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## Proposed rezoning in Davis Square, Elm Street Plaza



The so-called 7th Spoke project proposed by developers Asan Partners and Perkins & Will would require significant amendments to the current zoning regulations in the city.

By Joe Creason

Members of the City Council Land Use Committee held a joint meeting with the Planning Board on April 29 to address several agenda items on development and zoning.

An item of major public interest is a zoning amendment to the Davis Square area requested by Asan Partners, a real estate investment firm and owner of the property in discussion under the name AP Davis Square Plaza LP. The requested amendment focuses on the land encompassing the addresses of 256 and 278 Elm, 58 Day, and 7 Herbert Streets.

"This is a big project with a significant impact on Davis Square and the surrounding community," said Ward 6 Councilor Lance Davis.

Repeatedly called the 7th Spoke project by representatives from Asan Partners and Perkins & Will, the architecture firm

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## T&B Wood-Fired reopens in Somerville

T&B Wood-Fired, formerly known as T&B Pizza – the restaurant from award-winning husband and wife team Tim and Bronwyn Wiechmann in the heart of Somerville – is relaunching on Thursday, May 6 with a new spring menu.

The Wiechmann's have been creating beloved dining experiences in the area that pull from their global travels, culinary backgrounds and unique upbringings, for over twenty years.

Prior to opening their first restaurant over a decade ago, chef Tim, a first-generation German American, worked in internationally acclaimed kitchens like L'Arpege and Joel Robuchon before becoming known for creative seasonal cooking. Bronwyn, spent years studying wine and beer, before heading up beverage programs and front of house operations.

In 2013, they opened Bronwyn, the German-inspired tavern and beer garden, which was awarded Esquire's Best New Restaurant in 2013 and received positive reviews from *The Boston Globe*, among other outlets. Bronwyn remains a popular neighborhood spot known for its homemade wursts and oversized pretzels, lively atmosphere and extensive beer list.

Dedicated to reflecting all the

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T&B Wood-Fired, operated by the award-winning team of Tim and Bronwyn Wiechmann, is set to reopen its doors this week.

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It has been announced that the City of Somerville will move into a **modified Phase 4, Step 1** of the state’s reopening plan starting on **Friday, May 7**. This means that indoor capacity for several businesses will be increased significantly, something that the local economy desperately needs. For specific details and general guidelines, go to <https://www.somervillema.gov/reopeningphase4>. Beginning on **Tuesday, June 1**, additional reopening steps that allow for expanded athletic activities and indoors performances will go into effect in Somerville. Somerville is joining with Boston in rolling out these reopening steps on a delay from the State schedule. All of the newly allowed activities will be subject to regular city permitting and safety rules and sector-specific COVID-19 guidelines.

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The **City of Somerville** joined the state in relaxing outdoor face covering guidelines. Since **Friday, April 30**, residents no longer have to wear a face covering when outdoors if they can socially distance. Masks will still be required in public indoor spaces, outdoor spaces where social distancing is not possible, at large events, and at any City-permitted activities, including outdoor fitness and yoga classes. At smaller gatherings in private homes face coverings are recommended but not required. Although face covering restrictions are loosening, residents should still be vigilant and continue to take precautions against spreading COVID-19. Because Somerville is a densely populated city, some public spaces like the Community Path and parks and playgrounds can get crowded, so residents are advised to bring a face covering whenever they go out. For more information and regular COVID-19 updates, visit [www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus](http://www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus) and sign up for City alerts at [www.somervillema.gov/Alerts](http://www.somervillema.gov/Alerts). Community members are encouraged to sign up for every alert method: phone call, text, email. Also follow [FB.com/SomervilleCity](https://www.facebook.com/SomervilleCity) and [@SomervilleCity](https://twitter.com/SomervilleCity).

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Looking for some **Mother's Day treats**? Support a local business and your local museum. This weekend *Continued on page 7*

# Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of May 5 – May 11 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 <b>Wednesday</b> <i>May 5</i>	Rain	57°/47°	65%	39%	ESE 10 mph
 <b>Thursday</b> <i>May 6</i>	Partly Cloudy	63°/45°	14%	7%	NW 12 mph
 <b>Friday</b> <i>May 7</i>	Cloudy	57°/45°	25%	17%	NE 12 mph
 <b>Saturday</b> <i>May 8</i>	Cloudy	59°/44°	26%	18%	NW 12 mph
 <b>Sunday</b> <i>May 9</i>	Partly Cloudy	62°/42°	18%	6%	WNW 14 mph
 <b>Monday</b> <i>May 10</i>	Partly Cloudy	60°/44°	24%	10%	WNW 11 mph
 <b>Tuesday</b> <i>May 11</i>	Partly Cloudy	65°/45°	25%	11%	WNW 13 mph

NOTE: Conditions subject to change. Always check a daily forecast prior to activities that can be affected by the weather.

## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: **Matthew Buchanan selected as next Somerville High School Principal**

Monique says:  
Somerville’s gain, PPSD’s loss.

### Response to: **Lyrical Somerville – April 28**

B. Lynne Zika says:  
Much of this is familiar terrain (to me), Marlana, and you’ve encapsulated it extremely well. Someone once said poets put into words what the rest of us wish we knew how to say. It continues to delight me that, in the hands of a skillful wordsmith, the personal detail is transmuted into the universal icon. You speak here for many daughters who treasured what their mothers could not or would not give.

### Response to: **Revitalizing local democracy through charter reform**

Barry Rafkind says:  
Thanks Bill for raising awareness about this important civic process!  
In addition to engaging here and in the Somerville Times forum, comments should also be submitted to the Charter Review Committee via the Public Input tab where you can also subscribe to email updates <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/charter-review-committee>  
Recall also that the mayor convened a similar charter advisory committee in 2008-2009 which made some controversial proposals such as extending the mayoral term from 2 yrs to 4 yrs – although no changes were enacted then.  
How about switching our form of government from strong mayor to council-manager as you have previously suggested? See [https://somervillenews.typepad.com/the\\_somerville\\_news/2007/07/renewing-somerv.html](https://somervillenews.typepad.com/the_somerville_news/2007/07/renewing-somerv.html)  
What about other reforms you have formerly suggested?  
\* Schedule city elections in same year as state elections to increase turnout  
\* Combine Somerville Redevelopment Authority with Planning Board  
\* Restructure the School Committee whose authority is limited to hiring the superintendent  
\* Reduce the power of political contributions to warp public policy and its implementation  
Agreed that values and goals are important – were they discussed?  
How does the charter forbid the mayor from initiating legislation?  
How does the charter empower the mayor to design the budget and forbid the council from adding items? See legislative power in charter [https://library.municode.com/ma/somerville/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTICHRELE\\_DIV1CH\\_TIT3LEDE\\_S18APEX](https://library.municode.com/ma/somerville/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTICHRELE_DIV1CH_TIT3LEDE_S18APEX)  
Have you considered Approval Voting as a simpler and more robust voting reform than Ranked Choice Voting / Instant Runoff Voting? <https://electionscience.org/approval-voting-101/>

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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

# Somerville joins the Civil War



I've mentioned before that I'm an eBay enthusiast. I've bought lots of vintage and historic stuff and I've sold a lot too. You can search for anything on eBay and often I will enter "Somerville Mass" and see what pops up. Most of the items for sale are old picture postcards, but occasionally I'll find an old dairy bottle, food labels and ads, store receipts and books. My latest purchase was a booklet called *Somerville's History, Past and Present, 1896* by famous landscape architect and

historian Charles Elliot. Mr. Elliot was the man who designed Revere Beach, the first public beach in the nation among many other architectural and literary accomplishments. The book chronicles Somerville's history from 1628 to 1896. As I looked through the yellowing pages of the 125-year-old booklet, I noticed many references to the Civil War. What was happening in Somerville, a Union state, during one of the most tumultuous periods in our nation's history? Imagine graduating from Somerville High School in June and instead of going to college, joining the Somerville Light Infantry and leaving home to fight in the Civil War. My fellow baby boomers faced a similar situation when the Vietnam war was raging almost 100 years later. "As the National Capital was again being threatened, on the 28th of June 1962 President Lincoln made his famous call for three hundred thousand more troops. On July 19th a committee of Somerville selectmen and citizens worked to increase enlistments. A bounty of \$125 was paid for signing up. The Somerville Guard were camped on Prospect Hill. It was attached to the 39th regiment as company E under the command of Captain Fred R Kinsley." where it went to the front and proved to be an honor to the Town and to the State." Somerville sent about 569 men as a result of the bounties for joining. By June



1, 1863, at a cost of around \$45,000, Somerville paid each man that joined and provided aid for their families. In July of 1863, the war's demand led to 186 more men signing up and joining the effort but with no bounty offered, showing the true patriotism of the people of Somerville. The brave citizens of Somerville came through, answered the call, and served heroically when the country needed them. Somerville Mayor Charles Grimmons, in his January 1907 inaugural address said, "In the early future, I feel that our city should have a grand, imposing monument in commemoration of the efforts of the soldiers of 1861-1865." (see photo) That inspiring monument has an Angel holding the flag with one hand and the other hand is hovering over a soldier's head. From what I recall It stood near the Central Library but where it is now, maybe you know. I don't. I'm sure it's safe. The inscription reads: "1861 UNION 1865/TO THE/MEN/OF/SOMERVILLE/WHO SERVED THE UNION/ON/LAND AND SEA." Hopefully, the cannons that were near the play area near the library are also

in a safe place during the construction. The grass looks beautiful that's growing in front of the new high school and I'm sure the entire finished project will be stunning. Friends reminded me that in later years they removed the wheels and mounted the cannons' barrels in cement. They were positioned near the kids' playground near the Central Library on Highland Ave. Some fellow "Villens" remember putting bottle rockets and firecrackers in the barrels of the cannons. When the Somerville Elks Hall was being torn down, they sold their Elk statue that was out front to The Wakefield Elks. You can see the familiar statue from route 128/95. I hope we didn't sell the cannons to Chelsea or Medford! As someone said, "I hope the 'cancel culture' doesn't dispose of them." I'm sure the statues are fine and will return in due time. The Milk Row Cemetery Monument is at 439 Somerville Avenue. A lasting tribute to 68 men from Somerville who died in the Civil War (an incomplete list). Somerville was the first municipality in the country to erect a monument for Civil War soldiers. Somerville indeed leads the way.



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**"Brother" Michael Cataldo**  
(former Som./Camb. substitute teacher)  
From friends and family





# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Unwanted visitor refuses to stay down

Last Wednesday evening, Somerville Police officer were dispatched to Mass General Brigham at the request of MGH security for removal of an unwanted person on the premises. Somerville police units met with security officers near the MGH garage entrance and recognized the male from previous interaction as Robert Richards, of Cambridge.

The officers were notified that Richards had two outstanding warrants out of Brookline District Court. The officers confirmed the warrants and told Richards that he was under arrest.

The officers asked Richards to place his hands behind his back and he reportedly pulled away from them and attempted to run.

An officer took Richards down using a leg sweep, but he reportedly got up and attempted to flee again.

One officer grabbed Richards' right leg while another officer controlled his upper body and brought him down to the ground. They placed handcuffs on Richards' left wrist and asked him to place his right hand behind his back but he continued to resist.

Richards was subsequently transported to the Somerville Police headquarters for booking on charges of resisting arrest, possession of a burglarious instrument, and receiving stolen property under \$1200, and on warrant charges of larceny under \$1200 and larceny from a building.

During the inventory, police located bolt cutters and angle grinder, tools that are commonly used to cut bike locks. 13 items of clothing with price tags attached, with four of them having theft security devices attached were also found. These items were identified as the property of Burlington Coat Factory and were returned to the store. The bolt cutters and grinder were placed into evidence.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

<b>Arrests:</b>			
Michael Medeiros, of Pelham, NH, April 27, 4:22 a.m., arrested at Canal St.	on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation second offense.	Robert Chiasson, of Woburn, April 27, 5:25 p.m.,	arrested at Powder House Blvd. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor second offense.
			Robert Richards, of Cambridge, April 28, 8:39 p.m., arrested at Revolution Dr. on charges of resisting arrest, possession of a burglarious instrument, and receiving stolen property under \$1200, and on warrant charges of larceny under \$1200 and larceny from a building.

## Proposed rezoning in Davis Square, Elm Street Plaza CONT. FROM PG 1

in charge of redesigning the property, this name refers to the six streets and one civic thoroughfare which branch out from the Davis Square area.

In a letter from the firm's Managing Partner Sam Judd, Asan Partners is requesting that the City Council change the zoning map of the existing plaza area into a civic district and the properties on either side of the plaza to a CC4-commercial core designation.

"It's a focus on preserving the public realm, eliminating barriers and creating an inclusive environment and at the same time adding economically viable commercial space to Davis Square, which means adding jobs and new day-time uses for the area," said Asan Partners Director of Development Welch Lilies.

According to the real estate and architecture design representatives, public access to the new civic space is at the heart of the project, though the space will be paid for and maintained by Asan Partners. Up to 14 new retail bays will be added across the project while leaving space for existing tenants including the post office.

Asan Partners and Perkins & Will also said that the 7th Spoke project will fix a public concern with regards to the messy trash and loading situation on the Elm Street Plaza by internalizing this area within one of the commercial buildings and concealing it from street view.

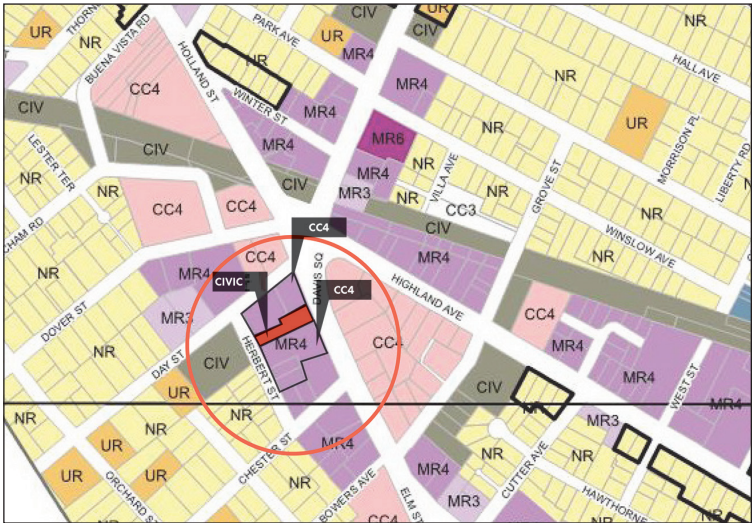
"I think it's important to be clear that this is an ongoing process of listening to the public," said Councilor Davis, whose ward encompasses the Davis Square area.

Overall, the reception was positive to the idea of revitalizing the Davis Square area during the public hearing portion of the meeting, however there were some concerns with regards to changing the zoning map for development purposes and if this would really yield a net benefit for the community.

"I'm no expert, but there doesn't seem to be a substantive change in the permissible uses between MR4 (the current zoning designation for the property) and CC4," said a resident on 15 Chandler Street.

The resident asked that the City Council maintain serious reservations about granting this amendment to the zoning map until more concrete positives are shown to be offered by the proposed change.

Several other agenda items on zoning and permit changes with regards to small business overlay district were heard at the joint hearing and will be further addressed in smaller town halls and community meetings.



## T&B Wood-Fired reopens in Somerville CONT. FROM PG 1

traditions and seasons of wood-fired cooking, the new menu features wood-fired Neapolitan-style pizzas, technique-driven shareable plates and large format roasts.

Centered by its custom stone hearth wood-fired oven, T&B Wood-Fired opens for dinner, and by popular demand, the team's pop-up bakery specializing in hand-rolled, wood-fired Montreal-style bagels, Turenne Bagels, will permanently offer breakfast within the same space.

The duo opened T&B Wood-Fired just months before the COVID-19 citywide shutdown and had to creatively pivot their business. Utilizing their custom hearth oven, the team launched pop-up bakery Turenne Bagels, which quickly became known for its wood-fired, Montreal-style bagels that sold out daily.

With the re-opening of T&B Wood-Fired, the oven will finally be used as intended – all day. The restaurant's ethos is centered on how wood-fired ovens, historically central to European village bakeries, cycle through a wide temperature range that guide how and when various dishes are cooked.

The restaurant's custom Le Panyol oven – built from a base of sand and limestone quarry stones imported from France – gets extremely hot [upwards of 1000 degrees in the dome] and retains heat for long periods of time, providing ideal environments during a day to make crispy bagels, roasted vegetables, Neapolitan-style pizzas, slow roasts, and more.

T&B Wood-Fired, located at 251 Washington Street in Union Square, will be open for dinner Wednesday to Sunday from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Reservations are available via Resy, and tables are held for walk-ins. Turenne Bagels will be open for breakfast on Wednesday - Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30pm. For more information on T&B Wood-Fired visit [tbpizza.com](http://tbpizza.com) or follow along on Instagram @ [tandbwoodfired](https://www.instagram.com/tandbwoodfired).





# Somerville’s Charter Review Committee holds public meeting

By Alex Reidy

A virtual public meeting of the City of Somerville’s Charter Review Committee took place on Wednesday, April 28. The Committee proposed a new charter and looked through it line by line. They approved an amended version, which was eventually signed by the Governor.

An update on the Collins Center was presented. Currently, the Committee is waiting on a price proposal so they can be hired to review the original charter and find things that can be cleared up and changed in terms of policy.

According to their website, “The Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management is dedicated to improving efficiency, effectiveness, governance, and accountability at all levels of government, with a particular focus on state and local government.”

The Committee also discussed a list of values that they want to see from the new charter. Some examples included wanting a city that is just, fair, empowering, effective, accountable, and innovative. A city that is using inclusive language, trustworthiness and, effective budgeting. Discussions also took place regarding what makes a fair and equitable government, one that values transparency and responsiveness.

Budget issues were also addressed, with things like translators and interpreters being paid \$35-90 per hour, and tech



consultants being paid \$1,200 per meeting. The Collins Center invoice would most likely be given in 2022, and so the budget would also need to be adjusted accordingly.

One idea that was offered presented how the Watertown charter review processes were sent to residents by mail with a QR code that they could scan to join in on meetings. This advances the idea that the community needs to provide input on the charter review process.

Educational materials that are accessible for everyone was considered a key component, and the community engagement team was encouraged to start thinking about reaching out to the communities that are traditionally harder connect with. Engaging the community is considered vitally important for getting the budget and the charter reform in the best possible state.

A charter is essentially the local government’s set of rules that they abide by. Currently, the

new charter is being designed to supplant the older one, which to many has become outdated.

The City Council, mayor, both state legislatures, and then the governor have to sign off on any changes to the charter. The charter can “alter a form of government so that new form is better aligned with the preferences of citizens, but it can just automatically increase the quality of governmental products and services.” So, essentially it is considered a revision of acts and ordinances on the state level in order to provide a better government.

It was mentioned that it is essential that the charter be passed this year, as Mayor Curtatone is not running for re-election and the next mayor could possibly veto the charter as is their right in the current charter. Currently, Mayor Curtatone supports the charter reform which could possibly lessen the power of the mayor.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for May 13.

## The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #229

### The Baseball

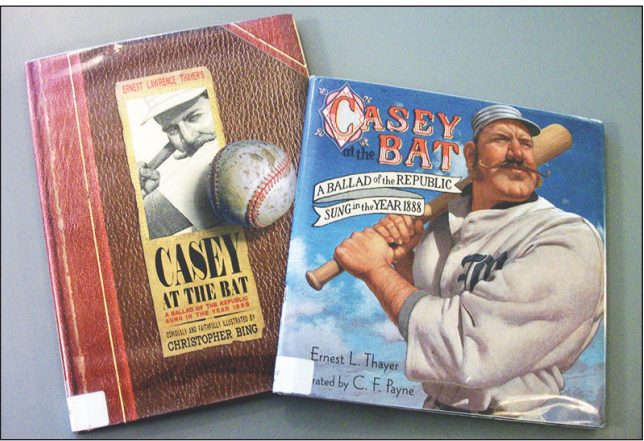
By Bob (Monty) Doherty

United States Civil War General Abner Doubleday fired the first cannonball in defense of Fort Sumter and served honorably throughout the war and beyond. This would not make him as famous as another acknowledgement in his life. He promoted military sports and for over 100 years was the commonly recognized inventor of baseball. Another contender for the claim was Alexander Joys Cartwright, Jr., a New York volunteer firefighter and bank clerk. He later became the first Fire Chief of Honolulu, Hawaii. Cartwright was the first to set down the dimensions and rules of the game that we know today.



No one knows exactly who created baseball. The spirit of the game really goes back to our own back yard. Colonial New Englanders mixed Rounders, a children’s game, and Cricket, a game played with a bat or striker, a ball, and ... “wham” ... an American pastime was born. Through the years, the interest in the game varied between fair-weather fans, die-hards, tradition, and collecting. For example, a Honus Wagner baseball trading card lately sold for over \$3.5 million. Also, a collector’s baseball signed by eleven of the first Baseball Hall of Famers still living when the Hall opened in 1939 sold for \$623,369. I am a fan of the baseball keepsake and think

a baseball signed by the following eleven Somerville-spirited people would be priceless.



1. Somerville’s, Harold Joseph “Pie” Traynor, learned to play ball at Trum Field, often playing barehanded. He played for Pittsburgh, replacing guess who ... Hornus Wagner. Later, Pie became the team’s manager and scout. He was inducted into Baseball’s Hall of Fame and was baseball’s best third baseman for ten years straight.

2. One of the most famous poems about baseball, Casey At the Bat, had two possible authors. One was Earnest Lawrence Thayer, a Harvard-educated, wealthy mill owner. The other was Somerville’s George

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### Additional reopening steps go into effect June 1

Beginning on Tuesday, June 1, additional reopening steps that allow for expanded athletic activities and indoors performances will go into effect in Somerville. Somerville is joining with Boston in rolling out these reopening steps on a delay from the State schedule.

All of the newly allowed activities will be subject to regular city permitting and safety rules and sector-specific COVID-19 guidelines.

**What changes in Somerville on June 1:**

- Singing and woodwind/brass instrument performances will be allowed indoors. Performers must be at least ten feet apart from each other and 25 feet away from the audience.
- Road races and large athletic events will be allowed.
- Youth and amateur adult tournaments for moderate- and high-risk sports, including baseball, softball, track and field, football, wrestling, and basketball, will be allowed.

The City of Somerville continues to monitor COVID case trends, vaccination rates, and other related data on a daily basis. As more people are vaccinated there is hope for further reopening in the near future. All persons age 16 or older are currently eligible for vaccination.

For information on how to schedule an appointment, visit [www.somervillema.gov/vaccine](http://www.somervillema.gov/vaccine) or call the statewide helpline at 2-1-1.

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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives’ and senators’ votes on roll calls from the week of April 26-30. All the House roll calls are on the House version of a \$47.7 billion fiscal 2022 state budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2021.

A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE BUDGET “DEBATE”

Most of the decisions on which representatives’ amendments are included or not included in the budget are made “behind closed doors.” Or in the COVID-19 era, “behind closed Zoom meetings.” Of the 1,157 budget amendments proposed, most of them were bundled into consolidated “mega” amendments. This year there were seven mega amendments and all but one, which had just one vote against it, were approved unanimously. There is no real “debate” on the House floor. Everyone who spoke on any of the consolidated amendments spoke in favor of them.

The system works as follows: Individual representatives file amendments on various topics. All members then pitch their amendments to Democratic leaders who draft consolidated amendments that include some of the individual representatives’ amendments while excluding others.

The categories of consolidated amendments include some 16 subjects including programs relating to public safety, judiciary energy, environmental affairs, housing, labor and economic development.

Supporters of the system say that any representative who sponsored an excluded amendment can bring it to the floor and ask for an up or down vote on the amendment itself. They say this system has worked well for many years.

Opponents say that rarely, if ever, does a member bring his or her amendment to the floor for an up-or-down vote because that is not the way the game is played. It is an “expected tradition” that you accept the fate of your amendment as determined by Democratic leaders.

Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven (D-Somerville) was the only member who voted against one of the consolidated amendments. “It is worth noting that [my] ‘no’ vote is the only non-unanimous vote taken for the entire House budget, showing how little transparency, public debate and public accountability there is in the House budget process,” she said.

HOUSE APPROVES \$47.7 BILLION FISCAL 2022 BUDGET (H 4000)

House 160-0, approved and sent to the Senate a \$47.7 billion fiscal 2022 state budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2021. The House, over three days, added \$59.8 million to the bill. The House version now goes to the Senate which will approve a different version. A House-Senate conference committee will eventually craft a plan that will be presented to the House and Senate for consideration and sent to the governor.

“This budget meets the needs of our residents who have endured an unprecedented level of health and economic challenges over the past year,” said House Speaker Ron

Mariano (D-Quincy). “The House continues to support the services and programs that have proven to be essential for so many, while making targeted investments to grow the Massachusetts economy.”

Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D-Gloucester), vice chair of the House Ways & Means Committee said, “The economic development measures and strong social service supports position Massachusetts to recover from the pandemic and continue growing.”

“Budgets are more than line items and spreadsheets” said Rep. Jack Lewis (D-Framingham), co-chair of the House Progressive Caucus which hailed the budget. “Budgets are promises to support all the residents of the commonwealth and invest in our shared future. This House budget embodies the deepest commitments of our commonwealth by raising the Conservation Land Tax Credit, increasing support for families living in deep poverty and expanding funding to civil legal aid, emergency housing assistance and public education.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the budget).

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes

CONTINUE THE FILM TAX CREDIT (H 4000)

House 160-0, approved an amendment that would indefinitely extend the film tax credit which is due to expire at the end of 2022. According to the Massachusetts Film Office, the state provides filmmakers with a package of tax incentives including a 25 percent production credit, a 25 percent payroll credit and a sales tax exemption. Any project that spends more than \$50,000 in Massachusetts qualifies for the payroll credit. Spending more than 50 percent of the total budget or filming at least 50 percent of the principal photography days in the Bay State makes the project eligible for the production credit and the sales tax exemption.

“Since the inception of the film tax credit in 2006, \$2.8 billion in economic development has flowed into Massachusetts, stimulating many businesses that previously were not here, and creating new employment opportunities for thousands of people,” said the amendment’s sponsor Rep. Tackey Chan (D-Quincy). “It is essential, especially in light of the pandemic, that the commonwealth continues to champion job preservation, growth and continued investments in our local businesses.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment).

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes

EXPAND CONSERVATION LAND TAX CREDIT (H 4000)

House 160-0, approved an amendment that would expand the existing Conservation Land Tax Credit by raising the annual cap for this program from \$2 million to \$5 million over a three-year period, beginning on January 1, 2022. The increase would remain in place until December 31, 2031. This state tax credit provides an incentive for land with significant conservation value to

be donated to public and private conservation agencies. The tax credit is equal to 50 percent of the fair market value of the donated property, up to a maximum credit of \$75,000.

Supporters explained that the tax credit has already resulted in the permanent protection of some 14,000 acres of land valued at over \$76.5 million. They noted that for 2021, the maximum \$2 million in tax credits has already been committed to 33 projects that will protect about 1,954 additional acres. They said that leaves 83 additional projects representing another 1,482 acres of land on a waiting list with some of the projects expected to be waiting until at least 2024 to receive the tax credit.

“The recent passage of the 2050 Roadmap bill recognized that naturally occurring carbon sequestration is a very important component of the state’s ability to reach its short and long-term goals for reducing carbon emissions,” said House Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading), the sponsor of the amendment. “Increasing the tax credit program’s annual cap will help to clear up the backlog of projects that are currently pending and will reap significant environmental benefits for the commonwealth.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment).

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?

*Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of April 26-30, the House met for a total of 37 hours and 40 minutes while the Senate met for a total of four hours and 19 minutes.

Mon. April 26	House 10:02 a.m. to 11:29 p.m. Senate 11:12 a.m. to 11:31 a.m.
Tues. April 27	House 11:05 a.m. to 9:44 p.m. No Senate session
Wed. April 28	House 11:01 a.m. to 2:35 a.m. No Senate session
Thurs. April 29	No House session Senate 11:19 a.m. to 3:19 p.m.
Fri. April 30	No House session No Senate session

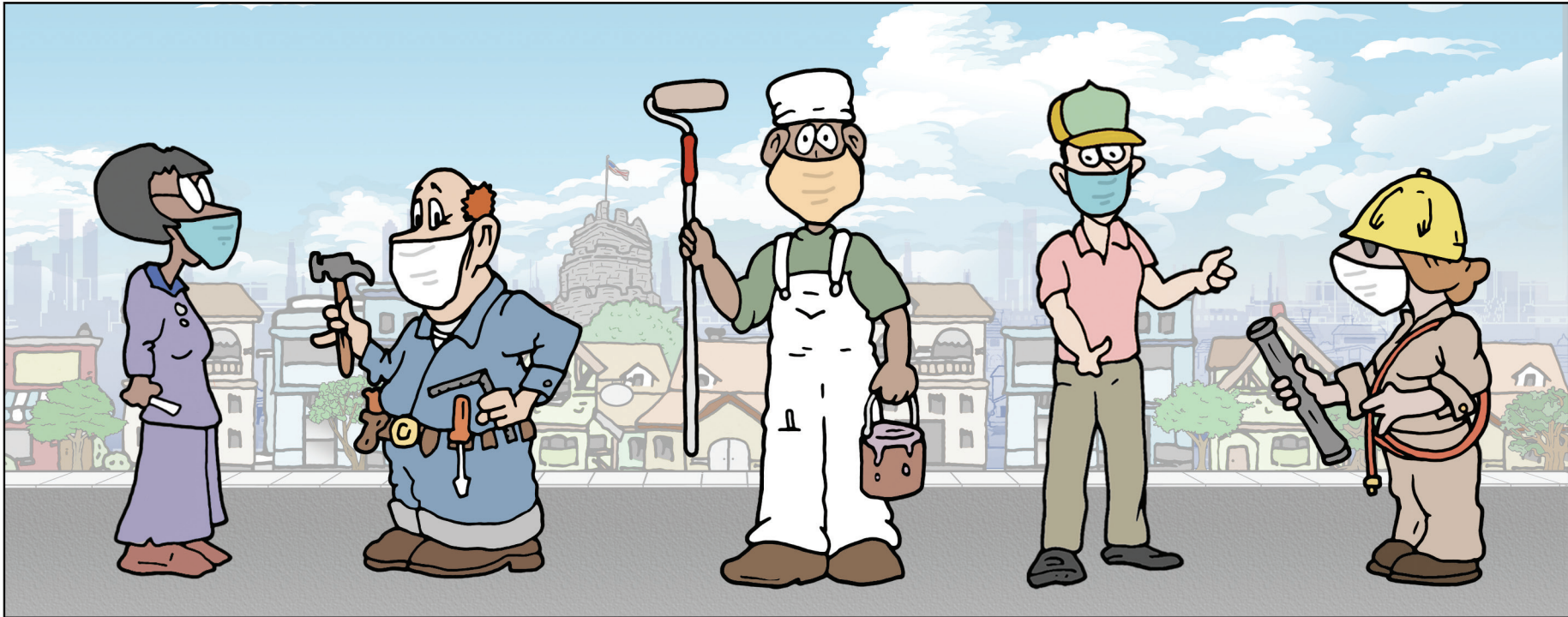
Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at [bob@beaconhillrollcall.com](mailto:bob@beaconhillrollcall.com)



COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Every day is May Day for those who are willing to work.

Our View Of The Times



While most Americans observe Labor Day on the first Monday of September each year, International Workers Day on May 1 is celebrated throughout other parts of the world in a similar fashion.

The occasion also traditionally marks the high point of spring and presages the oncoming summer months. But in the face of the COVID-19 situation, much of what was once traditional has flown

out the window as a new "new normal" confronts us on an almost daily basis.

After more than a year of dealing with the pandemic, schools are still struggling to find ways to function safely and effectively, and many people are still out of work due to restrictions imposed on businesses that ordinarily operate at a high level of personal contact. Those fortunate enough to be able to work at their "home

offices" have been faring better, but there are so many who aren't as fortunate, and they are feeling the pinch.

While the city gradually reopens over time, we will hopefully be crawling our way back to some level of normalcy. In the meantime, let's all hang in there and understand that the present state of things can't go on forever. That there will eventually be relief from all the stress and

worry that so many of us or our friends and families have experienced.

We can stand in solidarity with all the rest of the international workers who are likewise struggling to help bring everything back to normal. Let's consider this May Day a time of recognition of the courage it takes to shoulder on in the face of adversity, as so many of us have done and are still doing.

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10% of all proceeds from **Lyndell's Bakery** will be donated to the **Somerville Museum's Access for All & More Campaign**. For more info visit: <http://somervillemuseum.org/accessforall/>, <http://lyndells.com>.

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To those celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday to **Aida Sousa-Braga**, who celebrates this week. Happy birthday to **Beverly Childers** this week. We hope she has a great celebration. Happy birthday to **Dennis Sullivan**. We wish him a great birthday. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Fred Parker, Eric Pedro Sr., Johnny Ferola, Jack Costello, Karen Mancini, Millie L McCarthy, Cynthia Saltman, Jill Marie, Jim Breath, Karen Dupont, Carla Manganella-Cook, Janet McLaughlin** and **Lisa Dervishian** a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

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If a vehicle is **booted**, all unpaid parking tickets must be paid in full within 48 hours to have it released, otherwise the vehicle will be towed. While the **Parking Department** office remains closed

to the public, payments can be made online at [somervillema.gov/parking](http://somervillema.gov/parking), over the phone (call 1-844-807-9069), or by placing a certified bank check made out to "City of Somerville" in the secure drop-box outside the Parking office at 133 Holland Street. For more information, please visit [somervillema.gov/parking](http://somervillema.gov/parking).

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We want to wish our favorite couple a very happy anniversary. **Sal and Claudia Ferro** celebrated **58 years of marriage** this week. They have brought up a large very close family during those years and it really showed how close they are this year when they have been going through so much. We wish them many more years of happiness!

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Speaking of **Claudia**, we are very happy to have our photographer back this week taking photos. We missed her.

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Do you have ideas on **how to keep cool in the heat**? The **City of Somerville**, in partnership with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, is now accepting applications for the **Keep Cool Somerville Community Projects Grant Program** to support creative and impactful cooling solutions this summer. Residents

and community groups are invited to propose small-scale pilot projects to improve resilience to hot weather. No project is too small. Grants can range from several hundred dollars to just under \$10,000. Potential projects could seek to raise awareness of extreme heat risks and coping strategies, improve access to cooling resources, promote mutual aid during heat waves, or any other idea that improves community resilience to hot weather, especially among residents most likely to be impacted. Applications are due **Wednesday, May 26**. For more information, including application instructions, virtual event links, and the Cooling Strategies Toolkit, visit [somervillema.gov/keepcool](http://somervillema.gov/keepcool).

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**CHA Somerville Hospital** offers **free testing** at **Assembly Row**. To make an appointment, call 617-665-2928 (Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.). The **mobile COVID-19 testing unit** offers testing for all in our neighborhoods. To make a mobile appointment, call 617-682-0583. Mobile testing schedules, as they become available, and more testing information can be found at [somervillema.gov/covid-testing](http://somervillema.gov/covid-testing). The state's **Stop the Spread** testing sites are also an option, including in

the nearby communities of **Chelsea** and **Everett**. For more information, visit the state's website: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test>.

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Applications are now available for **Somerville youth 14** and up to apply for the **Mayor's Summer Jobs Program**. Applications will be accepted **through Friday, May 14**. Employment opportunities are available in the **Parks and Recreation Department, Department of Public Works**, and **other city departments**. Some positions can be done remotely or in a hybrid of remote and in-person work. Youth who are hired can expect to work 20 hours for approximately six weeks starting in **late June or early July**. All positions pay the city's living wage rate, which is currently at \$15.46 per hour. Youth who would like to apply can do so by visiting <http://bit.ly/SomerJobs2021>. Interviews will be held on a rolling basis upon receipt of applications.

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**Hate incidents** impact victims as well as the community. In an effort to make reporting hate incidents easier for the residents of Somerville, you may now report them using an

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Ms. Cam's *Olio*

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1. The first streetlights in America were installed in Philadelphia around 1757.
2. Sex is biochemically no different from eating large quantities of chocolate.

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# Somerville Open Studios 2021 outdoor art fair

The 2021 edition of Somerville Open Studios featured an outdoor art fair with member artists this past weekend, along with its virtual open studios event. Some Artist Buildings had artists set up in their parking lots or on the sidewalk. These included: Artisans Asylum, Brickbottom, Joy Street, Mad Oyster, Mix-It Print Studios, Mudflat Pottery School, Vernon Street, Washington Street Art Center.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



## Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 5

Whitefield D’Vys, a writer and correspondent. D’Vys was the longest claimant until after many years when the disputing finally stopped. Whatever side you take on the David and Goliath or the Rags to Riches wannabe, the poem triumphs.

3. In 1914, Somerville’s Brother Gilbert Cairns, a graduate of St. Joseph’s High School in Union Square discovered Babe Ruth, the future Sultan of Swat.

4. Fenway Park, the 109-year-old shrine to Major League Baseball, is the oldest in the nation. Charles Taylor, founder of the Boston Globe, was a Somerville Alderman who raised his family on Belmont Street and built Fenway Park.

5. Taylor’s son, John, helped in constructing the park and named their team the Boston Red Sox.

6. Daniel “Danny” MacFayden

played baseball for Somerville High School. This spectacled baseball player with horn-rimmed glasses pitched for both Boston and New York. He once struck out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig back-to-back.

7. In 1910, baseball fan President William Howard Taft was the first Commander in Chief to throw out the first pitch in baseball. The tradition still exists today. He also originated the Seventh Inning Stretch during the same game. Two months later, Somerville honored him with a huge Fourth of July Parade and a city-wide tour.

8. Through the years, many businessmen who made Somerville their home advertised their companies at Fenway Park. Among them were Harvey Hood of H.P. Hood & Sons; William Nickerson, co-inventor of the Gillette Safety Razor

Company and Charles Taylor of The Boston Globe newspaper. Nickerson is honored by Boston University’s Nickerson Field.

9. Former Somerville Alderman Anthony “Tony” Lafuente’s company, Flagraphics, Inc., has created Red Sox flags, banners and bunting that have adorned the park from the bottom of Fenway’s Green Monster to the top of the John Hancock Tower.

10. During the late 1800’s to early 1900’s, Horace Partridge, was the owner of the oldest athletic goods house in America, Horace Partridge & Company. He was the official supplier of the uniforms of the Boston Red Sox, the Boston Braves and also much of their equipment. Partridge Avenue is named after him.

11. Timothy Keefe was one of



the most impressive pitchers in early professional baseball. He was enshrined into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1964. He was born on Somerville’s Springfield Street on New Year’s Day, 1857.

He lived a tale of two cities, living also in Cambridge where he is buried and honored by Tim Keefe Square.

This “rounders” off Somerville’s eleven.



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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by 18 Irving Street, LLC to CSLF Alamosa, LLC, dated **February 15, 2019** and recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 72248, Page 363, as assigned to SGIA Residential Bridge Loan Venture V LP dated July 22, 2020 and recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 75181, Page 413, and as assigned to Commonwealth Real Estate Holdings, LLC dated March 5, 2021 and recorded with Middlesex Registry of Deeds in Book 77147, Page 397, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at public auction at 10:00AM, on May 27, 2021 on the mortgaged premises being known as 18 Irving Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon situated in Somerville, Middlesex, Massachusetts being numbered 18 on the present numbering of Irving Street and being Lot 74 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Somerville, Massachusetts belonging to Jesse Simpson, March 6, 1872, Wm. S. Barbour and A. Hodges C.E." Recorded in Middlesex South District Deeds, Books of Plans 21, Plan 44, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHEASTERLY: on said Street, fifty (50) feet;  
SOUTHWESTERLY: on Lot 75 on said plan, ninety (90) feet;  
NORTHWESTERLY: on Lot 90 on said plan, fifty (50) feet; and  
NORTHEASTERLY: on Lot 73 on said plan, ninety (90) feet.

Containing four thousand five hundred (4,500) square feet.

For Grantor's title see deed recorded with said Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 71268, Page 124.

Being the same premises as conveyed to the mortgagor by deed of 18 Irving Street, LLC, dated June 25, 2018, recorded with Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds, Book 71288, Page 124.

The premises will be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, municipal or zoning regulations or requirements, outstanding tax titles, condominium charges, fees, or assessments, municipal or other public or governmental taxes, assessments, outstanding orders of condition or any municipal requirements, and any liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be, and the rights of tenants and occupants of the premises, if any there be. No representation is made as to the status of any improvements on the mortgaged premises and the Buyer purchases subject to all requirements related thereto.

The premises are being sold with the express acknowledgment that the Mortgagee makes no representation or warranty as to the presence or absence to any wetlands or environmental issue at all, or related to the septic or well systems, if any, or as to any contaminants or other substances, as noted under M.G.L. C21E or any other Massachusetts Statute, Code or Regulation does exist, the correction thereof will be at the Buyer's sole cost and expense, and shall be separate from the purchase price. The Buyer shall indemnify and hold harmless the Mortgagee from any and all costs, expenses or liability related to any of the aforesaid.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of \$25,000.00 DOLLARS shall be paid by the successful bidder to the Mortgagee in cash, by certified or by cashier's check at the time and place of the sale as a deposit. The successful bidder will be required to execute an Auction Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, by certified check, by cashier's check, or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney within thirty (30) days thereafter at the offices of BARSH AND COHEN, P.C., Attorneys for the Mortgagee, 189 Wells Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts, in exchange for which and at such time and place, the deed shall be delivered to the purchaser for recording.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to amend the foregoing terms of sale by written or oral announcement made before the auction sale, during the sale thereof or at the commencement of or during any postponed sale, the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, and to postpone the sale up until the time the property is declared sold by the auctioneer.

The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in the Notice of Mortgagee's Sale or its publication.

OTHER TERMS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SALE.

Dated: April 28, 2021

Signed: Commonwealth Real Estate Holdings, LLC

Present Holder of said Mortgage

By its Attorneys,  
Barsh and Cohen, P.C.

Neil S. Cohen, Esquire  
Attorney for the Mortgagee  
189 Wells Avenue  
Newton, Massachusetts 02459  
(617) 332-4700

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, May 17, 2021** at **6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application of a Marijuana Retailer License, for Nuestra, LLC d/b/a The Boston Garden Dispensary at 518 Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying at this public hearing go to the calendar at [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov) or contact the City Clerk's Office.

For the Commission  
Christopher Allen  
Christine Lindgren  
Joseph P. Lynch Jr.

**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
Administrative Assistant

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE  
MAYOR

GEORGE J. PROAKIS, AICP  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021** at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public meeting and hearings **will be conducted via remote participation**.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Registration URL:  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7269387456786956812>

Webinar ID: 848-585-587

TO CALL IN

Phone Number: 1 (415) 655-0052

Access Code: 356-472-635

ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS (LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPERTIES)

**HPC.ALT 2021.26 – 56 Meacham Road**  
Applicant: Sun Sasongko & Jackie Nice  
Owner: same as applicants  
*Replace asphalt shingle roof with natural slate roof; replace aluminum gutter with copper gutter*

**HPC.ALT 2021.29 – 12 Aldersey Street**  
Applicant: Lara & Vladimir Jaugust  
Owner: same as applicants  
*Remove later covered entry and construct a replica of original*

DETERMINATIONS OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)

**HPC.DMO 2021.12 – 60 Medford Street**  
Applicant: P & P Carrull Realty Trust  
Owner: same as applicant  
*Demolish principal structure*

DETERMINATIONS OF PREFERABLY PRESERVED (STEP 2 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)

**HPC.DMO 2021.10 – 25 Appleton Street**  
Applicant: Kwesi Acquaaah  
Owner: 25 Appleton, LLC  
*Demolish all structures*

**HPC.DMO 2021.13 – 59 Bow Street**  
Applicant: 59 Bow St., LLC c/o Elan Sassoon  
Owner: same as applicant  
*Demolish principal structure*

**HPC.DMO 2021.14 – 115 Thurston Street**  
Applicant: 115 Thurston St., LLC c/o Elan Sassoon  
Owner: same as applicant  
*Demolish principal structure*

*While City Hall continues to be closed in response to the COVID19 pandemic, case documents reviewed by the HPC are available on the City website at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cases>. Cases may be continued to a later date; please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov) to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. **Note:** Written comments due to [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov) **NO LATER THAN NOON** one week prior to the meeting date. Email [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov) with inquiries.*

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, May 17, 2021** at **6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application of an All Forms 7 Day Alcohol License Assembly Row, Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices Indoors, Outdoor Seating and Sunday Hours License for LSF Legal on the Mystic, LLC, d/b/a Legal on the Mystic for 301 Great River Road, Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying at this public hearing go to the calendar at [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov) or contact the City Clerk's Office.

For the Commission  
Christopher Allen  
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INVITATION FOR BIDS  
SHA Job No. P-STOV- 052021

The **Somerville Housing Authority** invites sealed bids from Vendors to supply and deliver stoves to our Somerville, Massachusetts location/s, in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority Purchasing Department Job No. P-STOV- 052021

Description of Work:

Supply and deliver NEW Stoves as needed. Deliver to Somerville, MA address.

Term of contract is 3 years or 1 year if alternate is chosen.

Sealed Bids will be received until **11:00 A.M., on May 24, 2021** and publicly opened forthwith, at the Offices of the Somerville Housing Authority, Somerville, MA 01245. A "Go to meeting" will be arranged for bid opening. Viewing information will be posted on SHA website, [www.sha-web.org](http://www.sha-web.org), under our opportunities tab.

Bid and Contract Documents will be available for download on Somerville Housing Authority's web site [www.sha-web.org](http://www.sha-web.org), under our bid opportunities tab. Updates, addendums, or bid opening instructions will be posted on website. Bidders are responsible for downloading and including updates, and addendum/s with their bid. There will be no charge for these documents.

Bids should be sent to Somerville Housing Authority, Purchasing Department, Stove Bid, Attn. Anthony Crespo, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 no later than the time specified. A mail slot is provided if you would like to drop off.

If you are submitting a bid, you must register with Anthony Crespo by email at [Tonyc@sha-web.org](mailto:Tonyc@sha-web.org) and provide contact information including, telephone number, and email. You will receive a reply that your email has been received. Bidders/Contractors are responsible for ensuring that their email and bids are received.

All inquiries regarding this bid shall be directed to the Purchasing Department by email to [Tonyc@sha-web.org](mailto:Tonyc@sha-web.org).

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
IFB#21-72

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Control for Somerville High School and West Branch Library

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **05/06/2021**.

Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **05/25/2021 1:00PM**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Prevailing wage rates apply. 5% bid deposit required.

Please contact Prajкта Waditwar at [pwaditwar@somervillema.gov](mailto:pwaditwar@somervillema.gov) / [purchasing@somervillema.gov](mailto:purchasing@somervillema.gov) for more information or any questions related to this bid.

**Prajкта Waditwar**  
Construction Procurement Manager  
617-625-6600 x. 3407

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
IFB#21-48

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Removal and Disposal of Street Sweeping Debris

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **05/06/2021**.

Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **05/25/2021 12:00PM**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Prevailing wage rates apply. 5% bid deposit required.

Please contact Prajкта Waditwar at [pwaditwar@somervillema.gov](mailto:pwaditwar@somervillema.gov) / [purchasing@somervillema.gov](mailto:purchasing@somervillema.gov) for more information or any questions related to this bid.

**Prajкта Waditwar**  
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**SOMERVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**  
**THE SOMERVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT**  
**A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT’S FY2022 BUDGET**  
**Wednesday, May 12, 2021, AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**Via the GoToWebinar Online Meeting Platform**  
**Please use the following web address to join the Budget Hearing:**  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7073544644580386575>  
**THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**

**Andre Green, Chair**  
**Somerville School Committee**

**Ilana Krepchin, Chair**  
**Finance and Facilities Subcommittee**


**Mary Skipper**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

For questions regarding the Budget Hearing, please contact your School Committee Ward Member:  
<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-leadership/somerville-school-committee>

Budget information will be posted on the Somerville Public School website prior to the Budget hearing here:  
<https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-leadership/central-administration/finance-and-facilities>

**STATE-WIDE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**THE SOMERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL**  
**CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO**  
**DETERMINE PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL**  
**CHOICE PROGRAM FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR**  
**MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021 at 6:15 P.M.**  
**Via the GoToWebinar Online Meeting Platform**  
**Please use the following web address to join the School Choice Public Hearing:**  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7873005046694499343>

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE**  
**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**  
**IFB#21-46**

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

**HVAC Preventive Maintenance and Repairs for Municipal Building and Schools**

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **05/05/2021**.


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**IFB#21-69**

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00PM**, to be held by remote participation, on the Application of an Wine and Malt 7 Day Alcohol License Assembly Row, Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices Indoors, Outdoor Seating and Sunday Hours License for Shake Shack Massachusetts, LLC, d/b/a Shake Shack for 355 Assembly Row, Somerville, MA. For instructions on testifying at this public hearing go to the calendar at [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov) or contact the City Clerk’s Office.

For the Commission  
Christopher Allen  
Christine Lindgren  
Joseph P. Lynch Jr.

**Attest: Lori Batzek**  
**Administrative Assistant**

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If you need **assistance accessing food**, there are several resources available to you locally. Visit the COVID-19

Help page at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/covid-19-help-food-housing-and-financial-assistance> to learn more. There you will find a chart that includes local food pantry schedules, contact information, languages spoken at the food pantry, and whether or not you need

to bring ID.

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Reminder: **city buildings** are still closed to the public. Although city buildings remain closed to the public, a number of city services are still available online or by calling 311. Check the “**City Service Status**” tab on the city's COVID-19

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Ageless Grace Program** – various dates – Ageless Grace is a fitness and wellness program consisting of 21 simple exercise tools designed for all ages and abilities. These exercises, based on everyday movements, focus on the healthy longevity of the body and mind. Classes are held bi-monthly in English and bi-monthly in Spanish via Zoom. Please contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email ckowaleski@somervillema.gov with any questions or for additional information.

**Senior Lunch Box Pick Up** – Thursday, May 20 beginning at 10:30 am. Ralph & Jenny Senior Center, 9 New Washington Street. While we aren't able to share lunch together we hope you can stop by for this fun treat! RSVP is a must; spaces are limited. To enjoy a box lunch please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319. Masks required.

**Music & Movement** – Wednesday, May 19 at 10:30. Join Steve as he plays guitar, sings and leads gentle movements. Just tapping your toe or singing along can help move your body in new ways. Being physically active is not just good for our bodies, but it is also one of Mental Health America's 10 tools to building resiliency; or the ability to overcome obstacles and manage through tough times. Physical activity can improve sleep, increase energy, decrease some kinds of pain, boost our immune systems and lower the risk for stroke and some cancers. It also helps to reduce our anxiety, depression, stress and tension. Join Steve as he shows us that exercise can come in all different forms and movements. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at dhiggins@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2321. You will then receive your email invitation to join the program via ZOOM.

**Mask Hand Out**– Monday, May 10 – 10:30 a.m. to Noon – At the Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. The COA has masks available for Somerville residents who are 60 and over. If you are in need of a mask or may know of a friend or neighbor who may need a new mask, you can pick one up at our Drive -Thru location. If you have any questions, please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

**Virtual Wang Theatre Tour** – Thursday, May 13 starting at 1:00 p.m. - Join Scott Towers as he takes us on a never before seen tour of the Wang Theatre. The Boch Center Wang Theatre is listed

on the National Register of Historic Places and has been one of the premier theatrical destinations in Boston since opening in 1925. Learn about the theatre's architectural highlights and unique history – from its hotel roots and glamorous days as a movie "cathedral", to today's role as an impressive venue for performances and events. Visit the same dressing rooms and hallways once walked by entertainers like Ella Fitzgerald, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Queen, Elton John, Lady Gaga, Liza Minnelli and more! Your experience will include a live walkthrough of the theatre as well as historic images and prerecorded content. Tour will take place via Zoom. Please RSVP to Maureen by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email her at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov. Space is limited.

**Zoom Book Club** – Friday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. - Do you love books and want to discuss your love of reading with others? Consider joining book club. The book that we will be discussing is: River Gold by Laurie R. King. Please contact Natasha at either 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 or e-mail her at NNaim@Somervillema.gov for the Zoom link or to ask any questions.

**Caregiver Check-In** – Tuesday, May 25 at 11:30 a.m. - Are you a caregiver for a loved one and want to connect with other caregivers? Would you like to discuss the joys and challenges of caregiving? The Somerville Council on Aging is hosting a monthly check-in via Zoom for caregivers. Please contact Natasha by either called 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 or e-mail Natasha at NNaim@Somervillema.gov.

ONGOING EVENTS

**Taxi Rides** - Do you need a ride? The COA has a program just for you. Taxi Rides for Somerville Residents 60 and Over Rides can be used for: Grocery Shopping in Somerville Pharmacy Prescription pick up in Somerville, Routine Medical Appointments in the follow areas: Somerville, Cambridge, Medford, Boston or the V.A. in Jamaica Plain or West Roxbury. Two Days Advanced Notice Required. For more info, please call Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2319.

**Friendly Caller Program** - Looking for a way to practice social distancing but still remain connected to other people? Look no further than the Somerville Council on Aging's Friendly Phone Caller program. We have many wonderful volunteers who are waiting to give you a call. Whether you are looking to make a new friend or would

just like a friendly chat to look forward to every week, this program has you covered. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 to learn more about the program and to sign up.

EXERCISE

Exercise Schedule

Mondays 1:00 p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise  
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise  
Thursdays 1:00 p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise  
Thursdays 6:30 p.m. = LBT Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise

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RCN = 13/Comcast = 22  
The Fit-4-Life Exercise Show = Daily at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Fit-4-Life YouTube

Fit-4-Life Exercise Video # 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hd26HjpwBI&t=68s>  
Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwHfyoEZaws&t=247s>  
Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fcl2eBSS024&t=158s>  
Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EDtaldYSz0>  
Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #5: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AAanfwGybTI>

Yoga YouTube

Yoga with Janine video #1: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDGF\\_EEbqF0&t=130s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDGF_EEbqF0&t=130s)  
Yoga with Janine video #3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Zezcj9XXBU>

For questions or to register for a Fit-4-Life Zoom exercise class, contact Chris at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov or call 617-625-6600, ext. 2315.

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BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



I was wondering why the frisbee kept looking bigger and bigger. Then it hit me.

On This Day in History  
May 5

- 1494 – Christopher Columbus lands on the island of Jamaica, which he names Santa Gloria.
- 1814 – British attack the American forces at Ft. Ontario, Oswego, New York.
- 1821 – Napoleon Bonaparte dies in exile on the island of St. Helena.
- 1862 – Union and Confederate forces clash at the Battle of Williamsburg, part of the Peninsular Campaign.
- 1886 – A bomb explodes on the fourth day of a workers' strike in Chicago.
- 1920 – Anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti are arrested for murder.
- 1935 – American Jesse Owens sets the long jump record.
- 1961– Alan Shepard becomes the first American in space.
- 1969 – Pulitzer Prize awarded to Norman Mailer for his *Armies of the Night*, an account of the 1967 anti-Vietnam War march on the Pentagon.
- 1987 – Congress opens Iran-Contra hearings.

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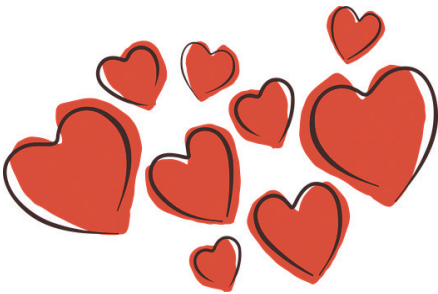
# East Somerville Market and Plant Sale

The East Somerville Market and Plant Sale took place on Sunday, May 2 at Deano's Pasta. A plant sale fundraiser to support the work of East Somerville Main Streets was also held. Check-out the participating vendors at <https://www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org/market>. — Photos by Claudia Ferro



## HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY MOM!

My mother, Gloria Pinto, is astutely amazing!  
My mother raised 6 children, 4 girls and 2 boys.  
I happen to be a middle child.  
As a child, I was born with a strike of stubbornness, a generous amount of independence, a strong will, and an awakening purpose of protecting those I love.  
I assume that I acquired much of this from my mother!  
I love my mother with my entire heart and soul!!  
I love my family immensely!  
As I ponder over the craziness in the world today, it’s my mother who has it right.  
My mother has a calmness about her and an assurance of how she wants her life to be.  
My mother is a strong, Christian woman of faith.  
My mother loves God, has accepted Jesus as her Savior and walks the Christian life.  
My mother portrays an example of how to live a life of faith, love and sacrifice.  
My mother loves people, all people.  
My mom loves her children and has devoted much of her life to my sisters, brother and all of our family.  
She has bountiful love for her grandchildren, her great grandchildren and her great, great grandchildren.  
As the years have gone by, my mother faces serious health challenges.  
I, and my sisters and brother, are no exception to health issues in our lives that are problematic and frightening.  
As my mother walks on the journey of her life, it is me, my brother, my sisters and our family who walk with her, helping her, protecting her and being there for her.  
Yes, my mother is amazing, magical and wonderful!  
I love you, Mom!  
Happy Mother’s Day, Mom!  
With sincerity, an enduring love, gracious gratitude and prayers,  
Your loving daughter,  
Evelyn (Pinto)







OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

'My Dinner with Larry'

Steve Glines recalls a dinner with poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti

Years ago, the late poet Jack Powers invited me to a lunch with poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti, founder of City Lights Books. I had to work that day, and I regret that I didn't call in sick. Fortunately, Steve Glines, the designer for the Ibbetson Street Press, had dinner with the grand old man of the San Francisco Beat Poetry Scene (*Ferlinghetti passed earlier this year*), and here is his story:

My Dinner with Larry

It was in the mid 1990's, Jack Powers called to invite me over for dinner. Jack didn't drive so I took an invitation like this to be an invitation to drive him all over town. Jack was a lousy cook. His specialite de maison was spaghetti drenched with oil covered tuna, beans, chili, and a few more unappetizing components. I politely declined. Jack insisted, promising dinner in a real North End restaurant, with a celebrity.

Jack was the kind of person who knew everyone in his tiny universe. He was a celebrity in his own right, but only in the poetry community of Boston. Not a very big world as far as celebrities go. Still, whenever a big-name poet came to town to give a well-paid lecture or reading at one of the universities, they would always pay a visit to Jack and occasionally read at his venue, the venerable "Stone Soup Poets."

"Is it anyone I know?" I asked.  
"His name is Larry."  
I could hear laughter in the background, and someone said, "He's the light of the city." Still more laughter.  
I thought I knew who the mystery celebrity was. "I'll be there in an hour."

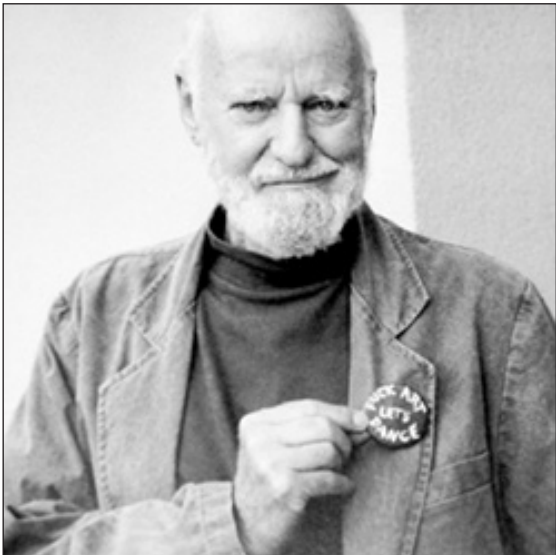
I had known Jack for over 30 years. When I first moved to Boston in 1970, I hung around the Grolier Bookshop where I sit in an overstuffed chair and read for hours. In 1970 Harvard Square was full of literary-want-to-be's, poseurs, for whom being thought of as a writer was far more important than actually being a writer. I mentioned this to Gordon Carnie, owner of the Grolier, who expressed a dislike for most of his clientele, those same poseurs for whom being seen at the Grolier and acknowledged by Gordon was the apex of their status. Gordon suggested I try the Stone Soup Poetry in Boston. You'll find real poets there, he said.

I went to Stone Soup off and on for the next forty years. I became a regular in the 1990's when my daughters expressed an interest in poetry and literature. My youngest daughter made it her mission to catalog the thousands of poems Jack had written over the years. She gave up after cataloging well over a thousand items in just one pile in one corner of just one room. The poems were written on the back of envelopes, utility bills, shreds of newspapers, etc. Each item was carefully placed in a plastic bag, numbered and accompanied by a 3 x 5 index card stating what it was, when it was written (if Jack could remember) and any other interesting information. A duplicate card went into a file box.

As I was walking to Jack's apartment in Boston's North End, I saw him carrying a dozen loaves of bread from a truck to a restaurant. He went back and forth supplying every restaurant on the block with fresh bread. The North End is very crowded and a delivery truck stopped to deliver anything can be the cause of a major traffic jam. With Jack doing the delivery the truck didn't have to stop for long. That was Jack's explanation as we walked to his apartment.

When we got to the apartment there was a young couple that had hitchhiked to Boston and Jack had taken them in, and a bearded old man with a red beret sitting in a very old, third hand, overstuffed chair, likely saved from a trash heap. The old man got up and Jack introduced us. It was Lawrence Ferlinghetti. "Call me Larry," he said with a twinkle in his eye. I have a photograph, someplace, that I took of the occasion. It's got everyone in it but me, of course.

Jack led us around the corner to an Italian restaurant where Jack was acknowledged to be the celebrity of the



Lawrence Ferlinghetti.

moment. We were led to a private room. I sat next to Larry but I could never bring myself to call him that. The two young kids were enthralled by Jack. I don't know if they even knew who Lawrence Ferlinghetti was.

I love poetry and I love history and, sometimes, I can talk intelligently about both but I am not a scholar. Talking about poetry with Lawrence Ferlinghetti required at least three large glasses of Italian red wine before I dared to bring up the subject and voice an opinion. Before that point was reached, however, we talked about his time in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

His first assignment was on a yacht re-purposed as a sub-chaser. A few short-lived assignments and he was put in command of a Destroyer Escort (DE). These clumsy little vessels could steam at twelve knots, fifteen if they had to, while the convoy they were protecting sailed along at eight to ten knots. Of course, they had a five-inch gun on the fore deck but without continuous target practice there was little chance of hitting a target as small as a surfaced submarine. His ship wasn't equipped with depth charges because it wasn't fast enough to drop them and get out of the way of the resulting explosion. They would have been hoist on their own petard.

But the real purpose of the DE, Ferlinghetti concluded was to take a hit from a torpedo launched by a German sub to protect the convoy. On D-Day his ship was part of the anti-submarine screen. Ironically, Ferlinghetti never fired a shot in anger and was never fired at, as far as he knew.

Three large drinks later we were ready to tackle poetry. We rambled around various topics until we came to Haiku. Ferlinghetti claimed that we misunderstood it in the West. He said it was a lot more than just a three-line poem with seventeen syllables, written in a 5/7/5 syllable form. Indeed, it could be any number of syllables as long as it kept to the Hegelian, point, counterpoint, exclamation model. As an example, he offered:

Look, a cloud.  
No, a flock of birds.  
Wow!

After a mildly heated debate, and several more glasses of wine, Ferlinghetti admitted that he had made it up. Then, with a gleam in his eye he announced that he had just invented a new form of poetry: American Haiku.

For the next few months, I wrote dozens of bad American Haiku, every one of them read at Stone Soup.

A bed of wet leaves  
on solid rock?  
Lookout, Ouch!

Frogs in the pond  
bad news for bugs  
Slap, not bad enough

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Schizophrenia

Don't you dare look down  
Look at the mess  
You've made  
I can't find the right numbers on the chart  
You're a disgrace  
Imagine what people think of you  
I can't hear what she is asking me  
Don't you dare look at the wall to your left  
I think she asked what the date was  
I can't believe the mess you've made  
What's behind me?  
Don't look behind you  
This is why no one loves you  
Imagine being as gross as you are  
I ask her what she just asked me  
I still can't find the right numbers  
Just give up already,  
Your effort is pitiful.

— Caroline Fowler

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