

John "Mick" Michael Jones

John "Mick" Michael Jones, 48, of Windsor Locks, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, January 11, 2025. He was born in Midwest City, Oklahoma on April 7, 1976, the son of the late John Wayne Jones and Sandra Lee (McCoart) Jones.

Mick was a resident of Windsor Locks for over 20 years and worked as an estimator in the construction industry. He was known for his strong work ethic, dedication to his craft and handyman services in the community.

In addition to his professional life, Mick had a passion for golf and spent many hours on the course with his son and MB buddies. He also had a deep love for collecting LEGOs, a hobby that brought him great joy and satisfaction. However, it was his family that meant the most to him. Mick cherished every moment spent



with his loved ones and will be remembered for the warmth, love, and laughter he brought to their lives.

Mick is survived by his beloved partner, Jody Benton; his daughter, Kylie Jones; his son, Chase Jones; his stepdaughter, Halyn Valley; his brothers, James and Chuck Jones; his sister, Joanna

Cordes; his many nieces and nephews, and his best friend Koji. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of life is planned for Saturday, Jan. 18 at The Grill at Copper Hill: 20 Copper Hill Road, East Granby, CT 06026. All are welcome to join any time between 12 to 4 p.m.

For online condolences, please visit www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com. For those looking to support his family, in lieu of flowers, please consider donating at <https://gofund.me/875b96c7>.

DEATH NOTICE

Jones, John "Mick" Michael
Died Jan. 11
Celebration of life Jan. 18
Windsor Locks Funeral Home

The Holyoke Sun OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries. One is a free, brief Death Notice listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place. The other is a Paid Obituary, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com. Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

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They have received the community development block grant that is helping to fund the sidewalk replacement and they will be using Chapter 90 money to fund the various pavement projects.

Moreover, the DPW has applied to a variety of different grants to help fund potential new projects.

They have applied the Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant, which they hope to receive an update about in the spring.

"We applied for the SWIFR grant to upgrade our recycling collection system," Rossi said.

That grant, if the DPW receives it, would allow them to implement that National Recycling Strategy.

According to the grant website, this would improve post-consumer materials management and infrastructure; support improvements to local post-consumer materials management and recycling programs; and assist local waste management authorities in making improvements to local waste management systems.

The DPW will be posting updates on their different projects on their Facebook page, at <https://www.facebook.com/HolyokeDPW/>, as well as the DPW website.

The website will be updated within the next week or so, so that they will have information on all of their construction projects, paving projects or any other projects that may impact residents available on there.

This website can be found at <https://www.holyoke.org/departments/public-works/>.

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Mantolesky proposed that they could hire the person already doing similar work for the fire department.

"The fire department also has a municipal hearings officer within their own department...he is doing their appeals, so it would be very, very similar to what he is doing in that role so I don't see why he can't also take this position," Mantolesky said.

Councilor Meagan Magrath-Smith also brought forward the option of potentially doing a group hire of the

position with other communities in the area.

"The municipal hearings officer is shared between Amherst, Belchertown, East Hampton, Hadley and Northampton," Magrath-Smith said. "They have an intergovernmental contract where they together have one municipal hearings officer."

The law department, the building department and the ordinance committee will look into this issue further.

For financing the position, the city council could either approve a rate or a general lump sum stipend.

This position has existed in the city

before, so the law office plans to look into the past rate the city used to get a starting point for the updated salary.

They also know that there is a base reimbursement rate of \$2,500 specified within the law for this position.

The committee tabled the matter so the law department could come back next meeting with ordinance language, the job description and the pay information.

They also requested that the law department meet with Mayor Joshua Garcia so they could discuss what appropriation would be necessary to create this position.

CONTRACT, from page 1

Jourdain, Ocasio and Sullivan had all brought up concerns about the union contract containing department heads, the amount of vacation time included in the contract and the flex time granted within it.

"I certainly will not be voting to expand to yet another massive quantity of people all of these additional vacation benefits that we cannot afford," Jourdain said. "These absolute giveaways of vacation time are just outrageous."

According to Jourdain, the flex time would apply to department heads as well as those working under them. Jourdain did not feel comfortable allowing a transfer that would approve of this.

"No past or future mayor should be required to be hamstrung by that type of expensive requirement that there has

to be the payment of flextime," Jourdain said. "If the mayor needs you for 40 hours this week, you are not entitled to automatically five more hours and to create this rule is expensive to the taxpayers."

Overall, Jourdain and some other councilors did not feel comfortable supporting such a large increase given how much taxpayers were already paying.

Other councilors brought up the point that those under the contract are taxpayers and constituents as well.

"These are folks who are our constituents and are also having a hard time making ends meet," Councilor Juan Anderson-Burgos said.

They did not want to deny people the raises that they had negotiated for under this contract.

Additionally, the council was also conscientious of the fact that the union

had spent many hours putting this contract together with the city for it to go to the council.

"To say that we're not going to pay retro for a contract that has been in negotiation for a year and a half, it seems like a waste of everyone's time and I think it is kind of short sighted," Givner said.

Also, Givner pointed out that the adding of vacation time is an attempt to prevent the buy back of vacation time, which is a highly costly problem for the city.

"It is my understanding that this added week vacation is a substitute in order to get rid of the vacation buyback," she said. "So I think that is actually a big money saver for the city."

Jourdain also brought forward concerns on whether or not this contract was even possible, as it includes

retroactive pay.

"You cannot use current fiscal year money to pay bills from prior fiscal years," Jourdain said.

However, Attorney Michael Bissonette disagreed, citing that the city had done this prior and it was allowed under the law.

"The law department's negotiations are usually informed under Chapter 44, Section 68, on retro salary that allows for...the initiation of contract negotiations like this one," he said.

Magrath-Smith, Murphy-Romboletti, Israel Rivera, Jenny Rivera, Anderson-Burgos, Devine and Givner voted against the decision to deny the transfer, making it a 7-6 vote.

The council then made a motion to reconsider their actions and to send the matter back to committee where it could be discussed further.

Public Notices

City of Holyoke PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Holyoke Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, February 4, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.**, in the City Hall Annex, Room 403, Holyoke MA to hear the petition of Mark Hoey, who is requesting an appeal from the zoning officer notice of determination letter dated 09/03/2024 and violation letter dated 11/06/2024, from Section 4.6.3/4.6.1, at a property known as 25 Cleveland St (095-00-034).

A complete copy of the application may be seen in the Office of Planning & Economic Development, 20 Korean Veterans Plaza, Rm 401, 8:30-4:30, M-F.

Applicant: Mark Hoey

Board of Appeals:
Josh Knox
01/17, 01/24/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD25P0009EA

Estate of:
Robert F Kane, Jr.
Date of Death: 11/05/2024
**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Brittney A Kane of Mount Orab, OH**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Brittney A Kane of Mount Orab, OH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform

Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 01/17/2025

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court**

Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD25P0052EA
Estate of:
Nancy L Lynch
Also known as:
**Nancy B Lynch,
Nancy Barton Lynch**
Date of Death: 11/03/2024
**CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Edward B Lynch of Marstons Mills, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Edward B Lynch of Marstons Mills, MA** be appointed as Personal

Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/10/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

**UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION**

UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 13, 2025

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
01/17/2025