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Selectmen approve ownership change for marijuana establishment

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CHARLTON – Charlton selectmen have approved an ownership change to the forthcoming adult cannabis retail shop planned for 144 Sturbridge Rd.

In April, selectmen received a request from Four Score Holdings LLC requesting a change of ownership for its proposed cannabis establishment to Aspen Blue LLC. The companies have entered a partnership that would see Aspen Blue operate the new store. The change in ownership requires permission from both the town of Charlton and the State Cannabis Control Commission.

After hearing from representatives of Aspin Blue and Attorney Daniel Glissman, who had been representing Four Score and is expected to continue representing the project for Aspin Blue, selectmen decided to put a hold on approving the request simply to allow Town Counsel a chance to look over the agreement. In April, the selectmen also extended the town's agreements with Four Score to October of 2021 to allow for the process to play out. Selectman Bill Borowski explained more about the request during the May 18 meeting.

"Long story short, Four Score is changing ownership and we had asked additional time to review the document. We also extended out the date that's now part of all of our host community agreements to go forward that there is a time proper that they have to have licensing. If they don't, they have to come in and ask for another extension. It allows more authority and control for the Board of Selectmen to make sure licenses aren't just sitting stagnant while things are waiting," Borowski said. "I have no objection even pushing it out further assuming that people are actually making progress and at least making a good fail effort to get said license."

Selectmen officially unanimously approved the ownership change request at the May 18 meeting welcoming Aspin Blue LLC to the town.

Three Charlton students to attend Boy's State Conference



Henry Weiland



Eli Harmon



Trevor Wallace

CHARLTON — The Charlton American Legion Post 391 is pleased to announce the selection of three Charlton high school students as delegates to represent the Charlton American Legion and Shepherd Hill Reg'l High School at the 2021 Massachusetts Boy's State Conference.

Henry Weiland and Eli Harmon, both members of the Senior class, and Trevor Wallace, a Junior, all students of SHRHS and residents of the town of Charlton, were recently selected after a careful and deliberate interview process.

The three young men will join with other rising high school juniors from across the state for a week-long camp from June 12 to June 18 at Stonehill College in Easton, where they will study the workings of the government and the

legal system as part of an American Legion tradition that dates back to 1935. Boy's State is considered one of the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students.

The main goal of the Boy's State program is to increase awareness among young leaders about their responsibility to their peers and themselves to participate in the democratic process. A large part of the program is devoted to the organization and operation of mock municipal and state government. During the week all students are required to attend classes in government, law, and economics.

Weiland is Class Treasurer and Class Salutatorian of the Senior Class and will be attending Harvard University next year. Henry participated in Track and cross country during his four years at Shepherd Hill. He is the son of Paul and Amy Schwalbe of Charlton and Philip Weiland of Huron, Ohio.

Harmon is a member of the Senior Class and

is the Captain of the Track and Cross Country teams at Shepherd Hill. Eli plans on attending Assumption University in the fall. He is the son of Len and Janet Harmon of Charlton.

Wallace is Class Valedictorian of the Junior class and a member of the school's National Honor Society. Trevor participated in Varsity Track, TriM music society and the school band. He is the son of Devon and Bonnie Wallace of Charlton.

All of the students who took part in the interview process were from Charlton and were recommended by their teachers as well as their guidance departments.

It is fitting that this experience of Boys State should give them their first glimpse of the issues they will face on a larger scale as they grow into adults and voting citizens. In the past, the program has produced a U.S. President, Senators, Congressmen, Governors, attorneys and leaders in the business world throughout the nation.

Nursing student shines spotlight on vital role of school nurses



Angela Letourneau

CHARLTON — Angela Letourneau of Auburn applauds the work of the school nurses at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School.

In a letter she sent to the Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Letourneau expressed gratitude at the opportunity to observe school nurses Deborah Grenier, RN and Lynn Coleman, RN. Both school nurses have risen to the occasion since the pandemic began last year. In addition to the school nurses' traditional responsibilities, they manage and monitor COVID-19.

Although hesitant at first, Letourneau thought school nursing was probably a field she would not be interested in. After spending two full days of school nurse observation, her opinion has

changed.

Letourneau stated, "I have a completely new outlook, and what a wonderful experience it was to observe the school nurses."

Grenier and Coleman were both "welcoming and amazing!" enthusiastically shared Letourneau. The school nurses "share a unique bond with the students and it melts my heart," said Letourneau.

For Bay Path Regional Vocational High School students, the school nurses' office is "a safe place to come get medical attention or just to have an ear that's open to listening to them," said Letourneau.

Further, Letourneau added that with school nursing, "there is a lot more than giving a student a Band-Aid, or anything else they come in for. It is getting to know each student and their specific needs and problems."

Grenier and Coleman completely impressed Letourneau with the great relationship they had not just with each other but with everyone at the Bay Path community. The school nurses care for physical and mental health including care coordination. Letourneau's school nurse observation experience highlighted the complex and important job of the school nurses and showed their ability to adapt to challenging circumstances to care for students and the Bay Path community.

Letourneau is a 1998 graduate of North High School in Worcester. She obtained her Nursing Assistant Certificate from the American Red Cross in 1999, a Phlebotomy Certificate from Quinsigamond Community College in 2002, EMT-B Certificate from METCA in 2008 and most recently, Care Manager Training Certificate in 2018 from All Care Plus Pharmacy in Northborough. She works as an Anesthesia Technician at Shields Surgery Center in Shrewsbury. She is the Chair of the 2021 Cohort's UNICEF Club.

Internships to be offered at the Auburn Historical Society and Museum



AUBURN — The Auburn Historical Society has developed an internship program for high school and college students at the Auburn Historical Museum, 41 South St. in Auburn.

Projects interns will work on include:

Categorizing and organizing historic photographs and documents to prepare for digitization

Researching topics in the history of the Town of Auburn

Data input for our Holstrom Digital Archives

Assisting with creating and running public programs

Learning and gaining hands-on experience in the creating, care, and maintenance of an historical museum's exhibits and facilities

Each unpaid internship is tailored to the individual and their interests. It is a great opportunity for high school and college students, scouts, youth

groups, and those looking to fulfill community service hours or to gain work experience.

For more information on this program, please contact Helen Poirier, internship coordinator at auburnmuseum@verizon.net.

The Auburn Historical Society and Museum is open year-round every Tuesday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and offers free admission.



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