

## HANOVER TOWN MEETING



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Dartmouth freshman Sofia Uribe, 18, votes for the first time at the Hanover Town Meeting polls on Tuesday. Uribe said the housing related articles on the ballot were important to her because she struggled to secure housing for next year. Both Hanover and Newport held their Town Meeting voting on Tuesday. Results will be posted online at <https://vnews.com/town-meeting-2026/> when they're available.

## HANOVER

# Board to hear studio plan

### Art teacher proposes classes on Lyme Road

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HANOVER — Since Cutting's Northside Cafe closed two years ago, the space it occupied on Lyme Road has remained empty.

Now, a former art teacher from Norwich plans to use a portion of the building as a teaching studio for children and adults in the Upper Valley.

But first, she needs permission from the town to open an art studio at 62 Lyme Road because retail use is not permitted in the district without a special exception to the zoning ordinance. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is scheduled to consider the case at a meeting in two weeks.

Jenny Ellis worked for 20 years as the art teacher at Rivendell Academy in Orford before leaving last year with the goal of opening her own studio. Despite the positive experience she had at the school, she was ready for a change in approach.

"I never want to grade a piece of artwork again," said Ellis. "I just want to make artwork for the joy."

She happened to stroll by the Lyme Road building months ago and considers it a perfect spot for after-school art classes, specifically for children in 3rd through 8th grades. The property in question is across from Rich-

*"The idea is it's a studio for exploring and expressing."*

JENNY ELLIS

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## WHITE RIVER JUNCTION

# Shooting case hearing is postponed

### Man currently incarcerated in Grafton County

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WHITE RIVER JUNCTION — A hearing for a man involved in what police have described as a botched robbery that resulted in fatal shooting in Hartford last summer was rescheduled on Monday, just hours before it was to occur.

Jeffrey Mullins' pre-sentence investigation is now slated to be completed by July 25, Windsor

Superior Court Judge Elizabeth Mann wrote in a court filing approving the state's motion to cancel Monday's status conference.

A pre-sentence investigation culminates in a report prepared by a probation officer detailing a defendant's criminal history to assist a judge in final sentencing.

Mullins, 46, of Rindge, N.H., is awaiting sentencing after signing a plea agreement with prosecutors in November 2025. He agreed to plead guilty to one felony count of accessory to attempted assault and robbery in connection with the August 2025 incident in Hartford that resulted

in the death of David Labrecque, 65, of Canaan, who was shot and killed outside a home on Verna Court.

Jordan Handy, Mullins' attorney in the Vermont case, declined to comment when reached by phone on Tuesday. He deferred questions on Monday's cancellation to the prosecutor in the case, Franklin Paulino, of the Windsor County Attorney's Office.

In a motion filed in Windsor Superior Court on Monday morning, Paulino sought the continuation of the status conference after learning that Mullins will be in jail until July.

Mullins, who is incarcerated in Grafton County Jail, "will serve 120 days and he had 36 days credit, which makes his expected release date July 15, 2026, where he will be on New Hampshire probation," the state's motion says.

A voice message left for Paulino was not immediately returned on Tuesday.

Two years before the attempted robbery in Hartford, Mullins received a sentence of 12 months in Grafton County Jail on a misdemeanor conviction of criminal trespass, which was de-

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# Claremont board approves apartments, townhouses

### Proposal calls for 78 units on 18 acres off Washington St.

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CLAREMONT — The Planning Board unanimously approved a site plan for a 68-unit apartment building and 10 townhouses on a mostly vacant parcel at the eastern end of Washington Street, not far from the

intersection with Roberts Hill Road.

The board's approval came at a Monday meeting after about an hour of discussion that included a presentation of the project plans by Rich Whitehouse, project manager with VHB of Bedford, N.H.

The layout on the 18-acre site includes a driveway entering the property then turning right to the apartment building on the northeast corner of the lot. There would

be 76 parking spaces in front of the three-story building and an underground parking garage.

The townhouses, which will be sold, will sit below the apartments. The plans call for five buildings with two, three-bedroom townhouses in each.

"We hope to put them on the market for \$550,000 to \$650,000," developer Gilberto Aleixo Filho, of Hampton Falls, N.H., said Tuesday.

The board had no objections to

the project though members did ask a number of questions related to traffic, a wetlands crossing and parking. The only point where there was some minor disagreement came when board member Bruce Kolenda said he would like to see a right-hand turning lane into the development, which is on the northern side of the street.

Washington Street is a four-lane road where it passes in front of the property and Kolenda said drivers

often exceed the speed limit.

"I would like to see a left- and right-hand turning lane," Kolenda said. "Drivers are not slowing down."

But others on the board did not see the need. The final approval only required a left-hand turning lane approaching from the west.

A traffic study conducted in the area of the development found that

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### MAN SHOOTS ROUNDS AT DRIVERS

A man previously convicted of shooting at police strode down a busy road outside Boston, firing an assault-style rifle at passing cars, shooting two drivers and sending others scrambling until he was wounded when a state trooper and a former Marine opened fire.

JESSICA RINALDI/Globe Staff



# Longtime land trust leader to retire

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HANOVER — The Upper Valley Land Trust's longtime leader will end her nearly 40-year tenure at the Hanover-based land conservation organization this summer.

Jeanie McIntyre, who joined the organization as its

part-time bookkeeper in 1987 and became its president in 1995, will retire June 30.

"I believe it's important for leaders not to stick around too long," McIntyre, 66, said in a Tuesday phone interview. "I knew that this was the right time."

The organization, which

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### BIG GREEN FOOTBALL WRAPS UP SPRING PRACTICE

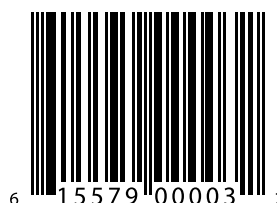
On Saturday, Dartmouth's football team finished the spring season with its annual spring game.

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