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**M** First of all, I would like to apologize to Bob Buchanan for shortchanging him in my article in last month's Bulletin about the Town Caucus. I mentioned there that Bob was retiring as Town Moderator after 20 years of service, when, in fact, it was 30 years that he performed that role. An amazing feat, either way!

The selectmen will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 28 at 7 pm at the Library to explain the options that are available to the town in settling the Case Estates dilemma. The original deal with Harvard University is still available, as is a hybrid proposal which would entail buying only some of the land, having Harvard retain some, and paying less money. The decision will ultimately be made by voters at Town Meeting, but this is an opportunity to hear a full explanation and to ask questions.

On Saturday, May 1, we will sponsor a Coffee Hour which will provide an opportunity to meet candidates for town office and to discuss some of the more complex issues on the town Meeting warrant. We have decided not to have our usual Candidates' Night, since there are no contested offices, but have invited candidates to come at 10:30 for a light brunch and informal meet-and-greet. At 11:00, we will turn our attention to discussion of the Case Estates, the wireless communication master planning process and the illicit discharge by-law proposal, which is related to storm-water management. At noon, we will turn over the meeting to School Committee members and administration for a short presentation about the performance of the Weston Schools over the last 12-18 months. Please join us for a jam-packed and informative morning.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 26th. Board of Health Director Wendy Diotalevi will be our speaker. She will fill us in on topics related to the Board's work, including Lyme disease and the Weston Health Corps. The

evening will start at 7:15 with wine and cheese and dessert and coffee at Sally Carrier's at 170 Ridgeway Road, and will conclude with a brief business meeting. Your invitation will arrive in early May with more details.

The local political season is closing in on us. The town election is scheduled for Saturday, May 8 at the Town Hall auditorium, and Town Meeting starts two nights later, on Monday, May 10 at the High School auditorium. If a second night of Town Meeting is needed, it would fall on Wednesday, May 12.

I visited Alice Peisch at her office hours at Town Hall last Monday morning to talk about the Casino bill which was debated in the House last week. I told her that the League was opposed to the Casino bill, which she obviously already knew, as she is a League member. She said that there were 110 amendments proposed, so it was hard

to tell what form the bill would take in its final iteration. She said she was uncertain whether she would support it, but that she was influenced by a desire to keep in the state the money that was being spent at casinos in Connecticut by Massachusetts residents, and was tempted to support it to provide construction jobs to our hard-hit construction industry. In the end, the bill passed the house by a wide margin, and now goes to the senate for consideration, where it appears to face a tougher scrutiny.

I learned in the course of my conversation with Alice that she has had a show on cable for about six months, which she tapes monthly and in which she addresses various topics of current legislation and events at the State House. I gather it is currently airing on Weston Cable (Comcast Channel 9) at 9:00 am and 9:00 pm daily.



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**APRIL – JUNE 2010**

<b>April 27, Tuesday .....</b>	<b>Personal Wireless</b>
<b>8:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Communication Master</b>
<b>Planning Board Hearing, Town Hall</b>	<b>Planning Process</b>
<b>April 28, Wednesday.....</b>	<b>Case Estates Meeting</b>
<b>7:00 P.M., Community Room,</b>	
<b>Weston Public Library</b>	
<b>May 1, Saturday.....</b>	<b>LWVW Coffee Hour:</b>
<b>10:30A.M. – 12:45 P.M.</b>	<b>Meet Candidates; Town</b>
<b>Community Room</b>	<b>Meeting topics; School</b>
<b>Weston Public Library</b>	<b>Committee Presentation</b>
<b>May 3, Monday.....</b>	<b>Town Budget Hearing</b>
<b>Weston Town Hall</b>	
<b>May 8, Saturday.....</b>	<b>Town Elections</b>
<b>Weston Town Hall Auditorium</b>	
<b>May 10, Monday.....</b>	<b>Annual Town Meeting</b>
<b>7:30 P.M., Weston High School Auditorium</b>	
<b>May 11, Tuesday.....</b>	<b>LWVW Board Meeting</b>
<b>9:15 A.M., 26 Love Lane</b>	
<b>(Diana Chaplin, 781-893-6288)</b>	
<b>May 22, Saturday.....</b>	<b>LWVWM Council</b>
<b>Lasell College,</b>	
<b>Newton, MA</b>	
<b>May 26, Wednesday.....</b>	<b>LWVW Annual Meeting</b>
<b>7:15 P.M., 170 Ridgeway Rd</b>	
<b>(Sally Currier, 781-235-9506)</b>	
<b>June 11-15.....</b>	<b>LWVW US National</b>
<b>Atlanta, Georgia</b>	<b>Convention</b>

## WHEN IT'S TIME FOR ACTION

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## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Kathleen Rousseau  
Secretary

The April meeting was held at the home of Sally Currier.

Our treasury is still adequate, although there are some expenses for the Civics Bee.

**The Civics Bee** went very smoothly. There could be more information in the schools about the result of the contest. The contestants were enthusiastic and knowledgeable. We hope to have one again next year in Sudbury.

**Issues and Candidate's Coffee** – Instead of a separate Candidates' Night (there are no contested races), we have scheduled a longer Coffee Hour to discuss town issues and warrant articles and to present candidates. There will be no individual candidate speeches about their backgrounds, but the Voter's Guide will be available with that information. The focus will be on the warrant articles, and in particular, on the Case Estates issue.

There will be many important meetings in the next few weeks leading up to the presentation of the warrant. Three by-laws are being reviewed. There is a wireless communications program on the warrant, as well as a new illicit wastewater disposal by-law. Diana is concerned about how this will affect small farms.

Day-on-the-Hill will be on Wednesday, April 28. The main topic is transportation.

This week the legislature will vote on casinos. Katty has talked with Alice Peisch about this, and she still does not know how she will vote. One casino may be in Palmer, and Alice thinks that Suffolk Downs would be a good place for the second one. Alice has

a monthly show on local cable describing important government issues.

Annual Meeting – This will be held on May 26. Wendy Diotalevi will be the speaker. Sally Currier has offered her house for this event.

Lyme Disease – Barbara Fullerton has found a product (permethrin) that can be sprayed on clothes as protection against ticks. It will last a long time on the clothing, but it cannot be used on skin because it is very toxic.

The LWVMA Council will take place on May 22 at LaSalle College.



## UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE WESTON COMMUNITY HEALTH COALITION (WCHC)

Beth Keane

The current work of the Weston Community Health Coalition (WCHC) focuses on addressing the unmet wellness needs of the Weston community. The WCHC, using the expertise of community leaders and representatives, has identified four major areas of community concern: healthy lifestyles, social isolation, transportation, and teen activities. Future work will begin to address these needs using the talents and resources that exist within our community.

The WCHC, headed by Alice Benson, started this ambitious project by organizing a gathering of community leaders in October of 2009. Dozens of individuals, representing all community interests – education, religion, health, politics, public service, youth services, senior services – joined together in diverse groups to discuss the wellness needs they saw facing Weston today. Subsequent break-out sessions spawned in-depth examination of these topics.

In January 2010, a follow-up meeting was conducted. The goal of this meeting was for interested community members to consider practical next-steps for improvement in the designated areas. Participants gathered, according to area of concern, to define goals and actions. The four groups identified the following community-wide goals:

Healthy Lifestyles – provide programs that promote nutrition, exercise, and emotional well-being

Social Isolation – reduce the stigma around mental health issues

Transportation – elevate town awareness of the need for transportation options

Teen Activities – provide activity options to prevent/delay risky behavior

As groups shared their results, it was clear that there were many overlapping issues among the identified wellness concerns. Collaboration between the sub-groups will be an important part of future action.

The next meeting of the WCHC working groups will be on April 29<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, individuals will report back on preliminary action steps taken in each area. Groups will then aim to create new action items based on what has already been accomplished.

If you have any interest in becoming involved in this community-wide effort, contact Alice Benson at [askoehn@verizon.net](mailto:askoehn@verizon.net).



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## **“WE ONLY LOST EVERYTHING”**

Report by Lenore Zug Lobel  
on her recent visit to Haiti

For the past ten years, the Building Goodness Foundation (BGF) based in Charlottesville, VA has been working in Haiti. BGF has built two clinics, a school and a community center, in addition to participating in a reforestation program by building houses in exchange for planting trees. All of the BGF structures survived the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that shook Haiti on January 12, 2010.

On March 20, 2010, I flew to Port-au-Prince, Haiti with Leslie Vensel, M.D. who is also from Weston, MA. The purpose of Dr. Vensel’s trip was to work with the Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti (FLM), a faith-based non-profit with a long term relationship in the Haitian community, to provide much needed medical care. The purpose of my trip was to work with the Building Goodness Foundation, a partner of FLM, to evaluate sites with the goal of building kays, small two room houses, on the sites.

Our party of just under twenty people gathered for the first time in the PAP Airport. Each of us arrived with two fifty pound bags of medical supplies. (Thank you, OMNI Supermarket, for accepting receipt of our medical supplies prior to departure). The Immigration agent greeted me with, “So nice to have you here, Mrs. Lobel.” Exiting from the airport through the crowd with the medical supplies and our suitcases was challenging. Teenage boys expressed their anger and frustration with words that I did not understand.

Once we all were accounted for on the school bus that met us, we toured Port-au-Prince. Every square foot of open space appeared to be occupied by a tent or a tarp. Concrete buildings were flattened. Dust was everywhere. The

Presidential Palace suffered enormous damage; the French Government has offered to rebuild it. The Parliament building, the University, the

Cathedral, the Episcopal Church where the Philharmonic Orchestra played, schools, the Police Station, houses and stores were completely destroyed. Streets were blocked by rubble. Traffic was noisy and heavy. Haitians lined the streets, selling vegetables, clothing, car parts, cooked food, drinks, car mats, oil and other sundries. Many vendors appeared to be at risk as they sold their goods under pieces of concrete hanging from buildings. Residents waved down colorful tap-taps when they needed a ride. An estimated 300,000 people died in the earthquake, 10% of the population of Port-au-Prince, which included many of the Country’s leaders, teachers and university students.

We drove up into the mountains south of Port-au-Prince where the air was cooler and cleaner. We stayed in a peaceful guest home in Thomassin. The food was delicious and gentle on the stomach. Birds and dogs competed with each other throughout the night. Cleansing with a bucket proved quite satisfactory.

On Sunday we attended a church service in Thomassin. It was moving to hear the parishioners sing and pray together with such passion and energy when they had lost so much. Acoustic guitars, an electric bass, and a keyboard accompanied the voices. One man asserted, “We only lost everything”, explaining that he was fortunate because he and his wife and daughter had survived.

Dr. Vensel worked with other FLM and BGF medical personnel, seeing patients in the

Thomassin clinic and a temporary clinic in a church in the mountainous community of Kenscoff and providing physicals to the 600 students at the FLM School. The Thomassin clinic was built by BGF on land owned by FLM. The land was donated by Reverend Leon Pamphile of Pittsburgh, PA, the charismatic, caring, informative, watchful Haitian minister who founded FLM in 1983. The mission of FLM is centered on the belief that the path to permanent change is to provide educational, medical and life advancing services to Haitians, thereby helping them to acquire the skills and resources necessary to improve their living conditions and communities. For several days I took blood from the FLM School children to determine their iron count; after giving blood, we gave the children beanie babies. After two days I ended my medical career because the results showed that every child had a low iron count; we no longer needed to take blood to determine whether the children needed iron supplements.

On the days that I was not assisting the doctors, Reverend Pamphile escorted Karen Pape, a Board member of BGF, and me to communities outside of Port-au-Prince to assess the best locations for building kays. (The kays are similar to the houses that BGF built in Pearlington, Mississippi after the destruction of Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005.) Karen interviewed the families, practicing her Creole with the assistance of an interpreter. We determined that there were two excellent locations to build the first kays. One site is located in the beautiful community of Belot located at 7000 feet with terraced gardens filled with potato, corn, beans and leeks, gorgeous views of surrounding mountains, and chicks and piglets enjoying the beautiful weather. The second location was at Croix-des-Bouquets on the Plaine de Cul-de-Sac, not far from the Dominican Republic border. New kays made of pressure treated wood or possibly bamboo would

dramatically change the lives of families in these communities.

In addition to building kays, BGF is partnering with FLM to build a guest house on the second floor of the FLM clinic, a construction trade school next to the clinic where Haitians will learn how to build more sustainable structures, and a church on top of a cliff, the face of which slid down and destroyed an untold number of houses below.

BGF IS LOOKING FOR SKILLED VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THEM IN HAITI TO HELP BUILD THE KAYS. BGF's Board will be meeting soon to determine when work can begin. The need is critical. The work is likely to continue for years. "Scholarships" are available for those needing assistance with airfare. If interested, please contact Ethan Tate, the BGF Program Coordinator, at [etate@buildinggoodness.org](mailto:etate@buildinggoodness.org) or 434-973-0993 and visit the website at [www.buildinggoodness.org](http://www.buildinggoodness.org). Tax deductible donations can be sent to the Building Goodness Foundation, P.O. Box 4325, Charlottesville, VA 22905. If you know any contractors who would like to spend a week working in Haiti, please advise them about this exciting opportunity to make a dramatic impact in the lives of Haitian families.

There is no way that one can look at the situation in Haiti with any hope that all problems can be solved quickly. Almost everyone is hungry. Almost everyone needs permanent shelter. Many need medical care. Government assistance is not readily apparent. If you are in contact with any of those making decisions about what steps should be taken in Haiti, suggest that the Haitian Government use some of the financial donations to subsidize propane, as is done in the Dominican Republic, so that Haitians need not cut down trees to obtain charcoal for cooking.

Thank you for your interest.



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## PERSONAL DEER TICK PROTECTION

Barbara Fullerton

The Lyme Time forum on March 2 was a good opportunity to learn more about the medical problems associated with Lyme Disease, both from the perspective of the adult with undiagnosed Lyme Disease, described by Constance Bean, as well as in the pediatric populations, described by Dr. Constance Ertel of Weston Pediatric Physicians. Kurt Upham of OhDEER talked about landscaping methods that can be used to reduce the number of ticks on one's property.



under the name “Duranon Permethrin” or “Sawyer Permethrin” containing a concentration of 0.5% permethrin in the solution that is applied to clothing and gear, rather than to the skin, and allowed to dry. It kills the insects, including ticks, that come into contact with it and is effective for 6 weeks on the fabric or for 6 washings. Like any insecticide, permethrin needs to be handled properly, and should not come into contact with the face, eyes, or skin. However, pyrethroids are 2250 times more toxic to insects than to mammals; mammals have poor skin absorption of permethrin and a rapid metabolism to non-toxic metabolites (4).

The advantage of the permethrin clothing spray is that the repellent is near the skin but not on it, as with other repellents. The permethrin binds well to the fabric once it has dried, and does not need re-application for some time.

The first general defense against tick bites is to prevent their contacting our skin. This can be done by wearing light-colored long pants with socks pulled over the pant legs and a long sleeved shirt tucked in at the waistline. Ticks are active outside at temperatures above 40 degrees Fahrenheit, so residents of Weston are at risk for a long part of the year.

There are two main repellents that are recommended by the US Department of Defense; these are DEET and permethrin. DEET has traditionally been the spray thought to be effective in repelling mosquitoes and ticks, and is applied to the skin. It can be used for adults and children, but is not recommended for children younger than 2 months of age (1). It is available in concentrations of less than 10% to greater than 30%, although its efficacy diminishes above 30%. DEET repellents work by evaporation from the skin and thereby confusing the insects and preventing them from locating the target (2). It works well against mosquitoes, but less well against ticks, and needs to be re-applied regularly (3).

One can also purchase clothing that has already been impregnated with permethrin. The clothing is sold under the name “Buzz-Off” or “Insect Shield”, and has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. The permethrin has been shown to remain in the clothing for at least 70 washings. This removes the need to keep track of the level of protection afforded by the manual permethrin spray method.

Permethrin is related to the natural chemical pyrethrum, which occurs in the chrysanthemum plant. It has been found to be more effective against ticks than DEET. Sprays can be found

A third spray product, CedarCide, was mentioned at the Lyme Time forum. This is a natural cedarwood oil that can be sprayed onto the skin to repel ticks and other insects (5). It is supposedly fine to use on both people and pets. This looks like it could be a good product, but my reservation about cedar oil is that it has not yet been carefully studied. It is a natural product, but some caution needs to be used in association with any of the solutions that are being used to repel insects and with which we come in contact.

Even natural products can have detrimental effects, but little information is yet available about cedar oil.

My general principle in choosing a tick (or other insect) repellent is to use the least “toxic” means that will provide sufficient protection for the circumstance. That means that during the time when the ticks are less active in my lawn and garden, such as the hot days of July, I may feel that I am safe enough with long pants and socks, and spraying exposed skin with DEET. During the time when the ticks are more active, or if I will be in a more heavily tick-infested area, I may prefer to add the permethrin spray to my clothing for extra protection. The serious consequences of

getting Lyme Disease need to be constantly weighed against my dislike of being exposed to possibly hazardous chemical sprays.

(1) American Academy of Pediatrics website:  
<http://www.aap.org/family/wnv-jun03.htm>

(2) Tickinfo.com:  
<http://www.tickinfo.com/repellents.htm>

(3) LymeNet Europe  
[www.lymeneteurope.org/info/deet-versus-permethrin-as-a-tick-repellent](http://www.lymeneteurope.org/info/deet-versus-permethrin-as-a-tick-repellent)

(4) Bradberry, S.M., et al. (2005) Poisoning due to pyrethroids. *Toxicology Review* 24(2): 93-106.

(5) The CedarCide Store website:  
<http://www.cedarcidestore.com>

## Opinion

Sally Currier

It is always a thrill when I read an article that is clearly written and from which I learn a great deal. Whatever one’s politics, Paul Krugman remains one of America’s great economists and great teacher of economics. He demonstrates his gift in a recent article in the April 11 issue of the New York Times Magazine about environmental economics, *Green Economics: How We Can Afford to Tackle Climate Change*. One does not have to agree with his policy opinions to benefit from his exposition of the basic microeconomic analyses of negative externalities and the relative merits of



policy response of cap and trade policies versus a tax on polluters. He then extends his analysis to climate change policies. Again, whether one agrees or disagrees with his ultimate opinions about which policies are best, the reader benefits nonetheless from going along on the analytical ride.



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## The Case Estates

At Town Meeting on November 8, 2006 the voters of Weston unanimously approved the purchase of the 62.5 acre Case Estates from Harvard University.

At this year's May Town Meeting, voters will have the opportunity to choose (by a majority vote) between two different plans to remediate pesticide contamination found at the Case Estates. For more information on these two remediation plans, please visit:

The town of Weston's website: <http://weston.govoffice.com>, News & Events, Case Estates - "Hybrid" Remediation Concept to be Considered at Town Meeting

The Case Estates' website: <http://caseestates.org>

### Important Dates

**Informational Meeting to discuss the proposed "Hybrid" remediation plan to be voted on at Town Meeting**

Wednesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Weston Public Library, Community Room

**The League of Women Voters Coffee**

**Saturday, May 1 from 10:30 - 12:30**

Discussion of the Town Meeting warrant articles, including Article 30 on the Case Estates (11:00 - 12:00)

Weston Public Library, Community Room

**TOWN MEETING**

Monday, May 10 & Wednesday, May 12, beginning at 7:30 p.m. both nights

Weston High School Auditorium

Public Hearing April 28  
7pm, Weston Public Library

League of Women Voters  
May 1, Weston Public Library  
Warrant discussion 11-12am

Town Meeting May 10 and 12



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## WESTON MEDIA CENTER

Weston Media Center airs a day-long schedule of television programs focusing on local news and topics of interest. Gloria Cole, Executive Director of the Weston Media Center, would like to make sure the town is aware of these programs. In the belief that these programs may be of interest to many of our League members, she has asked us to share the following schedule with our readers.

Weston Media Center, Inc. is Weston's non-profit public, educational and government access TV station broadcasting on Comcast Channel 9 and Verizon Channels 41 & 45.

Our program schedule for April 15 through April 29 follows.

12:10 AM - Planning Board meeting of 2/9/10

2:20 AM - Selectmen meeting of 2/9/10

4:30 AM - Planning Board meeting of 3/9/10

5:40 AM - "Lyme Time" - League of Women Voter's public health information

8:00 AM - "String Fling" - Weston Public School's Music Dept. concert

8:35 AM - "The Coop Loop" - Land's Sake on chickens in Weston

9:00 AM - "Weston on the Hill" - Rep. Alice Peisch's monthly legislative update

9:35 AM - "String Fling" - Weston Public School's Music Dept. concert

10:10 AM - "Supper Club" - Land's Sake community supported agriculture dinners

11:00 AM - "Cardiologist Q & A" - Council on Aging wellness presentation

Noon - Selectmen meeting of 3/9/10

2:35 PM - Selectmen meeting of 2/24/10

5:05 PM - "String Fling" - Weston Public School's Music Dept. concert

5:40 PM - "The Japanese in Italy" - Military History presentation

7:05 PM - "Sugaring Off 2009" - Land's Sake maple sugaring festival

7:30 PM - "Women in Weston's History" - Historian Pam Fox's presentation

8:05 PM - "Band Pops 2010" - Weston High School annual band concert

9:00 PM - "Weston on the Hill" - Rep. Alice Peisch's monthly legislative update

9:30 PM - "Rent-a-Chicken" - Land's Sake program for keeping chickens in your backyard

9:45 PM - "Weston Cooks! - The Dumpling Show" - learn how to make Chinese dumplings at home

10:30 PM - "How Cooking Made Us Human" - Author and primate researcher Dr. Richard Wrangham's talk about his new book

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## LEAGUE COFFEE HOUR AND TOWN ISSUES FORUM

Sally Currier

This spring, the Weston League will combine our traditional evening forum for candidates and issues, typically held a couple of weeks before Town Meeting, with our traditional Saturday morning Coffee Hour. Please join us on May 1, beginning at 10:30 AM at the Weston Public Library, to participate in one of the few venues before Town Election on May 8 that provides you the opportunity to ask questions, express concerns and listen to the views of town officials (and candidates) about upcoming warrant articles and other critical town issues.

As there are no contested races in our local elections this year, there will be no formal statements from each candidate. Instead, attendees will have the an opportunity for a “meet and discuss” continental breakfast before moving on to a more structured discussion on some of the important issues facing the Town at this year’s Town Meeting.

Continental breakfast and coffee will begin at 10:30 AM. Our formal program will begin at

11:00 AM, with Selectman Michael Harrity presenting an overview of the warrant issues to be voted on at Town Meeting. Some of the key issues will include a change to the Case Estates purchase plan (and remediation issues relating to it) and proposed zoning by-law changes (siting of additional cell towers and changes to reduce contaminated storm-water run-off). Following discussion of warrant issues, the School Committee will present information from its “Annual School Committee Report” and talk about developments related to Field School and the science lab projects approved by Town Meeting last November. Finally, there will be time for general questions from the audience.

This May 1 event will begin earlier than our usual Saturday Coffee Hours and we expect that it may last longer as well. In addition, we plan to distribute our annual *Voters’ Guide*, which contains biographical information and issue statements from the candidates running for town office. We hope that you will attend and participate in the discussion.

### WESTON COUNCIL ON AGING

#### GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP 2010

Thursdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, from 1:30- 3:00 pm.

Great Decisions is the name of a briefing book and a program to engage citizens in learning about the world. This discussion group offers the opportunity to learn in depth about the global challenges that affect our lives in a myriad of ways.

We invite you to join Foreign Policy Association discussion group 2010 to look at eight topics: Special

Envoys, Kenya & R2P, Global Crime, U.S. China Security Relations, Global Financial Crisis, Russia and its Neighbors, The Persian Gulf, and Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution.

We welcome participants of all ages.

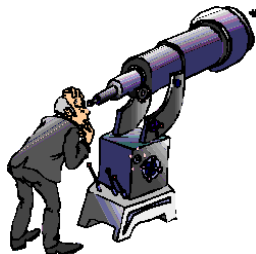
If you are interested in “looking beyond the headlines”, please call the COA at 781-893-0154 for more information and to sign up.

Fee: \$25 for the briefing book



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**OBSERVER CORPS**  
Jean Thurston



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN – APRIL 13, 2010**

1. **The Selectmen attended the Planning Board hearing on zoning amendments.** There was presentation and discussion of two proposed amendments. The first would make it easier and less expensive to purchase flood insurance and the second would clarify the 1988 Aquifer Protection Overlay District.
2. **Tree Advisory Group – Planting Plan**  
Nea Glenn, Chair of the group explained that they wish to plant eleven trees on the Town Green, At the Middle School for Arbor Day, and On Wellesley Street near #555, for a cost of \$640. There is \$8,600 remaining in the account. The Selectmen approved.
3. **FY2011 Operating Budget**  
This remains largely the same as the version presented in January. The Selectmen voted to present this budget to Town Meeting.
4. **16 Love Lane – CPA Request**  
An affordable housing proposal for a two and one half acre property has been made by the Dickson family. The house would have deed restrictions to ensure that it remains affordable. The Selectmen voted to support this proposal.
5. **Annual Town Meeting Warrant**  
There are 38 articles grouped according to budget, capital improvement and zoning bylaws. The Case Estates proposal is Article 30 and will present the most recent plan offered by Harvard University. This proposal will have Harvard retaining about seven acres of the most contaminated area that would then be restricted to conservation use. The town would have easements and could purchase it in the future for \$1. Harvard will also remove about 1 ft. of soil in other less contaminated areas, and replace it. The purchase price to the town would be \$3 million less.  
  
There will be an informational meeting April 28 at 7:00 at the library and the topic will be presented at the League of Women Voters Candidates' Night May 1 (also at the library). There may also be another site walk. The Selectmen voted to approve the warrant.
6. **Special Town Meeting Warrant**  
There are five articles on this warrant. They are all "housekeeping" articles.
7. **Report of the Board of Selectmen for Warrant & Budget Book**  
This report is being completed.