#### TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL 7 MAIN STREET - WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588 October 3, 2016 AT 7:00 PM REVISED

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#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES A. August 15, 2016 NORTHBRIDGE TOWN CLERK B. September 12, 2016 [Executive Session]<sup>1</sup>E

RECEIVED

- II. PUBLIC HEARING
- III. C. RESIGNATIONS / Gretchen Tucker, Cultural Council
   D. APPOINTMENTS/Patricia Corkum, Cultural Council / Present: Christine Fung-a-fat

#### IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT Local Business Spotlight: Clarks Dog Training / Present: Beth Clark

#### V. DECISIONS

E. Warrant posting locations/Vote to revise Precinct 4 posting locations

F. Shining Rock Drive [remaining portion of]/Vote to layout the remaining portion of Shining Rock Drive located in the Shining Rock Golf Community residential subdivision/Present: Brian Massey
G. Playground & Recreation Commission/Request Board of Selectmen to accept the Jimmy Poulin Memorial located at the Skateboard Park on Church Street / Present: Michelle Poulin

**H.** Alternatives Unlimited, Inc. / Application for a Sunday Entertainment License / Present: Cristi Collari I. Peter Lacasse d/b/a Olde New England Antique & Art Centre, LLC / Application for a Junk Dealer's License located at 116 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 / Present: Peter Lacasse

J. Mumford Knights of Columbus #365 / Application for a Change of Manager [James Masterson/ Present: Plato Adams - deferred to a future meeting

**K.** Blackstone Valley Gardeners / Request to use the Town Common on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 9 AM to 12 PM for a Public Plant Sale

L. Village Congregational Church [Robert G. Sherwood, Pastor]/Request permission to use Memorial Park on Sunday, October 9, 2016, from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. for a worship service
M. Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church [305 Goldthwaite Road]/Request to hang a banner across Church Street from Wednesday, November 9, 2016 to Sunday, November 20, 2016 to advertise a Community Breakfast event on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 9:00 AM at the church

**N.** Northbridge Association of Churches/Request to hold their 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Blackstone Valley Crop Hunger Walk on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 9AM

**O.** MRA Multisport [Alex Rogozenski] /1) Request to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> annual 1<sup>st</sup> Day 5k road race beginning at 11 AM **2**) Request to close down Linwood Avenue between 10:45 AM and Noon

## VI. DISCUSSIONS

P. Pine Grove Cemetery / Present: Kenneth Warchol

**Q.** Conservation Commission - Land clearing update / Present: Richard Chiras and David Pickart **R.** School Committee Resolution regarding Question II

RR. Proposed naming of the Sutton Street Bridge

## VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

#### S. 1. Flu Shot Clinic

- 2. Stormwater Coalition Meeting Update
- 3. International City/County Management Association Conference Update
- 4. Rockdale Youth Center Open House
- **5.** Stretch Code Public Hearing
- 6. Worcester Regional Transit Authority Ridership Update

#### VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

#### X. CORRESPONDENCE

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XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING August 15, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman James Marzec at 7:00 PM, Northbridge Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA. Present: Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Nolan, and Marzec. Selectman Athanas was absent and it is duly noted. **Also Present**: Theodore D. Kozak, Town Manager.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1) June 6, 2016. Selectman Nolan requested the minutes be amended as follows: the opening statement should read the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Ampagoomian. There being no further amendments, a motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve the June 6, 2016 minutes as amended by Selectman Nolan. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan. 2) June 20, 2016. Selectman Nolan requested the minutes be amended as follows: the meeting was called to order by Chairman Marzec and Selectman Ampagoomian and Selectman Melia were absent and it is duly noted. There being no further amendments, a motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Ampagoomian to approve the June 20, 2016 minutes as amended by Selectman Nolan. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan.

Chairman Marzec moved to appointments as it was not yet 7:05PM.

APPOINTMENTS/By the Town Manager: Ryan Levesque, Student Police Officer. Present: Sgt. Brian Patrinelli. Sgt. Patrinelli was present [in place of Chief Warchol who as unable to attend] and introduced Mr. Levesque. Sergeant Patrinelli stated that Chief Warchol is requesting the Town Manager appoint a full-time Police Officer to replace Sergeant Shawn Heney, who is retiring from the Police Department after 36 years of service. Chief Warchol is recommending Ryan Levesque to be appointed to the open position. Mr. Levesque stated he is 25 years old and has lived in Northbridge since 2000. He attended Mount Saint Charles Academy in Woonsocket Rhode Island and then went on to receive his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Bridgewater State University. After college, he became an investigator for a company in Mansfield, Massachusetts. He then became a member of a tactical response team at the nuclear power plant in Seabrook, NH. In June of 2015, he was appointed as a part-time Reserve Officer in Northbridge. Mr. Levesque stated that he is very grateful for the opportunity to become a fulltime Police Officer. Sergeant Patrinelli explained that should the Board accept Chief Warchol's recommendation, Mr. Levesque will be appointed as a Student Police Officer, effective September 12, 2016, which is the first day of the Police Academy, contingent upon the conditions stated in the Chief's recommendation letter. Town Manager Kozak stated that he also recommends the appointment of Mr. Levesque. Selectman Ampagoomian and Selectman Melia congratulated Mr. Levesque on his accomplishments and welcomed him to the Town of Northbridge. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to affirm the Town Manager's appointment of Ryan Levesque as a Student Police Officer, contingent up the conditions stated in his appointment letter. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan.

Chairman Marzec moved to the public hearing as it was now passed the posted hearing time.

PUBLIC HEARING/7:05 PM - Crystal Gas, Inc. [George ElHoussan & Mark ElHoussan], 175 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 / Application to amend their current Underground Storage License from 2-6,000 gallon and 1-4,000 gallon underground gasoline storage tanks to 3-6,000 gallon underground gasoline storage tanks on the above mentioned property. Chairman Marzec read aloud the public hearing notice. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to open the public hearing. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan. Mr. ElHoussan explained that their request, if granted, would help them save some money on the delivery of gas, which would also decrease the cost of gas for the customer as well. Chief Nestor also mentioned that due to the age of the tanks that are currently in the ground, they would eventually be required to replace them at some point before 2018. Chief Nestor explained he had no issues with the application or the request. Selectman Ampagoomian asked what the anticipated time frame is that Crystal Gas would be closed. Mr. ElHoussan answered about a month to a month and a half. No abutters were present. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to close the public hearing. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approved Crystal Gas' request to amend their current underground storage license from 2-6,000 gallon and 1-4,000 gallon storage tanks to 3-6,000 gallon tanks at Crystal Gas, Inc. on the premises of 175 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan.

PUBLIC HEARING/7:10 PM - Jonathan Shenian d/b/a Cappy's Automotive [Jonathan Shenian, Owner] / Application for a Class II - Used Car Dealer's License on the premises of 84 Sutton Street, Northbridge, MA 01534. Chairman Marzec read aloud the public hearing notice. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to open the public hearing. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan. Mr. Shenian explained it was his objective was to buy and sell used cars but that it wasn't his full time job for him. Selectman Melia questioned where exactly 84 Sutton Street was. Mr. Shenian explained there are bays located behind the Rockdale Post Office. He explained the bays were individualized and sold off. Selectman Nolan asked if it was zoned properly. Mr. Shenian replied yes. No abutters were present. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to close the public hearing. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to close the public hearing. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to close the public hearing. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve the application for a Class II - Used Car Dealer's license for Jonathan Shenian d/b/a Cappy's Automotive on the premises of 84 Sutton Street, Northbridge, MA 01534, with the restriction that no more than 6 used cars to be parked on the rear portion of the property. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan.

APPOINTMENTS/By the Board of Selectmen: 1) Worcester County Selectmen's Association/Vote to appoint a voting member. Mr. Ampagoomian volunteered to be the voting member of the Worcester County Selectmen's Association. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Melia to appoint Selectman Ampagoomian to the Worcester County Selectmen's Association as a voting member. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan. 2) Building, Planning, and Construction Committee: Steven Nye / Vote to appoint. Mr. Beaudoin, Chairman of the BPCC, introduced Mr. Nye and stated he was happy to welcome a new member. Mr. Nye said he has lived in town since 2007, and retired from the US Army as a civilian worker 2 years ago. He stated he looks forward to working with the BPCC and believes it will be an interesting committee to be on and looks forward to serving the town. Chairman Marzec asked what his responsibilities were while working at the Natick Research Development & Engineering Center. Mr. Nye explained he managed contracts for the large area maintenance shelter team, which houses helicopters and maintain facilities. Mr. Beaudoin explained that Mr. Nye's skills would be of great value to the BPCC. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Ampagoomian to appoint Mr. Nye to the Building, Planning, and Construction Committee. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan. 3) Local Historic District Study Committee: Crystal Grondin / Vote to appoint. Ms. Grondin introduced herself and stated she has lived in Town her whole life and has always wanted to work for the town or be involved in the Town. She also stated she is a bit of a history buff and thought this committee would be a great start. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to appoint Crystal Grondin to the Local Historic District Study Committee. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan.

**RESIGNATIONS:** John Crawford, Local Historic District Study Committee. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/ Mr. Melia to accept Mr. Crawford's letter of resignation as well as send a thank you letter for his service. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan.

#### CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT / None

Chairman Marzec moved to the following discussion items on the agenda.

Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards [Stretch Code] / Present: Jim Barry, Western MA Regional Coordinator with the Green Communities Division. Jim Barry of the Department of Energy Resources was present to speak about the Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards. Town Manager Kozak explained that Fall Town Meeting warrant will be an article for adopting the Green Communities Stretch Code. He explained the Town checked into this about 5 years ago, but it was tabled due to the strict regulations. Mr. Kozak stated that in the last few years there have been some changes in the program that make the program less onerous for communities to join. Mr. Kozak explained he would be asking the Board to put the article forward tonight. Mr. Barry gave an overview of the Stretch Code. He noted there are 5 qualification criteria items and once the town becomes a green community, the Town will have access to funds for energy efficiency projects within the Town buildings. The program provides up to \$10 million dollars annually in grants and loans to qualifying communities. The 5 qualifications are as follows: 1) adopt as-of-right siting in designated locations for RE/AE generation, or RE/AE R&D, or RE/AE manufacturing. 2) Adopt expedited application/permitting process. 3) establish an energy use baseline inventory with a program to reduce baseline by 20% in 5 years. 4) Purchase fuel efficient vehicles. 5) Require all new residential construction > 3000 ft<sup>2</sup>, and new commercial and industrial real estate construction to minimize life-cycle energy costs. Mr. Barry discussed the stretch code misconceptions. The Stretch Code is not new and experimental but is actually based on the Energy Star home program, which is a Federal program that has been in existence for 20 years. Another concern was it would require tight and unhealthy homes because homes are to be energy efficient and air tight, which is not the case due to the evolution in building science. Another misconception was that homes with oil heat cannot meet the Stretch Code but it is now easier to meet the Code with natural gas. And one of the biggest concerns was that Town residents would be required to update their existing homes if they ever chose to sell. However, the Stretch Code only applies to new residential construction. The Stretch Code applies particularly to insulation, doors, windows, skylights, mechanical equipment, lighting, appliances, building tightness, duct tightness, and renewables. Mr. Barry explained that qualification item 5 would require a Town Meeting Warrant article to adopt the new Board of Building Regulations and Standard (BBRS) Stretch Code. The major difference between the standard building code and the BBRS Stretch Code is the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Energy Rater. The HERS requires hiring a HERS expert to be involved in the process but there are rebates that are currently offered through the Mass Save Program. Selectman Melia asked if passed by the Town would there would be an increase in the cost of building a new home and if so how much. Mr. Barry replied it would be more costly and costs about \$750 - \$1250, which is before applying the rebates. Mr. Barry suggested that if this does go to Town meeting and the Stretch Code is adopted, to adopt it with an effective date of January 1, 2017, as that is when the new Stretch Code policy begins. Selectman Nolan asked if any communities have adopted the Stretch Code and later withdrawn if it is an option. Mr. Barry replied that it is an option and to withdraw would be done so by a town meeting vote and the town would no longer be able to receive new green committee money. Thus far no town has un-adopted the stretch code.

**Tree clearing/Present: Justin Arbuckle, Conservation Commission.** Mr. Arbuckle talked about the tree clearing project and associated issues/concerns. Mr. Arbuckle explained that the project was permitted by the Dept. of Environmental Protection. The continued tree clearing along with questions/complaints from residents led the Conservation Commission to further investigation. The Conservation Commission issued a cease and desist on the property and gained access to the property from the owners. Mr. Arbuckle was able to join the site walk along with the Conservation Agent David Pickart. Four sites were visited. The first was off Rt. 122, which is the landing for the forest clearing project. Mr. Arbuckle explained the landing is a wetland and according to the Forest Cutting Practices Act

[FCPA] Standard 11.05(1) (e) "each area where trees will be cut in a wetland must state the acreage of wetlands to be cut," and noted the wetland was not marked on the contractor's forest cutting plan. Additionally, the standard also requires "no more than 50% of the basal area shall be cut at any one time as single trees or in small patches," and Mr. Arbuckle said the project does not appear to follow the standard in that area. Standard 11.05(2)(b)2 states that "every reasonable effort shall be made to avoid or minimize access through wetland resource areas." Mr. Arbuckle stated the installation of a gravel road does not appear to be an accepted practice of the FCPA and in this case Area A contains a gravel access road. Further into the site, there is a stream and based on examination of Area B, there is a wetland where extensive cutting occurred and that has multiple skid trails across the stream and wetlands. Because more than 50% of the basal area has been removed, cutting in portions of Area B also does not appear to comply with Standard 11.05(1)(e). Standard 11.05(1)(d) states "filter strips that are at least 50 feet wide shall be left along the edges of all water bodies." Large caliber trees that mark the border of the steams that are to remain intact but have been clearly cut, debris has been scattered throughout the area, and logging equipment shouldn't go through any steam without some sort of protection, all of which was not followed. The third area, Area C, is a stream off of East Street where almost all of the tree canopy has been removed and there are skid trails across the stream and wetlands as well. Cutting and logging equipment travelling in Area C also does not appear to comply with the previous cited standards. The wetlands and streams are not shown on the maps included with the Forest Cutting Plan. Mr. Arbuckle explained the cease and desist order is still standing. The DEP agent who prepared the plan and monitored it was asked to attend the Conservation Commission meeting where it was decided that the cease and desist order will be maintained for the property until a resolution is reached. Currently, the resolution is to have the contractor hire a wetlands scientist to fully map all of the wetlands in that area, and put together a restoration plan, which will be enacted before any other work can be completed on this site. Mr. Arbuckle explained the DEP has admitted that some of the flooding on Leland Road is a result of the forest cutting plan due to all of the tree loss. Mr. Pickart is meeting with a DEP representative this week to discuss these issues. Since there are still trucks on the site, the Conservation Commission would like to see the Police Department get involved to monitor the area and log any activity observed. Selectman Ampagoomian asked about the historical stone walls and glacial deposits. Mr. Arbuckle replied it appears the stone wall has been removed, which was brought up at the Conservation Commission meeting but still needs to be discussed further. He stated he feels as though it needs to be brought to the Historic Commission's attention as well. Selectman Nolan asked how Mr. Arbuckle would classify the cooperation with DEP. Mr. Arbuckle stated now that there is hard evidence of all the damage done they seem to be acting rather swiftly. Selectman Melia asked if the owners of the property went directly to the State to obtain the permit to begin clearing the trees. Mr. Arbuckle explained the plan was filed as one complete permit by the developer and not the individual owners of each parcel. The developer had a professional Forestry Agent prepare it and submit it. Selectman Melia asked if it was done correctly. Mr. Arbuckle replied it was. Selectman Melia verified there hadn't been any issues until the plan came out, which led to the code violations and the cease and desist. Mr. Arbuckle agreed and stated the cease and desist could not be issued until the work order was closed out with DEP. Selectman Melia asked what the next steps were. Mr. Arbuckle replied the next step is for the Conservation Commission and the DEP to analyze the situation fully and put a joint proposal together to present to the developer. The Conservation Commission agrees with Mr. Pickart's recommendation for the developer to hire a Wetlands Scientist to accurately map all of the wetlands. Once the wetlands are mapped out, the developer needs to come to the Conservation Commission with a plan to restore the wetlands. Selectman Melia clarified that it would have made more sense to have the restoration plan completed prior to the clearing. Mr. Arbuckle explained if everything is done properly there typically isn't an issue. Chairman Marzec asked if Mr. Arbuckle has had any notification as to what the developers plan is going forward. Mr. Arbuckle stated nothing more than what was discussed at a meeting, which included a change in zoning to allow for 400 housing units and parking for the school. Mr. Arbuckle explained that under the forest cutting plan going forward, all of the wetlands will now have a 100-foot buffer from the edge of the wetlands for the next 5 years. This will significantly limit what can be done in future years. Chairman Marzec asked

hypothetically, what would happen if the developer finds the limits too strict and decides they do not want to invest any more into the project. Mr. Arbuckle explained that is why they are trying to get the DEP involved, because DEP will have the ability and authority to go after them if they were to walk away from it.

Fall Annual Town Meeting [October 25, 2016] / Vote to place articles on warrant. Chairman Marzec announced that Town Manager Kozak would provide a brief summary of each article that the Board is sponsoring on the Fall Annual Town Meeting warrant and then the Board will vote whether to place the articles on warrant. Town Manager Kozak presented the following articles to the Board for their review and recommended that they vote to place them on the Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Article 1: Town Manger Kozak explained this was an annual article that is always on the Fall Town meeting warrant and reported there are currently no prior year bills. Article 2: Town Manager Kozak explained this is also an article that appears on every Fall Town Meeting warrant, which allows budget adjustments to the current fiscal year department budgets as needed or to appropriate additional money if available. At this point in time it is looking like there will be additional funds to appropriate for various departments. Article 3: Town Manager Kozak explained it currently looks like the town will have money to put in the stabilization fund. Article 4: Town Manager Kozak explained this article works in conjunction with the Whitin Community Center for the relocation of the Rockdale Youth Center. The current building on Providence Road in Rockdale will no longer be utilized. The grant program used to update the new facility requires the old building to be demolished and the land turned back to the community. Mr. Kozak explained this article will allow the Town to take over ownership of that property. Selectman Ampagoomian asked if part of the grant included money to raze the building. Town Manager Kozak replied yes. Article 5: Town Manager Kozak explained the Highway Department has requested the purchase of a smaller truck to replace a current vehicle. Article 6: Town Manager Kozak explained that as presented earlier this article goes along with the Green Communities Program. He added that with the changes to the program over the last 5 years, it's more feasible to help the community without being too complicated. Chairman Marzec asked if the Chapter could be inserted into the article where it is currently blank. Town Manager Kozak replied yes once it goes to Town Counsel it will be finalized. Article 7: Town Manager Kozak explained this article was for the Fire Department's new pumper truck that was discussed at the last Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Article 8: Town Manager Kozak explained the article has been requested by the Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials for the restoration of the Rockdale World War I Memorial and will also appear on the ballot with the Fire Department pumper truck as well. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to place articles 1 thru 7 on the warrant as presented above. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan. Town Manager Kozak stated for the record that the warrant closes on Friday, August 26, 2016 at Noon and the warrants discussed above are supported by the Board of Selectmen, however more articles may be submitted.

**Raymond Miller III d/b/a Bull Hound Shuttle, LLC / Vote to approve the application for a Livery License [Present: Raymond Miller].** Raymond Miller explained he has been living in Town for 15 years and was the former owner of the Trading Post. He stated he is looking to start a livery business that will make airport and casino runs using a 12-person passenger van and will also be used for special occasions. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Ampagoomian to approve the application for a livery license for Raymond Miller III d/b/a Bull Hound Shuttle LLC. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan.

Armenian Apostolic Church / Application for a One-day Beer and Wine License for the Annual Picnic to be held Sunday August 21, 2016, from 12 PM to 5:30 PM [Present: Joanne Khoury]. Selectman Ampagoomian stated for the record he will be abstaining from the vote, since he belongs to this Church and works the picnic. Joanne Khoury explained the Armenian Church was looking for a one-day Beer and Wine license for their Annual Picnic. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Nolan to grant the application for a one-day Beer and Wine license for the Armenian Apostolic Church, for Sunday, August

21, 2016, from 12 PM to 5:30 PM. Vote yes/Messrs. Melia, Marzec, and Nolan. Abstain/Mr. Ampagoomian.

**Blue Ribbons Distribution/Present: Barbara Johnson.** Barbara Johnson of the Massachusetts State Police Wives Association, mentioned the Association wants to show support in light of recent events involving police officers by putting up blue ribbons throughout the State in support of all Law Enforcement officers. Ms. Johnson explained the ribbons would be put up on August 20, 2016, and taken down by September 30, 2016. Selectman Ampagoomian questioned if they would be putting the ribbons on any utility poles. Ms. Johnson explained she understands permission would be needed from the utility pole company(ies) and stated they were thinking of keeping it to Town property instead. Selectman Melia expressed that it was a very nice gesture. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to grant permission to the Massachusetts State Police Wives Association to tie blue ribbons on Town-owned property, including the light posts on Church Street in Whitinsville as well as in Rockdale. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan.

**Departmental Reports: Doreen Cedrone, Town Clerk, Robert Fitzgerald, Principal Assessor, Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant, and Julie Harris, Treasurer/Collector.** Town Manager Kozak mentioned that the above Department Heads were present to provide updates on their departments including accomplishments and future needs. The above Department Heads provided their departmental updates covering the period of January 2016 through July 2016. A copy of the Department Heads' reports can be found attached to these minutes.

Town Clerk Doreen Cedrone announced that the State Primary will take place on Thursday, September 8, 2016 from 7 AM until 8 PM.

Selectman Ampagoomian asked Ms. Harris if the Town has a list of abandoned properties that are boarded up or have no one living in them. Ms. Harris explained in most cases, the Town does not know when a property is abandoned because most of the time the taxes are paid to date.

Selectman Marzec asked Ms. Harris if the house on Sutton Street that is boarded up was up to date on taxes. Ms. Harris replied they were up to date.

Selectman Nolan asked Ms. Cedrone when early voting for the Presidential Election will take place. Ms. Cedrone explained early voting will take place on a Saturday approximately 11 days before the Election. Once the primary passes, Ms. Cedrone will share more information as the date gets closer and stated that she is open to suggestions from the Board as far as what hours she will open.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT M. 1) Modernization Bill/Economic Development Bill** - Both Bills were recently passed by Legislature to provide local communities with more opportunities to operate without the State's oversight. The Modernization Bill includes changes in procurement and construction laws, allows new programs for OPEB trust funds and revolving accounts, laws for Assessors, Treasurers, and Accountants to minimize regulations, and more regulations on double telephone pole removal. The Economic Development Bill is a \$500 million dollar program to allow additional economic opportunities including Brownfield recapturing, and Mass Works development in addition to training employees for the modern economy. 2) Council on Aging/RMV Site - The Council on Aging is working with Registry of Motor Vehicles to become a host site to conduct RMV transactions online through a new program called "RMV Near Me". This program will provide additional service locations where senior citizens can receive assistance for routine Registry transactions online. The available transactions will be: license renewals [for licensed drivers younger than age 75], registration renewals, change of address, duplicate license or registration, and how to report a lost or stolen disability placard and how to request a replacement. The program will be implemented sometime after the staff is trained in November. 3) Voluntary Water Ban

Advisory - The Whitinsville Water Company and the town have instituted a voluntary water moratorium, which entails a voluntary restriction on all non-essential outdoor watering to odd/even days. This means that if your house number is an even number (ends in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8), we would ask that you only water on even dates either before 9 am or after 5 pm on that day. And if you house number is an odd number (ends in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), we would ask that you only water on odd dates either before 9 am or after 5 pm on that day. If you have a shared irrigation system, we ask that you set the timer to run only on even days either before 9 am or after 5 pm. 4) Summer Roads Program update - The DPW has completed most of the road work on the Cooper Road, Kelly Road, and Lake Street projects. Additional funds will allow work to be completed on Old Quaker Road and other infrastructure projects such as drainage.

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS: Selectman Melia offered his condolences to the family of Peter Harper who recently passed away. Mr. Harper was the Asst. Plumbing Inspector for the town for many years. Selectman Marzec/1) announced that berms on Cooper Road may not be completed but are still being worked on. 2) asked that in the future the DPW inform homeowners that work will be done on their street so they are able to hookup to town sewer and water at that time instead of digging up the road twice.

A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Nolan to adjourn the public meeting. Vote yes/Messrs. Ampagoomian, Melia, Marzec, and Nolan.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James Athanas, Clerk

/mjw

#### LIST OF DOCUMENTATION

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING - OPEN SESSION**

#### August 15, 2016

#### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 1) June 6, 2016
-Copy of the June 6, 2016 minutes
2) June 20, 2016
-Copy of the June 20, 2016 minutes

#### II. PUBLIC HEARING

**B. 7:05 Crystal Gas, Inc. [George ElHoussan & Mark ElHoussan],** 175 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 / Application to amend their current Underground Storage License from 2-6,000 gallon and 1-4,000 gallon underground gasoline storage tanks to 3-6,000 gallon underground gasoline storage tanks on the above mentioned property

-Copy of application to amend license

-Copy of Workers' Compensation Insurance Affidavit

-Copy of Revenue Enforcement Protection Attestation

-Copy of the Property Record Card for 175 Church Street

-Copy of memo requesting abutters list

-Copy of abutters list

-Copy of notice to abutters

-Copy of legal notice request to the Telegram

-Copy of legal notice

-Copy of license routing slip

#### C. 7:10 Jonathan Shenian d/b/a Cappy's Automotive [Jonathan Shenian, Owner] /

Application for a Class II - Used Car Dealer's License on the premises of 84 Sutton Street, Northbridge, MA 01534

-Copy of application for a used car dealer's license

-Copy of Workers Compensation Insurance Affidavit

-Copy of Revenue Enforcement and Protection Attestation

-Copy of Certificate of Insurance

-Copy of Business Certificate

-Copy of Business Entity Summary

-Copy of memo requesting the abutters list

-Copy of abutters list

-Copy of Notice to Abutters

-Copy of public notice request to the Telegram & Gazette

-Copy of legal notice

-Copy of floor plan

-Copy of memo to Police Chief and Building Inspector requesting approval of the request

-Copy of Chief Warchol's response

-Copy of James Sheehan's response

-Copy of Certificate of Granting of Special Permit by the Board of Appeals

-Copy of notification regarding the ZBA's vote

-Copy of the Zoning Board of Appeals decision

-Copy of lease agreement -Copy of Used Car Dealers Bond -Copy of License Routing Slip

#### **III. APPOINTMENTS:**

**D. By the Town Manager:** Ryan Levesque, Student Police Officer -Copy of letter from the Police Chief regarding the appointment of a full time Police Officer

-Copy of letter from the Police Chief regarding the appointment of Ryan Levesque as a full time officer

-Copy of notice to Police Officers and Firefighters

-Copy of Ryan Levesque's resume

-Copy of Recruit Training Fee Agreement

E. By the Board of Selectmen: 1) Worcester County Selectmen's Association/Vote to appoint a voting member
-Copy of membership renewal form
2) Building, Planning, and Construction Committee: Steven Nye / Vote to appoint
-Copy of Talent Bank Application
3) Local Historic District Study Committee, Crystal Grondin / Vote to appoint

-Copy of Talent Bank Application

### **RESIGNATIONS:**

**F.** John Crawford, Local Historic District Study Committee -Copy of letter of resignation

# IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT

#### V. DECISIONS

G. Fall Annual Town Meeting [October 25, 2016] / Vote to place articles on warrant
-Copy of draft Town Meeting Warrant
-Copy of memo regarding the Rockdale Youth Center Relocation Project

H. Raymond Miller III d/b/a Bull Hound Shuttle, LLC / Vote to approve the application for a Livery License [Present: Raymond Miller] -Copy of application for a Livery/Taxi Operator for Raymond Miller III

-Copy of application for a Livery/Taxi Operator for Michael A. Julian

-Copy of application for a Livery/Taxi Operator for Daniel Julian

-Copy of Revenue Enforcement and Protection Attestation

-Copy of email from Police Chief regarding the completion of background checks and vehicle inspection

-Copy of Workers Compensation Insurance Affidavit

-Copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance

-Copy of Certificate of Organization

-Copy of License Routing Slip

-Copy of Sewer bill and payment

-Copy of Water payment slip and check

I. Armenian Apostolic Church / Application for a One-day Beer and Wine License for the Annual Picnic to be held Sunday August 21, 2016, from 12 PM to 5:30 PM [Present: Joanne Khoury]

-Copy of application for a one-day wines and malts license

-Copy of Revenue Enforcement and Protection Attestation

-Copy of Hold Harmless Agreement

-Copy of Tips certification card

-Copy of License Routing Slip

J. Blue Ribbons Distribution/Present: Barbara Johnson -no documentation

### VI. DISCUSSIONS

K. Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards [Stretch Code] / Present: Jim Barry, Western MA Regional Coordinator with the Green Communities Division -Copy of Stretch Energy Code information -Copy of Stretch Energy Code Power Point

L. Departmental Reports: Town Clerk, Assessors, Town Accountant, and Treasurer/Collector -Copy of Town Clerk's departmental report -Copy of Assessor's departmental report -Copy of Town Accountant's departmental report -Copy of Treasurer/Collector's departmental report

LL. Tree clearing/Present: Justin Arbuckle, Conservation Commission -Copy of Telegram & Gazette article regarding tree clearing -Copy of Conservation Commission's examination report

# VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

M. 1. Modernization Bill/Economic Development Bill - No documentation 2. Council on Aging / RMV Site

-Copy of press release from Mass DOT

-Copy of letter from Mass DOT regarding RMV information

3. Voluntary Water Advisory

-Copy of water restriction press release

-Copy of Department of Environmental Protection letter regarding the drought watch -Copy of the Code Red call details

4. Summer Roads' program update -No documentation

# VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS - No documentation

- IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA / None
- X. CORRESPONDENCE / None
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION / None

# **Melissa Wetherbee**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Gretchen Tucker <tuckergretchen@yahoo.com> Sunday, September 11, 2016 2:30 PM Melissa Wetherbee Cultural Council Resignation-Northbridge



Dear Ms. Wetherbee,

This email is for the purpose of resigning from the Northbridge Cultural Council.

Due to a mix up on my term dates by the council, it was believed that my term ended this year. Due to this, I joined another endeavor; then was made aware my term ended next year.

Unfortunately, I can not continue with the council as I had committed to another organization thinking my term had ended.

Sincerely, Gretchen Tucker

TALENT BANK APPLICATION	
please return to:	
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	
Northbridge Town Hall	
7 Main Street	
Whitinsville, MA 01588	should Water 20 6/6
-Kea	stered Voter 29.6.16 r Town Clerk
Pursuant to I own bylaw \$4-209 (Eligibility fo	r service),
you must be a registered voter in order to	) serve.
Date:	7-5-16
Name Patricia Curkun	
P. O. Box	) (C2)/
	bridge, MA 01334
Email Address Da COTKY 12 2 gmuil. (	
Telephone $508 - 31 - 7033$ Cell	SD8 - 320 - 3793
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Town Committees or Offices <u>None</u>	
I am interested in the following Committees:	~
Please indicate whether the applicant and/or any family members a	re employed by the Town of
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Revised July 2011	

¥6. -TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE PRECINCT# NAME: **COMMITTEE INTEREST** (Indicate Committee preference) 1 Cultural 4. 2. 5. 6. 3. Present Interest or business affiliation (dates, places) Experience: Volunteer, social service, business (dates, places) PT6 President, Assumption School 2006-2010 . School Gorany 2002-2016 . Religious Educator Coordinator at St. Peter's Parish, Northbridge gudes X-4 - Volunteen at various Church Events / Finctions Special skills and education (be specific) Very organized. I was recently appointed Manager Of the Prior Acthorization Department of a medical Supply Company. This position requires the person to possess exceptional Administrative Skills How experience relates to particular committee interest I have lived in Mothebridge for 20-jeans and I ward like to become more active in my town. The Cultural Counsel has an active role in deciding grant mories for local culture peeds, and I would like to ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: be part of mat process that Supports 10 cal programs Mail completed form to: Northbridge Town Hall Office of the Town Manager 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588

# **CURRENT POSTING LOCATIONS:**

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# § 3-102. Closing, publication and posting of Town Meeting warrants.

A. The warrant for the spring and fall sessions of the Annual Town Meeting shall close not later than at 12:00 o'clock noon on the seventh Friday preceding the date set by bylaw for the said session to convene. The warrant for any Special Town Meeting which is to be called shall close not later than at 12:00 o'clock noon on the fifth Friday preceding the date such Special Town Meeting is to convene. Notwithstanding the date set in any warrant for a Town Meeting, no Town Meeting shall be convened by the Town Moderator until six weeks following the closing of the warrant for an Annual Town Meeting and until four weeks following the closing of the warrant for a Special Town Meeting.

B. Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given at least 28 days before an annual meeting (spring or fall session) and at least 21 days before any special meeting, by posting a copy of the warrant for such meeting in the office of the Town Clerk, on the town bulletin board, and in at least one public place in each precinct, by delivering a copy of the warrant to the Town Moderator and to the Chair of the Finance Committee and by publication in a local newspaper of notice of the date, time and place that the Town Meeting will be held, together with a summary, prepared by the Town Manager, of the subject matter of each article contained in the warrant for such meeting sufficient for identification. [Amended 10-24-2006 ATM, Art. 23]





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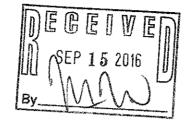


FAX: (508) 234-0814

PHONE: (508) 234-2447

September 14, 2016

Northbridge Board of Selectmen James R. Marzec, Chairman Town of Northbridge 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588



**RE:** STREET ACCEPTANCE –SHINING ROCK DRIVE (remaining portion of) Recommendation –Vote to Layout

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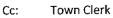
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Sincerely

R. Gary Bechtholdt II Northbridge Town Planner

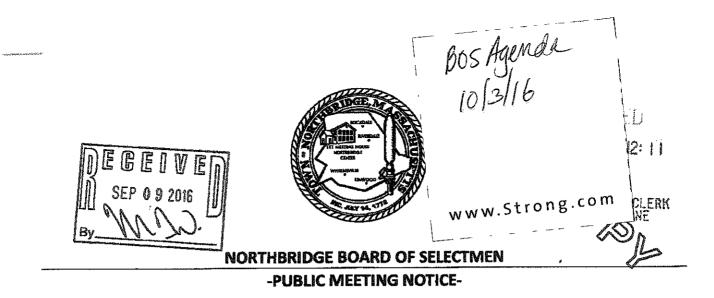


Town Manager

DPW --Highway

Planning Board

/File



The Board of Selectmen shall hold a public meeting on <u>Monday, October 03, 2016</u> as part of its regularly scheduled meeting (beginning at 7:00PM) in the Selectmen's Room of the Northbridge Memorial Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA to consider its Vote to Layout Shining Rock Drive (remaining portion of) within the Shining Rock Golf Community residential subdivision. The VOTE TO LAYOUT shall be done in conjunction with street acceptance considerations for the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

A copy of the proposed layout plan, legal descriptions and other conveyance documents are on file at the Office of the Town Clerk, 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA and with the Planning office, 14 Hill Street (Town Hall Annex) and may be reviewed during normal office hours. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for public comment, anyone wishing to be heard should attend said meeting at the time and place designated.

Theodore D. Kozak Northbridge Town Manager

Cc: Town Clerk Town Manager/BOS Planning Board Property Owners/Abutters Developer/Engineer DPW Director DPW-Highway DPW-Sewer WWC NFD /File

#### EXHIBIT A Shining Rock Drive

The land in Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts described as follows:

Begianing at a point on the Southerly side of Shining Rock Drive at a point of the present public way of Shining Rock Drive

Thence running on a curve to the left with a radius of 375.00 feet a distance of two hundred forty-cight feet and 87/100 (248.87) feet

Thence running N 79° 54' 19" W a distance of two hundred forty-two and 45/100 (242.45) feet

Thence running on a curve to the left with a radius of 225.00 feet a distance of twentythree and 25/100 (23.25) feet

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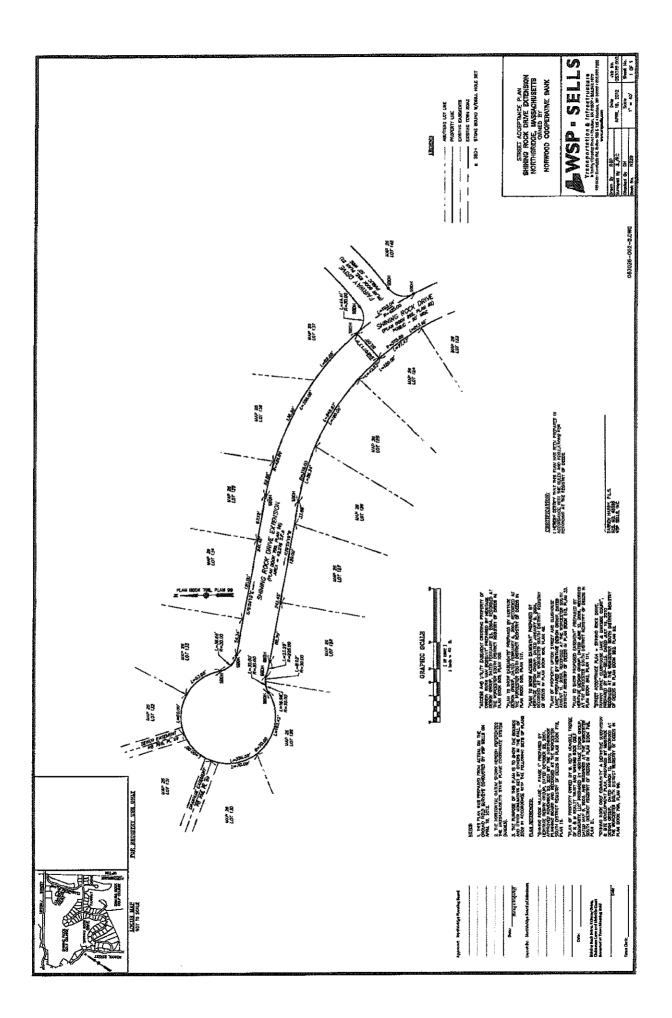
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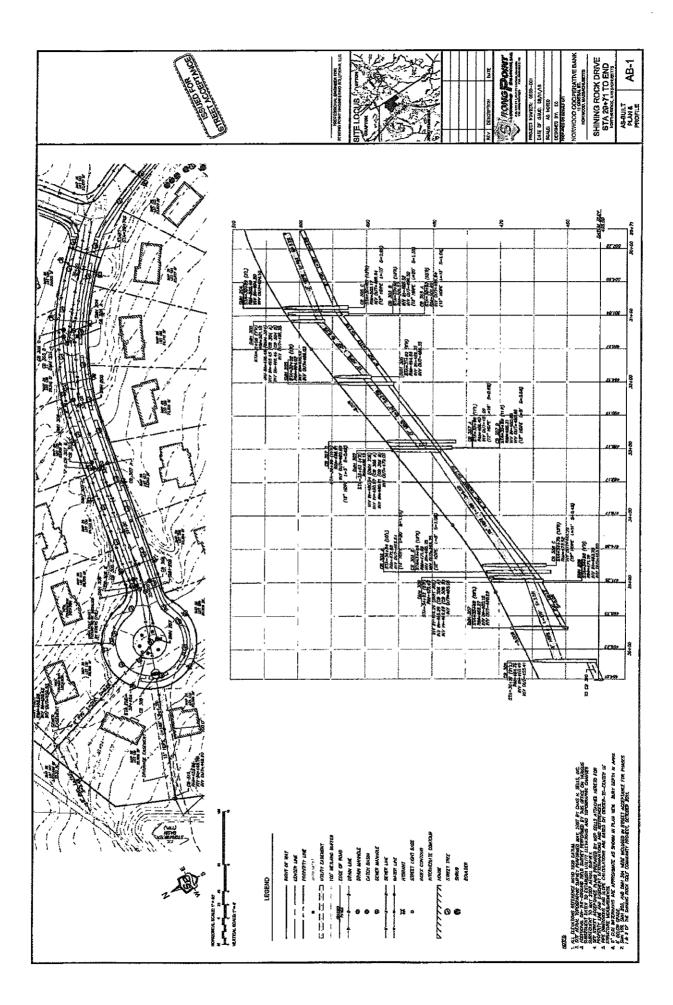
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Thence running S 79° 54' 19" E a distance of two hundred forty-one and 46/100 (241.46) feet

Thence running on a curve to the right with a radius of 425.00 feet a distance of two hundred eighty-six and 06/100 (286.06) feet

Thence running S 48° 07' 13" W a distance of fifty and 00/100 (50.00 feet to the point of beginning







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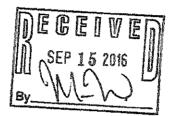
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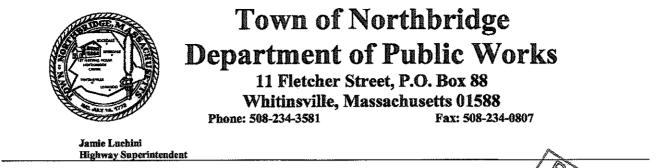
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Town Manager

DPW –Highway

Planning Board

/File



September 7, 2016



To all included parties,

This letter confirms that Shining Rock Drive, located from the intersection of Fairway Drive and Shining Rock Road through to the cul-de-sac of Shining Rock Drive, is ready for Town acceptance as a public way. All standards set forth by the Northbridge Department of Public Works have been met.

**Fruly yours**, Trong

Jamie Luchini Highway Superintendent Town of Northbridge DPW



September 6, 2016

Northbridge Planning Board 14 Hill Street Whitinsville, MA 01588

#### Re: Shining Rock Drive Sta: 29+71 to End As-built Certification

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

Strong Point Engineering Solutions, LLC. (SPES) is pleased to provide this letter on behalf of our client Norwood Cooperative Bank in order to provide certification that work on the remaining privately owned section of Shining Rock Drive has been completed.

It is the belief of this office that this portion of Shining Rock Drive has been constructed in general accord with the approved site plans with improvements shown on the attached as-built plans, and in accord with all known applicable requirements of the Town of Northbridge Rules and Regulations and approvals rendered to said project.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact our office any time at (508) 682-0229.

Kind Regards,

17 E Éric Dias, P.E. President/Owner



September 6, 2016

Northbridge Planning Board 14 Hill Street Whitinsville, MA 01588

#### Re: Shining Rock Drive Sta: 29+71 to End Binder Course Seasonal Certification

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

Strong Point Engineering Solutions, LLC. (SPES) is pleased to provide this letter on behalf of our client Norwood Cooperative Bank in order to satisfy item number 10 of the Town of Northbridge's Street Acceptance Checklist relating to seasonal exposure of pavement binder course on Shining Rock Drive Extension.

Records of the Site Contractor indicated that binder course pavement was placed in October of 2009 and top course pavement was placed in May of 2010. All related subdivision improvements and project infrastructure were installed prior to placement of the top course pavement. Due to construction period wear, the top course of pavement was milled and re-laid in August of 2016.

The binder course has thus been exposed to one winter season (November 15 to April 30) prior to application of the finish coat, and all associated subdivision improvements have been exposed to one winter season without substantial damage. Furthermore, any damage incurred has been repaired when top coat was milled and re-laid in August 2016.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact our office any time at (508) 682-0229.

Kind Regards,

Eric Dias, P.E. President/Owner



Surveyors Affidavit "Street Acceptance Plan, Shining Rock Drive Extension, Northbridge, Massachusetts, Owned by Norwood Cooperative Bank"

I hereby certify that all permanent monuments shown on the plan titled "Street Acceptance Plan, Shining Rock Drive Extension, Northbridge, Massachusetts, Owned by Norwood Cooperative Bank", and dated April 19, 2012, by WSP-Sells, to be recorded, have been accurately located from an on the ground field survey conducted between October 20, 2009 and April 18, 2012, from a closed loop traverse that had an error of closure of 1:23,387 (better than 1:15,000).



Date: 8/19/16

Darren Hardy. Reg. No.48385 WSP Sells, Inc.

RAW TRAVERSE CLOSURE 1 IN 23,387

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Precision	:	1 in 23386.8157
Number of sides	:	29

RAW TRAVERSE

COMPASS RULE



PHONE: (508) 234-2447

September 14, 2016

Doreen A, Cedrone, Town Clerk Northbridge Memorial Town Hall 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588

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FAX: (508) 234-0814

RE: Shining Rock Drive [Shining Rock Golf Community] Street Acceptance –Recommendation (Art. 11) 2016 Fall Annual Town Meeting

Dear Mrs. Cedrone:

Please be advised at its meeting of Tuesday, September 13, 2016 the Planning Board, upon motion duly made and seconded voted (4-0) to RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE AS A PUBLIC WAY –SHINING ROCK DRIVE within the Shining Rock Golf Community subdivision.

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Sincerely, u

R. Gary Bechtholdt II Northbridge Town Planner

Cc: BOS/Town Manager DPW Director FinCom \*/File

# **Sharon Susienka**

To: Subject: Michael Proto RE: Gift acceptance

Thank you.



From: Michael Proto [mailto:mproto@meditech.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2016 1:04 PM
To: ssusienka@northbridgemass.org; Melissa Wetherbee <mwetherbee@northbridgemass.org>
Subject: Gift acceptance

Hi Sharon and Melissa,

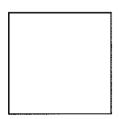
Northbridge Parks and Recreation voted at their 7/20/2016 meeting to accept the memorial bench at the skate park as a gift from Michelle Auclair (Poulin) and we are now asking the Board of Selectmen to accept it.

Thanks, Mike Proto

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**Michael Proto** 

Supervisor Marketing Marketing Division, MEDITECH 781-774-5029 | mproto@meditech.com





Dear Mr. Theodore Kozak,

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My name is Michelle Poulin, I recently lost my only child Jimmy. He passed away due to complications with type 1 diabetes; Tuesday February 2, 2016.

Although his time here with us was cut way too short...My son lived every day to the fullest, he was always on the go! His beautiful smile, quick wit, fun-loving daredevil personality won the love and respect of his peers as well as everyone who was lucky enough to have crossed paths with him. It makes me so proud to know he was just as special to his friends as he was to our family. We are all trying to deal with this horrible tragic loss. It's the hardest thing in the world.

I would love it if the town of Northbridge would allow us, his family to put a memorial bench at the skate park down by Plummer Park; where he grew up. I still remember how excited he was when that opened! I did always joke with him about being the Mayor of the skate park. I just know this would make him so happy and proud. Because Jimmy was cremated, his friends don't have a place they can go to feel close to him. The skate park is so much better than a cemetery. We do not intend to spread any of his ashes. This is just to be a memorial.

The bench I am proposing will not need any maintenance. I plan to have it made of stone/marble engraved. I am open as far as where the bench should go. I thought as long as it's a couple feet away from where they do tricks so it's not used for grinding rails or something. There is some shade on the far side of the park furthest away from ballfield. I have attached a picture of a bench that gives a good idea of what we are thinking. It's sturdy, beautiful and will stand the test of time. We are hoping to do this memorial late spring or early summer.

I hope you will allow us to do this in honor my son. He did more living in his fifteen years than most of us do in a lifetime.

Sincere Thanks,

Michelle Poulin and The Auger family

michellesalon32@gmail.com

cell phone# 508-450-0553



This gives an idea of what I'm thinking. The one directly above I thought would go with the rocks at park. However, I like the slate color with this design. I will most likely work with monument works in town.

Thank you again,

Michelle Poulin and the Auger family

2/25/16 5C: BOS

# **Sharon Susienka**

From: Sent: To: Subject:

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Heather Beland <heathermbeland@gmail.com> Thursday, February 25, 2016 12:55 PM ssusienka@northbridgemass.org; Melissa Wetherbee Poulin Memorial

Sharon/Melissa,

Just a note that the Parks and Recs Commission met last night, 2/24 we voted to grant permission to the Poulin family to erect a stone bench memorial in honor of their son, Jimmy Poulin who recently passed away. The memorial will be placed at the skateboard park at Plumbers corner.

Thank you, Heather Beland

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# Phone: 508-234-623 THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE APPLICATION FOR SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

# TO THE LICENSING AUTHORITIES:

The undersigned hereby applies for a License in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes relating thereto (FULL NAME OF PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION MAKING APPLICATION):

rnatives Unlimited, Inc.

STATE CLEARLY PURPOSE FOR WHICH LICENSE IS REQUESTED: [Sunday Entertainment]

Entertainment License for in doors ut doors for various events included Several Quarterly Calendars for EET AND NUMBER: referense and examples. TO: I out doors Re Varions stave GIVE LOCATION BY STREET AND NUMBER: Donglas Rd. 11e, MA 01588 50-60 AT: Whitins Ville

in said <u>Town of Northbridge</u> in accordance with the rules and regulations made under authority of said Statutes.

ignature of Applicant)

ternatives Print Name: HDouglas Rd. Address: 50 nsvill City: State, Zip:

Received: 9/7/16 4:18

Date License Granted

Daily \_\_\_\_\_ Annual \_\_\_\_\_ Prior to 1:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_(\$5) Prior to 1:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_(\$100) After 1:00 PM \_\_\_\_ (\$2) After 1:00 PM \_\_\_\_ (\$50)



# MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE REVENUE ENFORCEMENT AND PROTECTION (REAP) ATTESTATION

I hereby declare under the penalties of perjury that I, to the best of my knowledge and belief, have filed all state tax returns and paid all state taxes required under law.

For	- -
*Signature of individual or Corporate Names (Mandatory)	
Philip Engersoll. Mahonery	
By: Corporate Officer (Mandatory, if applicable)	
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\*\* Social Security Number or Federal Identification Number

\* This license will not be issued unless this certification clause is signed by the applicant.

\*\*Your Social Security Number will be furnished to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to determine whether you have met tax filing or tax payment obligations. Licensees who fail to correct their non-filing or delinquency will be subject to license suspension or revocation.

This request is made under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 62C, Section 49A.

Please sign form and return to:

Town of Northbridge Town Manager's Office 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Industrial Accidents
Office of Investigations FORM MUST BE FILLED
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Boston, MA 02111
www.mass.gov/dia Workers' Compensation Insurance Affidavit: General Businesses
Applicant Information Please Print Legibly
Business/Organization Name: Alternatives Unlimited, Inc
Address: 50 Douglas Rd.
City/State/Zip: Whitinsville Phone #: 508-234-6232
Are you an employer? Check the appropriate box: <b>Business Type (required):</b> <b>J W J</b> and <b>S P C C P C C C C C C C C C C</b>
1. The 1 and a employee with <b>705</b> employees (tuit and
or part-time).*       6. Restaurant/Bar/Eating Establishment         2. I am a sole proprietor or partnership and have no       7. Office and/or Sales (incl. real estate, auto, etc.)
employees working for me in any capacity.
[no workers comp, insurance required]
3. We are a corporation and its officers have exercised their right of exemption per c. 152, §1(4), and we have 10. Manufacturing
no employees. [No workers' comp. insurance required]**
4. We are a non-profil organization, statted by volunteers,
with no employees. [No workers' comp. insurance req.]       12. Other         *Any applicant that checks box #1 must also fill out the section below showing their workers' compensation policy information.
**If the corporate officers have exempted themselves, but the corporation has other employees, a workers' compensation policy is required and such an organization should check box #1.
I am an employer that is providing workers' compensation insurance for my employees. Below is the policy information.
Insurance Company Name: <u>A, I. M.</u>
Insurer's Address: See A Mached Gr. T. F. cote
City/State/Zip:
Policy # or Self-ins. Lie. # Expiration Date:
Attach a copy of the workers' compensation policy declaration page (showing the policy number and expiration date).
Failure to secure coverage as required under Section 25A of MGL c. 152 can lead to the imposition of criminal penalties of a
fine up to \$1,500.00 and/or one-year imprisonment, as well as civil penalties in the form of a STOP WORK ORDER and a fine of up to \$250.00 a day against the violator. Be advised that a copy of this statement may be forwarded to the Office of
Investigations of the DIA for insurance coverage verification.
I do hereby certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.
Signature: Date: 9-7-16
Phone #: 508 - 234 - 6232
Official use only. Do not write in this area, to be completed by city or town official.
City or Town: Northbridge Permit/License #
Issuing Authority (circle one):
1. Board of Health 2. Building Department 3. City/Town Clerk 4. Licensing Board 5. Selectmen's Office       6. Other
Contact Person: Phone #: 508-234-2095
www.mass.gov/dia

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# **NTM License Slips**

Row 3	
Current Status	On Agenda for 10/3/16
Done	
License ID:	NTM#16020
License Type:	Sunday Entertainment Annual
Description:	Annual Sunday Entertainment After 1 PM
Business:	Alternatives Unlimited, Inc.
Applicant:	Kristi
Address:	50-60 Douglas Road, Whitinsville
Approval Target	09/29/16
Slip Started on:	09/08/16 9:29 AM
PLANNING Approve:	*
PLANNING Comments:	N/A -R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner
POLICE Approve:	*
POLICE Comments:	No objections
FIRE Appove:	✓
FIRE Comments:	No concerns at this time
BUILDING ZONING Approve:	Ý
BUILDING ZONING Comments:	September 9, 2016
CONSERVATION Approve:	4
CONSERVATION Comments:	N/A

HEALTH Approve:	4
HEALTH E Comments:	Board of Health regulations Not Applicable to this application
ASSESSORS Approve:	4
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TREASURER COLLECTOR Approve:	4
TREASURER COLLECTOR Comments:	

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

### **APPLICATION FOR JUNK DEALER'S LICENSE**

### TO THE LICENSING AUTHORITIES:

The undersigned hereby applies for a License in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes relating thereto (FULL NAME OF PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION MAKING APPLICATION):

OLDE NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUE 1)

STATE CLEARLY PURPOSE FOR WHICH LICENSE IS REQUESTED: [Junk Dealer's License] Provide details below: Selling ANTIAVES

GIVE LOCATION BY STREET AND NUMBER:

AT:

16 Church St. Whitinsville, MA.

in said <u>Town of Northbridge</u> in accordance with the rules and regulations made under authority of said Statutes.

Hours: Wed-S 10:30 - 4:30

(Signature of Applicant) Print Name: Address: Citv: 9192 State, Zip:

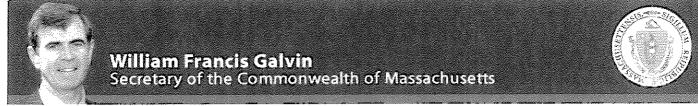
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Date License Granted

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Department of Industrial Accidents	r.
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600 Washington Street OUT COMPLETEL	T
Boston, MA 02111	
www.mass.gov/dia	
Workers' Compensation Insurance Affidavit: General Businesses	
Applicant Information Please Print Leg	ibly
Business/Organization Name: OLDE NEW ENGLAND PARTICLES & ADT CENTRE	. <u></u>
Address: 116 Church St	
City/State/Zip: Whitinsville, M9 01586 Phone #: 978 761 9823	
Are you an employer? Check the appropriate box: Business Type (required):	
1. I am a employer with employees (full and/ 5. Retail	
or part-time).*	
2. I am a sole proprietor or partnership and have no employees working for me in any capacity.	etc.)
[No workers' comp. insurance required]	
3. We are a corporation and its officers have exercised 9. Entertainment	
their right of exemption per c. 152, §1(4), and we have 10. Manufacturing	
no employees. [No workers' comp. insurance required]** 11. Health Care	
4. We are a non-profit organization, staffed by volunteers,	
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Insurer's Address:	
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Policy # or Self-ins. Lic. #Expiration Date:	
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Phone #: 9747614823	]
Official use only. Do not write in this area, to be completed by city or town official.	
City or Town: Northbridge Permit/License #	
Issuing Authority (circle one): ' 1. Board of Health 2. Building Department 3. City/Town Clerk 4. Licensing Board 5. Selectmen's Office 6. Other	
6. Other Contact Person: Phone #: 508-234-2095	

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### **Corporations Division**

**Business Entity Summary** 

ID Number: 001176879

Request certificate

New search

Summary for: OLDE NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUES & ART CENTRE, LLC

**The exact name of the Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC):** OLDE NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUES & ART CENTRE, LLC

Entity type: Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC)

Identification Number: 001176879

**Date of Organization in Massachusetts:** 06-10-2015

Last date certain:

The location or address where the records are maintained	(A PO box is not a valid
location or address):	

Address: 116 CHURCH STREET

City or town, State, Zip code, WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588 USA Country:

The name and address of the Resident Agent:

Name: PETER M. LACASSE, SR.

Address: 116 CHURCH STREET

City or town, State, Zip code, WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588 USA Country:

### The name and business address of each Manager:

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In addition to the manager(s), the name and business address of the person(s) authorized to execute documents to be filed with the Corporations Division:

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The name and business address of the person(s) authorized to execute, acknowledge, deliver, and record any recordable instrument purporting to affect an interest in real property:

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### LLC CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBENCY AND AUTHORITY OLDE NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUES & ART CENTRE, LLC

This certificate is made as of the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 by Peter M. Lacasse, Sr. as Member of OLDE NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUES & ART CENTRE, LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company, (the LLC).

The undersigned, the member of OLDE NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUES & ART CENTRE, LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company, being duly authorized to execute documents to be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State of Massachusetts, does hereby state as follows:

- 1. Peter M. Lacasse, Sr. is the duly authorized member of the LLC.
- Said member of the LLC, is authorized to execute documents including but not limited to promissory note(s) and mortgage(s) pertaining to any and all interests in real estate on the behalf of the LLC.
- 3. Said member of the LLC, is authorized to borrow, as a cosigner or otherwise, from time to time from a Lender such terms as may be agreed upon between the LLC and Lender such sum or sums of money in his judgement should be borrowed without limitation.
- 4. Said member of the LLC, is authorized to mortgage, pledge, hypothecate and/or otherwise encumber and deliver to Lender any property now or hereinafter belonging to the Corporation, as security for payment of any loans or any further indebtedness of OLDE NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUES & ART CENTRE, LLC, to the lender, at anytime owing, however the same may be evidenced.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my name as Member of the LLC this 10th day of June, 2015.

M. Lacasse, Sr.,

OLDE NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUES & ART CENTRE, LLC

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

, 2015

Essex, ss.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Peter M. Lacasse, Sr., as Member of OLDE NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUES & ART CENTRE, LLC, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification which were

are on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose on behalf of the said OLDE NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUES & ART CENTRE, LLC.



Notary Public My Commission Expires:

### Northbridge Fire Department Inspection Report

### Page: 1 09/30/2016

### Inspection #: 16-91-IS Inspection Type: FIRE SAFETY

Entered: 09/16/2016 By: CAPTAIN / MEDIC DAVID M WHITE Status: Completed Completed: 09/16/2016 Start: 0736 End: 0759 By: CAPTAIN / MEDIC DAVID M WHITE Disposition: PASSED OKAY

### Location

OLDE NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUES & ART CENTRE 116 CHURCH ST NORTHBRIDGE MA 01534

### Remarks

Fire safety inspection- New fire extinguishers mounted and labeled correctly. Business has heat detector in main retail area. Exits are properly marked and are clear. Owner advised to make sure all doors are unlocked during business hours and that the rear hall is kept clear at all times as this is the second means of egress for business down stairs.

# NTM License Slips

Row 2	
Current Status	On Selectmnen's Agenda for 10/3/16
Done	
License ID:	NTM#16022
License Type:	Second Hand/Junk Dealer
Description:	Junk Dealers License, Peter Lacasse
Business:	Olde New England Antique & Art Centre, LLC
Applicant:	Peter Lacasse Sr.
Address:	116 Church Street
Approval Target	09/27/16
Slip Started on:	09/20/16 4:07 PM
PLANNING Approve:	*
PLANNING Comments:	N/A -subject to Zoning provisions per Bldg Insp
POLICE Approve:	*
POLICE Comments:	No objections
FIRE Appove:	×
FIRE Comments:	Will need to conduct a fire saftey inspection
BUILDING ZONING Approve:	✓
BUILDING ZONING Comments:	September 21, 2016
CONSERVATION Approve:	<
CONSERVATION Comments:	N/A

HEALTH Approve:	4 <sup>4</sup>
HEALTH Comments:	Board of Health regulations Not Applicable to this application.
ASSESSORS Approve:	4
ASSESSORS Comments:	No Issues.
TREASURER COLLECTOR Approve:	*
TREASURER COLLECTOR Comments:	

Dear Sirs,

I am writing on behalf of the Blackstone Valley Gardeners which has members in the Blackstone Valley towns, including Northbridge, to request the use of the town common on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 9:00 until noon for our public plant sale.

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The purpose of the sale is to raise funds for our many projects, including an annual scholarship to an area college student, civic beautification, and admission passes for Tower Hill Botanical Garden to local libraries.

We will not need any electrical connections, and we do not intend to sell food.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Cynthia Kosciak 120 Barnett Rd. Sutton, MA 01590 508-234-6570 barnettkos@gmail.com

### **USE OF TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**

### PUBLIC WAYS FOR PLANT SALE

EVENT: Blackstone Valley Gardeners Plant Sale, May 20, 2017

### RELEASE OF CLAIMS, INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

\*\*\*Please read this document thoroughly before completing and signing \*\*\*

I, <u>JACIAN PBEAN</u>, in consideration of my use of the Town of Northbridge's Public Ways for a non-town sponsored event on <u>May 20, 2017</u>, and for other good and valuable consideration hereby acknowledged, do hereby agree to forever RELEASE the Town of Northbridge, its employees, agents, officers, volunteers, or contractors (the "Town"), from any and all claims, actions, rights of action and causes of action, damages, costs, loss of services, expenses, compensation and attorneys' fees that may have arisen in the past, or may arise in the future, directly or indirectly, from known and unknown personal injuries which I or my guests, employees, agents, successors or assigns may have as the result of my use or the use of my guests, employees or agents of the Town of Northbridge's Public Ways for a non-town sponsored event on <u>May 20, 2017</u>, and all activities related thereto.

I further promise, to INDEMNIFY, REIMBURSE, DEFEND, and HOLD HARMLESS the Town against any and all legal claims and proceedings of any description that may have been asserted in the past, or may be asserted in the future, directly or indirectly, including damages, costs and attorneys' fees, arising from personal injuries to myself or others or property damage resulting from my use, or the use of my guests, employees or agents, of the Town of Northbridge's Public Ways for a non-town sponsored event on <u>May 20, 2017</u>, and all activities related thereto.

I hereby further covenant for myself, my successors and assigns not to sue the said Town on account of any such claim, demand or liability.

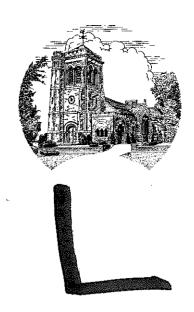
I am fully aware that by signing this document I am releasing the Town from liability that may arise as a result of the acts or omissions of the Town. Additionally, it is my intent to release the above mentioned parties from liability and defend and indemnify said parties for liability relating to any accident and resulting injuries and/or death that may occur as a result of my use, or the use of my guests, employees or agents, of the Town of Northbridge's Public Ways for a non-town sponsored event on <u>May 20, 2017</u>, and all activities related thereto.

To the extent I am signing this document on behalf of an organization, corporation, association or similar entity, I represent that I am fully authorized by said entity to execute this document.

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THE VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 5 CHURCH STREET, P.O. BOX 217 WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588 508.234.7901 REV. ROBERT G. SHERWOOD, PASTOR



September 8, 2016

Town of Northbridge 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588

Dear Town Manager,

The Village Congregational Church would like to request your approval to hold a worship service on the town common in Whitinsville on Sunday, October 9, 2016. The hours would be from approximately 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM.

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We appreciate your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Stephanie A. Stevens Church Administrator

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Town of Northbridge 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588 CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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### USE OF TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE MEMORIAL PARK

EVENT: Worship Service

### RELEASE OF CLAIMS, INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

### \*\*\*Please read this document thoroughly before completing and signing \*\*\*

I further promise, to INDEMNIFY, REIMBURSE, DEFEND, and HOLD HARMLESS the Town against any and all legal claims and proceedings of any description that may have been asserted in the past, or may be asserted in the future, directly or indirectly, including damages, costs and attorneys' fees, arising from personal injuries to myself or others or property damage resulting from my use, or the use of my guests, employees or agents, of the MEMORIAL PARK for a non-town sponsored event on Sunday, October 9, 2016, and all activities related thereto.

I hereby further covenant for myself, my successors and assigns not to sue the said Town on account of any such claim, demand or liability.

I am fully aware that by signing this document I am releasing the Town from liability that may arise as a result of the acts or omissions of the Town. Additionally, it is my intent to release the above mentioned parties from liability and defend and indemnify said parties for liability relating to any accident and resulting injuries and/or death that may occur as a result of my use, or the use of my guests, employees or agents, of the MEMORIAL PARK for a non-town sponsored event on <u>Sunday, October 9, 2016</u>, and all activities related thereto.

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Name (Printed): Deborah A. MATURI

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Signature

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September 19, 2016



Mr. Theodore Kozak Town Manager's Office 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588

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Re: Banner Across Church Street Request

Dear Mr. Kozak,

Could you please seek the approval from the Board of Selectmen to hang a banner across Church Street *Wednesday*, Nov 9 for the following event from Sunday, November 6, to Sunday, November 20? If approved, we will deliver the banner to the Fire Department at 193 Main Street, Whitinsville, by November 5.

Name of the organization: Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church (Missions Team)

Type of event: Community Breakfast with Dr. Jon and Phyllis Masso

Date/time/location of event: Saturday, November 19, 9 AM, Fairlawn Church, 305 Goldthwaite Road Whitinsville, MA 01588

Phone number: Fairlawn Church -508-234-2838

Brandon Hehn 508-951-4806

COMPLIMENTARY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST SPEAKERS: DR. JON AND PHYLLIS MASSO LOCAL RESIDENTS RETURN AFTER 18 YEARS IN KENYA FAIRLAWN CHURCH - 305 GOLDTHWAITE ROAD SAT., NOV. 19 - 9 AM

Brandon K. Hehn, 44 Quaker St., Northbridge, MA /Chairman, Missions Team Cell: 508-951-4806

Signed:



# 803 Agenda 10/3/16 Northbridge Association of Churches

Northbridge, Massachusetts



September 21, 2016

Mr. Ted Kozak, Town Manager Northbridge Town Hall 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588

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Dear Mr. Kozak,

Our 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Blackstone Valley Crop Hunger Walk will be held Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. The Walk will begin at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Whitinsville and end at the First Congregational Church in Uxbridge, a total of three miles.

The Northbridge Association of Churches is requesting your approval for this Walk. The walkers will follow Linwood Ave. to Providence Road and on to Uxbridge.

Sincerely,

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Carolyn Mitchell President Northbridge Association of Churches

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MRA Multisport Alex Rogozenski September 28, 2016 Northbridge, MA 01534

Northbridge Board of Selectmen 7 Main St. Whitinsville, MA 01588

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Dear Northbridge Board of Selectmen, By-

I am writing this letter to ask for your permission to organize the 5th annual 1<sup>st</sup> Day 5k road race within the Northbridge town limits. A portion of the race proceeds is donated to the Northbridge Middle School Boosters Club.

Subject to your approval, I would like the date of the race to be on Sunday, January 1, 2017. I would like the race to start at 11:00am. Due to the success of the prior races, the route will remain the same in 2017, which starts at Grove St just above Lane & Associates Law Offices, goes through Memorial Square, and then out and back on Linwood Ave, finishing just west of the Square (similar to the Thanksgiving Day race finish line area). Like the previous years, I will be coordinating with the Whitin Community Center and Alternatives to use their parking lots, and post-race gathering at the Gray Barn. In the event of inclement weather, I'll coordinate the status of the race with the Northbridge Police Department and Department of Public Works.

I would like to plan for approximately 300 runners, which is the same number we have had the prior few years. The town has always been very supportive regarding traffic control and I would like to ask for your continued support in 2017; I'll coordinate with Northbridge Police Department and agree to comply to their detail assignments as we'll again be seeking the closure of Linwood Ave between 10:45am and noon. My organization will obtain insurance from the RRCA (Road Runners Club of America), and will provide proof of insurance listing the town as additional insured on the policy. I will also return a signed copy of the town Hold Harmless Agreement. MRA Multisport will coordinate all volunteers to set up, break down and clean up before and after the race.

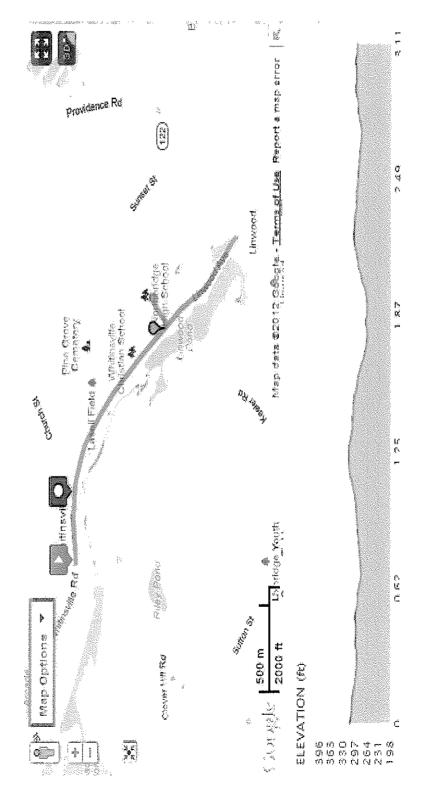
I hope that you will look favorably upon this request and I look forward to a continuing dialogue as we work to together to what has become a local tradition to kick off the New Year.

Sincerely, Alex Rogozenski Race Director 774-272-1767 <u>Alex@MRAMultisport.com</u>

- Start at Main/Grove St and head down Linwood at 11am
- urn into high school and go around circle by front entrance
  - Aid station located at entrance to High School
- Continue down Linwood and turn around at Mills ı
- Finish right before park at Memorial Square (same area as Whitin 5 race) Pre and Post race events at Gray Barn

# Police Summary: Four total (paid for 4 in 2014 (up from 3 in 2013), so maybe just 3 for 2015 if the first one is just temp/on-duty?)

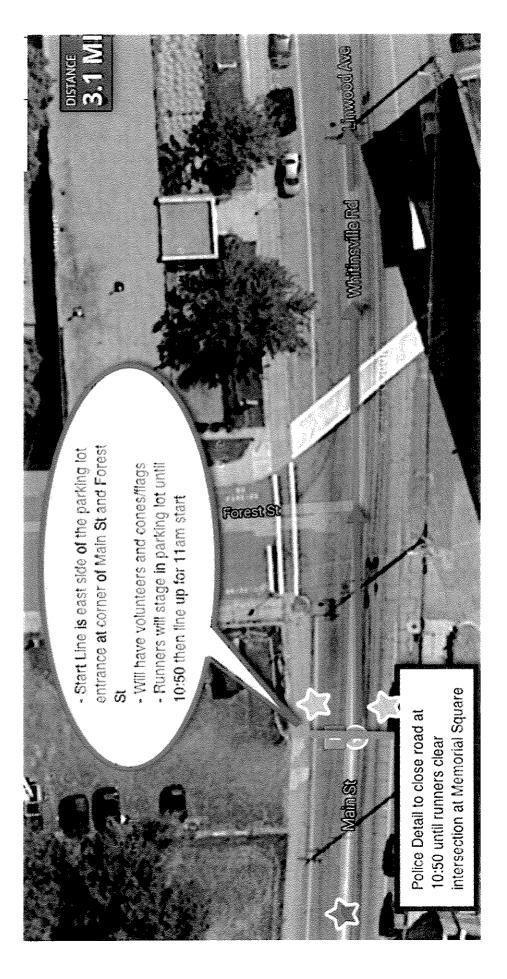
- One at High St at start of race (just temp/on-duty officer?) ÷
- One at Church St/Memorial Square at start of race moves to Linwood/Cross St after runners pass through intersection ,
- One at main intersection (Hill/Douglas/Main) moves to Linwood St following last runner to close Linwood down ლ. <del>4</del> 🗖
  - One at Linwood/Rt 122 to close Linwood down.
- Know for Turkey Day race there was problems with cars coming down Linwood, but not sure if they came from Cross St or somewhere else. Think we need more? Or do you guys have Road Closed signs to help at Cross St?

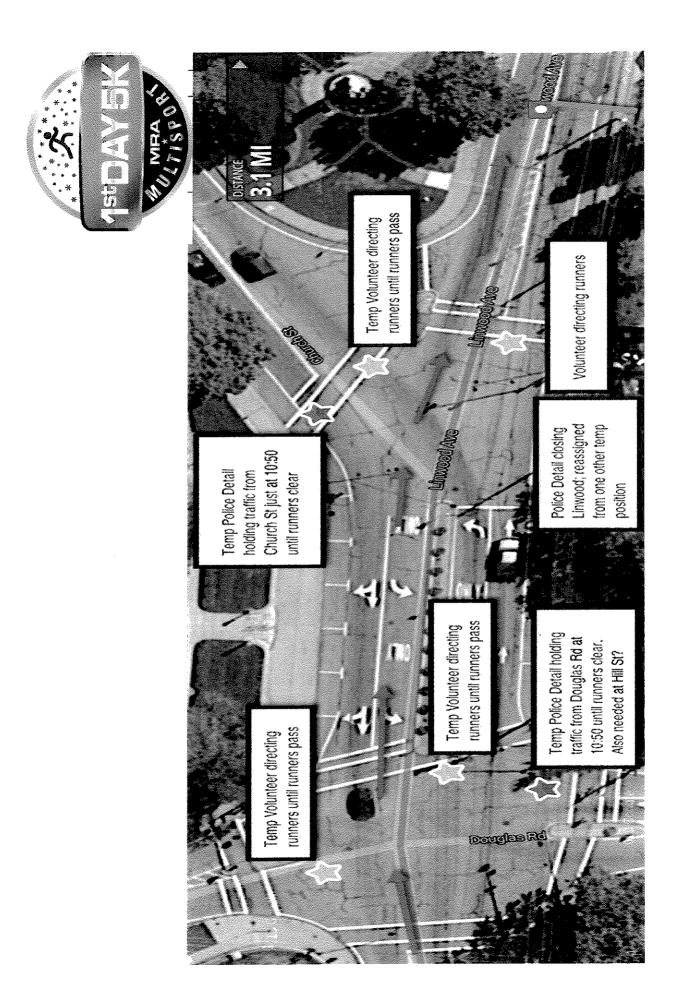


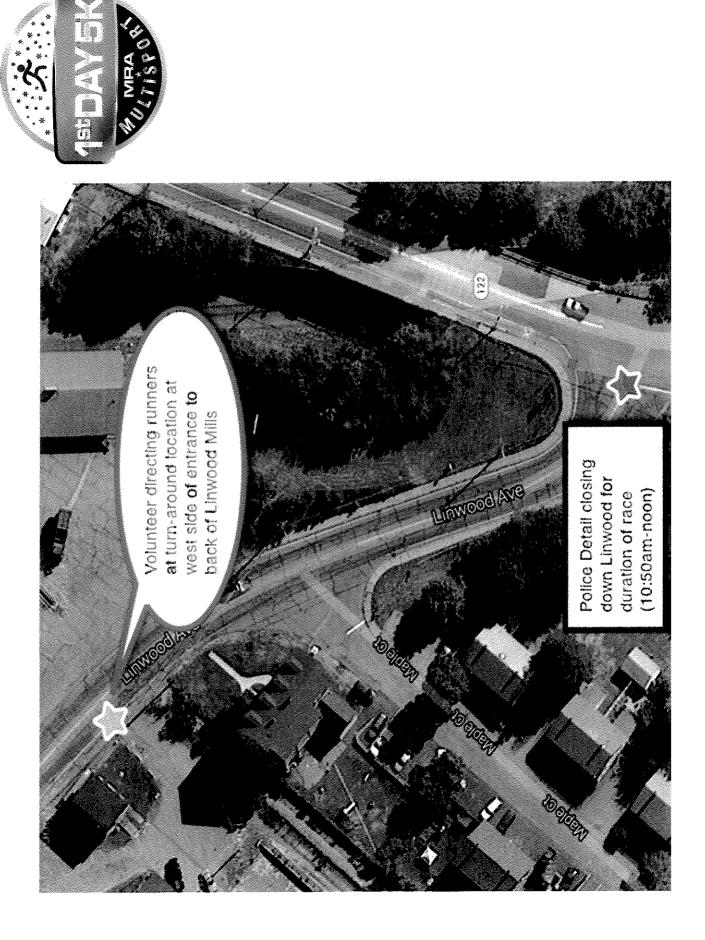




\*As of 2014, the starting line is at Grove St, with runners staging in that big lot on top of Hill. Police Detail is at High St closing down traffic at 10:50am







### **Sharon Susienka**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Alex Rogozenskj <arogozenski@gmail.com> Wednesday, September 28, 2016 3:58 PM ssusienka@northbridgemass.org Fwd: 1st Day 5k race

FYI

Thanks, Alex (c) 774-272-1767 Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tim Labrie <<u>tlabrie@northbridgemass.org</u>> Date: September 28, 2016 at 12:07:46 PM EDT To: Alex Rogozenski <<u>arogozenski@gmail.com</u>> Subject: Re: 1st Day 5k race

Looks good to me. Touch base when it is close to schedule the traffic officers

Tim

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 27, 2016, at 9:53 PM, Alex Rogozenski <a href="mailto:arogozenski@gmail.com">arogozenski@gmail.com</a>> wrote:

hi tim - hope all is well. Looking to get BoS approval for the road race this year, on Sunday 1/1. Attached is the letter I've sent to them for approval at an upcoming meeting, but they'd look for the nod from you too. Do you foresee any issues at all?

Thanks, Alex Rogo MRA Multisport | RaceReach <u>MRAMultisport.com</u> | <u>RaceReach.com</u> (c) 774-272-1767 <Race Town Letter 2016.doc>

### **Melissa Wetherbee**

From:	Jamie Luchini <jluchini@northbridgemass.org></jluchini@northbridgemass.org>
Sent:	Friday, September 30, 2016 7:20 AM
To:	Melissa Wetherbee; wwarchol@northbridgemass.org; James Shuris
Subject:	RE: 1st Day 5K Request

Good morning Melissa,

I have no problem with this, as long as there is no winter weather to deal with that day.

-Jamie

Jamie C. Luchini Highway Superintendent Northbridge Public Works P:508-234-3581 F: 508-234-0807

From: Melissa Wetherbee [mailto:mwetherbee@northbridgemass.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 9:04 AM
To: wwarchol@northbridgemass.org; James Shuris <jshuris@northbridgemass.org>; Jamie C. Luchini
<jluchini@northbridgemass.org>
Subject: 1st Day 5K Request

Good morning,

Please see attached letter requesting the closure of Linwood Ave on January 1, 2017, for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual 1<sup>st</sup> Day 5K. Please let me know if there is an issue with this request.

Thank you

Melissa Wetherbee, Adm. Assistant Town Manager's Office Town of Northbridge 7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588 Phone: 508-234-2095

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# Loggers ordered to stabilize clear-cut area in Northbridge

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Wednesday Posted Sep 14, 2016 at 9:39 PM Updated Sep 15, 2016 at 8:40 AM

### By Susan Spencer

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NORTHBRIDGE – The Conservation Commission voted Wednesday to order erosion-control measures and limited seeding to stabilize a portion of more than 200 acres that had been clear-cut off of Church Street and Providence Road.

However, commissioners revised the proposed plan submitted by the lawyer for the landowner's forestry agent John McCarthy, to target first the areas off Church Street where flooding and erosion from the clear-cut hill had affected homes and a work road had been built across a wetland. They ordered that no other work be done, other than basic erosion control at the Providence Road entrance, until a comprehensive analysis of the site is completed and a plan is submitted by a wetland scientist.

Commissioners also required Mr. McCarthy to clear out a culvert behind East Street and Leland Road, which had become clogged from erosion, causing flooding around nearby houses earlier this year.

David W. Sacco, representing Mr. McCarthy, who is the agent for landowners TSE Development, submitted a letter to the commission Sept. 9 proposing to:

- install an erosion-control silt fence at the Providence Road (Route 122) entrance site behind Hathaway Transmission;
- remove any downed trees and stockpiled cordwood, gravel and stone;
- apply grass seed to affected areas;
- remove rip-rap stone and excessive gravel from entrances;
- seed the entrance area with perennial and native grass seed.

The \_\_\_\_\_\_to issue an enforcement order to Mr. McCarthy, of Grafton, for violations of the state Wetlands Protection Act and local wetlands and stormwater bylaws.

Town officials and nearby residents have complained of erosion, flooding, debris and unauthorized removal of historic stone walls and other structures.

The state Department of Conservation and Recreation approved the plan and was in charge of compliance, but this summer Mr. Pickart and Conservation Commissioner Justin Arbuckle walked the site and found evidence of several violations of environmental protection laws and cutting in excess of what was specified in the forest cutting plan.

The Northbridge Conservation Commission issued a cease-and-desist order on the state-approved forestry plan Aug. 1.

Mr. Sacco said that the cease-and-desist order prevented work crews from repairing the land, despite authorization from town Conservation Agent David Pickart to go onto the site to install erosion-control fences.

Commissioners agreed Wednesday to file an intermittent work order to allow access through the Church Street entrance only, except to also install a silt fence at the other entrance.

At Wednesday's meeting, Mr. Sacco told commissioners, "I know it's been a bone of contention in the whole community. It's a logging site. It's not a pretty site."

He said, "We're here to cooperate with the board, we're not here to argue any points."

But Mr. McCarthy was impatient to get the job completed, rather than work on it in segments, before winter weather made work unfeasible.

"Anyone with eyes can see what needs to be seeded," Mr. McCarthy said. "If you want to get it done right, let us get it done."

"They went too fast to begin with," Conservation Commissioner Gerald Ouillette Jr. said. "We want to avoid that this time around."

Owners of the harvested land include TSE Development LLC, whose agent is Edward K. Renaud Jr. of Whitinsville, and Whitinsville Redevelopment Trust, which lists Leonard S. Jolles as agent and Sidney Covich, trustee.

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## Loggers ordered to repair damaged land in Northbridge

**Thursday** Posted Aug 25, 2016 at 3:15 PM Updated Aug 26, 2016 at 8:56 AM

### By **Susan Spencer** Telegram & Gazette Staff

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NORTHBRIDGE — Trees and rocks have been removed from a local hill by the truckload, and now the owners must fix the damage to the scarred land.

The Conservation Commission voted Wednesday to issue an enforcement order to John McCarthy of Grafton, the agent overseeing forest-cutting activities on more than 200 acres off Church Street and Providence Road, for violations of the state Wetlands Protection Act and local wetlands and stormwater bylaws.

Town officials and nearby residents have complained of erosion, flooding, debris and unauthorized removal of historic stone walls and other structures.

Owners of the harvested land include TSE Development LLC, whose agent is Edward K. Renaud Jr. of Whitinsville, and Whitinsville Redevelopment Trust, which lists Leonard S. Jolles as agent and Sidney Covich, trustee.

Cutting on the land began last September through a plan filed with the state Department of Conservation and Recreation, under the Forest Cutting Practices Act. According to the state law, tree harvesting undertaken as specified in an approved forest cutting plan is exempt from state and local wetlands laws.

DCR approved the plan and was in charge of compliance, but recently Northbridge Conservation Agent David Pickart and Conservation Commissioner Justin Arbuckle walked the site and **found evidence of several**  violations of environmental protection laws and cutting in excess of what was specified in the forest cutting plan.

The Northbridge Conservation Commission issued a cease-and-desist order on Aug. 1.

The state Department of Environmental Protection and DCR were consulted about the violations. William Dausey, who chaired the commission until he resigned this week because his family is relocating, said Thursday, "I know that DEP is concerned. They're acting on it."

The enforcement order states that because of the violations, work under the forest cutting plan is no longer exempt from the Wetlands Protection Act and local wetlands protection bylaws.

It enumerated the violations: In at least two areas, fill material has been placed in regulated wetlands resources; rocks and boulders have been excavated and removed from wetlands and the 100-foot buffer zone; and exposed soil and bare earth have, and will continue to be, eroded and washed into wetland resource areas.

The property agent was ordered to hire an environmental scientist or other professional with experience in ecological restoration to conduct an inspection of the identified areas as well as the remaining portions of the property for undocumented violations.

The specialist must then develop and submit to the Conservation Commission by Sept. 9 a plan to remove fill material that was placed in wetland areas and restore it to protect the interests of the Wetlands Protection Act; minimize erosion and stabilize affected areas; prevent the incorporation of invasive plant species within the wetlands and buffer-zone areas; and recommend follow-up monitoring.

The plan will be presented to the commission at its Sept. 14 meeting.

The enforcement order states that implementation of the remediation plan must begin no later than five business days after it has been authorized by the commission. Mr. Dausey said that the commission hadn't decided on penalties if the remediation plan is not followed as required, but they "got a full read-out from our agent on what those might be."

Mr. Arbuckle said that penalties would depend on how quickly the property owners comply with the order.

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# Selectmen blast Northbridge tree-cutting project

Monday Posted Aug 15, 2016 at 9:35 PM Updated Aug 15, 2016 at 9:35 PM

By <u>Susan Spencer</u> Telegram & Gazette Staff Follow

NORTHBRIDGE – Selectmen expressed strong concern Monday over a treecutting project that has removed far more trees than expected and potentially violated the state Wetlands Protection Act and the Forest Cutting Practices Act.

They told Conservation Commissioner Justin Arbuckle, who presented an update on the situation, that they want to see the site repaired before any further work is done.

Mr. Arbuckle said that although the state Department of Conservation and Recreation has oversight of the **forest cutting plan**, the Conservation Commission has asked the state Department of Environmental Protection to step in to help with enforcement.

The commission requested that the developer hire a wetland scientist to fully map the wetlands and streams and return with a plan for remediating damages.

He also requested that Northbridge police be asked to patrol the site to make sure work vehicles aren't coming and going while a cease-and-desist order issued by the commission is in effect.

In September, forest cutting plans were submitted to the state Department of Conservation and Recreation, which has jurisdiction over forest cutting under state law, to harvest timber from more than 200 acres off Providence Road (Route 122) and Church Street. Sixty to 70 percent of the trees were to be cut. Timber cutting must be spelled out in the plans and comply with regulations under the state Forest Cutting Practices Act, including limited cutting in wetlands and near streams.

Landowners haven't filed plans for future use of the property, but Mr. Arbuckle recalled that several months ago the developer talked to town officials about building 400 housing units and more parking for the high school.

"I think we're sure of what the intentions are," said James Marzec, chairman of the Board of Selectman. "Now we have to make sure remediation happens before they move on.

Owners of the harvested land include TSE Development LLC, whose agent is Edward K. Renaud Jr. of Whitinsville; Whitinsville Redevelopment Trust, which lists Leonard S. Jolles as agent and Sidney Covich, trustee; and a parcel owned by Trimount Trust, which Conservation Commission staff said would not be logged for now.

After numerous complaints from residents of flooding, debris and runoff throughout the year - and evidence that work was still being done on site even though the timber had been harvested - the Conservation Commission issued a cease-and-desist order Aug. 1.

Last week, Mr. Arbuckle and town Conservation Agent David Pickart walked the site and found at least three and possibly four violations, including clearcutting on unmarked wetlands, cutting in streams and over-cutting in "filter strip" buffer zones around streams, and indications that logging equipment had traversed stream channels.

"We were kind of shocked by the extent of the violations," Mr. Arbuckle said.

"If we get the DEP on board, they carry a bigger stick than we do," he said. "Unfortunately during the process our hands were tied."

Under local wetlands bylaws, town officials can fine violators up to \$500 a day. But state penalties can be much higher, according to Mr. Arbuckle. Selectman Charles Ampagoomian Jr. was also upset over stone walls that had been destroyed and removed, likely violating state and local historic preservation laws.

Mr. Ampagoomian said that DCR forester Guy LaChance reported to the Conservation Commission administrative assistant that all was fine with the cutting. "But yet we know there were violations. We don't know where his head was, but it wasn't in his job, we know for damn sure," he said.

"You can't just go and blow out whatever you feel like because you own that property," Mr. Marzec agreed.

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# Northbridge tree-cutting operation under review

Thursday Posted Aug 11, 2016 at 8:46 PM Updated Aug 13, 2016 at 6:19 AM

By <u>Susan Spencer</u> Telegram & Gazette Staff Follow

NORTHBRIDGE – More than 200 acres in the center of Northbridge have gone over the past year from a thickly forested crest to a local version of California's Mount Baldy, a bare hill looming over homes, schools and businesses.

The nearly denuded parcels rising from Plummers Corner at Church Street and Providence Road to Plummers Hill and a rugged area known as the Bad Lands have brought complaints from residents to the Conservation Commission about flooding, runoff, and questionable earth and rock removal.

Destruction of historic stone walls and structures that once stood on the land, as part of a timber harvest operation, has also raised concerns.

Forest cutting plans filed with the state Department of Conservation and Recreation and forwarded to the Northbridge Conservation Commission for comment in September showed three contiguous plans, with separate owners, for cutting 60 percent to 70 percent of the trees.

Timber cutting must be spelled out in the plans and comply with regulations under the state Forest Cutting Practices Act, including limited cutting in wetlands and near streams.

Owners of the harvested land include TSE Development LLC, whose agent is Edward K. Renaud Jr. of Whitinsville; Whitinsville Redevelopment Trust, which lists Leonard S. Jolles as agent and Sidney Covich, trustee; and a parcel owned by Trimount Trust, which Conservation Commission staff said would not be logged for now.

Under the state forestry law, as long as the forest cutting plan is approved by DCR, it is exempt from the state Wetlands Protection Act, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements and local bylaws. Local conservation commissions are notified of the plans and may offer comment, but do not have oversight of the projects. Oversight is up to the DCR forester.

On Wednesday the Conservation Commission discussed possible violations of the Wetlands Protection Act and stormwater bylaws by loggers harvesting the extensive site. The report of noncompliance with forestry standards followed a cease-and-desist order issued by Joy Anderson, Conservation Commission chairman, on Aug. 1.

Commissioners voted unanimously to continue the cease-and-desist order until a state forester from the DCR views the three alleged violations and, possibly in conjunction with the state Department of Environmental Protection, identifies specific remediation orders.

Jennifer Fish, a DCR official, said in a phone interview that if a forest cutting plan is violated, such as clear-cutting in a wetland, and the site can't be brought back into compliance, the property owner would lose the exemption to the Wetlands Protection Act and could be found in violation.

Harvesting work on the Northbridge project has been completed but the site needs to be cleaned up, seeded and restored as much as possible.

The owners have not indicated whether they plan to use the land for anything other than commercial timber, but some commissioners have questioned from the start whether further development might be in the offing. That concern was heightened by the removal of large amounts of rocks from the site.

According to notes from a phone conversation in December between the Conservation Commission administrative assistant and Guy LaChance, a forester from DCR, only 50 percent of the trees around a stream or in a wetland can be cut and landowners cannot do additional work in the buffer zone for five years, so any future work would be delayed.

### **Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools**

WHEREAS, free public schools available to all students regardless of income, ability, need or English language proficiency are foundational to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, all of our students deserve high-quality public schools that teach the whole child, providing enrichment and addressing social and emotional needs in addition to core academic subjects; and

WHEREAS, local accountability for our public schools is necessary to ensure that schools are responsive to the needs of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, public school districts across the state are losing more than \$450 million this year (FY2017) alone — a loss of funds that is undermining the ability of districts to provide all students with the educational services to which they are entitled; and

WHEREAS, Commonwealth charter schools are often approved over the objections of a majority of community residents and their elected officials and are not accountable to local elected officials once they are approved; and

WHEREAS, Commonwealth charter schools often fail to serve the same proportion of special needs students, low-income students and English language learners as the districts from which they receive students and often use high suspension rates to drive out students they don't want to serve; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth charter school system is creating separate and unequal opportunities for success; and

**WHEREAS**, lifting the cap on charter schools would greatly worsen the problems listed above and lead to a costly and divisive two-track school system;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Northbridge Board of Selectmen opposes lifting the cap on Commonwealth charter schools.

James R. Marzec, Chairman

Charles Ampagoomian, Jr., Vice Chair

Thomas J. Melia

Daniel J. Nolan

James J. Athanas

Issued This 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of October In The Year Of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen

### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – October 3, 2016

- Flu Shot Clinic The Northbridge Board of Health and Salmon VNA & Hospice will be hosting a Flu Shot Clinic on Tuesday October 4, 2016 at 9 AM - 11 AM & 4 PM - 6 PM at the Northbridge Senior Center. The Flu Shot Clinic is for any Northbridge residents 6 months or older. Be sure to bring your insurance cards.
- 2. Stormwater Coalition Meeting Update The Stormwater Coalition Meeting was held in Holden, which the Director of Public Works attended. The EPA regulations are beginning to go into effect. The town is currently maintain those requirements. The new stormwater regulations will be unfolding over the next 5 years. It appears the town will be able to continue to meet those regulations for the foreseeable future.
- **3.** International City/County Management Association Conference Update - Attended the Annual International City/County Management Association Conference (ICMA) last week, which included a number of workshops in areas such as energy conservation, community policing, economic development, and human resource management, along with keynote speakers and vendor opportunities for municipal products.
- 4. Rockdale Youth Center Open House Attended the open house for new Rockdale Youth Center, which is overseen by the Whitin Community Center. This facility was previously the St. Peters School and was transformed to the new Rockdale Youth Center through the cooperation of Federal and State agencies in conjunction with donations and a fundraiser by the Whitin Community Center, which raised over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The facility will assist in youth activities and after school programs in the Rockdale section of Northbridge.
- **5. Stretch Code Public Hearing** A Stretch Code public hearing was held to inform the public of the building code requirements pending the code is successfully passed at Town Meeting. Representatives from Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources was in attendance to answer questions from the general public.
- 6. Worcester Regional Transit Authority Ridership Update An update will be provided from CMRPC on activity for the Ridership program.



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### **Melissa Wetherbee**

From:	Nick Burnham <nburnham@cmrpc.org></nburnham@cmrpc.org>		
Sent:	Friday, September 30, 2016 1:18 PM		
То:	tkozak@northbridgemass.org; ssusienka@northbridgemass.org; Melissa Wetherbee		
Cc:	Jonathan E. Church; Todd Fontanella; MaryEllen Blunt		
Subject:	Route A and Route B Ridership - May 2016 to August 2016		

Hello,

Below are the ridership statistics for Route A and Route B from May 2016 to August 2016. Please note that Route A was extended to serve Linwood Mills and that new route schedules for both Route A and Route B went into effect on Monday, June 6, 2016.

Month	# of Weekdays	Route A	Route B
May 2016	21	197	502
June 2016	22	246	418
July 2016	20	181	394
August 2016	23	236	474

Route A highlights are noted below:

- There was a 32% decrease in total ridership between May and August 2016 (860 passenger trips), versus May
  and August 2015 (1136 passenger trips). There were 86 weekdays of service between the 4 month period in both
  2015 and 2016.
- Compared to August 2015 (279 passenger trips), there was a 18% ridership decrease in August 2016. There were two additional weekdays of service in August 2016 versus August 2015.
- In FY17 (July 2016-June 2017) year-to-date, there have been 417 passenger trips over a total of 43 weekdays of service. In FY16 year-to-date, there were 590 passenger trips over a total of 44 weekdays. FY17 YTD versus FY16 YTD, there has been a decrease of 41.5% of ridership on this route.
- Overall, there appears to be a trend of declining ridership on this route. Since the route launched, ridership has
  fluctuated monthly with periods of increasing ridership, and periods of decreasing ridership. CMRPC staff will
  continue to monitor the route's performance in the upcoming months to see if ridership figures increase. Initially,
  the service extension to Linwood Mills was anticipated to boost ridership, but has not been reflected in the monthly
  ridership figures yet.

Route B highlights are noted below:

- There was a 24% increase in total ridership between May and August 2016 (1788 passenger trips), versus May
  and August 2015 (1442 passenger trips). There were 86 weekdays of service between the 4 month period in both
  2015 and 2016.
- Compared to August 2015 (307 passenger trips), there was a 54% ridership increase in August 2016. There were two additional weekdays of service in August 2016 versus August 2015.
- In FY17 (July 2016-June 2017) year-to-date, there have been 868 passenger trips over a total of 43 weekdays of service. In FY16 year-to-date, there were 726 passenger trips over a total of 44 weekdays. FY17 YTD versus FY16 YTD, there has been an increase of 19.5% of ridership on this route.
- Overall, there appears to be a trend of increasing ridership on this route. Route B provides a longer weekday schedule (5:55AM-6:52PM) versus Route A (9:10AM-4:45PM) resulting in more vehicle trips within Northbridge. In terms of monthly ridership, there may be a case of Route B passengers taking from Route A, due to both routes largely serving the same areas of Northbridge. CMRPC staff will continue monitoring both route's performance in the upcoming months to see if the gap in ridership figures continue to widen.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best, Nick