

# Select Board opposes Stretch code

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that there has been no input sought from the local business community or the Canton Building Department. During the public comment period, Tom Birmingham, head of the Sustainability Committee, said there will be many public education sessions in the next six weeks to educate residents about the proposal.

The board also began consideration of several proposed street acceptances that are on the town meeting warrant, including Stillwater Road, Foundry Lane and Dalebrook Court in the Canton Reserve subdivision and Stonewood Drive, Isabella Circle and Holly Way in the Yorkshire Estates subdivision. The board voiced its support for the Canton Reserve roads but withheld a decision on the Yorkshire Estate roads due to several remaining questions raised by the Planning Board.

Following the Select Board meeting, Loughran announced he will be running for state representative in the 6th Norfolk District, with current state Rep. Bill Galvin having recently announced his retirement. Throughout his campaign, Loughran will continue to serve as a member of the Select Board. A formal announcement will be made next week.

The Department of Elder and Human Services has relocated much

of its staff to the former St. Gerard's Church property at 1860 Washington Street as HVAC repairs are underway at the Canton Senior Center. Town Administrator Charles Doody said the repairs could take four to six weeks. DEHS programs have been shifted to the St. Gerard's rectory, the American Legion Post 24 hall, and the Canton Town Club. Department office hours are still 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Doody shared with board members some of the conclusions from the recently completed Recycling Auditing Report. In a study of last year's recycling materials collected by residents, the report noted that 14 percent of the materials were deemed contaminants, with half of that amount coming from plastic bags filled with recycling containers. The other half of the contaminants consisted of dirty containers or containers not rinsed properly.

Doody said the application period for the open fire chief's position has closed and there are 12 candidates, including four from the Canton Fire Department. Doody expects the review of the resumes and candidates' written responses could take through March. Doody said he hopes to have two finalists to recommend for Select Board interviews by early April.

The board announced a donation

of \$100,000 from the Judge Rotenberg Center on Turnpike Street. The JRC is a 501c3 nonprofit that is exempt from real estate taxes and made the donation as a gift. Gene Manning, an assessor and member of the Economic Development Committee, said the center greatly appreciates the town services it has received.

The board approved a special license to serve wine and malt beverages for a one-day celebratory event marking the official opening of Wonder, a food delivery and takeout service based at the Village Shoppes, 95 Washington Street, Suite 40, on March 19 from 3-7 p.m. The license is contingent on approvals by the building commissioner and police and fire chiefs.

The board approved a one-day entertainment permit, subject to police approval, for the 24th annual Luce Elementary School Fun Run & 5K, to be held May 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also approved subject to CPD approval was the annual Anthony Maffie Memorial Walk, scheduled for Sunday, June 7, from 12-5 p.m.

The board accepted a gift of \$43,971 from OutFront Media for use of the billboard location off I-95.

The Select Board will next meet on Tuesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. in the Salah Meeting Room at Town Hall.

# Good Deeds -By Register Bill O'Donnell

## Heartfelt Commitment to Public Safety

Every February, America marks American Heart Month, a tradition that began when President Lyndon B. Johnson first proclaimed it in 1964. It remains a call to action and sixty years later: learn CPR, know where the nearest automated external defibrillator (AED) is, and be ready to step in. The stakes remain sobering. More than 350,000 people suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the United States each year, and roughly 90% do not survive. In many cases, the difference between life and death is simply whether help arrives in time and whether someone nearby has the tools and training to act.

Walk through the main doors of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds and into the Recording Hall, and you'll notice a glass cabinet on the wall with three familiar letters: AED. We weren't required to install automated external defibrillators back in 2010, but we did, placing units on every floor, maintaining them, and training staff to use them because minutes matter when a life hangs in the balance.

Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death, striking without warning and often without time to wait for professional help. An AED is a portable medical device that can recognize life-threatening arrhythmias and deliver a shock to restore a normal heartbeat. When CPR and defibrillation begin immediately, survival improves dramatically; when they do not, survival can fall by 7-10% with each passing minute. As Chris Feeny of the American Heart Association testified to lawmakers in 2025, "Sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death, but quick action can save lives. Sudden cardiac arrest victims need CPR and defibrillation

within minutes as survival chances drop by seven to 10% each minute. Automated external defibrillators, or AEDs, which are simple and portable, can restore the heart's normal rhythm and are life-saving tools."

That's the purpose behind An Act requiring automatic external

legislation every session from 2019 until her retirement in 2024. Since then, Senator Rush in the Senate and Representative Vaughn in the House have continued the effort. Their dedication in keeping attention on this public-health issue has been invaluable, and as similar laws advance across the Commonwealth, we remain hopeful that this bill will make it to the Governor's desk.

If you want a reminder of why preparedness matters, think back to January 2023, when Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin collapsed during a game. Immediate CPR and an AED helped save his life, a nationally televised example of how decisive action can change an outcome. That moment prompted renewed emphasis on CPR and AED readiness not only in professional sports, but in communities, workplaces, and public buildings nationwide.

There are many responsibilities that come with being your Register of Deeds, including safeguarding 14 million land records that protect the ownership of your homes and businesses. But there is one responsibility I take especially to heart: doing what we can, with our partners in state government, to ensure lifesaving tools are close at hand and that someone nearby knows how to use them. American Heart Month may have begun as a presidential proclamation, but its strength comes from neighbors, colleagues, and citizens willing to act when seconds count.

So, if you are looking to make a difference this heart month, contact your local state legislators and let them know you support SB1473 and HB2349.



defibrillators in Norfolk County public buildings, filed this session as Sen Bill 1473 and House Bill 2349, sponsored by Senator Michael F. Rush and Representative Richard G. Wells, Jr. as a co-sponsor. The bill would require at least one AED in each county-owned public building and ensure a trained employee or authorized volunteer is present during business hours. The legislation, filed January 16, 2025, was heard on May 13, reported favorably by the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government on June 18, and then advanced to Senate Rules and House Ways and Means for further review.

This initiative has deep roots. The Registry of Deeds, in partnership with State Representative and registered nurse Denise Garlick, filed this

# Daniels sworn in as new police chief

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sergeant and later a lieutenant in the Westborough Police Department, where he managed community engagement, public information, internal affairs, procurement strategy, animal control, and the public safety communications center. During his interview with the Select Board, he assured board members that he knew how to steady an organization, set high standards, and guide the department through reform.

In his remarks on Tuesday,

Daniels stressed that the CPD cannot move forward without the help of community leaders and stakeholders. "This is a collaboration," he said. "And today's not about me; it's not about the community of Canton; and it's not about Canton PD. It's about all of us collectively moving forward."

Daniels has a three-year contract and his salary, according to Town Administrator Charles Doody, is \$232,500, which Doody said is comparable to the salaries of other area police chiefs.

Daniels said he plans to be "very visible" in the community and already had a chance to connect with Canton students at a recent Black history event. "I'm always available ... and you will see that over my tenure here," he said. "Thank you very much for this opportunity."

During the public comment period later in the meeting, resident Brenda Sweeney said the selection of Daniels is a great day for Canton as the chief represents a "breath of fresh air" and a new start for the town.

## Legal Notices

### TOWN OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

On Petition of Kathleen Crimi; Special Permit and/or Variance, if necessary, are requested under the applicable provisions of the Canton Zoning By-Laws for dimensional relief to subdivide the pre-existing non-conforming property in a Single Residence 'C' District located at 474 Bolivar Street, Canton, Massachusetts (Map/Lot 058\_026).

A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Salah Meeting Room, Second Floor, Memorial Hall, 801 Washington Street, Canton, Massachusetts.

Board of Appeals  
Gregory L. Pando  
Chairman  
7-26-ENCB-SP-V

### TOWN OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

On Petition of Gan Quan Chen/Jianming Yan; Special Permit and/or Variance, if necessary, are requested under the applicable provisions of the Canton Zoning By-Laws for use to operate an online exotic pet shop with the storage of the animals on site on property in a Single Residence 'A' District located at 105 Chapman Street, Canton, Massachusetts (Map/Lot 029\_044).

A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Salah Meeting Room, Second Floor, Memorial Hall, 801 Washington Street, Canton, Massachusetts.

Board of Appeals  
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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Docket No. NO26P0312EA  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION  
Norfolk Probate and  
Family Court  
35 Shawmut Road  
Canton, MA 02021  
(781)830-1200**

**Estate of: Dipa Bhattacharya  
Date of Death: 11/19/2020**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Subrata Bhattacharya of Canton, 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: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/18/2026.

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Docket No. NO21P3362EA  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE  
SETTLEMENT  
Norfolk Probate and  
Family Court  
35 Shawmut Road  
Canton, MA 02021  
(781)830-1200**

**Estate of: Daniel Clinton  
Date of Death: 09/18/2021**

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Samantha L. Clinton of Windham, ME requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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. Lee M. Peterson,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 13, 2026  
Colleen M. Brierley  
Register of Probate**

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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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.

**WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 04, 2026  
Colleen M. Brierley,  
Register of Probate**

## Police Log

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11:14 a.m. Assist fire/medical on Pequit St. Transported to hospital.  
11:56 a.m. Assist fire/medical on Robbin Rd. Transported to hospital.  
2:40 p.m. Assist fire/medical on Rubin Ct. Services rendered.  
5:39 p.m. Road hazard on Randolph St. Removed hazard.  
6:17 p.m. Larceny/forgery/fraud on Washington St. Canton resident charged with larceny under \$1,200. Report to be filed.  
8:39 p.m. Escort/transport on Washington St. Services rendered.  
10:57 p.m. Threats on Neponset St. Services rendered.  
**Thursday, February 12**  
2:25 a.m. Assist fire/medical on Highland St. Transported to hospital.  
7:37 a.m. Motor vehicle crash on Washington St. Vehicle towed.  
8:38 a.m. 911 hang up at Luce Elementary School on Independence St. Services rendered.  
10:08 a.m. Motor vehicle crash on Washington St. Report to be filed.  
11:49 a.m. Threats on Washington St. Report to be filed.  
12:40 p.m. Assist fire/medical on Turnpike St. Transported to hospital.  
3:46 p.m. Assist fire/medical on Spring Ln. Transported to hospital.  
4:57 p.m. Motor vehicle crash on Washington St. Report to be filed.  
5:06 p.m. Assist fire/medical at Canton Sportsplex on Carver Cir. Transported to hospital.  
5:42 p.m. Assist fire/medical at Shell Gas Station on Washington St. Transported to hospital.  
8:55 p.m. Disabled motor vehicle at Slice's Pizza on Turnpike St.

Services rendered.  
**Friday, February 13**  
9:16 a.m. Disabled motor vehicle at Dunkin Donuts on Neponset St. Referred to other agency.  
12:33 p.m. Assist fire/medical at Mulberry Child Care Center on Turnpike St. Services rendered.  
2:16 p.m. Disabled motor vehicle on Washington St. Vehicle towed.  
4:06 p.m. Larceny/forgery/fraud at Hilton Garden Inn on Royall St. Report to be filed.  
4:55 p.m. Motor vehicle crash at Blue Hill River Rd. and Washington St. Report to be filed.  
7:09 p.m. Assist fire/medical on Kinsley Pl. Services rendered.  
7:17 p.m. Assist fire/medical on Washington St. Transported to hospital.  
7:28 p.m. Motor vehicle crash on Washington St. No action required.  
7:29 p.m. Motor vehicle crash on Washington St. Report to be filed.  
8:10 p.m. Disturbance at Blue Hill Village on Randolph St. Services rendered.  
10:51 p.m. Suspicious persons at Canton Police Dept. Police services given.  
**Saturday, February 14**  
10:05 a.m. Parking complaint on Lewis St. Spoken to.  
1:13 p.m. Assist fire/medical on High St. Services rendered.  
5:46 p.m. Motor vehicle crash on Washington St. Report to be filed.  
7:02 p.m. Motor vehicle crash at Shaw's Supermarket on Washington St. Log entry only.  
9:06 p.m. Assist fire/medical on Kinsley Pl. Transported to hospital.



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Probate and Family Court  
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Norfolk Probate and Family Court  
35 Shawmut Road  
Canton, MA 02021  
(781)830-1200**

**Estate of: Normand Real Collin  
Also known as: Norman  
Collin, Norman R. Collin  
Date of Death: 12/15/2025**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Carol-Anne C. Piso of Franklin, MA, Cynthia C. Gadbois of North Billerica, MA and Ginette M. Violette of Bristol, CT

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

The Petitioner requests that: Carol-Anne C. Piso of Franklin, MA, Cynthia C. Gadbois of North Billerica, MA and Ginette M. Violette of Bristol, CT

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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy

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