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## NOW and THEN

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### Paper Talk

I enjoyed putting this issue together, with tributes to so many of the qualities that make Windsor special: creativity, community, individuality, concern, and caring for the natural world we're fortunate to live so closely to. Let's plant, discuss, inquire, create, and enjoy the beauty of this amazing season! --Deborah

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If you have events happening in early July, please send to [fowindsor@gmail.com](mailto:fowindsor@gmail.com). And for an up-to-date listing of happenings in town: Don't forget to check our Community Calendar, online at [friendsofwindsor.com](http://friendsofwindsor.com), under Windsor Now & Then, or our print version available at both stores and the town offices.

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### FOW News

**MORE BUZZ FOR THE BEES:** Pollinator love is coming from all directions. First, Friends of Windsor has been awarded \$3,000 from the Cooper Meadow Fund to design and carry out a pollinator-friendly landscaping plan around the long-awaited wheelchair-accessible ramp and entry at the Town Office Building. Construction of the ramp and entrance is scheduled for later this summer. This new funding will make it not just useful, but beautiful! (The Fund was created in memory of Fred and Joyce Crane by their children Dicken, Tim, Carrie and Mary.)

And second, the Select Board has approved, on a trial basis, a new roadside mowing schedule for a stretch of Route 8A, intended to support pollinators by allowing more roadside plants to flower before being mowed.

**POLLINATOR RESOURCES, ON-LINE AND OFF:** The Friends of Windsor website ([www.friendsofwindsor.com](http://www.friendsofwindsor.com)) has been updated with new dedicated pollinator pages. Check them out, especially the great video! And the Windsor Library now has fun pollinator-themed activity booklets for children.

**THINK NATIONALLY, GIVE LOCALLY:** Among Windsor's wildlife, pollinators like bees and hummingbirds are on the small side. But the contribution they make to our environment is enormous. Friends of Windsor also strives to have a big impact for our small size -- and to make the most of your generous donations. What better way to mark National Pollinator Week (June 18 to 24) than with a gift to Friends of Windsor? We promise to share with the bees! --Susan Phillips

To see photos and learn about pollinators & host plants you might come across in Windsor this month, visit our June Community Calendar at [friendsofwindsor.com](http://friendsofwindsor.com) (hover your cursor over each image to learn more)

### Church Tag Sale & Bake Sale June 9, 9AM-2PM

Windsor church's annual tag sale will be held Saturday, June 9 from 9am to 1pm at the Windsor Town Hall. Come find some great treasures!

**Bake Sale, TOO.** The church's annual bake sale will take place during the tag sale. Come buy some sweet goodies to go along with your good finds! Please also consider baking for this event. Items can be dropped off on Saturday morning the day of the sale. Yum, Yum!

*Tangine cookware handmade in Windsor! Read about High Hollow Pottery on back page.*



## Town Hall Informational Meeting, June 13

Select Board members Doug McNally and Kim Tobin will be hosting an informational meeting at the Town Hall on Wednesday, June 13 at PM to discuss options available to the Town relative to a current lawsuit. All residents are welcome. –*Kim Tobin*

## Town Discussion Group Begins July 18

Our world needs greater understanding! On the premise that all change starts at home, I'm assembling a free lecture/open discussion series, "Enlightening the Hilltowns", meeting on Wednesday evenings, beginning July 18, 7PM, at the Town Hall.

Week 1: Led by Jeffrey Marlett, PhD, Professor of Religious Studies at The College of Saint Rose  
Comparative Religions...Understanding religions of the world. Similarities? Differences? Origins?

Week 2: Led by Steve Philbrick, Minister of West Cummington Church  
What does Religious Freedom mean? What is Religious Tolerance? How do we achieve it?

Week 3: Led by Attorney David K. Chivers. Understanding Separation of Church and State. How is it, or should it, be achieved?

This series is not about any specific religion or beliefs, but a chance to consider and learn about the role of religion in our lives, education, government, and foreign policies. The only cost to attend is a dessert or appetizer to share. Bring your own beverage. I hope you will join us and add your voice to the conversation.

–*Madeline Skully*

## COA Driver Needed

Windsor Council on Aging is seeking a driver to transport seniors to medical appointments in and beyond Berkshire County. This is a per diem position paying \$15/hour plus mileage reimbursement of .65 cents/mile and necessary tolls. The driver must use their own vehicle and have current valid driver's license. CORI background check is mandatory. Nonsmoker preferred. Contact Barb Giusti at (413) 684-3315.

## Town Clerk Notes

### Annual Town Election Results

Select Board	Janet Sadlo
Cemetery	Janet Boody Gary Boody
Constable	David Shane Hill
Finance Comm.	W. Scott Rogers Timothy Crane Mike MacDonald Charles Sturtevant
Library Trustee	Holly Higinbotham
Moderator	Mark Efinger
Planning Board	David Zink
Town Clerk	Madeline W. Scully
Tree Warden	Mark Hauge

### Certified Annual Town Meeting

Minutes can be found at windsormass.com, under Municipal Resources, Town meeting Minutes.

The Annual Inauguration picnic, to swear in all the newly elected and appointed town officials, is Sunday, July 1, 6PM at our Town Park. Bring your own Tailgate Dinner picnic and beverage. Music and bonfire will follow the swearing-in ceremony.

Looking for census forms from the following addresses: 49 Bates Rd, 102 Monahan Rd, 1146 Peru Rd, 301 Rte 9, 2073 Rte 9, 1575 Savoy Hollow, 1071 Savoy Rd, 90 Windigo Rd. Please return ASAP.

Dog Licenses are now overdue. A \$10 late fee, per dog, is in effect.

The June Community Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 11:30 AM. All are welcome. \$5 at the door.

Menu: Cowboy dinner, including Pulled Pork BBQ, Beans, Boiled Potatoes, Coleslaw, Corn Bread and fruit cobbler.  
Speaker topic: Tips for driving as we age.

—*Madeline Skully*

## Flag Fund Update

The flags are flying and look terrific. I hope you are enjoying them. I'd like to thank Jennifer Pirelli, Thomas Garvey and James Hastings for their generous support of the flag fund. Flag maintenance is paid for by donations from people like this. We do not rely on town funds. If you enjoy them, please consider sending a small donation of your own. Send checks, payable to the "Town of Windsor" to: Jeb Chard, 1060 High Street Hill, Windsor, MA 01270.

## Select Board News

The Select Board is currently interviewing for positions of Town Accountant, Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Select Board Assistant. Interested applicants should call the Town Offices at 413-684-3811.

Annual Transfer Station Stickers for 2018-19 are now available for purchase at \$75.00 (limit of 3 stickers/household). For your convenience, the stickers will be on sale at the Transfer Station on Saturday, June 9, 8 AM – 1 PM; and Wednesday, June 20, 6 – 8 PM. Or, you can send the form enclosed in this issue of WN&T with payment and a self-addressed/stamped envelope to the Town Offices at 1890 Route 9, Windsor, MA 01270, and the sticker(s) will be mailed to your home. Please include Vehicle Make, Year, and License number for each vehicle needed. –*Janet Sadlo*

### REFLECTIONS FROM MAME WHELIHAN

*Heather Hill Farm, Shaw Road*

A PRESENCE CAN CHANGE A ROOM: The Selectboard meetings on Monday nights are open to the public but are not generally well-attended by the public. I, personally, don't like secondhand accounts of town doings so you will find me there, first seat, front row, eyes and ears wide open. I see Kim's reactions to events and interpret her sighs of disapproval many times. I observe Tim dwelling on some issues I'd rather ignore. I find myself silently agreeing with most of Doug's offerings.

Suddenly, the room registers, "Alert." Charles has entered the room. Now, it seems that words are more carefully chosen and listened to. Charlie and I have something in common. The facts, Ma'am, just the facts. That's what we both want. Sure enough, strong requests for current facts start popping up. Answers come, events are explained, and discussions follow.

There's a saying I love that pertains to people who don't hide their innermost thoughts very well: "What's in the heart is on the tongue." That's me, alright, and Charlie too. As I said before, a mere presence can change a room and Charlie is very good at that. So, go ahead, Charlie. Speak what's in your heart. You have my attention.

## FOCUS on Windsor's Pollinators

**Backyard Bee-Fest.** If you're inspired to start your own pollinator garden, be sure to check out this month's special insert for simple tips and guidelines. To get you going, here's a great list of local plants that are especially attractive to bees. Each one appeals to no fewer than 7 sub-groups of native bees. To put this into perspective: the sub-group *Bombus* alone includes around 4 dozen different species of bumblebee!

Wild Bergamont - *Monarda fistulosa*  
 Black-eyed Susan - *Rudbeckia hirta*  
 Common Boneset - *Eupatorium perfoliatum*  
 Swamp Milkweed - *Asclepias incarnata*  
 Butterfly Weed - *Asclepias tuberosa*  
 Beadle's Tickweed - *Coreopsis palustris* 'Summer Sunshine'  
 Ox Eye Sunflower - *Heliopsis helianthoides*  
 Virginian Mountain Mint - *Pycnanthemum virginianum*  
 Blue Vervain - *Verbena hastata*  
 Fox Glove Beardtongue - *Penstemon digitalis*  
 Cup Plant - *Silphium perfoliatum*  
 New England Aster - *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*  
 Golden Alexander - *Zizia aurea*  
 Big Leaf Aster - *Eurybia macrophylla*  
 Spotted Geranium - *Geranium maculatum*  
 Yellow Cone Flower - *Ratibida pinnata*  
 Anise Hyssop - *Agastache foeniculum*  
 Purple Coneflower - *Echinacea purpurea*  
 Creeping Jacob's Ladder - *Polemonium reptans*  
 Ohio Spiderwort - *Tradescantia ohiensis*  
 Common Ironweed - *Vernonia fasciculata*  
 Culver's Root - *Veronicastrum virginicum*  
 Harebell - *Campanula rotundifolia*  
 Wild Lupine - *Lupinus perennis*  
 Blood Root - *Sanguinaria canadensis*

This list was originally adapted from Heather Holm's "Pollinators of Native Plants" by Tom Sullivan of Pollinators Welcome.

-Patty Crane



*Echinacea*

### JUNE POLLINATOR EVENTS

SAT, JUNE 9, 6-7 PM	Notchview – Native Beekeeping: Economics, Ecology, and the Plight of Our Native Bees by Dr. Robert Gegeer.
SUN, JUNE 10, 9AM-1PM	Town Park & Town Hall – Community Planting Day
SUN, JUNE 10, 11AM-2PM	Historical Museum – Plant Sale & Community Market
WED, JUNE 13, 7-8 PM	Town Hall – Community Read Discussion
JUNE 18 - 24	National Pollinator Week!

### Sense of Community

*The way humanity manages or mismanages its nature-based assets, including pollinators, will in part define our collective future in the 21st century . . . The fact is that of the 100 crop species that provide 90 per cent of the world's food, over 70 are pollinated by bees. — ACHIM STEINER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM*

## June 10 Town Pollinator Planting Day and Plant Sale/Community Market

Join us on Sunday, June 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and help plant at the Town Park on Peru Road and at the Town Hall on Rt. 9. Please RSVP to [kadiskadis@yahoo.com](mailto:kadiskadis@yahoo.com) so we can be sure to have food for you.

You can also purchase plants for your own garden at the plant sale and community market outside the Windsor Historical Museum on Route 9 from 11AM to 2PM. All the plants will be native and grown free of pesticides, especially neonicotinoids. – Barbara Connors

### Upcoming Events at Tamarack Hollow

\*Celebrate Moth Week & Nighttime Pollinators at Tamarack Hollow Nature Center, Windsor on Tuesday



July 24: 8-10pm. Join moth specialist Betsy Higgins, insect enthusiast Jason Crockwell, and Tamarack Hollow staff in identifying and learning about

nighttime pollinators, insects and moths! We will also have a campfire with marshmallows and stories to share. Thanks to support from the Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee and the Berkshire Taconic Fund's Central Berkshire grant. \$10 fee (youth 12 and under + Windsor residents FREE!). Email [aimee@gaiaroots.com](mailto:aimee@gaiaroots.com) to register, space is limited!

### Looking for Photographers

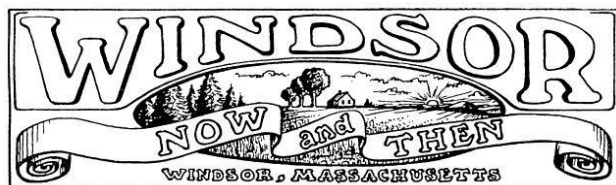
With the support of Friends of Windsor, I'm hoping to organize a photo exhibit to coincide with the August 12 "Easy Ridin' Papas" concert at the East Windsor Chapel. There's been a great response to this idea via Facebook, but the more the merrier... This is a low-key, non-competitive opportunity to share your favorite images outside of Instagram. E-mail or call me if you are interested but not Facebook-friendly. I'll be scheduling a time to meet up at the Chapel and look at the space sometime in the next couple of weeks. Susan Phillips ([scphillips@fastmail.fm](mailto:scphillips@fastmail.fm); 202-256-1267)

### Select Board Corner

This is my last Select Board Corner. In the summer of 2015, when the idea of a Select Board Corner came to me, it was not necessarily intended to be *this* select person's corner; it just evolved that way. I hope the incoming select board keeps up the tradition in whatever form they might prefer.

I want to thank Deb Balmuth for entertaining the idea of The Corner when first proposed and for letting me take full advantage of knowing the last, last minute for each submission. My thanks go out to WN&T readers for being so supportive of the publication and Friends Of Windsor more generally. A measure of community support can be seen in the Crane household by the growing pile of thank you notes that Patty never tires of writing.

To Janet, Kim, and Doug, I wish you the best. You make a good team and I have no doubt that the positive momentum in town affairs will continue to build. The town is in good hands. -- Tim Crane, Select Board Chairman



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### **SPECIAL COLOR INSERT ON POLLINATORS!**

**Transfer Station Application Enclosed**

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## **Baked-In Beauty**

**CONNIE TALBOT** crouches down and opens a small door in the base of the enormous gas-fired kiln crouching in her shed. A spout of flame shoots out horizontally from another opening above her head, and she smiles. All in order.



I met with Talbot at the Shaw Road studio of her High Hollow Pottery to learn about her latest deep dive into the art and science of pottery. "Right now, it's all about flameware for me," Talbot explains. "I've done stoneware and porcelain for years, but right now this seems like the most important thing. I feel like I just have to figure it out."

Flameware, as the name suggests, can be exposed to high temperatures and direct stovetop heat without cracking. Talbot's studio table holds a flock of pans, casseroles, tagines, bread-baking bowls, and coffee mugs as she continues to gain mastery of this new material.

The current kiln-load, after spending the night at a ho-hum cookie-baking temperature of 350 degrees, is on

its way to 3,500 degrees -- a temperature that will boil some metals. The resulting pieces are extremely sturdy -- Talbot says she subjected early pieces to a brutal round of quality-control measures including being stuck in the freezer overnight, and then loaded directly into a hot oven.

Talbot has long been interested in the unique challenges presented by flameware. The base material is clay mixed with spodumene, a lithium ore that does not expand or contract in heat. Talbot uses a mix of one-third spodumene to two-thirds clay, which she orders from Australia.

"It has a different feel from clay," says Talbot. "It doesn't throw as easily, and you can't make things very thin. But you get used to it." The pieces are satisfyingly simple, heavy in hand, brownish red with a silvery patina of glaze. Some bear a simple wax-resist pattern reminiscent of leaves, raindrops, or schools of fish.

A great opportunity to meet Talbot and learn more is coming up soon -- she will be one of a dozen potters taking part in the **Hilltown 6 Pottery Tour on Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>**. (Visit [hilltown6.com](http://hilltown6.com) for more information.) Participants will hold open studios, sales and demonstrations from 10 am to 5 pm both days.

*—Susan Phillips*