

Notes for Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Happy October!

Here's a clarification note regarding tomorrow's session here at Harper.

On Tuesday October 3, we'll be hosting a discussion with Seth Jenkins from Berkshire Regional Planning to talk about the Williamstown Open Space and Recreation Plan. The open space plan is part of the Williamstown effort to update and make current the Comprehensive Plan. The Williamstown Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee has spent the last year and a half surveying the community, examining existing conditions, and creating the new plan titled "Envisioning Williamstown 2035". The comprehensive plan examines the town holistically and provides insight into a wide variety of topics including open spaces, land uses, and parks. Tomorrow we'll focus on open space and recreation. If you're into using our outdoor spaces and have thoughts, tomorrow's session is for you! Bring your questions and thoughts. And yes, we will provide refreshments.

Regarding the Comprehensive Plan itself, Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee has released the final draft of the Town's first Town Plan in 20 plus years, Envisioning Williamstown 2035 can be viewed at <https://resilience.mysocialpinpoint.com/williamstown-comprehensive-plan/home>

You can also view the document on the Williamstown Municipal website at [www.williamstownma.gov](http://www.williamstownma.gov)

They'll be accepting comments on the draft for the next 30 days. Please submit any comments to Williamstown Development Director Andrew Groff at [agroff@williamstownma.gov](mailto:agroff@williamstownma.gov)

On Saturday October 14, THE event of the month occurs here at Harper, as part of Berkshire Art Week, our second annual Senior Class Art Show and Sale held from 11:00 to 4:00. Seniors who are participants in the Tuesday morning Art Class here at Harper will be exhibiting artwork-paintings, prints and postcards for viewing enjoyment and for purchase. Our artists have worked hard all year to produce some really fine pieces and we know that you won't want to miss this event! Last October we had a wonderful event with lots of wonderful comments indicating a great time had by the artists and participants as well. Join us!

In another bit of October 14 news, Repair Café, co-sponsored by the South Williamstown Community Association and Williamstown Rural Lands is happening once more at Sheep Hill, 671 Cold Spring Road (Route 7) Saturday afternoon, October 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. Volunteer "fixers" include people who can do small electrical repairs, wooden furniture repair, blade sharpening (knives, scissors, small tools), costume jewelry repairs, leather repairs, and our ever-popular darners, knitters, and sewers. There'll be computer advice and something new this time -- if you have a window screen that's letting the mosquitos in, bring it in for re-screening.

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, the Williams Lehman Community Service group is interested in doing a yard cleanup for great day of service on Oct 21. If you're interested, let us know here at Harper and we'll forward your contact information.

Finally, there will be another vaccine clinic here on October 16<sup>th</sup> and as soon as we have more details, we'll let you know.