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## Natick awarded \$1M grant for dam removal

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The Town of Natick has landed \$1 million in state grant money that will be used to help fund removal of the Charles River Dam in South Natick.

In a press release, the state Executive Office of Environmental and Energy Affairs announced the release of more than \$10 million in grants for dam-related pro-

jects. Of that, \$1 million is going toward the South Natick dam removal project.

Natick Town Administrator James Erickson said the funding is helpful as the town exits the permitting phase of the project. He told the Daily News that now that the state has cleared both state and federal permitting, it’s just a matter of time, as work won’t happen immediately.

“The reality is that the timing of this project is more contingent on seasonality, meaning we have to wait until it’s a

lower rain season to do this work,” Erickson said. “I believe that’s next summer, like July time frame is my understanding.”

In 2022, the Natick Select Board voted 4-1 to remove the dam, an aesthetic spillway and fish ladder that has fallen into disrepair. Experts say breaching the spillway will make the area more resistant to flooding, a concern that has grown in recent years due to more intense weather activity.

**Demolition of dam expected to start next summer**

The Charles River Dam is classified as a high-hazard dam. In Massachusetts, high-hazard dams are located where failure will likely cause loss of life and serious damage to homes, industrial, commercial facilities, important public utilities, highways or railroads.

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Tire marks can be seen on the lawn of a home at 100 A St., after a teenager lost control of the Ford Mustang he was operating after leaving Framingham High School on Sept. 8. The teen drove across the lawn before striking a car that was parked in the driveway. No injuries were reported. JOHN WALKER/DAILY NEWS AND WICKED LOCAL STAFF

## ‘IT HAS GOTTEN A LOT WORSE’

### Neighbors say accident near Framingham High was coming

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FRAMINGHAM — Since the first day of school two weeks ago, Jacquilina Shanklin said students have been speeding past her A Street home at all hours of the day when leaving Framingham High School. She said she contacted the schools and police to complain,

worried something would happen.

On Monday, it did.

“The accident occurred today,” said Shanklin. “The kid came out of the high school parking lot, popped on his gas to take the corner quick and ‘drift,’ and he flew into my yard and crashed into my car.”

Shanklin said her car was parked in the driveway, “and it’s now totaled.”

Shanklin said there are about 10 stu-

dents who drive dangerously as they leave school each day — often several times a day. She said they often hang out in the parking lot and leave several hours after school ends, sometimes as late as 10 p.m.

Shanklin said she has lived at 100 A St. for about 11 years, but that the teen driving problems only started about

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## Non-tenured faculty at Wellesley College reach deal

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Months after going on strike, the union representing certain Wellesley College faculty has ratified a new three-year contract with the college, after more than a year of negotiations.

The college’s non-tenure track faculty voted 80-1 to ratify the contract, according to the union’s website. The union, the Wellesley Organized Academic Workers, stated that it reached a tentative agreement with the college on Aug. 29, with the ratification vote occurring on Sept. 5.

“Over the past fifteen months, we have bargained fiercely, organized tirelessly, and conducted a supermajority strike that demonstrated our collective power,” the union’s website reads. “Through these efforts, we have won a fair contract that will set the standard for faculty in higher ed.”

In a Sept. 5 email sent to the Wellesley College community, College Provost Courtney Coile, Dean of the College Lia Poorvu and Chief Human Resources Officer Carolyn Slaboden said the contract goes into effect immediately.

The email was posted to Wellesley College’s website.

According to the email, the new contract includes higher starting salaries, adjustments associated with a new salary scale and a more than 10% increase in salary “across-the-board” over the three-year contract period.

Faculty previously told the Daily

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