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The Shadow Knows... Colchester Shadow, a U11 soccer team out of Colchester, won the championship for Session 2 at Summit Sports Center in Norwich. The team's record for the season was 9-0 and overall was 18-0 (second session being undefeated). Players are James Chiaverini, Jack Stillwell, Michael Shoemaker, Alex Blanchette, Evan St. Louis, Aiden Fritz, Wyatt Nowakowski, Dylan Ward, Ben Burger and Ryan Moores. Coaches are Brady Stillwell, Jim Blanchette and Stephen Nowakowski. Photo by Linda Akerman-Shoemaker.

L.L. Bean Pulls Out of Marlborough

by Julianna Roche

Lake Terramuggus may appear less packed to residents this season – as the Marlborough Parks and Recreation Department announced last week that L.L. Bean would not be renewing its contract to offer its “Outdoor Discovery Schools” program in town this summer.

According to Parks and Recreation Director Ray Bull, the company is open to revisiting the contract again next year, but for now, the discontinuation of the program – which offered kayaking, paddleboard classes and moonlight cruises to the public – will result in a \$2,000 loss of extra revenue for the town.

Since 2013, when the original contract was formed, L.L. Bean has paid the town \$2,000 each year to use the lake – generating a total of \$8,000 from the program – which has subsequently been used for parks and recreation expenses not included in the town's annual operating budget, such as fixing the Rolling Ridge Tennis Court in 2013 or replacing sand at the lake.

“We're definitely keeping an open line of communication and we haven't shut the door as far as doing something in the future,” Bull said, adding that L.L. Bean officials have said “they like the community” and want to try to “stay active” in it.

L.L. Bean officials did not return calls for contact for this story.

Since the L.L. Bean classes were originally brought to town, many of Marlborough's lakeside residents had become accustomed to paddle-boarders and kayakers cruising by their homes or private docks by the boatload each summer – but others have continually expressed concerns about the increased lake usage and lack of privacy over the years.

The surge in lake use, which is typically seen from the end of May through early October, was primarily the result of increased interest in the L.L. Bean classes over the last four years, which Bull said “was becoming a hindrance” to residents living on the lake.

“It's been a really, very good program – one that we liked having in town – but there have been some issues at the lake in the last two years,” he continued. “It can get pretty congested down there.”

With the town's contract with the company coming to an end this year, First Selectwoman Amy Traversa said it provided an opportunity for the town to renegotiate, address any issues and work on potential solutions.

“When [L.L. Bean] started offering classes, See L.L. Bean page 2

Alleged Anger Issues Cause Concern

by Elizabeth Regan

Multiple East Hampton officials are pointing to a fiery disagreement between two councilors as evidence of councilman Ted Hintz Jr.'s escalating pattern of anger.

Hintz and James “Pete” Brown were leaving last Tuesday evening's regularly-scheduled Town Council meeting when their voices began to carry throughout the East Hampton Middle School library and hallway.

Council member Melissa Engel, who was walking in front of them in the hallway, said this week that Hintz was speaking “very, very” loudly and swearing. While she couldn't determine the actual subject matter of the argument, she said Hintz's “f—k you” to Brown was loud and clear.

“I've just never witnessed anything like that in my life,” Engel said.

It was an example of what she called Hintz's spiraling “anger management” issues.

Audio from the *RiverEast* recorded inside the East Hampton Middle School library caught part of the argument occurring in the hallway. A bellowing “I don't give a s—t” could be heard, despite a sound barrier of thick glass and cinder blocks.

Brown said Monday the fight was about a tax abatement for a local business. A brief discussion among councilors at last week's meeting revealed Brian Cutler, owner of Sports on 66, has not yet signed a 2015 tax abatement agreement that would give him a two-year de-

ferred on property taxes for the new, 42,000-square-foot facility.

Brown was on record at that meeting saying the agreement has remained in limbo for too long and that Cutler should contact Town Manager Michael Maniscalco to confirm whether or not he wants the tax break.

According to multiple officials, Hintz is Cutler's accountant. Hintz refused to confirm or deny the business relationship.

Hintz recused himself from the Jan. 29, 2015 meeting during which the council voted to extend the tax abatement agreement. However, he has since been an advocate for Cutler both publicly and behind the scenes on issues related to the tax abatement and building inspection delays.

Brown told the *RiverEast* his motivation in approaching Hintz after last week's meeting was to explain his position regarding the unsigned agreement.

“And wow, did I get a surprise,” Brown said.

Hintz said Thursday in an emailed response, “It is clear that Mr. Brown has a personal and political issue with me and continues to push buttons to provoke a response.”

Council Chairwoman Patience Anderson said this week she was taken aback by the intensity of the exchange.

“It was conduct unbecoming,” she said.

Anderson said she, too, has been on the receiving end of the same level of “vitriol” from

Hintz, though not publicly.

“It seems as if this behavior is escalating to the point where others are seeing it,” she said.

East Hampton Police Department reports obtained by the *RiverEast* show two complaints lodged in two years by residents alleging threatening behavior by Hintz.

Both complaints were from women who appeared visibly shaken, according to police reports.

A May 2016 complaint from a Keighley Pond Road neighbor alleged Hintz followed her to her house and yelled at her on multiple occasions, according to the report. Hintz, when interviewed by police, said the woman speeds by his home on a regular basis, most often when his children are getting on the school bus.

He admitted to following the complainant and speaking with her, according to the police report; he “denied being agitated or yelling.”

The report said officers told Hintz he would be arrested for trespass if he returned to the victim's home. They also said Hintz should not “follow or lay in wait” for the victim or he may be charged with stalking.

Officers cleared the case pending further incident, according to the report. Police also put in a request for the area to be patrolled for speeding during the early morning hours.

Hintz said in a Thursday email that he had been in contact with East Hampton Police Chief Sean Cox regarding his speeding concerns, to

“no avail.” That's why he knocked on the neighbor's door and asked her to slow down on the street, he said.

“I explained I had been in contact with the chief, therefore she reciprocated,” Hintz added.

A February 2015 complaint alleged Hintz screamed, swore and threatened to run over a resident with his plow truck when he came to clear the driveway of her rental apartment. The building was owned by Hintz's father.

Hintz “denied any use of profanity or threatening to strike her with his vehicle,” the report said. He told officers the complainant was unhappy because she was being evicted.

Police submitted an arrest warrant affidavit for review by the Middlesex Superior Court, the report said. The warrant was rejected due to lack of probable cause.

Hintz on Thursday described the complaint as unfounded. He said “no such thing happened.”

Anderson noted she was “uncomfortable” confronting Hintz about his screaming and swearing after last week's meeting because it did not occur at the table during an official meeting.

Anderson emphasized that she, as council chairman, will deal with any inappropriate behavior that happens at a council meeting.

She added, “If there comes a vote or some action that I think there's a conflict of interest, See Alleged Anger page 2

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there wasn't really an agreement made or specifications to how many classes" they could have, she explained.

The current schedule, the first selectwoman continued, "was overwhelming for people who live right on the beach" as L.L. Bean was often hosting classes as many as four to five days per week for six to seven hours each day – giving lakeside residents little to no privacy.

"It was like an all-day L.L. Bean commercial," Traversa joked.

"With all of the increased programming, we had to make some changes to the original contract," Bull furthered.

In December, the Parks and Recreation Department sent out letters addressed to lakeside residents asking for feedback about the program – which was over 50 percent positive, he said. "We wanted to hear voices of the residents," he added.

However, according to minutes from last week's Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, L.L. Bean representatives expressed concerns that while there was more positive feedback from residents, the negative feedback was "really negative" and the company did not want to risk adverse publicity in the media that "L.L. Bean is not working well in the community."

Additionally, to address the overcrowding issues on the lake, the town had proposed a scaled-back schedule in the revised contract, which would have prohibited L.L. Bean from offering classes on Sundays and holidays. The

proposal also suggested limiting the number of hours per day classes could be held to four to six hours.

Furthermore, Bull said programs typically offered on Sundays would instead be "spread out during the rest of the week" in the new contract.

However, per meeting minutes, company representatives said that not offering classes on Sunday was the "biggest obstacle" in the proposal, ultimately contributing to its declination of the contract.

"They felt it didn't work out in their best interest," Bull said.

Traversa added, the company "decided to go in a different direction."

That direction appears to be slightly west, to nearby Glastonbury. This week's issue of the *Glastonbury Citizen* included a notice announcing that L.L. Bean will now offer its Outdoor Discovery Schools program in the town's Riverfront Park this summer, beginning in May.

In place of the Marlborough program, Traversa said the town is working on ways to continue offering kayaking classes this summer, but through the town Parks and Recreation Department instead.

Bull added he plans to ask local businesses if they have any interest in offering classes or doing kayaking or canoeing showcases.

"We're trying to replace [the L.L. Bean program] if we can," he furthered, adding the town is also "open to the possibility" of having L.L. Bean "come back if they have time."

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I will express that."

The chairwoman noted any possible conflicts of interest could be an issue for the town Ethics Commission if a complaint were lodged. However, there is no such functioning commission at this time.

According to the town website, there is one member and one alternate member on the Ethics Commission. Town ordinance authorizes the Town Council to appoint the commission's five members and two alternates.

The council's subcommittee on appointments consists of Hintz, Brown and councilor Mark Philhower.

The ethics ordinance prohibits any official with an interest in a business entity from "representing, advising or appearing on behalf of" that entity in any contract or transaction before the council.

It does, however, allow a member of the Town Council to appear before town agencies "on behalf of his constituents in the course of his duties as a representative of the electorate or in the performance of public or civic obligations."

The ordinance requires any councilor with a "financial interest or personal interest in any proposed action before the Town Council" to

disclose the nature and extent of the interest.

Brown, for his part, said he has not seen any actions by Hintz that would constitute a conflict of interest.

"Ted, as far as I can see, is being an advocate for his constituent," Brown said.

Most recently, Hintz sent an April 3 email to the council that included a forwarded message from Cutler describing delays in plumbing and electrical inspections in the facility's snack bar.

In the same message, Hintz asked Maniscalco to schedule an executive session to discuss the performance of Building Official Glen LeConche.

Maniscalco replied the same day to say council policy gives the town manager primary responsibility for supervising and evaluating employees. He pointed to the policy's specific language: "No Town Council member shall attend or in any way be engaged in meetings involving town personnel matters."

Maniscalco also cautioned Hintz there are limited reasons a public agency can meet behind closed doors, per the state's Freedom of Information statute. The statute also allows employees to require any discussions about their performance to be held in open session if requested.

Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

The oft-delayed new \$71 million home of the Hartford Yard Goats is finally open for business....and I have to say, it looks fantastic.

I took in a game at the new Dunkin' Donuts Park last Friday night, and was very impressed. The stadium was beautiful. Wide concourses, seats that gave you a great view from no matter where, and lots and lots of really great food. And, unlike the old New Britain Stadium, you didn't have to choose between food and baseball. Dunkin' Donuts Park, much like the newer Major League ballparks, was built so that the game was viewable from, well, anywhere in the park. It's very cool to know you can go grab a beer or a burger without having to miss any of the action. Not only was the view of the game from your seats good, but you look out and see it's a great view of the city itself.

When the new ballpark was first announced, I was a little concerned about getting to the stadium. After all, New Britain Stadium was so easy to get to. But I was pleased to see Dunkin' Donuts Park, at least when coming from I-84 East, couldn't be easier to get to; it's almost right off the highway. (Parking was a little off, I'll admit. The parking lot right in front of the stadium was, alas, for season ticket holders or prepaid folks only; my friend and I wound up parking in a garage not far from the stadium, though, and just walked in.)

Hartford's baseball past was celebrated – including a large team photo of the Hartford Senators, a minor league team that counted a young Lou Gehrig among its players.

Now, the Yard Goats being a AA team, there was plenty of stuff to keep kids entertained, as is often the way at minor league parks; there was an inflatable bounce house, lots of kid-friendly games in between innings, and even a real live goat was on hand – Fancy pants, courtesy of East Hampton's own Circle K Farms.

Unfortunately, since this was AA baseball, the play wasn't quite as crisp as you might see on the big league level. The Yard Goats made four errors on the night, and their op-

ponent, the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, made two. Hartford lost, 11-7, but the game was still a blast. It was a beautiful April evening for baseball, and a beautiful stadium to spend the night in. I'll definitely be back.

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In this space I've often campaigned for more gun control in this country. But I'll give credit where credit is due – the gun control we do have, while I still feel is lacking in some ways, did its part in preventing what could have been a major tragedy in Texas recently.

Federal officials on Monday filed charges against Steven Thomas Boehle, 50, a right-wing extremist they'd been told was planning to conduct a mass shooting. According to the *Austin American-Statesman*, an affidavit supporting the arrest was short on details of the mass shooting but did reveal that, when the FBI searched Boehle's place of residence, they seized three guns and about 1,100 rounds of ammunition.

How did gun control laws nix the shooting? Well, apparently Boehle could've had even more guns on his person had he gotten his way. According to the affidavit, Boehle three times had applied to purchase a firearm from different Austin area gun shops, the most recent time coming in December. All three of those times he was rejected, due to a 1993 misdemeanor assault conviction that left him unable to lawfully purchase firearms. (The assault, incidentally, occurred in New Haven, and involved an intimate partner of his.)

All three of those times he applied for a gun he answered "no" to a question asking if he'd ever been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. But the background check did its thing, and Boehle was rejected. Not only that, but it provided officers reason to arrest Boehle, which they did, on charges of making a false statement in connection with the attempted acquisition of a firearm, and unlawful possession of a firearm by a prohibited person. (The *American-Statesman* reported it was unclear how Boehle obtained the guns officials did find at his home.)

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See you next week.

Ryan Gritter Appointed to Marlborough Finance Board

by Julianna Roche

The Board of Finance appointed 32-year-old Ryan Gritter to fill the alternate position earlier this month, replacing former member Dan McMahon in a term which ends November 2019.

McMahon "was a good one to have on the board," board chairman Doug Knowlton said, adding that McMahon works as a certified public accountant; however, due to work conflicts, he was unable to attend many meetings.

According to Knowlton, his replacement – Gritter – is a good fit.

"He's young, he's from a good educational background," he said. "And it's good to get some new, fresh blood [on the board]."

Gritter graduated cum laude from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., where he first met his wife Katie before obtaining his law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 2012. He then worked in-house giving counsel to an EMS provider, while



Ryan Gritter

also creating and editing interactive continuing legal education material for foreign nations by Lawyers Without Borders.

Later, he served as a legal clerk to U.S. Magistrate Judge Brian Epps in the southern district of Georgia and following the end of Epps' term, Gritter moved back to central Connecticut to open his own law practice – The Gritter Firm, LLC, which is located on Naubuc Avenue in Glastonbury.

According to Gritter, the move to a small town such as Marlborough, which he made in late 2014, inspired him to become more active in the community.

"It struck me as a small town that relies a lot on volunteers," he said, adding there aren't many full-time employees working in town politics.

"Marlborough is a town that's transitioning right now," Gritter furthered, explaining that while there are many residents who have lived there for decades, there are also plenty of young families having children moving into town.

"The folks we bought our house from lived here for 37 years," he said, adding that he also noticed "three other folks on the street have been here for 40 years.... [but] if young folks don't pitch in and try to help the town, they're not holding up their end of the bargain."

Gritter, who also has a 21-month-old daughter Danielle, said he believes many residents, including his family, move to Marlborough for the education system – which he said "is important to be represented in town government."

The new alternate added that while he currently practices law, he has plans of transitioning careers and becoming a high-school English teacher.

And while it is his first stint in town politics, the millennial originally expressed interest in becoming a finance board member just over a year ago.

First Selectwoman Amy Traversa said she thought Gritter would be a "good member" of the board, not only for his experience and skillset, but also because of his age and perspective.

"He's part of a new and growing population," she continued, adding that even from the first finance board meeting Gritter attended last week, she could see "a kind of confidence" and "a fresh perspective" that could be helpful to the board in the future.

Knowlton agreed, stating he thought there needed to be "people of all different backgrounds" on the board to make it well-rounded.

Gritter added he too hopes his input will help

facilitate decisions during this year's ever-looming budget season, and that he believed his skillset "could help benefit the town."

Gritter furthered that while Gov. Dannel Malloy's proposed cuts to town funding this budget season "on a micro-level as a Marlborough resident" are "a tough pill to swallow," his stance is that "statewide, there's going to be pain no matter what we do that's going to hurt the town."

"I think as the state of Connecticut, we've all started to look back and see how did we get to this big of a disaster," he continued. "Folks say 'you can't cut this,' but we're all going to need to take hits [this budget season]."

Traversa added that while Gritter is currently an alternate, she hopes he, along with other millennials who have been appointed to various boards as of late – including residents Keith Coolbath as an alternate to the Zoning Commission and David McKay as an alternate to the Water Pollution Control Authority – will consider continuing a career in town politics even as their terms expire.

"If they're interested and active as a contributing member, we're certainly hoping they consider running [for a seat] in the next election," she said.

\$36.74M Budget Sent to Hebron Referendum

by Elizabeth Regan

The Board of Finance this week sent a \$36.74 million 2017-18 proposed budget to a May 2 referendum with no changes after a public hearing.

Finance board chairman Malcolm Leichter, a Democrat, said he remains leery of the uncertain state budget situation and its effect on municipal aid. But revenue shouldn't be the residents' concern right now, he said: instead, it's how much the town spends that they need to vote on.

The finance board's job is to adjust accordingly when solid revenue figures come in, according to Leichter.

"We have plans and alternate plans and more alternate plans in place, which we will be talking about," he said at the hearing. "We won't talk about it tonight because we're just here to discuss the expense budget."

Leichter made the motion to send the budget proposal forward, saying he can see nothing in either the general government or local Board of Education budget "that doesn't need to be there."

Only Henry Sawicki voted against the motion. The unaffiliated board member, who was elected as a Republican, said he wanted to see another \$600,000 taken out of the budget proposals. He targeted the local Board of Education for roughly \$500,000 of that cut.

But Sawicki ultimately concurred with a theme expressed by the members who supported Leichter's motion: "Now it's up to the voters."

The approved budget proposal totals \$36,740,238, an increase of \$562,289 over the current year's budget. Included in that amount is \$9,312,714 for the general budget – an increase of 1.79 percent – and \$11,588,546 for the Hebron Board of Education budget – a drop of 1.45 percent. The proposed budget also includes \$15,838,978 for the town's portion of the RHAM schools' budget.

Of the total \$36.74 million proposal, \$27,921,545 is proposed as coming from taxes, which is an increase of \$325,552 from the current year.

Along with the overall spending increase, a decrease in the grand list due to the October 2016 revaluation affects the budget proposal. As a result of that process, which is used to value all of the property in town on an equalized basis, the Grand List decreased

\$30,937,720 or 4.1 percent; that translates to an increase of 1.49 mills – before the rest of the budget is even taken into account.

Leichter said the revaluation has a "confusion factor" that makes it harder to figure out the proposed budget's effect on each taxpayer. While the total Grand List decreased, some taxpayers saw their homes increase in value.

He recommended residents go to the town website, hebronct.com, or the town hall to see a document containing the proposed change in the 2017-18 tax bill for every address in town.

"Please look at your dollars," he said. "Don't get hung up in percentage of mill rate increase."

Altogether the recommended budget, if approved, would result in a 2.52 mill increase, which would bring the mill rate for 2017-18 to 38.16.

For an average-priced house in Hebron that had a market value of \$331,000 in 2011 and a market value of \$300,725 after the revaluation, that would mean a tax bill of \$8,033 – a reduction of \$225 from the current year.

The budget going to voters is around \$1.88 million less than what Town Manager Andrew Tierney proposed last month, due mostly to reductions in the RHAM budget proposal as well as the local education budget.

The Hebron Board of Education originally approved a proposed budget that was .13 percent less than current year spending; that amount dropped to a .45 percent decrease last month following the board's decision to raise tuition rates for preschool.

A handful of residents spoke at the public hearing. Most of them supported sending the budget to referendum with no changes, including Republican Board of Selectmen Chairman Daniel Larson.

"I personally heard nothing that would make me say that you need to do any alterations to the budget on any of the dollar items that you have any control over," Larson said.

He called the RHAM schools' budget the "gorilla in the room." The phrase seems to combine the "800-pound gorilla" and "elephant in the room" metaphors – a powerful force nobody wants to talk about that can do whatever it wants.

Leichter said the finance board is neutral on the subject of the RHAM budget, which must be approved at referendum in each of the three

towns – Andover, Hebron and Marlborough.

If the RHAM budget fails and the Hebron budget passes, the finance board would have to adjust the mill rate or put the difference into the general fund once a final regional school budget is approved.

"We don't like to collect taxes that we don't need, so it would be my desire that, if that were to happen, we would adjust the tax rate so you don't have to pay the taxes to begin with," Leichter told those at the public hearing.

If the RHAM schools' budget passes but the Hebron budget fails, the regional school budget must remain untouched and any reductions would have to come out of the general government or local Board of Education budget.

Several residents, including RHAM Board of Education member Joseph O'Connor and local school board member Carol Connolly, defended the regional schools' budget.

O'Connor referred to ongoing physical shortcomings in the building evident since it was built 17 years ago.

He also pointed to escalating special education costs over which the regional school board has no control.

"We can't just pull apart and say RHAM is the big problem," O'Connor said. "It is a big problem, but we have to figure out how we're going to deal with that problem."

Connolly described education as key to the future of the children in town, increased property values and economic development.

She said reports of thousands of new jobs expected at Electric Boat and Pratt & Whitney mean there are plenty of families that might be interested in moving to town – but they'll go to places like Glastonbury or Colchester if education doesn't remain competitive with area towns.

Resident Donald Hoerman spoke up for some whose personal finances aren't increasing even as the local budget continues to rise.

"I work at a nonprofit in Hartford, and over the past 10 years I've had one two-percent raise. So zero is the only way to go," he said.

After the meeting, Leichter said there are at least 600 voters every year who will not support a budget increase no matter what.

It was the viewpoint expressed on the board by Sawicki, which Leichter said he respects.

Sawicki is "not the only one that believes that," Leichter said. "And we know that."

The budget proposal does not include a \$1.36 million contribution to the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System included in Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's state budget proposal released in February.

Leichter said it's unlikely the governor's plan to assign one-third of the Teachers Retirement System to cities and towns will make it through the state legislature as proposed. He said conversations with officials at the state level indicate the town will probably be hit with a smaller chunk of the teachers' pension responsibility as it is phased in over time.

Municipalities do not pay for teachers' pensions currently.

"We would never pass a budget if we put another \$1.4 million in it," Leichter said.

But Leichter expects budget negotiations in Hartford to yield more education funding than the governor originally proposed, which he hopes will offset any teachers' pension contribution that may materialize.

Under Malloy's plan, Hebron would receive \$1.28 million less for education in the coming fiscal year than it gets currently. Leichter said the finance board is counting on getting some of that money back in the final state budget, but not all of it.

If the final state budget comes in with a lower teachers' pension contribution than Malloy proposed and more state funding, Leichter said there would likely be no decrease in expected revenue.

"We believe it will offset. We're hoping it would offset," Leichter said.

Town Manager Andrew Tierney agreed the revenue will probably come out a wash.

He said there are three options if that's not the case, depending on a variety of factors: "We can either go back into the budget and reduce the budget some more. We could take some money from the undesignated fund balance, which we don't want to do. Or do a supplemental [tax bill], but it depends on when they come up with a budget."

Leichter said conversations with state Rep. Robin Green (R-55) and state Sen. Cathy Osten (D-19) indicate a final state budget may not come until August – or even October.

Architect Chosen for East Hampton Municipal Hub Project

by Elizabeth Regan

The Town Council last week chose its architect for the proposed town hall complex project: Amenta Emma of Hartford, the same firm employed by the Edgewater Hill mixed-use development in which the new municipal hub will reside.

Building Committee Chairman Glenn Gollenberg delivered the committee's unanimous recommendation to the council. He described a "quality-based selection process" involving the rating of four shortlisted candidates based on their ability to complete the project. Only then did they look at each firm's fee schedule.

"Based on that process, we came up with a lowest qualified firm that we were pleased to recommend to the town council," Gollenberg said.

Architectural fees in the Amenta Emma proposal came in at \$897,000.

Town Manager Michael Maniscalco said town staff reviewed seven bids for completeness before sending the four finalists to the committee.

The council voted 5 to 1 to award the contract to Amenta Emma. Councilor Ted Hintz Jr. was the lone 'nay' vote. Councilor Mark Philhower was absent.

A cover letter from principal Anthony J. Amenta in the firm's bid package touts a portfolio of over ten town halls and police stations

in Connecticut over the past five years.

During that same five-year period, Amenta said the firm has worked closely with the town's project manager and Edgewater Hill owner, Steve Motto.

"Our thorough understanding of the site, the master plan and our work together during the design and construction of all of its projects will assist in ensuring the final Town Hall will work well in the context of the final development," Amenta wrote.

Motto, with his wife, Lisa, donated the town a 5.4-acre parcel within their 59-acre development on Route 66. They also offered to serve as the town's project managers for a 4-percent cut of the total project cost. Their proposal won out over seven other submissions in a competitive bidding process.

The Mottos have estimated the new town hall and police department will cost from \$12 to \$18 million.

The project has gotten resistance from Hintz and Philhower, who questioned the location for the proposed complex and the process of selecting it. Hintz said it's a conflict of interest for the development's owners to act as the town's project managers.

The Mottos initially wanted to choose the architect themselves, but the Town Council retained the responsibility and in February appointed a nine-member building committee to

oversee the bidding process and make a recommendation.

The building committee unanimously endorsed Amenta Emma. The firm has grown since 1985 to include 17 registered architects and a total staff of 41 people.

Their bid proposal cites experience by project architect Michelle Lanney with police stations in Bethel, Brookfield and Gardner, Mass. as well as locally in Ledyard, Norwich and Old Saybrook. The firm has also been involved with the Chester Town Hall, Connecticut Convention Center, Killingworth Town Hall and Westborough (Mass.) Town Hall.

It is providing architectural design services for the renovation of the 1931 State Office Building and parking garage in Hartford.

Amenta called his firm "no stranger to East Hampton" and the circumstances leading to the new municipal hub proposal. He said he has attended meetings at the current town hall when working on the master plan for the Motto's Edgewater Hill mixed-use development.

"After my first long evening meeting, I never forgot to remind myself to pack bottled water for subsequent meetings. Suffice it to say, a new town hall and related offices for the engaged residents of the town of East Hampton is long overdue," he said.

Local officials have complained for more than 30 years about aging facilities and cramped

spaces. Water in the facility is not currently potable.

Firms not chosen were Kaestle Boos Associates of New Britain, Quisenberry Arcai Architects of Farmington and TLB Architecture of Chester.

A \$1.05 million proposal from Kaestle Boos said the firm has been in business for over 50 years, with experience with the Monson (Mass.) town hall/police station; West Hartford Town Hall; New Britain City Hall; Montville public safety facility, New Britain police station; the Rocky Hill police station and numerous police stations in Massachusetts.

Kaestle Boos has 11 registered architects and a staff of 59.

Quisenberry Arcai Architects' \$940,800 proposal cited experience going back to 2002 on town and city halls in Newington, Andover, Durham, Torrington and Bristol. It has 28 full-time staff and 10 architects.

TLB Architecture has a portfolio going back 27 years, according to its \$903,500 proposal. The firm cited experience with several fire stations, among other municipal projects.

Councilor Kevin Reich applauded the applicants and the building committee for their work.

"I was very impressed with the information we received; I was very impressed with the process that [the building committee] took," he said.

Obituaries

East Hampton

Joseph W. Baranowski

Joseph W. Baranowski, 51, died suddenly in his home in East Hampton Saturday, April 8. Born April 20, 1965, in Waterbury, he was raised in Naugatuck and he graduated from Naugatuck High School, Central Connecticut State University.

Joe was formerly employed as a retirement planner for New England municipal employees for the Hartford Insurance company. Joe loved adventure and the outdoors, especially mountain biking, snowmobiling, marathons, triathlons and all watersports on Lake Pocotopaug. He was a car enthusiast and loved going for rides on his motorcycle.

He was the life of every party and loved to entertain all of us with his jokes and magic tricks. He was known for his good deeds, shoveling out neighbors, taking youth under his wing and being an amazing friend to everyone that he was close to. Joe loved animals, especially his cats, Bailey and Gee, with all his heart.

Joe is predeceased by his parents, Ziegmunt and Helen Baranowski. He is survived by his brothers and their spouses, Stephen and Nancy Baranowski of Oxford and Thomas and Sharon Baranowski of Southbury. He is also survived by his four nieces, Cheryl Craig, Lisa Serino, Lauren Baranowski and Kristen Baranowski and one great niece, Abigail Serino.

A calling hour will be held on Saturday, April 22, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., at Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton. A funeral liturgy will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 22, in St. Patrick Church, 47 W High St., East Hampton. Memorial contributions may be made in Joe's honor to Cat Tales, PO Box 901, Middletown, CT 06457.

To leave online condolences, visit spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

East Hampton

James Olivo

James Joseph "Jim" Olivo, 83, of East Hampton, beloved husband of Joyce (Carlano) Olivo, died Sunday, April 16, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Born Oct. 25, 1933, in Bronxville, N.Y., he was the son of the late Nicholas and Elizabeth (Greco) Olivo.

Jim proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and was a graduate of St. John's University. Jim worked for JP Morgan Bank, European American Bank and retired from Union Bank of Switzerland. He became a member of the Knights of Columbus in 1993, and went on to become Grand Knight, District Deputy, and member of the Fourth Degree Assembly. He was a Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in the Bronx, and taught religious instruction there for many years.

Besides his wife Joyce, he is survived by his daughter, Pamela Farrington and husband David of Marlborough; three sons, James Olivo and wife Susan of Armonk, N.Y., Kenneth Olivo of New Haven, Mark Olivo of Smithtown, N.Y.; nine grandchildren, Nicholas, Matthew, Lauren, Emma, Jonathan, David, Ava, Luke and Ella. He was predeceased by a brother, Gary Olivo.

Jim Olivo served his country, he served his faith, he raised a family, he traveled the world and he was married to the woman he loved for 59 years.

Friends called at Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, Wednesday April 19, and Thursday, April 20. The funeral procession will leave the Spencer Funeral Home on Friday morning, April 21, at 10:30 a.m., followed by the funeral liturgy at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick Church in East Hampton. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Patrick Church, P.O. Box 177, East Hampton, CT 06424.

To leave online condolences, visit spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Hebron

Benjamin Staba Memorial Service

A memorial service for Benjamin C. Staba of Hebron will be held Saturday, May 6, at 10 a.m., at Westchester Congregational Church, 449 Westchester Rd. (Route 149), Colchester.

Staba, 97, passed away peacefully at his winter home in Tavares, Fla., on Feb. 26. He was born to John and Agnes Staba in Hebron on Dec. 13, 1919.

East Hampton

Jane Gorman Burt

Jane Gorman Burt of Hamden, formerly of East Hampton, wife of the late Edward C. (Pa) Burt Sr., passed away Monday, April 17.

Born May 24, 1925, in East Hampton, to John Thomas Gorman and Rachel Elizabeth Mack Gorman, she was a redhead from the start in appearance and attitude; ask anyone who knew her!

Predeceased by her loving husband of nearly 50 years in 2002, parents and brother, John Richard Gorman, she leaves three children: Mary Jane Burt, Honorable Edward C. (Ned) Burt Jr. and his wife, M. Christine Burt, all of Hamden; a son, Christopher Gorman Burt (Nancy Cantara) of East Hampton; six grandchildren, Timothy Serpe (Bryce), Catherine Rachel Serpe Besescheck (Karl), Patrick Eugene Serpe (Amber), Edward Clinton III (Bogdan Jedrzejowski) of Portugal, Rachel Elizabeth Burt of Los Angeles and James Hafey Burt of New York City. Jane had four great-grandchildren, Lola, Colton, Maya and Sidney. In addition, she leaves, the widow of her beloved brother, Dick, Patricia Stover Gorman of Mansfield, Mass.; nieces and nephew, Margaret Gorman Costello (Sean), also of Mansfield, Dr. Gregory John Gorman (Mark Mezak), of San Francisco, Margaret (Art) Ferris of West Haven and Barbara (Joseph) Mascari of East Haven; and numerous grandnieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Jane's commitment to Pa, her children and church is legendary. A recitation of her life would not be complete without the mention of her girlfriends – life-long sisters from East Hampton, whose connection of four generations survive her; and, "The Fat Club," her Hamden cabal of friends who met weekly to weigh in on all matters large and small and took annual trips to the cottage at Lake Pocotopaug and Vermont. She cherished these relationships and their fidelity throughout her life and their support throughout her illnesses is so greatly appreciated by us all.

Lastly, our gratitude to the staff of Whitney Manor, Rehabilitation and Nursing Center is boundless. Mom was loved and cared for in a most respectful way. We are forever indebted to you.

A funeral liturgy will be held today, April 21, at 2 p.m., at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church on High Street in East Hampton. Family and friends are invited to a reception at Angelico's Lake House (approximately 4 p.m.) following the burial. There are no calling hours. The family will greet friends after the Mass and at the reception.

A memorial service will be held in Hamden at a time TBD.

In lieu of flowers, make a contribution to East Hampton Ambulance Association 4 Middletown Ave., East Hampton, CT 06424.

Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, is responsible for the arrangements. To leave online condolences, visit spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Marlborough

Martin J. Galvin III

Martin J. Galvin III, born May 26, 1950, passed away Saturday, April 15. A very kind fisherman with a loving heart has passed from this plane to another.

Marty is survived by his wife, Cindy McGowan Galvin; his sister and brother-in-law, Pam and Al Jankot; and his brother, David Galvin; as well as nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Ocean Foundation, 1320 19th St. NW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20036 (oceanfdn.org)

Memorial services will be held at the Marlborough American Legion, 128 East Hampton Rd. (Route 66), Marlborough, on Saturday, April 22, from 2-6 p.m. There will be a pot luck and cash bar. Come celebrate Marty's life.

Colchester

Albert A. Petrow

Albert "Al" A. Petrow, 73, of Colchester, beloved husband of Constance A. Petrow (Zipoli), passed away at home peacefully Wednesday, April 12, with his wife beside him. Born April 12, 1944, to the late Michael J. Petrow and Parmelia M. Petrow (DesMarchias) formerly of East Hampton.

He was predeceased by a longtime friend that he called a brother, Leo Tucker.

Albert was a certified welder for 47 years at Standard Structural Steel in Newington. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved spending time at Day Pond with his fishing buddies.

He is survived by his loving wife Constance, celebrating 49 years of marriage. He leaves behind a brother, Michael J. Petrow and his wife Trudy. He also leaves behind three daughters and a son, Stacey A. Petrow and fiancé Peter C. McKinney, Tricia L. Nolan and husband Stanley, Desiree Brown and husband John, and John Whitney. Albert leaves behind 10 grandchildren: Andrea Strong, Anthony Strong and wife Torianne, Kyle Strong and Katie, Ryan Gannon, Mikhail Nolan, Tiffany Ray and husband Colten, Jordan Brown and wife Rachel, Sarah Esteves and husband Daniel, Logan Brown and Hailey Brown. Albert leaves behind four great-grandchildren: Annabelle Strong, Aaron Strong, Kaylee Strong, and Colby Ray. He will be missed by all.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 22, at 10 a.m., at Baptist Fellowship, 195 William Rd., Columbia.

To share memories or send condolences to the family, visit doolittlefuneralservice.com.

East Hampton

James Carey

James "Jim" Carey, 62, of East Hampton, passed away Friday, April 14, 2017, at Hartford Hospital. He was predeceased by his loving wife Carol Carey, his parents Robert and Diane (Walters) Condon, and his cousin Michael Bonati.

Born in New York City, he was a former Berlin resident, moving to East Hampton in 1999. A graduate of Farmington High School, class of 1973, he attended Concordia College and Central Connecticut State College (CCSC), where he was very active in the theatre department.

Jim was the department head of the East Hampton Planning, Zoning and Building Department, where he worked for 30 years, retiring in 2015. Although he received many job offers over the years he could never bring himself to leave East Hampton. Jim had a love for photography and was an avid fly fisherman and Green Bay Packers fan.

Surviving are his sister, Robin Condon of Farmington; an aunt, Naomi Bonati and her husband Richard of Clinton; an uncle, Glenn Walters and his wife Jennifer of Albuquerque, N.M.; as well as several cousins, including Laura and Billy Cariati of Westbrook; Lisa and Ray Palumbo of Madison.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, April 30, at 4 p.m., at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, East Hampton, at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are Sunday, April 30, from 3 p.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trout Unlimited, 56 Francis Ave. Newington, CT 06111.

Please share a memory or note of sympathy at carlsonfuneralhome.com.

East Hampton

Glenn Edward Terwilliger

Glenn Edward Terwilliger, 42, died Monday, April 10. He was born July 9, 1974, in New Britain, but spent most of his life in East Hampton, where his family moved in 1976.

The home bordered on Meshomasic State Forest, and as a small boy Glenn wandered into the forest and was lost overnight. The whole town turned out to look for him, including East Hampton High School students who were released early from school to aide in the search. He was finally found by a local man, a hero, much to everyone's relief. Soon the forest became his playground, along with his brothers Scott and Sean.

Glenn worked at a variety of jobs. For years he and his brother Sean worked together doing home improvement. He did maintenance work, and eventually became a union painter. He worked mainly in the construction fields.

Glenn survived a bout of cancer in his 20s, and afterwards went on a trip with his mother and grandmother to see the country. It was one of the highlights of his life.

He was predeceased by his father, James Terwilliger. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Lorraine and Jim Wheeler of Kent Store, Va., and his grandmother, Louise Brule of East Granby. He has two brothers, Scott, who now lives in Philadelphia, and Sean, who lives in Portland with his family, Kate, Lena and Echo. Glenn's sister, Kat Terwilliger, lives in California, but is originally from Marlborough. Finally, Glenn leaves behind his darling daughter, Skyy Terwilliger, and many more dear friends and relations.

Unfortunately, we are one of many families grieving for a loved one lost to the epidemic of addiction. He will be missed.

A ceremony is planned for the summer.

East Hampton

Robert Klemba Celebration of Life

A celebration of the life of Robert Walter (Kenneth) Klemba of Cape Coral, Fla., formerly of East Hampton, will be held Saturday, May 13, at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5095, 20 N. Main St., East Hampton. Please come to share your memories.

Bob passed away March 13 at the age of 83. He was born June 13, 1933, to Mary (Marsalek) and George Klemba.



Man Invades Occupied Home in Marlborough

by Julianna Roche

State police are looking for a man they say broke into an occupied Denler Drive home in broad daylight Monday.

According to police, an “older female” was home at the time of the invasion, which occurred when the suspect forced his way inside the house by kicking down an exterior door at approximately 11:38 a.m.

Police said the victim encountered the male and a verbal exchange took place before the suspect proceeded to go into the bedroom, steal a small amount of jewelry and flee the scene on foot.

No injuries were sustained by the homeowner.

Police said a K-9 track was conducted shortly after the invasion; however, it ended with negative results.

The homeowner described the suspect as a black male approximately 30 to 40 years old wearing dark-colored pants, sneakers, a maroon shirt and a dark-colored baseball hat. The victim said he was also wearing white gloves at the time and described him as “chubby.”

Police said if anyone was near Denler Drive, Cheney Road or the surrounding area at the time and observed anything of note – including a male walking, a car parked on the side of the road or a slow-driving car – to contact Troop K at 860-465-4569.

Police also said if anyone has a home security system with a camera that points towards the area, to review footage from the incident’s timeframe and contact police if they find anything suspicious.

All information will be kept confidential.
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As of late, residents have also reported a series of vehicle break-ins and thefts in town – including a car broken into just a few hours before the home invasion on April 17.

Marlborough residents are encouraged to attend a community open forum regarding crime prevention with Resident State Trooper Jeff Dunshee, town police and town officials on Tuesday, April 25, from 6-7 p.m. at Town Hall.

East Hampton Police News

3/30: Kim B. McCollum, 56, of 66 Montauk Dr., Vernon, was arrested and charged with breach of peace and third-degree assault, East Hampton Police said.

4/5: Nicole A. Brean, 29, of 11 Starr Place, was arrested and charged with second-degree robbery, third-degree assault, second-degree threatening and disorderly conduct, police said.

4/6: Joseph Michael Fraulino Jr., 22, of 27 Old Middletown Rd., was charged with third-degree identity theft, fifth-degree larceny and three counts of illegal use of a credit card, police said.

Portland Police News

4/14: Neil Frisk, 34, of 505 William St., was charged with reckless driving, Portland Police said.

Andover Police News

4/11: State Police said they are investigating a burglary that occurred between the hours of 10 p.m. on April 10 and 5:20 a.m. on April 11 at the Shell gas station on 380 Route 6. The suspects are unknown and the case remains under investigation.

Car Stolen in Marlborough

4/16: State Police said a green 1998 Honda XR-400 was taken from a residence on Portland Road sometime between Friday, April 14, and early Sunday, April 16.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Troop K at 860-465-5400.

Driver Flees Scene of Car Crash in Colchester

by Julianna Roche

A local man crashed his car in town last week and fled the scene, only to be later apprehended, police said.

According to police, shortly after 6 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, Louis Montalvo, 38, of 7 Boulder Rd., was driving a Honda Accord E heading southbound on Westchester Road when he suddenly veered to the left and struck a tree and stone wall along the northbound shoulder near the road’s intersection with Church Street.

Following the crash, police said Montalvo fled the scene on foot and was apprehended on Boulder Road.

Police said the vehicle was towed from the scene and Montalvo suffered facial injuries, but refused medical treatment.

According to police, Montalvo was charged with making an improper turn, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration and evading responsibility. Police furthered that Montalvo explained he veered off the road after trying to avoid a small animal that appeared in front of his vehicle, and he fled the scene because his registration had expired and he did not have insurance.

Colchester Police News

4/10: Colchester Police said they received a report of identity theft of a resident living on Parum Road at approximately 1:07 p.m. The case is currently under investigation.

4/11: State Police said Hector L. Otero, 36, of 52 Bradley Ave., Hamden was arrested and charged with second-degree failure to appear.

4/13: Colchester Police said at approximately 1:30 p.m. they received a report of a burglary from a residence on Chestnut Hill Road. Police said two teenage males, both with long light

brown hair were running away from the house in the direction of either Ridgewood Drive or Hill Farms Road. According to police, the house had a broken slider glass door and red paint was splashed inside the garage. Anybody with any information regarding the incident is asked to contact Colchester Police at 860-537-7270.

4/15: State Police said Okkeme L. Gray, 32, of 22 New Britain Ave., Apt. 2E, Hartford, was arrested and charged with second-degree failure to appear.

Dump Truck Crashes into Car in Colchester

by Julianna Roche

One was injured when a dump truck and a car collided on Route 16 last week, police said.

According to police, on April 12 at around 3:30 p.m., Brittney P. Stanley, 29, of 130 Cranberry Bog Rd., Danielson, was driving a Toyota Prius west on Route 16 near Middletown Road, when she slowed down and, using a turn signal, moved into the left-hand lane.

Police said Stanley was then struck from behind and on the passenger side by Dan Zawisza, 54, of 68 Ray Hill Rd., East Haddam, who was driving a four-axle Ford Conventional dump truck.

According to police, as Stanley had moved

into the left-hand lane, Zawisza attempted to pass her on the right-hand side and subsequently hit her.

Neither Zawisza nor the passenger in his vehicle – Emily C. Zawisza, 20, also of 68 Ray Hill Rd., East Haddam – were injured. In the Prius, Stanley was uninjured, but her passenger, Cathleen A. Stanley, 55, of 829 Hartford Pike, Dayville, sustained minor injuries and was transported by Colchester Hayward Fire Department to Marlborough Clinic, police said.

Zawisza was found to be at fault for the crash and was issued a verbal warning for passing on right.