

News and Notes for Tuesday April 18th, 2023.

I bet that you have heard about the idea that Williamstown should begin using an electronic vote counting system for votes at Town Meeting, etc. I believe it's an accurate system for counting votes, not that the current system is dysfunctional, it's the difference between a standing count and electronic, the vote will be counted and the results tell the tale. Unlike standing counts, your vote will be confidential and nobody will know how you voted. And- it won't be difficult to manage, it's like using your clicker to change the TV channel... Town Clerk Nicole Beverly recommends citizens acquaint themselves with the electronic voter clicker system by signing up for individual demonstration. Your choice of 30 min or 60-minute demo!

Here's the link address. www.meridiaars.com/scheduledemo

This Friday, April 21st, Stephanie Boyd from the Williamstown Comprehensive Plan team will be here at Harper at 9:00 to discuss the plan. They've done a lot of work including an existing conditions report talking about what Williamstown looks like now, held public meetings soliciting input, have done all sorts of activity to develop a roadmap for the future. Now the process is approaching the home stretch. Join us, on Friday this week at 9 am. They'll share the vision statement, the plan to date and most importantly, they'd like to get your input on proposed future actions. It's our usual coffee hour so yes, there will be coffee and donuts. You can find links to all the associated documents on the Town website on the top of the page under "current projects" www.williamstownma.gov

We had an excellent first self defense session with Betsy Paul last week and every single comment I received was a rave review. Betsy will be in the house again on Thursday April 27th. She's demonstrating and providing instruction on some basic self-defense techniques. Check it out! 1:00 on April 27th.

On Friday the 28th we'll be hosting an open mic poetry reading, I've heard it called a "slam", here at 1:00. Bring something of your own to share or borrow someone else materials. This will be fun. We're offering pizza for lunch at 12:30 so bring yourself and something to read. Or recite, whichever...

Now, from the advanced planning department, come and join us for Argentine Tango lessons! I've been told that if you can walk, you can do this dance. Taught by Dave Gorson, who has been dancing for more than 15 years, this will be a fun 45-minute class followed by a 45-minute practice session. No partner necessary. Soft soled shoes or socks recommended. This is currently slated for May 16th so mark your calendars. More details to follow.

Finally, the last two April Tech Tutoring sessions are scheduled for 4:00 on Friday afternoons the 21st and 28th. Having problems with a device-cell phone, laptop, tablet, anything like that? Give us a call, 413-458-8250, and we'll arrange for a member of the Tech Tutoring group from Williams to give you a hand. All we need from you is your contact data and what kind of device you need assistance with. Reservations are required and space is limited. Give us a call.

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