

Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce Networking Event to Feature 2026 Gubernatorial Candidate, Mike Kennealy

(Palmer, MA – July 14, 2025) – The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce’s After 5 networking event on Wednesday, August 6 beginning at 5pm at the Monson Free Library will feature an appearance by 2026 Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate, Mike Kennealy (R).

The Chamber’s After 5 networking events allow local business leaders to connect and exchange ideas and opportunities in an informal setting. The August After 5 at the Monson Free Library will include a tour and information on Library activities and programs, as well as a meet and greet and Q&A session with Kennealy.

In 2018, Kennealy was appointed by Governor Charlie Baker as Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, a role in which he visited more than 150 cities and towns in Massachusetts and built relationships with local governments and community leaders. Kennealy joined Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito’s administration as Assistant Secretary for Business Growth in 2015, playing a key role in shaping the administration’s strategies for business development and job creation. More than 215,000 new jobs were created in Massachusetts during his tenure.

"I’m thrilled to join the dedicated business leaders of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce. It’s the work of our local entrepreneurs, job creators, and community leaders that truly drives the Commonwealth forward," said Kennealy. "I look forward to engaging with members of the business community to discuss how government can be a true partner in fostering economic growth, supporting innovation, and revitalizing our communities. Together, we can build a stronger, more prosperous Massachusetts."

"The Chamber is proud to welcome Secretary Kennealy to the Quaboag Hills region for this special event. We are thrilled to give our constituents the opportunity to hear directly from the candidate, share concerns, ideas and solutions as business leaders and residents of the Commonwealth", said James Przypek, Chief Executive Officer of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Sponsors of the Chamber’s August After 5 include Monson Savings Bank, Cedarbrook Village at Ware and Superior Plus Propane. Registration to the Chamber’s networking



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events are open to members and non-members alike at qhma.com. The August After 5 will also include food and refreshments from The Better Bean café in Monson.

About the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1978 and headquartered in Palmer, MA, the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce's purpose is to advance economic growth, interests and tourism for our members through policies, programs and development in the Quaboag Hills region, including the fifteen towns of Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren, and West Brookfield.

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