



And they came to *The Town Meeting*, the play at the Nottingham School

*The Town Meeting*, The Play – a Great success

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On Saturday night, May 21, 2022, and Sunday afternoon, May 22, 2022, folks gathered to watch the production of Rebecca Rules' classic 2005 play, *The Town Meeting*. And the large audience both times was not disappointed. They laughed and really enjoyed the play- a comedy in two acts. The cast had been in rehearsal since the [auditions](#) on March 12, 2022. It was part of Nottingham's yearlong celebration of its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was directed by Claire Burbank and Cassidy Green.



Left to right Claire Burbank and Cassidy Green.

Claire is completing her sophomore year at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. She loves theater and singing. She has been the singing director of a youth production of *Into the Woods*. She has played many roles in numerous productions including Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*, Sally in *Charlie Brown*, the orphan in *Annie*, and Alice in *Alice in Wonderland*. She has authored 13 anti-bullying books including [Sassy Tomatoes](#), which is available at Liar's Paradise. She plans to attend an arts college and major in singing. And Cassidy Green is finishing her Freshman year at Dover High School. She has sung the National Anthem at the following events: Veterans' Day assemblies at the Nottingham School, a women's basketball game at Southern New Hampshire University, and 3 opening days for the Nottingham little league. She too has played many roles in numerous productions including Annie in *Annie*, an Oomphloomph in *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, the Princess in *The Little Mermaid*, and a tree in *Into the Woods*. She has attended and is now part of the Nottingham's Recreation Department summer drama camp staff. She plans a career in the arts.



The cast picture by Kathy Noni

Here is the **CAST OF CHARACTERS** and *Who is playing them:* TOWN OFFICIALS- MODERATOR -- town meeting veteran -- *Mark Deyo*, Clerk GLADIE B .aka town clerk *Regan Zimmermann*, TURTLE TUTTLE -- Selectman *Bill Burbank* PTA LADIES MEG - *Ellen Lapiejko*, **POLICE OFFICERS** CHIEF – *Shawn Green*, Deputy RICKY JELLY -- --*Christi Green*, **GOOCHES** MA GOOCH-- *Kathy Noni*, OLD GOOCH -- Ma's father --*Steve Soreff*, BABY GOOCH -- Ma's younger daughter --*Madelyn Moss*, NOAH GOOCH--baby Gooch's younger brother--*Mathew Moss*, STELLA GOOCH ENRIGHT --Ma's cousin -*Wendy Green*, **THE FUGITIVE** MICKEY ENRIGHT – the estranged husband of the beautiful Stella --*Peter White* OTHERS ROBERTA -- the dump mistress -- *Tess Kouchouko*, ESTHER CRAWFORD FOX – the oldest person in town --*Peggy Tucker*, and ATTORNEY CHRIS GOOCHE -- working for Mickey. --*Claire Burbank*.

Spoiler alert. The town police did get a new cruiser. Gladie B and the Moderator planned to get married. Roberta and Meg did write a short novel on the importance of listening to your neighbors. Mickey did get out of jail and was on the mend with Stella. People finally learned to call Richarda. There is no evidence of Mafia in Nottingham. And Esther begrudgingly accepted the Boston Post Cane.



Esther Crawford Fox aka Peggy Tucker

As a postscript, the cane used in the play was the actual Boston Post Cane on loan from [Ruth “Hike” E. Twombly](#), the Nottingham resident who is the holder of it. At the Second Annual Nottingham Earth Fest, on Saturday, September 21, 2019, the Nottingham Historical Society presented her with the Boston Post Cane.



Both shows were great for both audiences and the cast. Thanks also to Steve Welch and the entire 300<sup>th</sup> Committee.