

# Happy 260th Birthday

On Sept. 23, the town of Westford will mark its 260th birthday, albeit with less fanfare than it did for the 250th a decade ago. The town charter, passed and published on Sept. 23, 1729 defined the boundaries in the 'township by the name of Westford' as follows: 'Beginning at the southeast corner, at a heap of stones, being the bounds between Chelmsford and the said town of Westford; thence running north to a chestnut tree, marked and stones about it; so running on a straight line north to a pine tree, marked at Col. Tyng's farm; thence southerly by the Groten line till it comes to Littleton land; then by Littleton land southerly or southeasterly till it come to Concord line; thence easterly on Concord line to the bounds first mentioned.'



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A popular drawing shows Westford Center circa 1900, with Hildreth Street heading toward common from the foreground and Boston Road leading south to right. Note the picket fence around town hall.