



Select Board

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Select Board Hybrid Meeting

Monday, April 24, 2023

21 State Line Rd., West Stockbridge

At 6:00 PM

Open Meeting

1. Approve Minutes from April 3, 2023
2. Citizen Speak Time
3. Discussion/Business/Action items:
 - Appointment of Gunner Gudmundson as Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals Member – Randy Thunfors, ZBA Chair
 - Fire Department Update – Chief Steve Traver
 - Farmer's Market – Entertainment License – Lily Davenport
 - Zucchini Festival – One Day Entertainment License – Marjorie Powell
 - Dept of Public Works Update – Curt Wilton, Director of Public Works
 - Complete Streets Update
 - Discussion of Discontinuance of Various Town Roads & Process
 - Municipal Officials April Meeting Update – Andy Potter
4. Select Board Speak
5. Adjourn

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Apr 24, 2023 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: SB Mtg

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84840736368?pwd=TTBzbTJYeUwrZVovaEZlkdUV1lmQT09>

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Select Board Meeting Minutes April 3, 2023

Quorum present: Kathleen Keresey, Select Board Chair and Member Andrew Krouss. Member Andrew Potter and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator were absent

Others in Attendance: Police Chief Marc Portieri
Caitlin Graham, Parks & Recreation

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and listed Select Board member present.

Approval of Minutes:

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy Krouss, to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2023 meeting.

Roll call vote:

Andy K. Yes

Kathleen Yes

Minutes approved.

Citizen Speak:

Bob Salerno asked that the minutes reflect that the mention of stone in the March 6, 2023 meeting is the actual millstone from the Shaker Mill, an important artifact from the Town's history.

Parks & Recreation Update:

-Caitlin reported about updates and activities planned for the year:

Card Pond clean up has begun.

Life guard has been hired for Card Pond.

Tennis Courts are now open.

Memorial Day activities are being planned

Parks & Recreation are working to support the Zucchini Festival.

Planning into the Fall and next year:

Halloween

Holiday Sparkles

Dog Park – researching feasibility and location

Gazebo / Pavillion – researching feasibility and location

Easter Egg hunt

Police Department Update:

-Marc reported that Lucas Horn is leaving the PD to work full time teaching at the Police Academy and that a search has commenced for a replacement.

-There had been an unexpectedly large attendance at an event at TurnPark, resulting in the decision between the PD, DPW and TurnPark that planning for parking should be carefully considered in advance of events. Marc, Curt Wilton and Jared Gelormino from Turn Park met to establish a parking protocol for future events.

-Andy K. asked Marc about traffic calming and Marc said that traffic calming efforts are continuing to good effect. His department have been following the school busses as frequently as they can insuring safety for school children.

Select Board Speak:

Kathleen expressed appreciation to the DPW, PD and FD for their outstanding response to the mid-March storm. The departments worked tirelessly until all roads were clear of snow and fallen trees, and power was restored.

Kathleen mentioned that she and Bob Salerno had met with State Representative Smitty Pignatelli with a routine update about the Town, and to hear his thoughts of matters of importance to small towns in general and West Stockbridge in particular. Topics discussed included:

- housing as a major concern for all,
- grant opportunities,
- regionalization of services with other towns,
- the on-going problems with the Housatonic Water Company for our Town residents who still do not have reliably clean water,
- possible establishment of a Charter Review Committee
- the acquisition of the former National Grid property on Moscow Road
- The Old Town Hall
- establishment of a Cultural Arts District
- future appointment by Governor Healy of a rural affairs director. There has not been a job description for this position, nor has this position been filled.
- Representative Pignatelli is looking to increase Chapter 90 funds to cover dirt roads, which they currently don't. This would be an advantage to West Stockbridge as approximately 25% of our roads are dirt.

Katheen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy Krouss.

Roll call vote:

Andy Krouss Yes

Kathleen Keresey Yes

Meeting adjourned

Ryan, Marie

From: Randy Thunfors <rthunfor@bcn.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 7:24 AM
To: Ryan, Marie
Subject: Gunnar Gudmundson

Marie - I'd like to have Gunnar appointed as an Alternate on the ZBA at the 4/24 Select Board meeting. I believe this may have to be added to the agenda today. I am traveling today so texting me would be best if you have questions - 413-446-0725 Thanks!



**WEST STOCKBRIDGE
FARMERS MARKET**
ON THE FOUNDRY GREEN

Town of West Stockbridge
Town Administrator - Marie Ryan
21 State Line Road
West Stockbridge, MA 01266

March 21, 2023

Dear Marie and WS Select Board Members,

The West Stockbridge Farmers Market Steering Committee is proud to announce that we are planning our 12th market season beginning Thursday, May 25th and ending October 5th. The hours of operation and location will be the same as last year, with shopping hours from 3:00 to 6:00pm each Thursday afternoon. There are plans to have live music during the market hours, with the same set up as past seasons. Several of the musicians have played at the market before and we look forward to seeing them again this year. Please advise if it is necessary for us to acquire a special permit for entertainment.

Again, like last year, the committee will advertise overflow parking locations at The TurnPark Sculpture Park and next to Hotchkiss Gallery. Temporary directional signs at the entrance of both parking lots will be posted each week. The signs will direct customers away from the Post Office lot. We will also be posting West Stockbridge Farmers Market signs in the same locations as last year for the day of the market only. Please let us know if the Select Board has any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Lily Davenport and the WSFM Committee
WSFM Manager
WSFarmMarket@gmail.com

PO BOX 148, WEST STOCKBRIDGE, MA 01266
WESTSTOCKBRIDGEFARMERSMARKET.ORG



West Stockbridge Farmers Market
Two Harris ST/ PO Box 148
West Stockbridge MA 01266

West Stockbridge Planning Board
West Stockbridge Select Board
21 State Line Road
West Stockbridge MA 01266

April 18, 2023

Dear People,

West Stockbridge Farmers Market wants to offer live music on Thursday afternoons May 25 to October 5. The market is located at Two Harris Street, West Stockbridge and is open from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Ten to twelve seats are provided for spectators to sit.

There are on an average 86 to 88 people each hour that come to the market. Most do not stay for the music. Included in this average are children and friends that drive together per hour. We figure this to be about 20%. Also in this count, we have noticed that about 20% walk from their homes or places of business. Most stay to shop or mingle for about 20 to 30 minutes.

So here is the math:

$88 \times .20 = 17$ children and friends that do not drive per hour

$88 \times .20 = 17$ that walk from home or from work per hour

$88 - 17 - 17 = 54$ per hour

Most shop for about 30 minutes / 54 divided by 2 = 27 possible cars in any given 30 minute block of time

All vendors, musicians and volunteers are allowed to park at the Truc Orient Restaurant's parking lot. Thank you so much to the Nguyen Family for their generosity!! This parking lot is then closed at 3:00 pm to all other public. There is a barrier placed to prevent others from parking there.

There are 8 off street parking spaces at the Hotchkiss Mobile parking lot, 20 off street parking spaces at TurnPark Art Space, 15 spaces near the public restrooms. There are several more spaces on Depot ST, Center ST and three spaces on Moscow RD. Signs are placed each week that direct cars away from the Post Office and toward the open parking lots. Many thanks also go to TurnPark Art Space and Hotchkiss Mobile for allowing the shopping public to park in their parking lots.

Terri Jo Dixon
WSFM



TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE
Annual Entertainment License Application
\$100.00

The undersigned hereby applies for a license in accordance with the provisions of MA General Laws, Ch.140 Sec.183A amended, Ch.351, Sec.85 of Acts of 1981 and Ch.140 Sec.181.

Name: LILY DAVENPORT

Business/Organization: WEST STOCKBRIDGE FARMERS MARKET

D/B/A (if applicable): _____

Address: 2 HARRIS ST, WEST STOCKBRIDGE, MA 01266

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 148, WEST STOCKBRIDGE, MA 01266

Phone Number: 413 429 6371

Email: WSFARMMARKET@GMAIL.COM

TYPE: (Check all that apply) Concert Dance Exhibition Cabaret DJ

Live band with up to 3 pieces, including singers Public Show

INCLUDES: Live music Recorded music Dancing by entertainers/ performers

Dancing by patrons Amplification system Theatrical exhibition

Floorshow Play Moving picture show Light show Jukebox

As part of the entertainment, will any person be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view any portion of the pubic area, anus, or genitals, or any simulation thereof, or whether any person will be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view a portion of the breast below the top of the areola, or any simulation thereof? (M.G.L. Chp.140 Sec.183A)

___ YES

X NO

Exact Location of Entertainment (include sketch): 2 HARRIS ST. ON THE GREEN. NEXT TO THE TREE

Days of Entertainment*: THURSDAYS, MAY 25TH THRU OCTOBER 5TH
*Does not include SUNDAY

Start & End Times of Entertainment: 3 PM TO 6 PM

Does your event involve any of the following? (Check all that apply)

- Food Temporary Bathrooms Tents Stages Temporary Signs
 Electrical Permits Building Permits Police Traffic Details Street Closures
 Alcoholic Beverages

In the event of a change in type of entertainment or hours/days different than indicated above, a new application will be required and a new license will be issued.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62C, Sec. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.



Signature of Individual or
Corporate Officer

3/31/23

Date

TOWN USE ONLY:

Review with Conditions: _____

APPROVAL DATE: _____

LICENSE # _____

Parking

Hotchkiss
mobile

House

MOSCOW

R/D

Post
office

#16
Depot

DEPOT ST

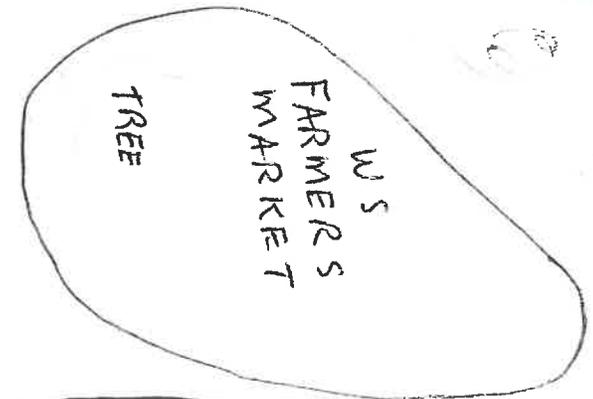
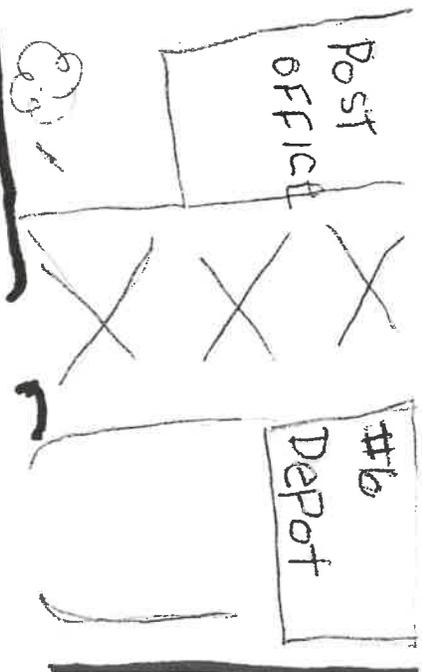
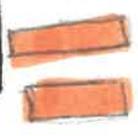
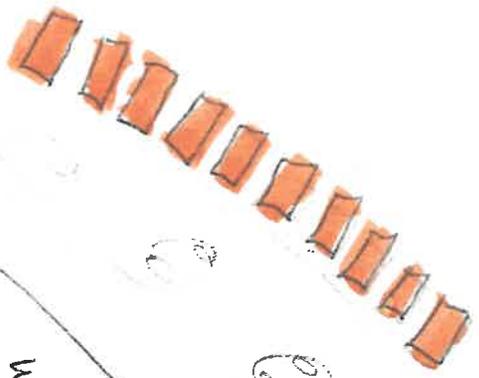
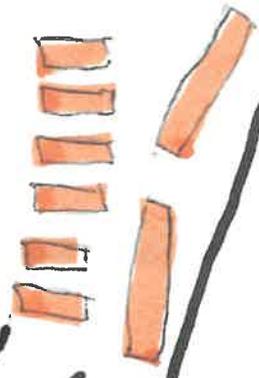
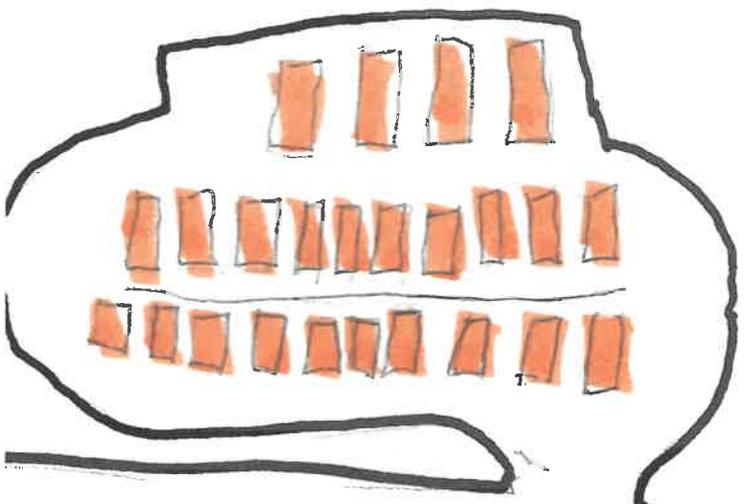
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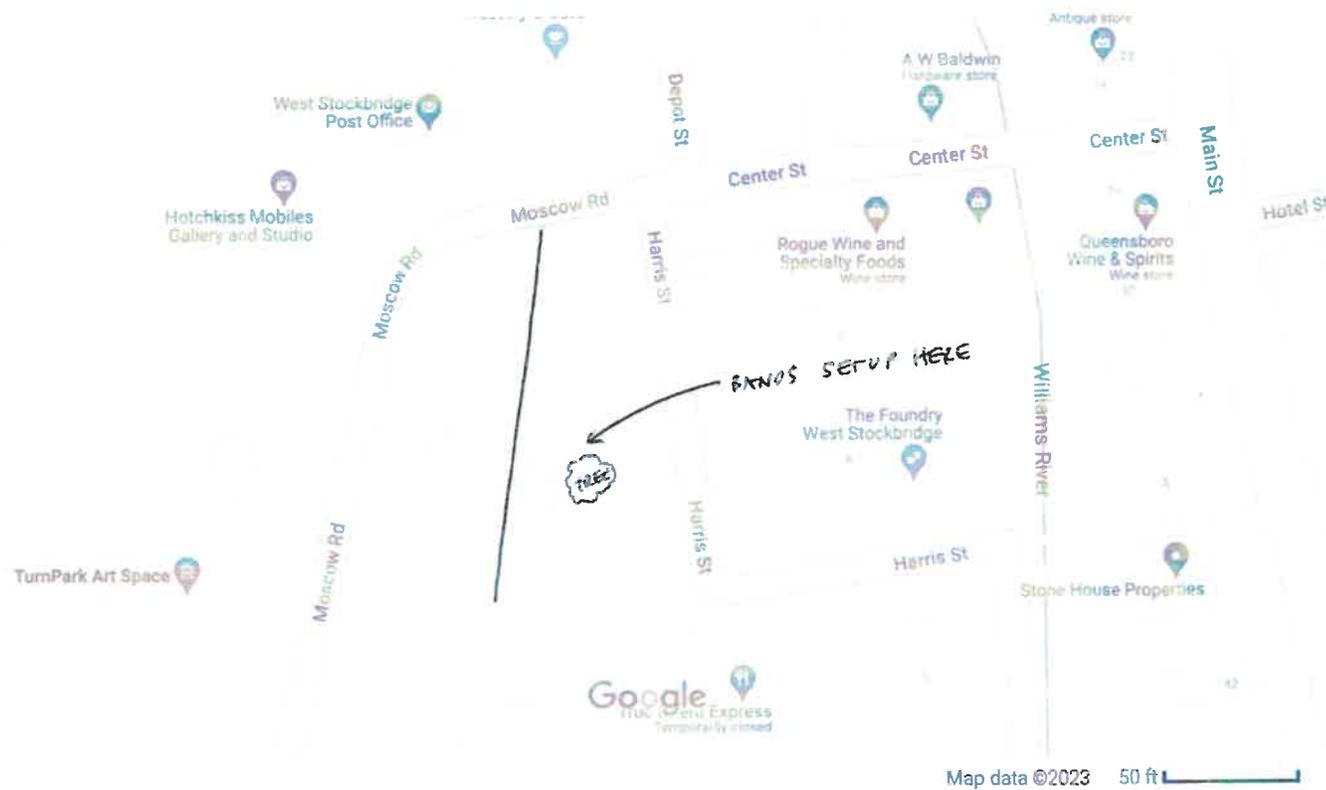
W'S
FARMERS
MARKET

TREE

Restrooms



Google Maps



Ryan, Marie

From: Marjorie Powell <ladyeasland@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 7, 2023 2:06 PM
To: Ryan, Marie
Subject: Re: Zucchini Festival

Hi Marie

Yes please put CC on the agenda for the 24th. Do you want me to make an addendum to the original permit we submitted? Or do a whole new one. As you know there are many working parts to this event and there are many things that are in the works. Some things may change as well. We have already gotten approval to do the duck races from conservation. We will be cutting down the amount of them compared to previous years. Also I hope to have more concrete information regarding the fireworks. We have found a company that will do them. Also the location we have always used was Turn Parks property. We are setting up a meeting with the company, Turn park, the Fire Marshall, and the Fire Chief to go over all questions and precautions as usual.

We are going to start spending money and I do want to make sure we have our entertainment license in hand before laying out money and booking for various things needed and entertainment.

I will spell out as much as possible. The crucial elements are that we are having music acoustic and amplified, fireworks, street closures, duck races, pet parade and vendor booths including food. We do not have what we will be doing for games or a rock wall, bounce house etc We will have the Zucchini weigh off, Baking Contest, decorating contests as well. . The games depend on the use of property we have available and cost. I can submit that after we are able to do it. We are aware of all the additional permits/approvals we need for signage etc. We have already met with the fire, highway and police departments.

I understand we are in a very different place than 9 years ago and things have changed drastically which makes the planning that much more difficult. Hopefully we will still be able to make this a fun and safe event for all.

Thanks Marie

Ryan, Marie

From: Marjorie Powell <ladyeasland@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:59 PM
To: Ryan, Marie
Subject: Re: re; Parking Plan

Hi Marie

I have listed the town parking lots at town hall, card pond, municipal lot on main that we will be using. We will also have a shuttle going back and forth to the lots. There are also private businesses that we are asking to use some of their property for vendor parking/ entertainment and games.

This is all being worked on along with many other things.

I am meeting with the fireworks company, the fire marshal and fire chief and turn park tomorrow at 5:30 up at turn park to review locations for the fireworks display. If any of the selectboard would like to attend that would be great.

Let me know.

Thanks
Marjorie



TOWN OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE
One Day Entertainment License Application
\$25.00

The undersigned hereby applies for a license in accordance with the provisions of MA General Laws, Ch.140 Sec.183A amended, Ch.351, Sec.85 of Acts of 1981 and Ch.140 Sec.181.

Name: Marjorie Powell WSCC
Business/Organization: WEST STOCKBRIDGE CULTURAL COUNCIL
D/B/A (if applicable): _____
Address: 21 Stateline Road, West Stockbridge, MA 01266
Mailing Address: _____
Phone Number: 413-429-7053
Email: wszucchinifestival2023@gmail.com

TYPE: (Check all that apply) Concert Dance Exhibition Cabaret DJ
 Live band with up to 8 pieces, including singers Public Show

INCLUDES: Live music Recorded music Dancing by entertainers/ performers
 Dancing by patrons Amplification system Theatrical exhibition
 Floorshow Play Moving picture show Light show Jukebox

As part of the entertainment, will any person be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view any portion of the pubic area, anus, or genitals, or any simulation thereof, or whether any person will be permitted to appear on the premises in any manner or attire as to expose to public view a portion of the breast below the top of the areola, or any simulation thereof? (M.G.L. Chp.140 Sec.183A)

___ YES

NO

Exact Location of Entertainment (include sketch): _____

* DOWNTOWN DEPOT ST. CENTER ST

Day of Entertainment*: AUGUST 12, 2023

*Does not include SUNDAY

Start & End Times of Entertainment: 10:00AM TO 10:00PM

Does your event involve any of the following? (Check all that apply)

Food Temporary Bathrooms Tents Stages Temporary Signs

? Electrical Permits Building Permits Police Traffic Details Street Closures

Alcoholic Beverages

In the event of a change in type of entertainment or hours/day different than indicated above, a new application will be required and a new license will be issued.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 62C, Sec. 49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

Margaret Powell
Signature of Individual or
Corporate Officer

2/2/23
Date

TOWN USE ONLY:

Review with Conditions: _____

APPROVAL DATE: _____

LICENSE # _____

* CLOSURE OF DEPOT STREET 7:00AM - 4:30PM
CLOSURE OF CENTER STREET 5:00PM - 10:00PM
HARRIS ST EXTENSION + MOSCOW ROAD
STAYS OPEN.

* USE OF RIVER FROM CENTER ST TO BRIDGE
BY HARRIS STREET FOR ZUCK RACES.

Form Revised 5/12/15

* USE OF CARD POND, TOWN HALL + MUNICIPAL LOTS

Trip Report: Municipal Officials Meeting in Holyoke on Rural Priorities and Collaboration (April 1, 2023)

Andy Potter, West Stockbridge Select Board

Summary:

On April 1, municipal officials from across the western part of the state gathered in Holyoke to hear from state officials and legislators about rural priorities and opportunities for collaboration. The meeting was kicked off by Sen. Joanne Comerford and Rep. Natalie Blais, who provided an overview of the legislative priorities of the Rural Policy Advisory Commission, with a focus on economic development, housing, transportation, and municipal support. They also highlighted the creation of a director of rural affairs within the Executive Office of Economic Development by the Healey-Driscoll administration. Challenges facing the western part of the state, such as unreliable public transportation, inadequate funding for roadways, and a declining and aging population were discussed. Pending bills in the Legislature related to local aid payments in lieu of taxes for state-owned land (PILOT) and the need for a municipal building authority were also addressed. Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, the keynote speaker, solicited feedback and concerns from attendees and discussed the administration's priorities. State Auditor Diana DiZoglio and Ben Tafoya, director of the auditor's Division of Local Mandates, discussed the auditor's priorities and recent studies on infrastructure updates, PILOT formula inequity, public safety staffing issues, and social service needs.

Issues Discussed:

1. Legislative Priorities of the Rural Policy Advisory Commission: Sen. Joanne Comerford and Rep. Natalie Blais provided an overview of the legislative priorities of the Rural Policy Advisory Commission, with a focus on economic development, housing, transportation, and municipal support. They celebrated the creation of a director of rural affairs within the Executive Office of Economic Development by the Healey-Driscoll administration.
2. Challenges facing the Western Part of the State: Comerford and Blais discussed some of the unique challenges facing the western part of the state, including unreliable public transportation, inadequate funding for maintaining roadways, and a declining population paired with a disproportionately aging population. These challenges were noted to have a significant impact on economic growth, school enrollments, and housing.

3. Pending Bills in the Legislature: Comerford and Blais addressed bills pending in the Legislature that relate to the local aid account known as PILOT, or payments in lieu of taxes for state-owned land. They discussed the need for more funding and reform in this area, as well as the need for a municipal building authority with a funding stream built in, which is particularly important for smaller communities. Blais highlighted that the current PILOT formula disproportionately disadvantages rural communities that hold a lot of state-owned land.
4. Keynote Address by Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll: Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, the keynote speaker for the event, discussed the administration's priorities and her understanding, as a longtime mayor and local official, of the issues facing local governments across the state. She used most of her time to solicit feedback and concerns from attendees.
5. State Auditor's Priorities: State Auditor Diana DiZoglio and Ben Tafoya, director of the auditor's Division of Local Mandates, discussed the auditor's priorities and recent studies on infrastructure updates, PILOT formula inequity, public safety staffing issues, and social service needs. DiZoglio highlighted the crucial need for investments in western Massachusetts.

Common Concerns:

During the meeting, several common concerns were raised by attendees, including formula-based funding inequities, broadband investment, regional school transportation, and public safety funding.

Conclusion:

The meeting in Holyoke provided an opportunity for municipal officials from the western part of the state to hear from state officials and legislators about rural priorities and opportunities for collaboration.