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The Boston School Committee voted to close three schools due to reconfigurations and needed repairs.

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## School Com votes to close Irving, Jackson and Timilty

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

In an effort to move away from middle schools, the Boston School Committee voted 5-0 with two abstentions to close the Washington Irving School in Roslindale and the James P. Timilty School in Roxbury. The Committee also voted to close the Jackson Mann School in Allston, but that was because of the buildings' structural problems rather than any kind of curriculum changes.

BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius said the closures of the Irving and Timilty are based around the district's desire to move away from dedicated middle schools.

"We know our performance at our middle schools is one of our biggest challenges for a whole host of reasons," said member Hardin Coleman. "This is where we are not well-organized, and as we know from the Headmaster at Boston Green (Matthew Holzer), when they ask for seventh and eighth grade-students, they

wanted those students in their building to prepare them for a high school curriculum, and that's received a lot of success. Their performance has improved because they're getting kids in those middle years and preparing them. We don't know for certain this is going to work, but I'm highly supportive of this decision to go to a grade K-6, 7-12 system so that we can address our middle school performance problems and engage kids earlier to reduce the transitions and keep them engaged."

Member Michael O'Neill harped on the problem of transitions, in that he believes too many BPS students are having to switch schools too often.

"This is a perpetuation of a policy that we as a governing body set awhile ago," he said. "We did not like that we had up to 23 grade configurations within BPS; too many transitions, too much uncertainty for parents. We heard continuously that they wanted

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The issue around 11 Dana Ave. has resurfaced, this time in court.

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## 11 Dana Ave. case found to lack standing

Mary Ellen Gambon  
Staff Reporter

The three-year saga regarding the 11 Dana Ave. housing development in Cleary Square reached its climax as a decision was issued in Suffolk Superior Court on Mon. Dec 20 that the case lacked standing.

Cross-motions filed by plaintiff Ralph Rosati, a Dana Avenue resident and member of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA), were denied because once the case lacks standing, his arguments are considered moot.

The case was heard on Wed, Dec. 15 by Hon. Debra A. Squires-Lee, one day after the third anniversary of the 11 Dana Ave. housing proposal being filed with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). Rosati filed the lawsuit against the developer, HCC One Grant LLC, and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). He intended to represent himself in court but could not appear because of illness.

Squires-Lee found that Rosati did not have standing as an abutter or a

person who was directly impacted by its construction in a way that was different from the rest of the community.

"Because the case is dismissed for lack of standing, and therefore subject matter jurisdiction, I do not address the substantive issues raised in the cross motions for summary judgment," she wrote in a footnote to the decision.

"Although I appreciate, acknowledge and accept Rosati's commitment to affordable housing, matters of 'general public concern ... do not establish a plausible claim of a definite violation of a private right, property interest, or legal interest sufficient to bring' Rosati within the 'zone of standing,'" Squires-Lee wrote in her five-page decision.

Construction of the 24-unit housing development is nearly complete despite HPNA contentions that it should not have been deemed an as-of-right project by the BPDA, the Inspectional Services Department

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## Two proposals for Egleston Branch

Richard Heath  
Staff Reporter

At the fifth public meeting on the future of the almost 60-year-old Egleston Branch of the Boston Public Library (BPL), BPL president David Leonard presented two variations of two proposals, with housing over a new library or a new library only.

The Dec. 8 virtual meeting was not without snafus.

Leonard said in his opening remarks that the meeting "was supposed to be a conversation with the Friends of the

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APPROACH THREE: 1-STORY LIBRARY



The Egleston Branch of the Boston Public Library has been undergoing development plans for a few years now. Shown above is Option One, a stand alone library with floor plan.

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While the developer made several changes to the plan, residents said they still wanted more for 309 Summit Ave. in Brighton.

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## Residents still concerned about 309 Summit

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) hosted a virtual meeting on Mon. Dec. 13 with developers for the 309 Summit Ave. proposed 19-unit development in Brighton, and residents said they were pleased that the units will now be condominiums. However, they also wanted design modifications and better vehicular access for the moving trucks and shared ride cars that will frequent it. And a much less modern design.

Lance Campbell, BPDA senior project manager, moderated the hour-long-plus meeting. It was the second community meeting organized by the BPDA, with developers

Michael Flynn and former Boston District 8 City Councilor Josh Zakim for the community. It was attended by 17 community members, including Rep. Kevin Honan.

Proponent attorney Marc LaCasse gave a presentation on the building modifications, which were based on community feedback. He said the building currently on the site at the corner of Summit Avenue and Allston Street will be razed. The proposed four-story development would have a footprint of 5,500 square feet with a mix of unit sizes.

“The biggest change from when you have last seen this proposal is that the unit count has been reduced to 19 units,” he explained. “And in

response to a lot of comments about the type of units in the building, Josh and Michael have converted this proposal from a rental building to condominium ownership opportunity.”

On this and other development projects, Allston-Brighton residents have advocated for more units for home ownership for families. The units will be larger now that the number has been reduced. There will be eight one-bedroom units, seven two-bedroom units and four three-bedroom units “so that persons can set down their roots in the neighborhood,” according to LaCasse.

Architect Nick Griffin from Cube 3 presented the plans for the building, which will have a single

Summit Ave.

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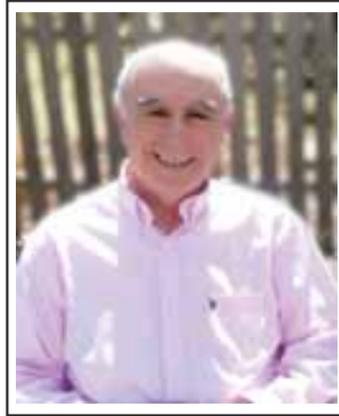
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# “A Christmas Carol” trivium question

You’re probably wincing at the title: yes, “trivium” is the singular of the often used “trivia.” [Lest we forget some strange Latin-to-English plurals, the singular of “data” is “datum, the singular of “referenda” is “referendum,” and the singular of “curricula” is “curriculum.”]



My Kind of Town/  
Joe Galeota

The trivium question here is not about which version of “A Christmas Carol” featured which actor/actress. It’s not which character said, “Marley was dead”(narrator) or “If they would rather die, they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population” (Scrooge) or “While there is infection in disease and sorrow, there is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good-humour” (narrator) or “Men’s courses will foreshadow certain ends, to which, if persevered in, they must lead. But if the courses be departed from, the ends will change” (Scrooge) or “But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time . . . as a good time . . . the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open

versation at your Christmas dinner, pose this same question but be ready for a lot of push-back when you reveal the correct answer. When the question was asked of us, I had jumped in along with some of my fellow volunteers and yelled, “Goose!” The correct answer was, surprise! surprise!, turkey: didn’t I remember what Scrooge purchased for a half a crown, farthing, a schilling, or whatever, and carried it to Bob’s small house?

The question was put to local Dickens expert, Dick Leahy, who would probably eschew such an honorific and descriptor but who admits that he has read the book “many, many” times and prides himself in knowledge about ANYTHING Dickensian. His reply, in a fabricated British accent, was both goose and turkey, sort of: in the non-reality, the ghost of Christmas present, along with Scrooge, eyed the Cratchit family dining on goose for Christmas dinner, but Scrooge in reality, after he awoke on Xmas morning in such a happy mood—hav-

Galeota

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# Fundraiser for Hastings/Centre crash raises more than \$100K



The truck went right through the brick wall at the parking lot.

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

On Dec. 17, Boston Police Officer Mark Tobin and his wife Jessica were sitting on one of the benches on Centre Street in front of the Hastings Street Parking Lot

with their three children, Tommy, Anna and Donata.

A pickup truck parked nose-in to the parking space behind them then apparently jumped and damaged the brick wall separating the street from the parking lot and crashed directly on top

PHOTO COURTESY OF WCVB CHANNEL 5 of them.

According to a GoFundme page set up for the family, all three members have sustained “significant injuries” from the crash. The Boston Police Superior Officers Fed-

**Hastings Crash**  
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ing been visited by the three ghosts—paid some lad to buy and deliver a turkey to the Cratchits for dinner. Conceivably but not likely, the Cratchit family could have feasted on both, if they were serious carnivores, but it’s probable that they opted for

their newly received gift from Ebenezer. And ever since 1843 when “A Christmas Carol” was first published, untold millions have opted to have turkey for Christmas Day dinner.

To continue on with one last reference to Dickens’s

masterful novel, as we struggle to survive with depressing COVID, runaway inflation, rampant political divisiveness, and the grim threat of war in the Ukraine, let’s listen to and agree with Tiny Tim, “God bless us, ev-eryone.”



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# 11 Dana Ave. *continued from page 1*

(ISD) and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). If the project required variances, it would have triggered an affordable housing requirement for 13 percent of the units under the city's Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP).

The other issue was that the City and the HPNA had differing interpretations of the definition of accessory parking. The entrance to the garage is at ground level and descends six feet below grade. The height of the garage is 10 feet, which HPNA

argued would place it on the first floor. The City disagreed, stressing that accessory parking is allowed if it is an accessory to the main use of the building.

HPNA previously argued the building is in a third neighborhood shopping district, or NS-2 zone, which required two parking spaces per unit, triggering a variance. However, the map showing the third zone was never codified by the City.

Attorney Michael McDermott represented HHC One Grant LLC. Sultan Durzi represented the City but did not present an argument. McDermott argued the case should not go forward because Rosati lacked standing. He also said he had offered to reschedule the hearing and that Rosati received the Zoom link.

"He stood by his affidavit that he may not be able to appear and said that if he didn't, it would proceed," McDermott said of Rosati. The last communication between them was on Nov. 19.

McDermott said all parties agreed that Rosati is not a direct abutter, an abutter to an abutter, or directly across the street from 11 Dana Ave. Rosati lives across Hyde Park Avenue on the other side of Dana Avenue.

McDermott also contended that Rosati "filed the appeal not to oppose the

project but to advocate for affordable housing." He said that the project is in the Cleary Square NS-2 district "where accessory parking is an allowed use" and complied with the requirement of one parking space per unit.

Rosati lacked standing both as an individual and as an HPNA member and didn't prove that "he is a person aggrieved as required by the statute." Therefore, Rosati would bear the burden of proof that he is suffering "in a manner that is special and different from the rest of the neighborhood."

McDermott added that HPNA could not file the case on its own behalf because it is not incorporated.

Squires-Lee said that, if she were persuaded to dismiss the case on lack of standing, the arguments about its merit would be moot, but that she would hear them in case they became relevant.

McDermott said the BPDA, ISD and ZBA all determined it was an as-of-right project requiring no zoning relief. He explained that a table for primary vehicular uses in Article 69 illustrates uses such as a parking garage "with the condition that it is below ground or on the second floor."

"I see," she said. "You can't have primary use parking on the first floor."

Former HPNA President Jim Kirker asked if he could

speak. Squires-Lee explained that if they were in a courtroom, he would not have that right unless he was the attorney, but she would allow it. Kirker explained that HPNA members never argued that accessory parking wasn't allowed. However, he referred to a footnote in the code that accessory parking "should be subject to the same restrictions as the use to which it is an accessory." His argument is that parking is not allowed on the first floor, "which was never addressed by the ZBA."

Squires-Lee said that if she deemed that the case had standing, she would examine all of the tables in the code to determine what applied.

At the end of the hearing, HPNA member Craig Martin asked to speak. He argued that it "was mischaracterized that [Rosati] chose not to be here."

"He has a grave health condition," Martin said. "He cannot be here."

The judge said she would put that on the record, but noted Rosati was willing to proceed on the papers.

In an interview with The Bulletin, Kirker said he was happy that the judge was willing to let him present information that the ZBA did not.

"It was good to present a little bit of our side of the case to someone who did not have a vested interest," he said.

## School Closings *continued from page 1*

less transition. We also heard concerns from high school leaders on how students were doing in the middle schools, and we knew there was no research to show that either a K-6, 7-12 or a K-8, 9-12 configuration worked better. What we did know was that the middle schools were struggling the most."

O'Neill said they would like to have most schools either be K-6, 7-12 or K-8, 9-12, with a few exceptions.

"What we would do is

phase out the middle schools," he said. "But that doesn't mean we don't need the buildings, and the students are still ours."

Member Rafaela Polanco Garcia said she was concerned about what the buildings for the Irving and Timilty would be used for (the Jackson Mann is likely being rebuilt completely as it's currently falling apart). Cassellius said the school buildings will be used as much as possible.

"We need these buildings," she said. "We absolutely need these buildings. It's almost like a chess board; we needed to close these buildings to get to the pathway configuration – the School Committee had made that decision prior to my arrival – and now we can move in and start renovating these buildings. We also will have the benefit of being able to move elementary schools into these buildings or merging schools. So I just want to be very clear, we need the space right now to be able to enact our vision for more buildings and newer buildings."

"I'm looking to have preschool in every school, so that will help enrollment, get our families early and young and build our relationships with them," she said.

Members Robinson, O'Neill, Coleman, Ermani DeAraujo and Quoc Tran voted to approve the school closures. Members Lorena Lopera and Garcia abstained from the vote.

# Summit Ave. *continued from page 3*

vehicular entrance on Allston Street. There will be 11 parking spaces as well as 24 bicycle spaces on the lowest floor, which will be “completely buried” on the Summit Avenue side. Each floor has a mix of unit sizes. There also will be a small roof deck for tenants.

The plan also includes a pocket park at the building’s main entry point of about 1,400 square feet. The first three floors have a mostly brick façade designed to match the neighborhood’s architecture. Gray paneling will comprise most of the rest of the structure and will be used entirely on the fourth floor.

“This neighborhood is like Ph.D.-plus when it comes to architecture,” Campbell said. He asked the architect to explain the vertical paneling and the fenestration (windows).

“We want to have a mix of some modern kind of detailing,” Griffin noted. Materials for the paneling haven’t been selected yet but will be a mix of fiber cement siding, which will accentuate the windows.

During the question-and-answer period, concerns were raised about the condominiums being sublet. LaCasse explained that there will be an owner-occupancy deed restriction of 75 percent of the units in the master deed.

Jocelyn Sylvester said that the area experiences “a lot of low-velocity crashes” because it is hard to see around that corner. Cars also park on either side of the street. She noted that de-

livery vans, which usually park at the corner, would further obstruct the view.

She requested a dedicated space for delivery areas. Zakim called it “a significant change” in the design. The development team would have to “shave off some frontage,” Campbell said to accommodate that.

Griffin said the sidewalk would remain at the existing width of five feet. He looked at putting a drop-off area on Allston Street, but the area was too steep.

Thomas Leonard complimented the team for offering homeownership opportunities, which most developments do not, calling it “a big win.” He also said he was happy to see parking after looking at the 4198 Washington St. project in Roslindale, which had no parking and was denied at the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA).

Complaints from others arose about it looking less like neighborhood condominiums and more like a private modern building.

Eva Webster said that the design did not fit into the context of the neighborhood and more resembled Commonwealth Avenue. She said the design should “set the tone” for future developments.

“I bristle when I hear anyone on the development team refer to this 20-foot setback as a park,” she added. “This is a setback, and it’s a nice setback, and it’s one element of the project that I welcome.”

“If you want to sell condos

to quality buyers who will pay you top dollars, you really need to have a buffer zone between people’s windows and the road traffic,” she continued. “And a five-foot setback is not enough.”

“I hear you absolutely on the neighborhood,” Zakim responded, noting the team will look at pictures that residents sent of architecture they preferred. “That sort of influenced every revision we made from the beginning.”

Resident Paula Alexander echoed those recommendations, saying the “building would stick out like a sore thumb.” She also explained that the utility lines could overwhelm the abutting homeowners.

Griffin said he would look into the utility line issues, and Zakim said that was a good point. Zakim said he used to live on this block, while Flynn lived in the current building. Zakim stressed that they “want to be good neighbors.”

“This is really where the proposal is at this point based on the feedback from the folks on this call and others,” Zakim said, noting all the design changes thus far.

“We heard from some folks who are really passionate about their neighborhood,” Campbell said. “And it doesn’t go unnoticed.”



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Angela “Anne”, passed away Monday, December 13, 2021. Beloved daughter of the late Salvatore and Josephine (Saltamachia) Ciacchella and devoted sister of the late Jane Ciacchella. Funeral was held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, followed by a Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Lower Church, Roslindale. Interment in St. Mary Cemetery, Needham.

**DELAPENA**  
Lolita (Coliflores) of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home on December 12, 2021. Beloved wife of 49 years to Sigfredo Delapena. Loving and devoted mother of Eric Delapena of Huntington Beach, California. Cherished sister of Francisco Coliflores, Jr. and his wife Bertha of Wrentham; Antonia Gerona and her late husband Camilo of the Philippines. Lolita was predeceased by 2 brothers and 3 sisters. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY on Thursday, December 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Theresa of Avila Church at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Boston Public Health Commission requires masks to be worn in both the funeral home and church. Interment private. To live stream the Funeral Mass, please visit: <https://www.sttheresaparishboston.com> In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Lolita may be made to Meghan E. Shea M.D. Department of Hematology/Oncology Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Office of Development, 330 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215 or Filipino Cancer Network of New England (FCNNE) C/O ASNET

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**GRENIER**  
Annette T. of Roslindale, formerly of New Bedford, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2021. Loving daughter of the late Antonio and Helen (Pelerin) Grenier. Cherished sister of Nora Frakes, Theresa Grenier, Simone Comeau, Yvonne Grenier, Karen Grenier, Paul Grenier, Roland Grenier and the late Robert Grenier and his surviving wife Joanne, and the late Pauline Hanlon and her infant brother Raymond. Annette is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews and treasured friends whom she considered family. She was the devoted and loving god-

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eration (BPSOF) also stated that the family had been injured.

“This incident resulted in injuries to both our member and their family members,” the statement read. “We would like to extend our gratitude to the members of the Boston Fire, Boston EMS and our brothers and sisters in blue who came to the aid of one of our own in their time in need.”

A GoFundMe page was set up the following Sunday with the stated goal of raising \$10,000 for the family’s medical expenses. As of the date of publication, 942 members of the community stepped up and have raised \$105,795.

According to family friend and creator of the fundraiser, Casey Buckley, the family is now home and resting as comfortable as possible after the accident. The family released a statement through a spokesperson: “The Tobin family is deeply grateful for the first responders, doctors and nurses who helped their family. At this time they’re asking for privacy but appreciate everyone’s support.”

According to the GoFundMe, many of the donations were relatively small, ranging from about \$25 to \$100 on average, with one anonymous donation coming in at \$5,000 being the largest.

At the time of publication, no charges have been filed.

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**Miracle Prayer**

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted. —V.C.

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mother of Scott Frakes. Annette was a proud graduate of Emmanuel College where she obtained her degree as a Registered Nurse. Following graduation, she worked at many Boston area hospitals where she cared for many with care and compassion. She retired from the VNA of Boston after compassionately caring for many residents of the city of Boston. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl, Memphis, TN 38105. To leave a condolence message for the family, please visit: [gormleyfuneral.com](http://gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

## JOYCE

Robert W. of West Roxbury, December 15, 2021. Beloved husband of Kathleen E. (Holloran) Joyce. Loving father of Steven R. Joyce and Louryn Hoff of North Attleboro, Kathleen Keddie and her husband Edward of Roslindale, Kevin Joyce of Chicago, and Karen Sullivan of Dedham. Devoted grandfather of Taylor, Bobby and his wife Brook, Patrick, Sam, Maeve, Rose, Caitlin, Caroline, and Jillian. Loving brother of Delia Melchionda of Dorchester. Predeceased by 9 brothers and sisters.

Funeral from The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment Cedar Grove Cemetery.

## MAZZEO

S. David of Readville, December 1, 2021. Beloved husband of Jane E. (McKendry) Mazzeo for 19 years. Father of Alex Mazzeo of Italy. Son of Maria "Mirella" Mazzeo of Readville and the late Domenico S. Mazzeo. Brother of Maria S. "Marina" Joyce and her husband Paul of Readville. Uncle of Kevin P. Joyce and Kara E. Joyce both of Readville. Also survived by many cousins and friends. Retired Yardmaster for the MBTA. Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the The American Diabetes Association, 260 Cochituate Rd., Framingham, MA 01701. Online guestbook at [gfdoherty.com](http://gfdoherty.com) George F. Doherty & Sons Dedham 781-326-0500.

## McCONKEY

Patricia M. (Ryan) of Hyde Park and Roslindale, December 10, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Lewis G. McConkey. Loving

mother of Maggie Healy and her husband Steve of Hyde Park and Lew McConkey and his wife Theresa of Whitman. Devoted Nana of Eric and Elizabeth Healy and Lewie, Ryan and Colin McConkey. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, WEST ROXBURY. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Boston Catholic TV, P.O. Box 9196 Watertown, MA 02471. For directions and guestbook, [gormleyfuneral.com](http://gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

## WOOD

Harold C. Passed away at home at the age of 78 on December 2, 2021. The only son of Mildred and Harold Wood, born on December 19, 1942 in Jamaica Plain. He spent most of his life as an avid sportsman. He is survived by his loving wife Emma Wood of 50 years and a large extended family. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. Interment St. Michael Cemetery. For directions and guestbook, [www.gormleyfuneral.com](http://www.gormleyfuneral.com) William J. Gormley Funeral Service 617-323-8600.

# Egleston Library *continued from page 1*

Egleston Branch Library, not a full neighborhood meeting."

But the Zoom password wasn't available to some who wanted to call in, including apparently some of the Friends, and attendance was low; only 12 were on the call.

In addition, the Zoom link conflicted with a branch library program on cartoons, featuring Popeye, according to Branch Librarian Guy Harris.

"But I guess you can't have two zooms on the same link," he said as he joined the public meeting instead.

Consequently, Leonard said he might schedule another community meeting but the selection of one option needed to be made in January for inclusion in the city's capital budget.

Director of neighborhood services at the BPL Patricia Foley said that the architects, Ann Beha Associates, worked on the plans from June 2020 until October 2021.

The Final Report of the Egleston Branch Library was released on Dec. 16 and is available at the BPL Egleston Square Branch Programming Study page.

Leonard said that the options are a renovation of the existing 6,900-square-foot library, and two variations of a new building with housing or a standalone library.

"The main question for the chosen plan is 'is this right?'" he said.

"One new but not unexpected neighborhood request is for more greenspace," Leonard said. "We may not be the Parks Department but we heard the desire for more greenspace."

Leonard described the four options and called the meeting a "feedback session." Options one and two are variations on a five- or six-story triangular shaped residential building above a platform with ground-level library. The second option has more greenspace and faces St. Mary of the Angels Church. Options three and four are varieties of a standalone library of one or two story.

Both of these are for a 17,000-or 19,000-square-foot library that Leonard said was double the size of the present building and "more than we need which is about 14,000 to 15,000 square feet."

"The two -story, multi-story is a big challenge," Leonard said. "It's more spacious but more expensive to run with more staff. One idea might be a mezzanine as a compromise."

Branch librarian Harris liked the stand-alone li-

brary; at previous meetings he was skeptical of a library with housing.

"I like the two-story," he said. "It can work. It would require more staff and a thoughtful design."

"The architects' job is to give us options," Leonard said. "There will be a lot of briefings with the new mayor, the new administration. We'll have to bring them up to speed, they may have different ideas."

"Right now the proposals are just gray boxes," he said. "Do the uses all fit? There is a definite desire for a community room with 100 seats. Then there's the central service desk, children's area, teens, the adult library stacks, staff work spaces and green space."

Alluding to the new Columbus Ave busway, Leonard acknowledged the obvious. "There's changes in the street now and book delivery spaces are part of the architects' plans. Book delivery is often a few times a day."

"The timeline depends on the options. If housing is an option it will take two years longer to build. Funding to undertake the affordable housing option in a single site is complicated."

Housing will also require a certain height and density given the finances required to make truly affordable work, Leonard added. He also said that a stand-alone library would take two to three years to build, housing over a library three to five years.

Between now until the end of January an option will be selected and the budget submitted in April; in October 2020 a new stand alone library budget was \$12.1 million.

"I don't know of it's in the budget for this fiscal year. If the plan includes housing we'll have to sit down with DND," Leonard said.

The Boston City Council will vote on the budget by June 30.

Newly-elected District 7 City Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson was recently chosen to chair the Ways and Means Committee which will analyze the city budget in 2022. As approved by voters in November, the council can now change any budget line item.

Whatever the option Egleston Square resident Jacob Bor wants it to be impressive. "The library is not just a place to pick up a book," he said. "It's a monument to our collective aspirations. I want to feel proud if it. I want it to say 'IT IS A LIBRARY.'"



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SUFFOLK Division **Docket No. SU21C0517CA**

**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME** **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300

**In the Matter of: Michael Pena**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Michael Pena of Allston, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Michael Pena Gaillard**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 12/30/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: December 10, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *Boston Bulletin: 12/23/21*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

SUFFOLK Division **Docket No. SU21C0518CA**

**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME** **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
24 New Chardon Street  
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(617)788-8300

**In the matter of: Alexander Ian Horton**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Alexander Ian Horton of Brighton, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Alexander Ian Hopton**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 12/30/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: December 10, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *Boston Bulletin: 12/23/2021*

**Notice of Self Storage Sale**

Please take notice Prime Storage - Hyde Park located at 1641 Hyde Park Ave., Hyde Park, MA 02136 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 1/12/2022 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Marvel David unit #1084; Daniel Quee/Northeast Security unit #2069; Edward Reynoso Mejia unit #2093. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

*Hyde Park Bulletin: 12/23/21, 12/30/21*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** **DOCKET No. SU21P2457EA**

**Estate of: Rhonda Y. Dickson** **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA. 02114  
617-788-8300

**Date of Death: 10/23/2021**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Donna Dickson of Hyde Park, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Donna Dickson of Hyde Park, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. **You have a right to object to this proceeding.** To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00A.M on the return day of **01/11/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: December 6, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *Hyde Park Bulletin: 12/23/2021*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

SUFFOLK Division **Docket No. SU21P2545GD**

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

**In the matter of: Abraham Kamara** **RESPONDENT**  
**Of: Hyde Park, MA** **Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Abraham Kamara** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00AM. on the return date of **12/30/2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

**Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
December 03, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *Hyde Park Bulletin: 12/23/2021*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**DOCKET SU21P1083EA**

**Estate of: Keith Austin Larson**  
**Date of Death: 02/18/2021**

**Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA. 02114  
617-788-8300

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **S/A - Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Curtis A. Larson of Neenah, WI**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Curtis A. Larson of Neenah, WI**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** **DOCKET No. SU21P2275EA**

**Estate of: John T. Harrington** **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA. 02114  
617-788-8300

**Date of Death: 10/31/2017**

A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Daniel P. Harrington of West Roxbury, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. **You have a right to object to this proceeding.** To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00A.M on the return day of **01/13/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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**WITNESS Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: November 30, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 12/23/2021*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION** **DOCKET No. SU21P2523EA**

**Estate of: Amy B. Burack** **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300

**Date of Death: 09/22/2021**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Rachel Goldman of Sherman Oaks, CA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Rachel Goldman of Sherman Oaks, CA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. **You have a right to object to this proceeding.** To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **01/25/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: December 14, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 12/23/21*

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. **You have a right to object to this proceeding.** To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **01/18/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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