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EBBING INTEREST IN RENEWABLE ENERGY - Selectmen discussed wind turbines and solar panels as alternative energy sources for the town at their last meeting, but decided the concept was not feasible, Selectman Stephen Dungan said. Solar panels are expensive and require extensive space, and wind speeds in Stow are so low that wind turbines are not a viable option, he said. Selectmen also are involved in too many other activities right now to take on such a large project, he said. - Matt Gunderson

SUDBURY

LEGAL HELP FOR ELDERS - Free legal information is available to senior citizens through the Sudbury Council on Aging. Denise Yurkofsky, a lawyer specializing in elder law, will provide free, 20-minute consultations at the Senior Center from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday. Interested seniors may call 978-443-3055 for an appointment. - John M. Guilfoil

WAYLAND

GUIDANCE ON TAXES - The town's Council on Aging is offering the services of several volunteers trained by the AARP to help low- and moderate-income seniors with their federal and state income-tax returns. The council is scheduling appointments for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Feb. 5. Participants should bring their tax returns from 2006, year-end statements from any financial accounts, any 1099 forms, and W-2 or W-2P forms for wages, pensions, annuities, or other income. For more information, call the council at 508-358-2990. - John M. Guilfoil

Westborough

NEW ROLE ON LEADERSHIP COUNCIL - The Westborough-based Female Leadership Interest Council, a nonprofit organization that seeks to expand opportunities for women in business, has appointed Lisa Kirby Gibbs of Worcester to oversee its new scholarship and grant programs for young women. Gibbs is the owner of Highland-March Executive Suites in Westborough. Council founder Deborah Penta said she hopes in the next few years to raise as much as \$100,000 to fund business training for women. Fund-raising events will include lectures like the one the council organized in November featuring activist Gloria Steinem. The council will host a lecture by author Char Margolis from noon to 1:30 p.m. today at Mechanic's Hall in Worcester. For more information, visit the organization's website, femaleleaders.org. - John Dyer

Around the region

Ashland

WATER EMERGENCY SUBSIDING - The significant amount of precipitation over the past several months has helped Ashland ease off its temporary reliance on water from Southborough, according to Assistant Town Manager Mark Purple. The emergency use was due to the severe drought conditions last summer and into the fall, which dropped the level of the town's drinking water source, the Hopkinton Reservoir, more than 7 feet below

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