



The WHATELY SCOOP

Certified News for the Town
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Attention Whately Farmers and Farmland Owners by Bill Obear

The Whately Agricultural Commission will be hosting a Farmland Information meeting on Saturday March 13th at the town hall from 1 to 3 PM. The purpose of this meeting is to acquaint Whately's farming community with the activities of its Agricultural Commission, since it's establishment by the select board in 2006, and provide brief overviews of farmland protection strategies. Nathan L'Etoile, Assistant Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, will summarize the state laws (Chapters 61, 61A, 61B) that temporarily protect farmland, forestland and open space as well as the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) law that provides permanent protection through the sale of development rights. Other issues including an overview of proposed Whately zoning changes to benefit farmland and open space protection will also be discussed. It is hoped that this meeting will be the beginning of a long-term dialogue between the Agricultural Commission and the town's farming community. Everybody is invited to bring their questions and ideas. Refreshments will be provided.

The following businesses have made donations to help cover the cost of printing & mailing the Scoop

Enterprise Farm – 72 River Rd. Whately
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Look for the ads from Austin's, Collective Homecare, Hillside House, NEWFS, Nicolas Jones, Northeast Alpacas, Signature Sounds, and The Whately Health center inside!

Want to see your business listed here?
Details on last page of this issue.

Do you understand the proposed zoning changes?

Come to the March 30 public meeting, learn and be heard.

The Planning Board is holding a public hearing on Tuesday, March 30 at 6 pm to explain and receive comments on the zoning changes it is proposing. The changes will encourage development that protects farmland and open space and incorporates more affordable housing.

Land and lots along existing roads would not be affected by the proposed changes. The proposals would create a second residential zoning district for new subdivisions on back land and would require larger lot sizes for those areas. They would also amend the cluster development bylaw to require that more open space be set aside and to allow density 'bonuses' if a cluster subdivision includes additional open space, affordable units, elderly housing, or other benefits to the town.

Summaries of the changes and a proposed zoning map are at the library, Selectmen's Office, and on line at www.whately.org.

Planning Board: Don Sluter, Fred Bardwell, Nicholas Jones, Judy Markland

The 2010 Whately Talent Show is almost here !! -Steve Calderone

We're getting close – March 27, 2010 – the 13th annual Whately Family Talent Festival.

For a dozen years, this wonderful town has supported the children and adults who wanted to share their special skills – music, dance, magic, stories, poems, whatever. The event has been great each year, and for the first time in a dozen years, we are planning it before April First. (Call it, a time for CHANGE, if you'd like.)

The good news: the event is still free, the performances are still great, and (thanks to our wonderful sponsors) everybody who attends still has many chances to win a door prize.

The scary news: this year, the event will be a

favorite for all triskaidekaphobics, since it will be the 13th annual celebration of local talent. So, the best time to start thinking about what you might want do on stage ... is RIGHT NOW.

The event will be on Saturday night, 3/27/10, at 7pm, in the Elementary School Gymnasium.

The process for getting on stage is quite simple: just call and describe your act. If you already have something in mind, please call Dave Robinson, at 665-8452.

For a dozen years, "Uncle Dave" has invited hundreds of acts onto the stage in your home town – from the youngest children to the most seasoned performers. Every year, the story is the same: everybody who attends, and everybody who performs, has had a great time. Everybody is welcome to join in the fun.

The obligatory rehearsal is on Friday, March 26th, same place, 6-8pm. We are unable to allow any acts to perform on Saturday if they do not attend on Friday. There will be no exceptions. Thank you for understanding

We look forward to seeing you there. PLEASE HELP US KEEP THIS GREAT TRADITION GOING. Thank you for your continued support.

Whately Grange by Ruth Fairman

Frederick Martin, a blacksmith, from Hatfield gave a talk on blacksmithing, his hobby. He has a BA in history and related stories about where the blacksmith shops had been located in Whately and surrounding towns. He brought in samples of his work, explained what many tools were and how there were used. "Rick" does his blacksmithing at Storrowtown (Big E) and other local areas.

One of his finds on his property was the metal skeleton of a 1800 horse carriage.

In other Grange news profits from a raffle held in early February will be sent to Clarke School, Northampton, MA.

On Mar. 11, Tom Waskiewicz, of the 4-H and Sarah Belder, local 4-H member will speak at Grange and this meeting is open to the public.

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Whately Historical Society by Dee Bardwell

The news from the Historical Society features our new theme, CHILDREN: Books, Clothes, Furniture, Games, and Toys. We are busy selecting items to be on display May 30 when we open the exhibit. Our display boards in the hall are begging for pictures of all Whatelyite youngsters. WHERE ARE YOUR PHOTOS? We need lots of them to create our 2010 boards. We can scan originals and return, or use your copies. We need these in March so we can arrange them. Be sure to identify each picture with a name and date. Get on Board!! Indicate if they need to be returned. A box is in the Center School hall for easy drop-off. You may contact Adelia 665-3837 if necessary.

We recently reviewed Denis Ledoux's recommendations for Turning Memories into Memoirs and learned that the best biographies and memoirs start with brief anecdotes about people and events. (See the Whately Memories page of our web site at whatelyhistorical.org for his tips.) We'd like you to help us create some special memory books using this process. What was your favorite toy? In keeping with our theme, we'd love to collect memories describing our favorite toys. Please send in a description of your favorite, if you include a picture, even better. We'll scan the photo and return it. These pieces don't have to be long or fancy. Just tell it the way you remember. It's preserving the memory that makes it special. Mail them to the Historical Society at PO Box 7 or email them to info@whatelyhistorical.org or drop them off in the box in the hall at the Center School. We'll all be grateful.

Do you have unique collectables to loan to the exhibit? Each exhibit has been enhanced by individuals sharing articles as part of the display. We have limited space, but would be remiss if we did not offer the opportunity to show off special items. Contact me for details.

To further enhance our theme we are curious if anyone has a doll, train, or other collection. If you do, would you share it with us at our April 1 meeting? Call me if you will "Show and Tell."

The Society is grateful to the Cultural Council for awarding us these grants: Ruth Fairman at her keyboard, Jody Scalise, a mime artist, and Don

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Michael Archbald, RN- Owner

Langren, a cartoonist, who was popular two years ago. May 30th looks to be an entertaining event. Put it on your calendar.



by Judy Markland

Tom Litwin, director of Clark Science Center at Smith, attended COP15, the U.N. Conference on Climate Change, in Copenhagen in December and his commentary on the conference was reported in the Hampshire Gazette and on WFCR radio. Tom has done extensive research in the Arctic and his series of four videos for NOVA, "On Thin Ice in the Bering Sea", can be found at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/extremeice/thinice.html>.

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Crosson-Harrington, minister of the Whately Church, was featured on the CBS Early Morning Show on December 17. The show dealt with the problems that those with non-visible illnesses like PTSD face when they attempt to bring their service dogs into public places. Rev. Cynthia, one of the founders of NEADS Canines for Combat Veterans program, was interviewed about the therapeutic benefits that NEADS service dogs can provide returning soldiers with post-traumatic stress disorder and other combat-related issues. You can see the segment at <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=5989825n&tag=api>.

On February 2nd, WFCR's *Classical Music* featured *Piano Variations* by Whately composer **Donald Wheelock**, Irwin and Pauline Alper Glass Professor of Music at Smith College. The

selection is from the CD "Music of Donald Wheelock" on the Albany label and played by Judith Gordon.

News from the Friends of the Library

by Jeannine Atkins

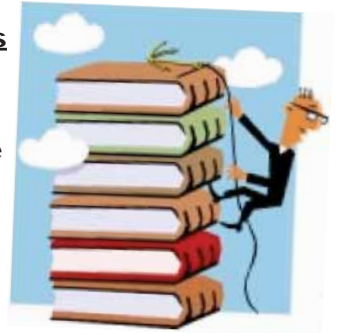
The Friends of the Whately Library is looking for new board members, since the current members are leaving our posts. Volunteers have organized series of talks, run used book sales, instituted free movie times for children and families, and raised money for reading programs. New members can continue these programs or start new ones. If you want to learn more about ways to get involved and serve the community, stop by the library or come to a Board Meeting on Monday, March 8 at six.

Mark your calendars! A Morning of Poetry Writing. Lesléa Newman, former Poet Laureate of Northampton and author of sixty books for children and adults, will lead a poetry writing workshop in the Whately public library on April 24 from ten a. m. to noon.

"Poets are not special people. Every person is a special kind of poet." --Elsa Gidlow

Come to this workshop and release your inner poet! Everyone is welcome, whether you want to write but think you have nothing to say, or know you have something to say but don't know how to say it. Using simple writing exercises, we will use memory, observation skills and imagination to write poems that express the emotional truths of their lives. No previous writing experience is necessary. Bring something to write with, something to write on, and an open heart and mind.

The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Whately Cultural Council, is free and open to all teens and adults, but we ask that you register by signing in at the library or calling the library at 413-665-2170.



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Library Notes by Tiffany Hilton

"Cooking With Herbs – Julia's Way" – Wednesday, March 10th, 7pm. Join us for a cooking demonstration with South Deerfield's Stockbridge Farm-Denise Lemay, and John & Mary Ellen Warchol will prepare several dishes which highlight some of Julia Child's recipes including crepes! All recipes will be included as well as tips on growing herbs. This program is funded by the Whately Cultural Council.

Book Discussion Group meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Please join us March 22nd for a discussion of Animal, Vegetable, Miracle, by Barbara Kingsolver. Copies of the book are available at the library. All are welcome.

Gentle Yoga for ALL Ages Wednesdays 6-7pm. First class free. (No class March 10th)

Craft Table Drop in each month for a new craft project. In March, children can make their own garden.

Spring Wreath or Arrangement –Saturday, May 8th, drop in 10am – Noon Fiona will instruct all ages with a floral project for spring. Make a seasonal wreath or arrangement for Mother's Day. You may bring your own container.

Please visit www.whately.org/library for the most up to date library events or sign up for the library's monthly email newsletter by sending your name to whatelypubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Library Hours Monday & Wednesday 10am – 8pm, Saturday 9am-3pm

Library is CLOSED Monday, April 19th for Patriot's Day.



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Greetings from the First Congregational Church, UCC by

Cynthia Crosson Harrington

On February 17th, we joined with the congregation in Hatfield to usher in the season of Lent with a worship service in Hatfield. During the month of March we are also joining Hatfield in their 'end of life' series to be held from 2-3pm on the Sunday afternoons of March 7 ("Caring for Others"), 14 ("Hospice"), 21 ("Putting your Affairs in Order") & 28 (Faith, Death & Dying").

We are also joining with the Conway, Sunderland and So. Deerfield churches for our ecumenical Wednesday night discussion groups which rotate throughout the churches and feature a different clergy presenter each week. This year, "A New Look at Old Stories: Parables for Today's World" will focus on the parables of Jesus. The schedule for March will be: March 3, Fr. Randy Calvo presenting at So. Deerfield Congregational; March 10, the Rev Christine Fontaine, in Sunderland Congregational, March 17, the Rev Barbara Seaman at the Holy Name of Jesus in So. Deerfield and March 24, the Rev. Cynthia Crosson-Harrington in Conway. All discussions begin at 7 pm with refreshments to follow. For more information about either of these Lenten series, please contact the church at 665-3537 or ask any of our members. Flyers should also be available throughout town.

Our Lenten season also includes our celebration of Palm Sunday on March 28th at 10 am and Maundy Thursday service on April 1st at 6:30 featuring a simple supper (soup) and celebration of the Last Supper. On Easter Sunday we hope that you will join us for our Sunrise Service at the hill outside the library at 6:30 am, with breakfast following (@7:00) at the church. Easter Morning Worship will be celebrated at 10 am with an Easter egg hunt for the children to follow.

Please join us for any of the above events and services or join us every Sunday at 10 am. We'd love to see you there!

Visit me here in Whately at the Whately Health Center, or in Downtown Brattleboro at my new, completely "green " office!

1-800-994-0504

Dr. Rebecca Jones

Thank You to everyone who helps produce the Scoop and helps keep Whately informed.

Beloved Children's video Let's Go To the Farm, available on DVD at Enterprise Farm

Award-winning film of a year on a Vermont dairy farm, replete with farm machinery, farm animals, farmers and their children, easy humor, engaging music and lively, intelligent, informative narrative by story-teller Mac Parker (son-in-law of Whately resident, Marianne Simon). Especially delightful for the 2-8 year old crowd! Parents will enjoy it, too! Check out the website: www.letsgotothefarm.com.

Whately's Heritage Landscape Inventory Report – Part 2, Priority Heritage Landscape #1: Whately Center by Judy Markland & Howard Nenner, Historical Commission

We in Whately have long known the historic importance of our town center, so it is no surprise that the recent 2009 Heritage Landscape Inventory Report noted that we have identified it as the most worthy of preservation. (See the last edition of the *Scoop* or view the *Report* online at whately.org/library) Accordingly, the *Report* gave Whately Center its highest priority for preservation. The *Report*, with photos, a map, and a fascinating discussion of the most important aspects of Whately Center is available at the library, town hall, or on the resources page at whatelyhistorical.org. It is well worth reading.

Among the *Report's* major points is that Whately Center was chosen as a Priority Heritage Landscape because of its role as the "civic core of the community," specifically citing Chestnut Plain Road, the Town Pound, Town Hall, Post Office, Library, Center School (town offices), Center Cemetery, the Whately Inn, and the Whately Water District. Again, no surprise as much of Chestnut Plain Road and Haydenville out from the town center have already been listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places and designated by the town as Scenic Roads.

Still, designating Whately Center as worthy of preservation does little to preserve the buildings and viewscapes, which constitute our town's historic core. Therefore, the following recommendations have been made:

Consider creating a Local Historic District to preserve the exterior of historic buildings in the area. The Historical Commission would be happy to help residents of this area learn how to accomplish this.

Consider using Community Preservation Act

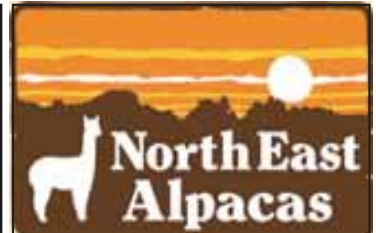
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Proposed Whately Zoning Changes

PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday, March 30
6 PM
Town Hall**

For more information, please see
green cards in the library
and Selectmen's Office or
<http://whately.org/zoning.html>



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funds to preserve, repair and upgrade Town Hall, the Library and the Whately Center School building and to preserve the Historical Society artifacts.

Consider the adoption of a Demolition Delay Bylaw that will allow for the pursuit of alternatives to demolition of historic buildings.

The town should initiate discussions with the current owners of the land around the library to explore options for protecting the land from development to protect views.

The Whately Water District should continue efforts to secure ownership or control of the land in the Zone I of their third well.

Consider updating the Town's Master Plan and explore the efficient use and reuse of public buildings, including parking needs.

Each is important and all deserve our support.

Community Preservation Act Update

In January, Stuart Saginor of the Community Preservation Coalition held a training session for Whately's newly-formed Community Preservation Committee. We learned that we have a lot to do.

Our first task is to develop a plan for the town, outlining goals for the three primary areas of funding: historic preservation, open space and affordable housing. We'll need to review town reports like the Open Space Report, meet with key town boards and committees to learn their priorities, and hold a public hearing. We also must develop criteria for CPA projects and application forms to help explain what types of projects are eligible and what will be required as part of a project application. We've started reviewing the plans and meeting with the town boards.

If you have ideas and input for the CPA plan, please contact any of the committee members

listed below. You can find a grid that explains project eligibility under the state rules for CPA funding at the town web site.

Whately's CPA tax collections for this fiscal year are estimated at roughly \$62,000, and we anticipate that the state match in October will be close to this amount. We expect to be asking for project proposals in the fall.

Community Preservation Committee: Alan Sanderson Jr., Chair, At Large, Howard Nenner, Historical Comm., Nicky Ciesluk, Recreation Comm., Andrew Ostrowski, Conservation Comm., Cris Coffin, At Large, Catherine Wolkowicz, Housing, Judy Markland, Planning Board

2010 TRANSFER STATION CALENDAR

by Fran Fortino

The Waste Management Committee invites you to recycle as many items as possible to save you and the Town money. We have a new Transfer Station Calendar (see below) featuring the many ways you can recycle items and dispose of trash.

Batteries—rechargeable and non-rechargeable. **Also cell phones & batteries; laptop, camera and power tool batteries.** Drop in battery recycling box—see attendant for details.

Books, etc Drop off any books, audio books, CDs, DVDs, records/LPs, sports cards, old video games, computer software—free—into the Got Books container next to the ramp.

Compost Drop food waste only in collection containers next to the book container.

Fluorescent lights/bulbs —Drop off in swap shed box. See attendant for details. Small fees charged. NO broken bulbs please!

Plastic Bags All types, must be clean, dry and have no paper inside or sticky labels (tear them off even if bag rips). Drop into plastic bag container. See attendant for details.

Sharps Collection For those who use needles for personal health, get free collection boxes at (and return to): Whately Health Center, 181 State Rd., **Mon., Wed., Fri. 9-12 only.**

Thermometers Drop mercury-filled thermometers ONLY in special box - see attendant.



Brush Chipping – May 1 & June 5 only, 8 a.m.-Noon. Bring brush up to 6" in diameter and free of nails and dirt, but **NO** leaves, grass, or construction debris. Wood chips available afterwards for landscaping.

Swap Shed – First Saturday of the month, May 1 – Nov. 6, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring only useful household items, sporting goods, and small toys, etc. – NO exercise equipment please. Take items you can use free. All items must be in good condition & re-usable or will be rejected. PLEASE be considerate, don't bring or leave broken junk or parts! Thanks.

*** Spring Bulky Waste Collection day - May 8, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.** For old furniture, stoves, freezers & refrigerators—**DOORS MUST BE REMOVED FIRST**, mowers, BBQ tanks, computers and TV's, furniture, metal items, air conditioners, bicycles, beds, radios, tires & more. Fees charged for most items to cover costs.

Hazardous Waste Collection day, Sept. 25 at various sites. Bring toxic materials like motor oil, pesticides and solvents, etc. Pre-registration required, call 772-2438.

*** Fall Bulky Waste Collection Day Oct. 16, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Same as spring bulky day above, so bring all the rest of your stuff you forgot.

Please note: Only trash in Town of Whately bags will be accepted – still the best deal in Town at only \$2 for a 33 gal. trash bag!

If you would like more information or can volunteer for a little while on bulky waste days, please call: Fran Fortino 665-4561.

Town Clerk News by Lynn Sibley

Census forms were mailed at the end of December. If you have not done so already, please return them to the Town Clerk's Office, 218 Chestnut Plain Road, P. O. Box 89, Whately, MA 01093. If you never received a form, please call the Town Clerk's office at 665-0054. Keep in mind that you will be receiving an additional census form the end of March or beginning of April from the Federal Census. Both census forms are important to complete because the statistics are used for different purposes.

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NEWFS Seeks Volunteers by Steve Ziglar

The Society's native plant nursery at Nasami Farm in Whately in central/western Massachusetts is seeking volunteers to help with all phases of plant propagation, including seed collection. To volunteer at Nasami Farm, contact Maureen Gray, mgray@newenglandwild.org.

Town Clerk News (Continued)

Dog Licenses are available. A valid rabies certificate and the appropriate fee will be required to license your dogs. Intact Males and Females are \$10.00, spayed females and neutered males are \$5.00. Licensing may be done in person at the Town Clerk's Office, 218 Chestnut Plain Road during regular office hours or by mail. You may also license by mail by sending the rabies certificate and a check made payable to the Town of Whately for the applicable fee to Town Clerk, P. O. Box 89, Whately, MA 01093. All dogs must be licensed by June 1, 2010 to avoid a late fee. Late fees will be \$25 per dog after June 1 and before July 15th. After July 15th fees will increase to \$50 per dog.

Nomination Papers are available for the June 8th Town Election. Positions up for election this year are Selectman - 3 year term, Town Clerk - 3 year term, Assessor - 3 year term, Board of Health - 3 year term, School Committee - 3 year term, Two Constables - 3 year terms, Two Library Trustee Positions - 3 year terms, Cemetery Commissioner - 3 year term, Water Commissioner - 3 year term and Moderator and Elector to the Will of Oliver Smith for 1 year terms each. If you are interested in running for office in the June 8th election, please contact Lynn Sibley, Town Clerk at 665-0054. Nomination papers will be available until April 15, 2010. Nomination Papers must be returned with 20 valid signatures to the Registrars of Voters (Town Clerk's Office) by April 20, 2010

Annual Town Meeting – Mark your calendars for the Annual Town Meeting to be held at the Whately Elementary School on Tuesday, April 27,

2010 at 7 p.m. Town reports, which will include a copy of the town meeting warrant, will be delivered to all households the weekend of April 17th.

Election – The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at the Town Hall from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.



THE WHATELY SCOOP is an all-volunteer community supported quarterly newsletter. **Deadline for the next Scoop (May) issue is May 15, 2010.** Send your community oriented article or event information to jpfortune@comcast.net, 665-6739 or 152 Westbrook Road, Whately 01373.

The Scoop is sent free of charge to all Whately residents with Whately PO Boxes, North Hatfield PO Boxes, or delivery from So. Deerfield or Haydenville Post Offices. It is also available at the library and the town Clerk's office.

If you live in Whately & have not been getting the Scoop, please let us know where you get your mail so we can get you on our list. Or, if you are not a resident but have a Whately connection and want to receive the Scoop by mail or email, contact Joyce (same email, phone, address above).

Businesses or individuals wishing to donate to help support the production cost of the scoop, please contact Joyce (same address above). Most businesses contribute \$100 to place a business card sized ad in 4 issues (1 year). Other businesses have contributed \$50 to be listed in the sponsor's area on the front page.

The Whately Scoop needs help following up on the small amount of fundraising we do to keep this newsletter free to all. It involves sending letters to our businesses sponsors and following up with a phone call, and depositing donations. This would help enormously to keep the scoop going, so if you have even a small amount of time to help out, it would be greatly appreciated.

TOWN DIRECTORY

Department	Office	Phone
Assessors	Town Hall	665-3470
Board of Health Health Agent		268-8404
Animal Control		665-8027
Emergency Mgmt	Center School	665-4400
FAX for Center School		665-9560
FAX for Town Hall		665-5064
Fire Department		665-2230
Burning Permits		625-8200
Highway Department		665-2983
Inspection Services:		
Building	Courthouse	772-2026x123
Plumbing & Gas	Courthouse	772-2026x125
Wiring	Courthouse	772-2026x126
Police (non-emergency)		625-8200
Schools:		
Whately Elementary		665-7826
Frontier Regional School		665-2118
Franklin County Technical		863-9561
Selectmen/Center School		665-4400
S. White Dickinson Library		665-2170
Town Collector/Treasurer	Town Hall	665-2595
Town Clerk	Center School	665-0054
Town Accountant	Town Hall	665-2595
Water Department	Center School	665-3080

OFFICE HOURS

Assessors - Tue 9a – 8:30p. Wed. 9a – 5p
Library - Mon & Wed 10a. – 8p; Sat 9 a – 3:00p
Selectmen - Monday – Friday 9a – 4:00p
Town Clerk –M-W-Th-F 9:00a -4:00p; Tue noon-7:00p
Treasurer/Town Collector -Tue & Thu 8:45a-2:45p Mon. 3-7p
Transfer Station - Tue., Noon–5p; Sat. 7a–5p

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR TOWN BOARDS

Assessors- Most Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00p, Town Hall
Board of Health-2nd Tues, 7:00p, Center School
Conservation Commission-3rd Weds, 7:00p, Town Hall
Council on Aging - 2nd Weds, 10:00p Senior Center
Franklin Tech School Com. 2nd Weds, 7:00p, Tech School
FRS School Committee - 2nd Tues, 7:00p FRS
Historical Commission -3rd Monday, 7:00p, Town Hall
Library Trustees - 2nd Thursday, 7:00p, Library
Planning Board - Last Tuesday, 7:00p, Town Hall
Recreation Commission –2nd Mon, 7:00p, WES/Herlihy
Selectmen - 2nd and last Tues, 7:00p, Center School
Water Commissioners - 1st Tues, 7:00p, Center School
Whately School Committee -1st Monday, 7:00p WES
Zoning Board of Appeals - 1st Thurs, 6:30p, Town Hall
Historical Society 1st Thursday, 7:00p, Center School

Note: This schedule is provided for informational purposes only. Meetings are also posted on the Whately Bulletin Board, Channel #15 for cable viewers in town and at the town's website, www.whately.org. Please check at the Town Offices for official notification of meetings and hearings.

If you misplace your copy of the Scoop - do not despair! You can always find it on the Whately Library's website (www.whately.org/library)

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