



Turley photos by Ben Hernandez

Historical flags decorated the event, all of which played key symbolic roles in the foundation of this country.

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municate with the other towns throughout Massachusetts of the actions of the British in preparation for what they pretty much knew was a coming fight,” said Willette in his speech. In September 1774, South Hadley and Hampshire County began to organize militias, as well as stockpile weapons, ammunition, and gunpowder.

“War was coming,” said Willette. The increased friction between British forces and local armed militias resulted in outright conflict on April 19, 1775 in Lexington and Concord. A day later and South Hadley joined the fight for independence. The speech spotlighted several well-known moments in history, including the establishment of the Continental Army

on June 14, 1775, the appointment of George Washington as the nation’s first commander in chief, his arrival in Cambridge on July 3, and the declaration of the “United Provinces of North America” on July 4.

However, the speech focused on lesser-known local figures that etched their names in history. The speech honored Caesar Cambridge, a slave from South Hadley who enlisted in the Continental Navy, bought his freedom through his naval stipend, then went on to sign up for service in the Continental Army to rejoin the fight for independence.

Maureen Richardson, a representative of the Revolutionary War re-enactment troupe the 25th Continental, recalled the life of Deborah Sampson. The nicknamed ‘Heroine of Massachusetts’

enlisted in the Continental Army, then created a service record so impressive and undeniable that she was granted an honorable exception by John Hancock, as it was illegal for women to serve at the time. She went on to be granted an honor by General Henry Knox, which allowed her to successfully retire.

Massachusetts state representative Homar Gómez then took the stand. He spoke about the nation’s founding, the importance of a free democracy, and surprised the lead speaker with an award honoring his service and his wider dedication towards the local community.

The proceedings included multiple speeches from South Hadley’s historical societies, a commemorative plaque honoring South Hadley residents that contribut-

ed towards the war effort, a plaque replacement ceremony honoring French and Indian War and Revolutionary War veteran John Frink Sr., a reading of lost veteran’s names, an extensive exhibition of flags utilized throughout the Revolutionary War and the nation’s founding, and a fife and drum presentation. The

presentation was punctuated by a three-musket salute performed by the reenactment society.

The ceremony concluded with a changing of the flags at veteran’s graves, the replacements of which were provided by American Legion Post 260 and switched out by South Hadley residents. It

was a reminder that history is not only an echo of the past, but a present reminder of the people that make it daily.

“There are many voices,” said Bob Delisle, a local war reenactment troop member in attendance. “It’s the idea of keeping history alive and trying to give the correct history.”

Legal Notices

**Legal Notice
Board of
Water Commissioners
Fire District No.2
South Hadley, Massachusetts
Request For Proposals For
Antenna Lease On The
Skinner Lane Water Tank
Advertisement for Requests
for Proposals**

Sealed proposals for a 25-year lease of antenna space on the Skinner Lane Tank Site on the corner of Skinner Lane and Chil-eab Road, located near the center of South Hadley, and is overlooking Amherst Road/Rte. 116 area.

Sealed proposals for the lease of cellular or other type antenna space with a starting minimum bid of \$2928.20 per month with 10% increases every 5 years for the duration of the lease will be received by the Board of Water Commissioners at their office at 20 Woodbridge Street South, Hadley MA, 01075, **until 11:00 AM local time on Tuesday May 12, 2026** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud at Fire District No.2 Fire Station. The bid envelope shall be address to the attention of Timothy Cauley, and clearly marked **PROPOSAL FOR SKINNER LANE TANK ANTENNA LEASE.**

Contract Documents may be examined and secured at the office of South Haley Fire District No.2 Water Department, 20 Woodbridge Street, South Hadley, MA 01075, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 2:30 PM, Monday thru Friday, legal holidays excluded.

The successful proposals are subject to the applicable laws, rules and regulations governing such an installation as well as the Special Permit process with the Town of South Hadley Planning Board and their applicable fees in its entirety.

As applicable fees for this installation will be the responsibility of the successful proposal in its entirety.

No proposals may be withdrawn with-in thirty (30) days after the date of opening of proposals.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals or to accept any proposal, which in their opinion is in the public interest to do so.

Board of Water Commissioners
Fire District No.2
South Hadley, Massachusetts
04/24/2026

**Town of Granby
Board of Appeals**

The Granby Board of Appeals will hold the following Public Hearings on **May 04, 2026**, at the Carnegie Building, Top Floor, 1-Library Lane, Granby MA 01033.

6:00 PM- to consider the petition of Linda Healy, Applicant/ Owner seeking a variance of Section III- Regulations, 3, Table 2. - Dimensional and Density Regulation, regarding insufficient minimum side setbacks regarding proposed construction of a garage on a preexisting non-conforming foundation located at 128 South Street, known as Map 5B-A-1 in the Town of Granby, MA.

In addition to the above hearing, the Board of Appeals intends to conduct a public meeting following said hearing as time permits. This notice is given pursuant to Chapter 40A and Chapter 39, Section 23B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Steven Nally, Chairman
Granby Board of Appeals
04/17, 04/24/2026



Revolutionary War reenactors pay their respects during the commemorative bell rung in honor of lost veterans.

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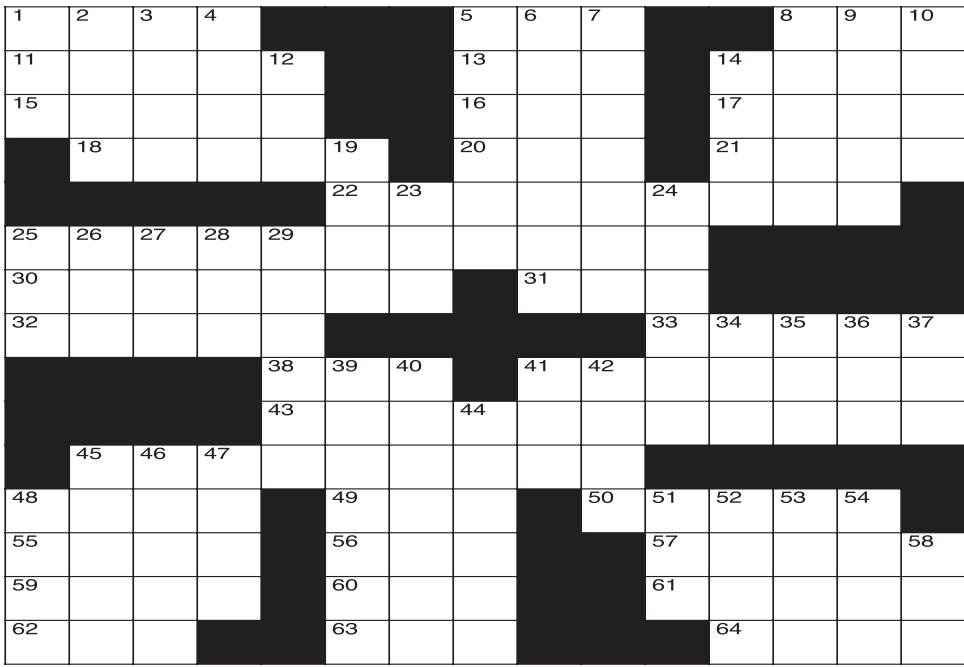


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CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull-god
5. Romanian monetary unit
8. Will Ferrell holiday film
11. “It Ain’t Half Hot Mum” actor
13. Error-related negativity
14. Volcanic crater
15. Boston Herald columnist Margery
16. True market value
17. Italian term for exchange rate
18. Informal loan clubs
20. Men’s fashion accessory
21. Children’s craft supply
22. Extra benefits
25. In an early way
30. A judge has one
31. Soviet Socialist Republic
32. Tractor unit
33. Defunct supercomputer developer
38. Promotional materials
41. A forgetful state
43. One who beheads
45. Photographers
48. Small, rich sponge cake
49. Clergy’s vestment
50. Expressed pleasure
55. Abba __, Israeli politician
56. Zero
57. Ancient Greek word for “earless”
59. Nigerian governmental area
60. Mild expression of surprise
61. Places to hang things
62. Keyboard key
63. Make a mistake

64. One-time president of Republic of Korea

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge building degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, stocky lizard
4. Romanian river
5. Communication
6. Stoats
7. Showcases
8. Bird of prey
9. King of Thebes
10. Cleaving tool
12. Large African antelope
14. Three are particularly notable
19. Meet one’s needs
23. C. European river
24. Dictator
25. Indicates how much out of 100 (abbr.)
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. Consume food
28. Woman (French)
29. Scrape a surface
34. Green vegetable
35. Pacific Standard Time
36. Capital of Brazilian city
37. Paddle
39. Cause to become insane
40. Drier and flakier
41. Mimic
42. ESPN personality Kimes
44. One who moves slowly
45. Secret political clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Supernatural force
48. Sanctuary
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish white
53. Engrave by coating
54. North Carolina university
58. Midway between south and southeast