registration for the 2026 collection will open in mid-August at franklincountywastedistrict.org. Mail-in registration forms will be available in mid-August at town transfer stations (as supplies last) and in local newspapers.

Participants will be assigned an appointment time to bring waste to the collection; an appointment time and instructions will be provided by mail after registration is processed.

The participating towns are Athol, Barre*, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston, Rowe, Royalston, Shelburne, Sunderland*, Warwick, Wendell, and Whately.

This collection event is free for residents of most participating towns. *Barre and Sunderland residents must pay to participate in 2026. Greenfield and Leyden residents are not eligible; call 413-772-2438 for disposal information. Businesses may participate but must pay for disposal costs. For business registration information, call (413) 772-2438.

This event provides an opportunity to dispose of hazardous items that should not be put in the trash, such as leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, household cleaners, and other household chemicals. A more complete list of acceptable items is at franklincountywastedistrict.org.

Batteries and mercury-containing items such as fluorescent light bulbs, thermometers, and thermostats are not accepted at this collection. However, these items, which may contain mercury or heavy metals, should not be put in trash or recycling. Handle them carefully, bring them to a municipal transfer station or a [Regional Hazardous Waste "Super Site"](#) and hand to the attendant. In addition, fluorescent light bulbs are accepted free of charge at Lowe's Stores (all types of fluorescents), and Home Depot (CFLs only).

For more information, visit franklincountywastedistrict.org or contact the District at info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, (413) 772-2438. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.



The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.

80 State Road, Phillipston

Wednesdays 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Saturdays 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The Museum is Open – Please Note the New Museum Hours. We are celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of our country. New displays focus on the Revolutionary War and Phillipston's place in it, as well as special items on loan from town residents and members. Can't make it during regular hours? Call curator Jane French and leave a message 978-249-4356.

Next Society Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2026. 6:30 pm in the museum. Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member.

New England Ghosts – Thursday, September 17, 2006 at 6:00 pm. The historical society and the Phillipston library are jointly sponsoring paranormal researcher Johah Knight's presentation on New England ghosts. Bring your stories and share them with us!

Please pass the word: We need a volunteer to manage our WordPress website. This includes working with various members of the Board of Directors and committees who provide content. If you, or someone you know is interested, please call or email our clerk, Kay Deans, at 978-835-9088, cdeans4025@comcast.net

Phillipston Agricultural Commission

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

Updates: The Commission meet on July 9th, 2026, to discuss our upcoming events and enjoy the community garden.

Community Garden- the garden is beautiful and very peaceful down there. The vegetables are growing well, and Dennis installed a rainwater collection system off the shed. Anyone who would like to visit the garden please contact Dennis at 413-658-7889.

Farmer's Market- The Farmer's Market is up and going every Wednesday at 4pm- 7pm and the first Saturday of the month through October from 10am -1pm. You can contact Marilyn at 978-503-2269 or Julie at jhockcty2014@gmail.com for more information.

Pumpkin Contest/Fair- We hope everyone is growing their pumpkins. Remember no pumpkin is too big or too small. Also, there is the pie contest vegetable arrangement and floral arrangement, homemade canned good, and home-made products. We are still looking for vendors. If you would like to be a vendor for the fair, please contact either Bob at 978-314-9853 or Julie at jhockcty2014@gmail.com

SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Aug. 4 Herb-roasted chicken thigh with gravy, Mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat bread, shortbread cookie

Aug. 18 Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans & red peppers, cornbread, vanilla pudding

Lunch is served at noon at the Phillipston Congregational Church.

To make a reservation, please call Paula at 978-407-9504. A donation of \$3.50 is suggested.



Town of Phillipston, Massachusetts

Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

Position Summary

The Town of Phillipston is seeking a qualified and motivated individual to serve as the Administrative Assistant to the three-member elected Select Board, consistent with the Town's General Bylaws and Select Board administrative practices.

This position provides professional, administrative and analytical support to Select Board in carrying out its statutory responsibilities under Massachusetts General Laws and local bylaws.

The Administrative Assistant to the Select Board conducts research, prepares written materials, supports public communications, and identifies opportunities to advance Town goals.

Additional requirements as assigned may be required. The position requires independent judgement, discretion, and the ability to handle a broad range of municipal matters in a small -town environment.

*Full time, benefited

*Appointed by and Reports to: Select Board

*Hourly Rate \$30.00-\$45.00 per hour, commensurate with qualifications and experience

Position open until filled.

Please submit a letter of interest, resume, application, and references to:

Town of Phillipston

Board of Selectmen

50 The Common

Phillipston, MA 01331

Email: selectman@phillipston-ma.gov

Employment Applications may be found at www.phillipston-ma.gov

Employment is contingent upon a satisfactory CORI check.

The Town of Phillipston is an equal opportunity employer.

A reminder to residents that Phillipston does offer the following Real Estate Tax Exemptions

- Service-Connected Disabled Veterans – as determined by the VA
- Seniors over 70 – income must be less than \$26,147/yr single and \$34,220/ yr married.

Asset limits (not including home or vehicle) Single \$35,000, Married \$40,000. Must own & occupy home for 5 years and lived in Massachusetts continuously for 10 years.

- Blind – as determined by the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind

Please contact the Assessors' Office for an application or more information

email assessors@phillipston-ma.gov tel. 978-249-1732