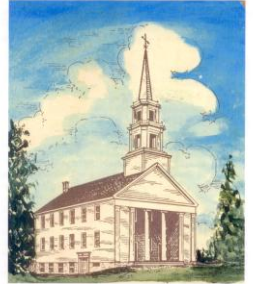


Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.
60 The Common
Phillipston, MA 01331

The Congregational Church
of
Phillipston, Massachusetts



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Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

May 2020



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

Dear Friends,

These words from Psalm 121 are among my favorites: I lift up my eyes to the hills- from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Kevin, Andrew and I have challenged ourselves in this time of social distancing to walk and hike more. We have a map of all the trails in Phillipston including the Baldwin Hill Loop trail, Elliot Laurel Reservation, Ellinwood Tree farm trail, Fox Valley Sanctuary, Harvard Forest, Millers River Wildlife Management Area, Phillipston State Wildlife Management Area, Popple Camp Wildlife Management Area, Red Apple Farm trail, Ware River Rail Trail, and others. I will admit that I walked the Baldwin Hill trail that is quite steep and registered 55 staircases on my Fitbit! There are some beautiful trails in nearby Petersham also including; the Trustees North Common Meadow Trail (muddy) and Brooks Woodland Trail (stonewalls of early 19th century homesteads). A smoother, open walk is Birch Hill Dam in Royalston.

This is a stressful time for everyone, but getting outside, breathing some fresh air and seeing the streams, wildlife and trees is a healthy antidote to stress. Take care of yourselves, and your loved ones, this will be a difficult time, but we are all the body of Christ and will be suffering and hopefully healing together.

Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

Phillipston's Trail Map:

<http://www.phillipston.com/trails.pdf>

Phillipston's Open Space Report:

<https://www.phillipston-ma.gov/open-space-committee>

2020 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 June 30, 2020.

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).

Historical Society of Phillipston



Time to Renew!

The annual spring letter from the Historical Society is being postponed but the Society still welcomes you to submit your annual membership dues. Membership runs from May 1st to April 30th and it is time to renew. We would also enjoy hearing from you if you have any suggestions or ideas.

You can mail this page with your check to:

Gerard Gariepy

Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.

31 Samuel Drive, Phillipston, MA 01331

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

It is still only \$5 per person or \$10 per couple.
For more information please call: 978-939-5656.

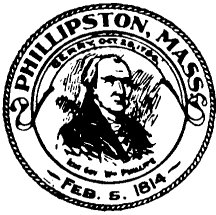


*Historical Society
of Phillipston, Inc.*

Annual Meeting of Historical Society Postponed

In any ordinary year the Historical Society would be conducting its annual meeting in mid May. But this year is no ordinary year. Therefore, in compliance with national and community guidelines in this unprecedented year, the Society's annual meeting will be postponed to a later date. We will inform you of that date once we know when it can be held. For any questions you can contact us at 978-939-5656.

Thank you for "hanging in there" and we hope to see you soon!



TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON
Office of the Town Clerk
50 The Common
Phillipston, Massachusetts 01331
Phone: (978) 249-1733
townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov

Early Voting by Mail for the Annual Town Election

On April 22, 2020 after deliberating on the current state of emergency brought on by the COVID-19 health crisis, and the potential difficulty of voters safely coming together to conduct town business at the usual dates in May for the Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election, the Board of Selectmen took the following action:

1. Pursuant to the authority granted them in MGL Chapter 3 Sec. 39, the Selectmen voted to schedule the
Annual Town Meeting for Tuesday, June 16, 2020.
2. Pursuant to authority granted them in Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020, the Selectmen voted to schedule the
Annual Town Election for Monday, June 22, 2020.

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL. A new “modified” early voting by mail provision was included in the legislation and will be applicable to all local elections this spring, not just elections that are postponed. 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 2020 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 June 22nd upstairs in Town Hall from 12:00 pm (noon) Until 8:00pm.

All voters will be **required to wear masks (no exceptions)** 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 call or e-mail if you have any questions or concerns the contact info is list at the top of this notice.

Anyway

People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them Anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind Anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest Anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy Anyway.

The good you do today, may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good Anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

Give your best Anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them Anyway.

Mother Theresa

Set the stage, giving us no excuse for not doing the Right Thing or making the Right Choice.

The Right Thing is doing what is pleasing to God and Jesus.

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

All Meetings of the Ladies Benevolent Society, during this COVID-19 pandemic, have been cancelled until further notice. It is also with sadness, that we have had to cancel our delightful "Annual Silver Tea" which we hold during May. It is hopeful that we might be able to hold it later this year. We will keep you informed. Please take notice of all instructions to keep you safe so that we may be able to get together again soon and celebrate!

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com

June 2020 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS May 23rd

For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Monday June 22, 2020

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON OFFICES
SELECT BOARD - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Gerhard R.Fandreyer, 210 Royalston Rd, for re-election

ASSESSOR – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Anthony M. Membrino, 255 Lincoln Rd, for re-election

BOARD OF HEALTH – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

James B. Praplaski, Sr., 265 Baldwinville Rd, for re-election

BOARD OF HEALTH - 1 YR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE

No candidate

CEMETERY COMMISSION – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Ronald J. Richard, 150 Baldwin Hill Rd., for re-election

CONSTABLE - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Ronald F. Pratt, 15 Templeton Rd, for re-election

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Karen M. Perkins, 10 Templeton Rd, for re-election

PLANNING BOARD - 5 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Bernard A. Malouin, Sr., 30 Petersham Rd, for re-election

TAX COLLECTOR – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

No Candidate

TOWN CLERK – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Karin L. Foley, 20 Narrow Ln, for re-election

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

3 YR TERM – PHILLIPSTON - VOTE FOR ONE

Margaret J. Hughes, 65 Williamsville Rd, for re-election

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

3YR TERM – TEMPLETON - VOTE FOR ONE

Henry J. Mason, 17A Wellington Rd., Templeton

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

3YR TERM – TEMPLETON - VOTE FOR ONE

No Candidate

Question 1

Shall the Town vote to have its elected Tax Collector become an appointed
Tax Collector of the town?

Yes _____ No _____

THE DATE OF THE ELECTION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO JUNE 22, 2020



The Phillipston Congregational Church On the Common, Phillipston, MA

IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

Easter Sunday Services were held on Easter Sunday at 10 am under unique circumstances.

Pastor Stephanie lead the service standing in front of the church with parishioners

Parking around the Phillipston Common, staying in their cars with windows open

Listening to the service and participating in singing of hymns. A joyous time to

Celebrate our risen Lord Jesus! We are praying for the victims of this pandemic and

Praying that all of you be safe. Amen.



SENIOR LUNCH

COME JOIN US FOR OUR “ GRAB & GO LUNCH”

EVERY TUESDAY BETWEEN 11AM AND NOON IN

FRONT OF THE PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL

CHURCH ON THE COMMON, PHILLIPSTON, MA. THROUGH MAY

DUE TO THE COVID-19 STAY AT HOME ORDER. A DONATION OF

\$3 IS SUGGESTED. CALL BY THE SUNDAY BEFORE TO PICK UP

YOUR MEAL. PLEASE CALL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE AT 978-652-

5797

BE SAFE!