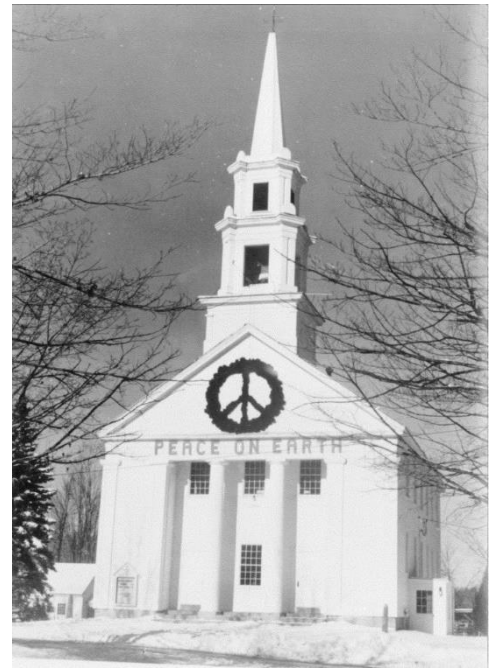


Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.  
60 The Common  
Phillipston, MA 01331



Phillipston  
Community  
Newsletter

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April 2025



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.  
Our Community Church  
Worship 10:00 a.m. with Children's story

Dear Friends,

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." Luke 24: 1-5

Easter comes to us because of this story, that Jesus had risen and was alive, and was no longer in the tomb. "He lives, He Lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way." We sing this wonderful hymn on Easter.

This year we will return to Red Apple Farm on Saturday, April 19 for the Easter's Great Gathering, and we know that He lives, and that this promise is for us also. "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" John 14: 2

We would love to see you at Red Apple Farm on April 19 and at our Easter Worship service on April 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

Easter sunrise worship at 5: 55 a.m. at 275 Ward Hill Road on Sunday, April 19. Worship at 10:00 in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday with Easter flowers.

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON [www.phillipston.com](http://www.phillipston.com)  
**May 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS April 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**For more info go to : [www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf](http://www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf)**  
**Email to: [newsletter@phillipston.com](mailto:newsletter@phillipston.com)**

Season opening of Attic Treasures 8-1. May 3  
Volunteers needed at 7 am and clean up at 1:15

Contact  
Kathleen Walsh 978 660-3197 for any questions.



Events 8AM-1PM

# 13th Annual Easter's Great Gathering!



Breakfast 8-11:30AM



*Saturday, April 19th*

## Great Family Fun! All Are Welcome!

Join us for Breakfast at the Brew Barn with the Bunny & help support the Congregational Church of Phillipston!

### Donation Collection for Templeton Food Pantry

FREE Door Prize Raffle Ticket with the donation of soap or shampoo!

### Free CHILDREN'S EGG HUNTS

Sponsored by Phillipston Lions Club & Congregational Church of Phillipston

• 9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 AM • Teen Egg Hunt with prizes 11:30 AM

### Egg-citing Eggstravaganza Raffle at Noon!

#### EASTER FAVORITES & GIFTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Pictures with the Easter Bunny • Bunny Ears • Raffle Baskets
- Egg Hunt Baskets • Baby Chicks & Farm Animals
- Fresh Cider Donuts & Hot Coffee

# **Phillips Free Public Library**

## **Library Hours**

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

**Saturday 9-1 pm**

## **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

April 1, 2025, 6pm.

**\* “like” our Facebook page**

**Phillips Free Public Library**

## **DVDs for a Dollar**

We have several dozen DVDs and cds available for the price of \$1.00 each! Lots of great titles...stop by and find a great movie to watch!

## **New Display**

Stop by to see the folk art display... Do you have a collection that you'd like to display ? Our library visitors look forward to seeing these interesting collections. Call (978) 249-1734 or stop by.

## **Story Hour**

Join us for a Pre school Story Hour on Tuesday, **April 15 at 10am**. We'll enjoy stories, a craft project and a snack. No registration is necessary.

## **New Materials**

**New books include:** Battle Mountain by CJ Box, Broken Country by Clare Leslie Hall, What the Light Touches by Xavier Bosch, The Land of the Living by Timothy Crellin, The Paris Express by Emma Donoghue, Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McDonaghy, Ward D by Freida McFadden, and Blood Moon by Sandra Brown

**New DVDs:** 'Gladiator II' and 'The Red One'

## **BOOK CLUB**

Our next book is Pony Confidential by Christina Lynch. We will meet on **Tuesday, April 15 at 5:30** to discuss. Copies are available at the library. New members always welcome!

## **Henry David Thoreau Program**

Please join us at the Congregational Church on Thursday, May 22 at 7pm for a living history interpretation of the life of Henry David Thoreau.

Richard Smith is a public historian and living history interpreter who portrays Henry David Thoreau, giving public readings from Thoreau's works and responding in character as Thoreau to audience questions.

We are pleased to offer this unique program in partnership with the Historical Society, with generous funding from the Phillipston Cultural Council..

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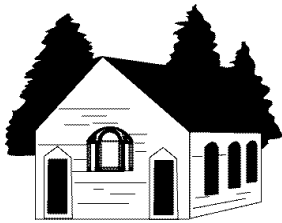
## **NOTES FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

**4TH QUARTER REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS DUE 5/1/2025**

Office hours: Mon: 1- 4 pm

Wed: 1- 6 pm

Any questions call: 978-249-1731



## *The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.*

**80 State Road, Phillipston**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Congregational Church Vestry**

**Society Meeting** -- Join us on Tuesday, April 15th as we continue planning for the upcoming season. Have ideas for what we could do? We'd love to hear them! Everyone is welcome!

**Hold the Date! – Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 20, 2025.** Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a member to attend.

***Want to make an impact?*** Be part of a group where your contribution is meaningful and appreciated? Have an interest in history? Would like to attend a meeting but can't make it? We are an all-volunteer organization with many opportunities, and we need your help. For more information, call Kay at 978-835-9088.

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## **Pancake Breakfast!**

Hosted by the Phillipston Girl Scouts

**When: Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> from 7am-11am**

**Where: Phillipston Congregational Church**

**Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids 8 & under**

**Come support your local Girl Scouts and enjoy  
pancakes, sausages, fruit, and beverages!**

**To pre-order tickets, please text or call Jennie Chace at 978-790-  
9279**

**Thank you!**

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### **PART-TIME HELP TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON**

The Town of Phillipston is seeking part-time help to assist with the maintenance of the Town Hall and the Town Hall Annex. Duties include cleaning of common areas and bathrooms, emptying trash, keeping entrances safe and clear of snow and ice and monitoring and basic repair of bathroom plumbing. Knowledge and experience in building maintenance and plumbing preferred. Send your resume to [pmorin@phillipston-ma.gov](mailto:pmorin@phillipston-ma.gov) or Peter Morin CAO, Town of Phillipston 50 The Common Phillipston, MA 01331



## Help Plan Our Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony!

Join us for the Memorial Day Planning Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm as we organize a meaningful ceremony to honor our veterans and fallen heroes.

We welcome all volunteers and ideas to make this event special. If you'd like to support in other ways, donations are also greatly appreciated.

If you wish to help or donate please contact Selectwoman Nicole Gough at [nicolemgough@gmail.com](mailto:nicolemgough@gmail.com). Together, we can create a memorable tribute to those who have served. Your help and support makes a difference!

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## Dog Licenses for 2025

### License your dog with the Town Clerk

*All dogs licensed after April 1<sup>st</sup> will have a \$5.00 late fee added to their license cost*

*Dogs licensed after May 1<sup>st</sup> will pay a \$25.00 late fee*

***\*\*All dogs not licensed will receive a \$50.00 fine\*\****

You can license your dog by mail, you can find the application in the newsletter online @ [www.phillipston.com](http://www.phillipston.com) and at [www.phillipston-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/dog-licenses](http://www.phillipston-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/dog-licenses).

Make a check out to The Town of Phillipston for the cost of the license.

No postage necessary if you drop off your licensing info at the Town Hall Mail slot on the front door. Your license will be processed and returned by mail.

Please make sure your dog's rabies shot is up to date. You can look at last year's license and see the rabies expiration date. Send your new certificate if we do not have it in the file. There are many options in our area to receive a shot, Tractor Supply, Petco and Pet Supply to name a few. All dogs must be vaccinated!

If your dog is no longer with you, please let us know so we can update the record we have on file, and you will not be sent a fine.

Call the Town Clerk's Office if you have any questions at 978-249-1733, please leave a message. [townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov](mailto:townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov)

Thank You 😊

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Don't forget to request your ballot by mail! Find the application in online Newsletter at [www.phillipston.com](http://www.phillipston.com) and scan to [townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov](mailto:townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov) or mail to 50 The Common, Phillipston, or drop off in the Town Hall Mail Slot located in the front door of Town Hall. Please allow ample time for mailing.

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CONCERT APRIL 15, 2025  
Performing: The Singing Swing Seniors from Hubbardston  
Young or Old, all are welcome!

Place: Phillipston Congregational Church, vestry

Time: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Price: FREE

Sponsored by: The Phillipston Council on Aging  
Join us for the concert, or stay and join us for lunch.

Lunch will be served following the concert. To make a reservation, you must call  
Paula at 978-407-9504 by Friday, April 11, 2025.

#### SENIOR LUNCH MENU for APRIL

1st Potato crunch pollock, Quinoa pilaf, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Multigrain bread,  
Oatmeal raisin cookie

15th Beef chili, Brown rice, Zucchini & Cauliflower, Wheat dinner roll, pears

To make a reservation, please call Paula at 978-407-9504.

#### Coming events

MAY 20th Davis Bates Storyteller starting at 11 am ALL ARE WELCOME. Lunch will be  
served following

JUNE 24th Hip Hop Chair Exercise for Seniors presented by Rondae. Lunch after the class.

If you have any questions, please call Paula, my number is 978-407-9504

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### Phillipston Agricultural Commission

Hello Spring,

We are back in swing and ready to get the garden ready for planting. Anyone looking  
to help or looking to plant at the Community Garden please contact Dennis at 413-  
658-7889.

Pending approval, the Farmer's Market will be at the Common again this year. It June  
4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (depending on the weather), from 4pm – 7pm. To get  
an application call Marilyn at 978-503-2269 or email Julie at

[jhockcty2014@gmail.com](mailto:jhockcty2014@gmail.com) and we will make sure you get an application.

The Pumpkin Contest will be on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 this year pending approval on the  
common. Again, this year we will be having vendors/crafters. And please don't forget  
to grow those Pumpkins. More information about the Pumpkin Fair to come in the  
coming months.

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### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 7, 2025

7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Gym

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**To participate at the Town Meeting you must be registered to vote** The Annual Town  
Election is scheduled for **Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Polls open at Town Hall from 12 PM to 8 PM

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE May 9th.**

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# Phillipston Lions

Meeting April 8, 2025  
7pm at the Phillipston Library

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Soup Kitchen at the church.

Meal April 9, 2025, at 12 – 2 pm

Veg Soup and Beef Veg Soup, Sandwich and Desert' Hot Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa.

All Free! No take outs!

Donations are welcome

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Breakfast in June

June 21, 2025 Saturday

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Senior meal/delivered Tuesday April 29, 2025 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

weather permitting

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Pork Dinner

May 17, 2025 Saturday 5 pm to 7:30 pm

Take out available. Pork Stuffed Cheese, Bake Potato, Mix Veg, Tossed Salad and Desert

All For \$13.00

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Grill Raffle

This Year a Flat Grill will be raffled off

1 ticket \$2.00 3 tickets \$5.00 available at Dinners and Breakfasts or any Phillipston Lion.

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A request on behalf of the  
Phillipston Congregational Church  
& the Phillipston Lions Club for  
**Easter's Great Gathering**  
On Saturday April 19, 2025



We are seeking donations of plastic eggs (new or gently used)  
or small individually wrapped candies for the event.

For example, Starburst, Jolly Ranchers, Tootsie Rolls, Mini Hershey's, etc.

Free egg hunts are offered for all children  
in 5 separate age groups throughout the morning.  
Last year we hid 9000 eggs!

Donations are accepted at Red Apple Farm  
any day 9 am to 5 pm, before April 13th.

Thank you very much for your support!





## TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON

Office of the Town Clerk

50 The Common

Phillipston, Massachusetts 01331

Phone (978) 249-1733

[townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov](mailto:townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov)

Town Clerk:

Karin Foley

# MAIL IN DOG LICENSE FORM

(Licenses are issued January 1<sup>st</sup>)

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEND WITH: (to the above address)

Note: \$ 5.00 Late fee after April 1<sup>st</sup>

\$25.00 Fine after May 1<sup>st</sup>

All dogs not licensed \$50.00 fine

(fees & fines must be paid before licensing will occur)

1. Current Rabies Certificate

2. Spaying/Neutering Certificate

3. Stamped Self- addressed Envelope

4. Check made payable to the Town of Phillipston

OWNER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Licenses will be processed & mailed as received)

(Service Dogs and owners over the age of 70 No Charge)

Dog #1 – Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Micro Chip Info: \_\_\_\_\_ Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Male \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Neutered Male \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Service Dog or Owners

Female \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed Female \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ over 70yrs n/c \_\_\_\_\_

Dog #2 – Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Micro Chip Info: \_\_\_\_\_ Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Male \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Neutered Male \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Service Dog or Owner

Female \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed Female \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ over 70yrs n/c \_\_\_\_\_

Dog #3 – Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Micro Chip info: \_\_\_\_\_ Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Male \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Neutered Male \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Service Dog or Owner

Female \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed Female \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ over 70yrs n/c \_\_\_\_\_

Symptoms of rabies may include unexplained aggression, impaired locomotion, varying degrees of paralysis, and extreme depression or viciousness. Individual animals may be affected in different ways. Some animals will display the well known "vicious" form, while others, displaying the "dumb" form, will merely appear sick or dazed and become very lethargic. Once an animal begins to show signs of rabies it is likely to die within 5 days. All dogs must wear a collar or harness with their tags or identification.

Town Clerk Office Hours: Mondays 8:00am to 8:00pm – Tues-Thurs 8:00am to 4:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of Month 8:00am to 11:00am

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**Town Clerk Office Hours: Mon, Tues, & Thurs 8am-4pm Wednesday 8am – 6:30pm**

Motion made that the Town vote to amend the Town's General by-laws by deleting Article X – Dogs, in its entirety, including but not limited to, Appendix B, and replace it with the following

#### **Article X – ANIMAL CONTROL**

In addition to the requirements set forth in this by-law, the licensing, keeping and control of animals shall be in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, including but not limited to the provisions of G.L. c. 140, §§ 136A to 174E, inclusive.

The Board of Selectmen shall annually appoint an Animal Control Officer who shall be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

The licensing period for Annual dog and kennel licenses, as required by G.L. c.140, §§137 and 137A, shall be January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 30<sup>th</sup>. When licensing a dog for the first time, proof of spay or neutering should be presented in order to be eligible for neutered or spayed license fee. There will be a late fee per dog for licensing after March 31<sup>st</sup> in the year of issue.

The annual fee for individual dog and kennel licenses shall be as follows:

a. Individual Dog, Fixed.....	\$ 10.00
b. Individual Dog, Intact.....	\$ 15.00
c. Kennel, 2-8 dogs.....	\$ 60.00
d. Kennel, 9 or more dogs.....	\$100.00
e. Late Fee.....	\$ 25.00

#### **PER THE TOWN ZONING BY-LAWS – a Special Permit is required to be given a Kennel License**

**28. KENNEL:** One pack or collection of dogs on a single premises whether maintained for breeding, boarding, sale, training, hunting or other purposes and including any shop where dogs are on sale, and also including every pack or collection of more than four dogs six months old or over owned or kept by a person on a single premises irrespective of the purpose for which they are maintained.

In the following table, the letters "Y", "N", "SP", and "PSP" shall indicate the following. Y a use permitted as a matter of right, upon compliance with all the applicable provisions of this Bylaw. N a prohibited use. SP a use permitted only by special permit from the Board of Appeals after a public hearing. PSP a use permitted only by a special permit granted by the Planning Board after a public hearing. Key for districts on the Table of Uses: RA Residential-Agricultural CI Commercial-Industrial REC Recreation

**7. DOGS AND CATS** a. Class A kennel (4 dogs, 6 months old or over) RA, CI, REC = SP

b. Class B kennel (5-10 dogs, 6 months old or over) RA -SP , CI -SP, REC - N

c. Class C kennel (11-25 dogs) RA -N, CI – SP, REC - N

d. Class D kennel (over 25 dogs, 6 months old or over) RA -N, CI-SP, REC- N

e. Dog and cat shelter or refuge (A special permit for this category automatically grants a special permit for a Class B kennel). RA-N, CI- SP, REC- N

Special Permit application forms are located on the Town Website or by e-mailing [townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov](mailto:townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov)

# Massachusetts Vote by Mail Application



William Francis Galvin  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

## Section 1 - Voter Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Voter Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Ballot Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2 - Ballot Information:

Elections:

☐ All elections this year

☐ A specific election (date): \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Town Election, May 19, 2025**

Primary Ballots (choose one):

**No other elections are scheduled for this year - 2025**

☐ Democratic

☐ Republican

☐ Libertarian

☒ No Primary Ballots

## Section 3 - Assistance:

☐ Voter required assistance in completing application due to physical disability.

Assisting person's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Assisting person's address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This application is being made by a family member.

Relationship to Voter: \_\_\_\_\_

➡ Signed (under penalty of perjury): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Completing the Application

1. Voter Information – Provide your name, the address where you are registered to vote, your ballot mailing address (if different) and date of birth.

2. Ballot Information – Choose which ballot(s) you want to receive by mail.

**Choose a primary ballot option if you are not registered in a party.**

3. Assistance – If you're helping someone complete this application, or you're requesting a ballot for a family member, fill out this section.

4. Sign your name – If you can't sign your name, you may ask someone to sign your name in your presence.

**Submitting the Application Mail to: Town Clerk, 50 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331**

Send this completed application to the local election office for your city or town. Find contact information for local election officials at [www.VoteInMA.com](http://www.VoteInMA.com) or by calling 1-800-462-VOTE (8683).

## Application Deadlines

This application must reach your local election office by 5 p.m. on the fifth business day before Election Day.

# ***You can make a difference!***

## **NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE**

### **NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW CLOSED FOR 2025 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for **Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** polls open at Town Hall from 12 PM to 8 PM

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE May 9th.

#### **The following seats will be on the ballot for 2025:**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	3 YR TERM
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	3 YR TERM
BOARD OF HEALTH	3 YR TERM
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 YR TERM
CEMETERY COMMISSION	1 YR TERM
CONSTABLE	3 YR TERM
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YR TERM
PLANNING BOARD	5 YR TERM
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM (Phillipston)
SCHHOL COMMITTEE	2 YR TERM (Phillipston)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM (Templeton)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	1 YR TERM (Templeton )

Please come into the Town Clerks Office if you would like to take out nomination papers for any of the above seats. **March 27, 2025** is the last day you can obtain nomination papers.

**Nomination Papers need to be returned to the Registrars/Town Clerk's Office by March 31, 2025.**

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**7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Gym**

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