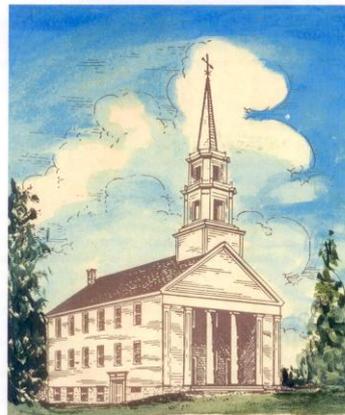


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February 2021



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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

Worship is at 10:00 a.m. The children have a Bible story every Sunday

Dear Friends,

A couple of weeks ago I preached a sermon that was called the Pandemic Self Care Alphabet. It was based on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and an article by Cheli Mennella. Here are some excerpts.

A is for Awesome. As difficult as these days and months have been there are still moments that are awesome.

B is for Be in the here and now. "This is the day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it."

C is for Church, Communion, Community We are so blessed to have a church and a community where people care about each other. We have the sacrament of Holy Communion once a month, and have been able to serve communion safely with protocols instituted by Peter Haley.

D is for dream. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed."

E is for exercise which gives us more energy.

F is for friendship. We remember the great friendship between David and Jonathan in the Bible, and these words from Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loves at all times, and kinsfolk are born to share adversity."

G is for gratitude. "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

H is for humor. Laughing is one of the best medicines. We read in Isaiah 55: 12 "For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace, the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song and all of the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Shared laughter is the best! I is for Inventory. If you have a job, or are retired, have a home and enough food to eat, you are surrounded by many blessings. Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

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March 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS February 23rd

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Early Voting by Mail for the Special Town Election **February 25, 2021**

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL. A new “modified” early voting by mail provision was included in the legislation voted before the end of 2020 and will be applicable to all local elections held before

March 31, 2021. Upon application, any voter may, through “any form of written communication”, file a request with the Clerk’s office to vote early by mail.

There will be no “in person” early voting sessions.

Please find printed in this Newsletter a 2021 Municipal Election Early Ballot Application. As a registered voter you are strongly urged to vote safely from home using this process. The polling area will be open for in person voting on February 25th upstairs in Town Hall from 12:00 pm (noon) Until 8:00pm.

All voters will be **required to wear masks** for your safety and the poll workers safety. All Election workers will be wearing gloves and masks. The polling area and lobby will be wiped down with disinfectant after each voter. Social distancing will be mandatory which includes the required 6^{ft} apart and no more than 10 people in the polling area at a time. We appreciate the voter’s cooperation in following the guidelines set for us by our Select Board and the Governor of Massachusetts.

Please contact the Town Clerk if you have any questions.

Ballot will include:

Selectboard – Vote for One – to fill a term ending May 17, 2021

Candidates:

Thomas M. Daoust – 220 Lincoln Road

Bernard A. Malouin, Sr. – 30 Petersham Road

Question 1:

Shall the Town of Phillipston be required to reduce the amount of real estate and personal property taxes to be assessed for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty-one by an amount equal to \$97,763?

YES ___ NO ___.”

This figure is adjusted to account for the annual 2.5% increase of Prop Two and One Half over the last two years since the override was adopted. Two years ago, an override was passed to fund the Narragansett School District. Templeton did not vote the override, so the funds were never disbursed.

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours- for Curbside Pick-up

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tues. February 2, 2021 at 6pm

Donations

It is such a wonderful thing when someone loves the library so much, that he or she makes a donation. We have been fortunate to benefit from many of these lovely gestures. We would like to say thank-you and acknowledge the following recent generous donations:

Many monetary donations in memory of our neighbor, Don Wilson

‘The Truths We Hold’ by Vice President, Kamala Harris, donated by Jo Ann and Peter Haley- “in honor of Rev. Stephanie Flynn for her unselfish service and dedication to all who work, live and worship in the great community of Phillipston”

The following Children’s books were carefully chosen as a donation in memory of Edna Haley, by the Haley family. We hope to have them available to borrow by Edna’s Birthday, February 13. We encourage anyone to borrow and enjoy these wonderful books in Edna’s memory.

‘The Bear and the Fern’ by Jason Miletsky, ‘There’s a Hole in my Garden’ by James Stewart, ‘The Old Truck’ by Jerome Pumphrey, ‘The Scarecrow’ by Beth Ferry and ‘Camp Tiger’ by Susan Choi.

Book-Lover Brain-twister!

Thank you to all of the book-lovers who entered our contest! We have a 3-way tie!!

Melanie Wilkes...Gone With the Wind, Pip...Great Expectations, Boo Radley...To Kill a Mockingbird, Catherine Earnshaw....Wuthering Heights, Elizabeth Bennet...Pride and Prejudice, Penelope Clearwater...Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Minnie Jackson...The Help, Maxim DeWinter...Rebecca, Mr. Fezziwig...A Christmas Carol and Bilbo Baggins... The Hobbit.

Congratulations to: Marissa Kurtz, Karen Perkins and Stephanie & Andrew Flynn!

You have each won a jar of tasty, seasoned pickles from the Kitchen Garden....(because you ‘picked’ the correct novels!! see what we did, there ?? lol) Call or stop by the library for your prize!

Dear Phillipston Residents: Do you follow politics? I find it difficult to follow politics because whom do I trust? It is no different in town politics. Does the candidate have the best interest of the town? Are they willing to do the work? Willing to invest the time? Willing to do the best job? Are they experienced? Will they make the right decision even if people don't agree? Will they be fair?

I've worked for the town of Phillipston for approximately 20 years. I've worked in the Board of Selectmen's office, tax collectors office, fire dept., an election worker and volunteered.

I've had the pleasure and privilege of working in the BOS office when Bernie was a Selectman.

Bernie Malouin is a leader. Bernie has the knowledge and experience that is needed to do a good job. Bernie will do what is best for the town. Bernie is fair, honest, smart, has put in an extraordinary amount of time to do what is right for the town. Bernie will do the research to make sure he is making the correct decision. It is time for a change.

If you are new in town or not registered to vote, please contact the Town Clerk, Karin Foley 978-249-1733. You may also view the town website for information.

Election is Thursday, February 25, 2021 Noon – 8 PM vote for Bernie Malouin

Also, pay attention for the override vote at this election. Please vote yes to remove the override that was voted for the school district.

Respectfully submitted by Sylvia Haley.

Winter Parking Ban begins December 23

Winter Parking Ban is in effect from December 23, 2020 to April 15, 2021

No Parking on public roads from midnight to 6 a.m.

In the event of a snowstorm, any vehicle impeding snow removal will be towed at the owner's expense. The Highway Dept. is NOT responsible for mailbox damage. Please secure boxes and posts properly.

Town Bylaws prohibit anyone from plowing, shoveling, or blowing snow into a public way.

Senior Lunch

Senior Lunch will not be served until April 2021. If you would like Meals on Wheels delivered to your home please call 978-652-5797 or 508-633-5793

Greetings to all Phillipston residents,

I would like to introduce myself to the people of Phillipston who may not know me. My name is Thom Daoust and I have been a resident of Phillipston for the past ten (10) years and I live here with my wife and daughter. I am running for Selectboard and would like your consideration.

I worked in law enforcement for over 26 years and recently retired from the second largest city in Worcester County. I have a masters degree in criminal justice, and I am two classes shy of a second master's in public administration.

I want to serve in the community that I am proud of and love. I present myself to you with no axe to grind or agenda to change the world. I simply aim to work together with the Selectboard and Town Departments to protect your tax dollars and improve upon services to the town.

From my conversation around town there are some concerns within the community. I look to overcome any obstacles to communication and resolve grievances and get to work for the voters. Please vote for my resolve to work together and mend any discord. I believe we have more in common in Phillipston, than not.

Warm Regards,

Thom Daoust



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Gordon & Karissa Moore

VOTE for
 Bernie Malouin

Board of Selectmen

It appears to me that the Board of Selectmen could use some help with the decisions coming from their office for the last several years. This matter requires the serious attention of all Phillipston voters. The solution, as I see it, is to elect someone to the Board who has *proven* qualifications and experience in town government. I believe that Bernie Malouin is a man who can hit the ground running.

Bernie has served the town in leadership roles for many years. He currently chairs the **Planning Board**. He is also the **Chairman of the Phillipston Memorial Elementary School Renovation Committee**, which worked to renovate our little school for our kids.

While he chaired of the **Board of Selectmen** he oversaw the building of the new town garage- *on budget and on time*. As a Selectman he also...

- Oversaw the renovation of the old town highway barn into the present Town Hall Annex at *no extra cost to tax payers*.
- Helped negotiate and oversee the purchase and renovation of the Stoddard property, which has become the headquarters for the Phillipston Police Department, for *minimal cost* to the town.
- Restored financial stability by stopping the town's history of borrowing money to run its operations- *which was costing thousands of dollars in interest charges*- thereby saving everyone money.
- Established a *monthly financial meeting* where everyone in town who was involved in money matters got together to discuss problems and iron them out before they got out of hand.

Bernie gets things done! He knows how town government works, puts in the time, and does his research. If you want good, responsible town government in the best interest of all of its citizens....*Vote* for Bernie Malouin for Selectman on Feb. 25th.

Respectfully,

Dan Sanden, *concerned town resident and former member Phillipston Board of Selectmen*

2021 Municipal Election Early Ballot Application



William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Voter Information

1

Name: _____

Legal Voting Residence:

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Ballot Information

2

Mail Ballot to: _____

Special Circumstances (If applicable)

3

Voter required assistance in completing application due to physical disability.

Assisting person's name: _____

Assisting person's address: _____

Signed (under penalty of perjury): _____ Date: _____

Eligibility

Any registered voter may use this application to request an absentee ballot for a local election being held on or before March 31, 2021.

Completing the Application

1. Voter Information – Provide your name, legal voting address, and date of birth. Telephone number and e-mail address are optional fields.
2. Ballot Information – Provide the address where you want the ballot mailed.
3. Special Circumstances – If you are assisting a voter in completing this application, complete this section.
4. Sign your name. If you require assistance in signing the application, you may authorize someone to sign your name in your presence. That person must complete the assisting person's information in Section 3.

Submitting the Application

Send the completed application to the local election official at your city or town hall.

Applications can be mailed or hand-delivered. Applications may also be submitted electronically by fax or e-mail, as long as your signature is visible.

Please allow ample mailing time for this application and for the ballot. Ballots must be returned to your local election official by Election Day.

Find contact information for local election officials at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele or by calling 1-800-462-VOTE (8683).

REMINDER TO TAXPAYERS

3RD QUARTER TAX BILLS DUE 2/1/2021

The Town Hall is closed to the public due to Covid-19.

Payments can be made by either: mailing check, pay on line under (Phillipston Web site) ,or placing check in slot on the Town Hall front door.

The slot on the Town hall front door is available 24/7 for any mail ,tax payments, dog license renewal, census returns and any other correspondence for town departments.

Thank you for your cooperation and be safe!

Sally Kastberg

Phillipston Tax Collector

ATTENTION PHILLIPSTON NEWSLETTER READERS

The Phillipston Community Newsletter is put together and mailed by volunteers and members of The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C. This is mailed to every mail box in Phillipston. The newsletter is available to all nonprofit organizations in town to post news items or notices of upcoming events. Businesses in town may place ads at \$20 for a full page \$10 for a Half page and \$5 for quarter page. A full page for the newsletter is 7” x 8.5” with a .5” margin. Please support your Community Newsletter by submitting your ad or news items by the 23rd of the month to allow time us to get it out on the 1st. Items received after that will be put in the next month. Ads or news items may be sent by email to:

newsletter@phillipston.com ,which is preferred.

Items can also be sent by mail to:

The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.

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Phillipston, MA 01331

Attention: Newsletter

Payments for ads and any other donations should be sent to the church at the same address.

The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C will decide what can be put in the newsletter and also may limit the number of pages in an issue.

All questions or comments can be sent to the address above or e-mailed to newsletter@phillipston.com.

DEADLINE is the 23rd of each month.

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2021 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for
Monday, May 17th with voting at Town Hall from 12 PM to 8 PM

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE April 27th.

The following seats will be on the ballot for 2021:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3 YR TERM

BOARD OF ASSESSORS 3 YR TERM

BOARD OF HEALTH 3 YR TERM

CEMETERY COMMISSION 3 YR TERM

CONSTABLE 3 YR TERM

LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 YR TERM

MODERATOR 3 YR TERM

PLANNING BOARD 5 YR TERM

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 YR TERM (Phillipston)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 YR TERM (Templeton)

Please call the Town Clerks Office if you would like to take out nomination papers
for any of the above seats. March 25, 2021 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, 2021.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 5th

7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Gym

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE APRIL 15th

VOTE

To the Voters of Phillipston

I am a candidate for the open seat on the Select Board in one of the best towns in Massachusetts. I have resided in Phillipston since 1989, my children attended Phillipston Memorial School and I have been active in community services including school issues, veteran services, and many advisory boards.

A few of the projects I have been involved with include: the new highway garage, the revamp of the old highway garage into the town hall annex, the purchase of the Stoddard property and its use as a police facility at little cost to the taxpayer. I was one of the original members of the Capital Improvement Committee which creates a 5 year plan for purchase of new equipment. Our Fire, Police and Highway Departments now have some of the best equipment available, ensuring the public safety of all our residents.

My focus has been, and will continue to be-- with your help-- our children, our schools, public safety, town finances and looking how to improve staffing to town boards, committees and departments.

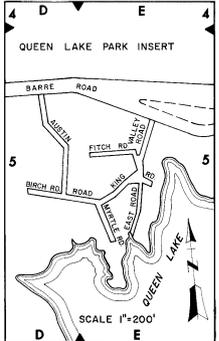
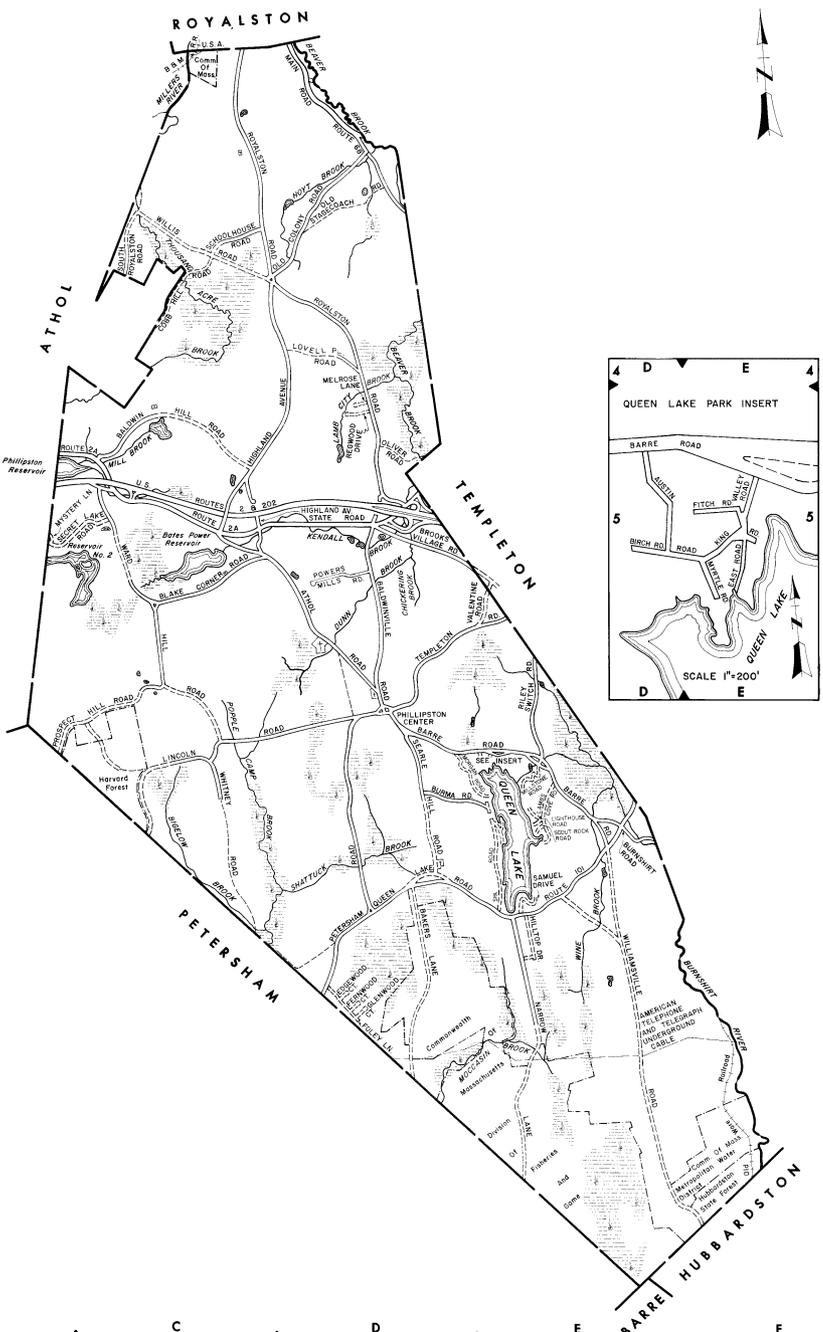
I could go on but my message is: I am experienced, I am fair, I cross bridges and listen to the opinions of others. I have knowledge in all fields of town government, and will put in the effort and research necessary to get the job done properly. I have lived in Phillipston and have been volunteering for most of my life. If you are concerned and want to keep our little town the paradise that we all enjoy,

I ask for your vote on February 25th. Thanks you.

Truly,
Bernard Malouin

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