

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL  
7 MAIN STREET - WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588  
December 1, 2014 AT 7:00PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. 1) November 3, 2014                      2) November 17, 2014 [Executive Session]

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS/7:05PM**

B. **4K's Auto Exports LLC [Abdul Kafal]** / Application for a Class II License at 134 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA

C. **National Grid and Verizon New England** / Petition for Joint Pole Re-locations on Providence Road, Plan No. 18261863, dated October 30, 2014.

**III. APPOINTMENTS**

**By the Town Manager:**

D. Officer Richard Gorman – Promotion to Sergeant

**By the Selectmen:**

E. Marie Rebecchi, Member At Large – Aggregate Power Committee

**IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT**

**Local Business Spotlight:** Featuring - Petals Fine Florals & Gifts/Present: Jen Wolf, Proprietor

**V. DECISIONS**

F. 2015 Selectmen's Meeting Schedule/Vote to approve

G. 2015 Holiday Schedule/Vote to approve

H. Brenda McAuliffe d/b/a Cellar Sooper / Notification of change in Sunday hours

**VI. DISCUSSIONS**

I. 2014-2015 Snow & Ice Program/Roads and Bridge Projects Update - Present: James Shuris, DPW Director and Jamie Luchini, Hwy. Supt.

J. Ambulance Rates / Present: Gary Nestor, Fire Chief

**VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

K. 1) Free Flu Clinic – December 10<sup>th</sup> @ Northbridge High School, from 3PM to 5PM

2) National Grid Pole Re-location [Church Street, Whitinsville]

3) Governor's Proposed Budget Reductions

4) Chapter 70 Seminar

5) Affordable Healthcare Update

**VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS**

**IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

**X. CORRESPONDENCE**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

A.I.

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
November 3, 2014**

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Charles Ampagoomian at 6:30 PM, Northbridge Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA. **Present:** Messrs. Athanas, Melia and Nolan. Selectman Marzec was absent and it is duly recorded. **Also Present:** Theodore D. Kozak, Town Manager.

Chairman Ampagoomian announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session and declared that having an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the body.

A motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, S. 21#3 – To discuss strategy with respect to litigation [Cable License]– and to reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Athanas/Yes, Mr. Melia/Yes, Mr. Nolan/Yes, and Mr. Ampagoomian/Yes.

Open Session Adjourned: 6:31 PM

Executive Session Convened: 6:32 PM

Executive Session Adjourned: 6:58 PM

Open Session Reconvened: 7:00 PM

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.**

**Approval of Minutes. 1) October 6, 2014.** A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Ampagoomian to approve the October 6, 2014 minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Messrs. Nolan and Ampagoomian. Abstain/Messrs. Athanas and Melia who were absent from the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. **2) October 28, 2014 [Fall Annual Town Meeting].** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve the October 28, 2014 minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Messrs. Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian.

**Public Hearings/None.**

**Appointments/By the Board of Selectmen. Heather Beland, Playground & Recreation Commission.** Present: David Scichilone, Chairman-Playground & Recreation Commission and Heather Beland. Ms. Beland explained that she has lived in Northbridge for about 4 years, adding that she would like to be more involved in the community. She noted the importance of sports and recreation and that she was informed by Mr. Scichilone about the vacancy on the Playground & Recreation Commission. Mr. Scichilone added that Ms. Beland had been responsive to communication by the Commission and the Commission was in favor of Ms. Beland becoming a member. Selectman Melia thanked Ms. Beland for applying for the opening, asking if there was anything in particular that she would like to see accomplished regarding playgrounds and recreation. Ms. Beland responded that she was hoping to bring a fresh perspective to the Commission. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Athanas to appoint Ms. Beland to the Playground & Recreation Commission. Vote yes/Messrs. Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian.

**Northbridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council [Kathy Lyons]/Request permission to hang a banner over Church Street from November 23, 2014 through December 7, 2014 to advertise "National Inclusive Schools Week".** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to give permission to Northbridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council to hang a banner over Church Street from

November 23, 2014 through December 7, 2014 to advertise “National Inclusive Schools Week”. Vote yes/Messrs. Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian.

**2015 Technical Assistance Grant [Mass Downtown Initiative Grant]-Economics of downtown/Vote to submit.** Town Manager Kozak explained that this is a grant program that we applied for last year for which we were unsuccessful. He added that the Community Planning & Development Office under the direction of Town Planner Gary Bechtholdt recommends that we re-apply. Mr. Kozak emphasized that we are trying to work with the Shop [Whitin Machine Works] and Mr. Len Jolles [Whitinsville Redevelopment Trust Management – WRT] who oversees the operation, has graciously agreed to help with the grant application. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve submission of an application for the 2015 Technical Assistance Grant [Mass Downtown Initiative Program]. Vote yes/Messrs. Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian.

**Douglas Road Bridge / Vote to install a Memorial Plaque. Present: Trustees of Soldiers’ Memorials Chairman Tom Farley and members Ron Massey, Jim Gallagher, Richard Trier, and Daniel Beneway.** Chairman Ampagoomian noted as required, he is the Ex-Officio member of the Trustees of Soldiers’ Memorials. The Trustees requested that the Douglas Road Bridge be dedicated in honor of Thomas Perron. It was recalled that at the square between Douglas Road and Fletcher Street there was a stone with a plaque that had already been dedicated to Mr. Perron. However, because of the construction on the Douglas Road Bridge, the plaque had to be moved and was placed on the corner of Memorial Square. Since the Douglas Road Bridge is nearing completion, the Trustees of Soldiers’ Memorials would like to dedicate the Bridge, renaming it the “Perron Memorial Bridge”. Talks had been conducted with Thomas Galvin of MassDOT to have the plaque formed and installed in the Bridge to protect the plaque from being taken. Mr. Galvin seemed agreeable and sent DPW Director Jim Shuris an email recommending that the Board of Selectmen send a letter to MassDOT requesting permission to have the plaque installed in the town-owned Bridge. If this procedure is done now before the concrete is completed on the bridge, it will be placed at the southeast corner of the Bridge, near the entrance to the Highway Department. This makes the most sense for installation of the plaque, otherwise a space would have to be chiseled out of the concrete later and it would be difficult to place the plaque with existing lettering or numbering. The Trustees of Soldiers’ Memorials are also talking about putting a sign on each end of the Bridge to ensure that people would see the tribute. The Trustees of Soldiers’ Memorials were asking the Selectmen to draft and send a letter to MassDOT to request the plaque installation in the Bridge. Mr. Ronald Massey noted that he brought the plaque to Whitinsville Monumental Works for repairs, to prevent it from being taken, and to get a price to get it refurbished. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to send a letter to MassDOT to request permission to install the Thomas Perron plaque on the Douglas Road Bridge so that placement can be done as soon as possible. Vote yes/Messrs. Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian. Mr. Ampagoomian noted that Corporal Thomas Perron was killed in the Marine barracks in Lebanon along with about 240 Marines who were weaponless. Mr. Ampagoomian thanked the Trustees of Soldiers’ Memorials for their service and requested that the Selectmen mail the requested letter to MassDOT the next day.

**481 Yogi Convenience Store, Inc. d/b/a Highland Farms / Notification of Change of Sunday Hours.** Chairman Ampagoomian pointed out that this new law pertains to all Section 15 licensees [Package Stores] in Massachusetts and allows them to open two hours earlier at 10AM on Sundays. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve Highland Farm’s request to open at 10:00AM on Sundays. Vote yes/Messrs. Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian.

**Departmental Reports: Assessors [Robert W. Fitzgerald, Principal Assessor]. 1) Department of Revenue Measure and List Requirement.** The most important thing done by the Assessor’s Office in this quarter [July 2014 – September 2014] was to perform the Department of Revenue’s Measure and List Requirement, which is needed by the DOR every 9 years. He added that it requires the Assessor’s Office to measure and check every house, making sure that the information is correct for assessment purposes.

Mr. Fitzgerald said that they hired 4 temporary people including 3 college students who required training and a retired worker. He noted that they are required to be finished by Fiscal Year 2016 and are on track with the project. **2) Compiled mailing lists for exemptions and mailed forms.** **3) Department of Revenue interim adjustment requirement.** Assessor's Office verified sales of 2013 to base adjustments for FY 2015 valuation, completed LA-15 Sales Coding for approval, and adjusted data by use code based on sales. Department of Revenue reviewed and approved changes for FY 2015. During the winter staff makes necessary changes. Mr. Melia asked Mr. Fitzgerald if he had seen an increase in the Northbridge valuations in the last year or two. Mr. Fitzgerald responded that for the past 3 years valuations had stabilized, adding that there had been a slight increase from last year to this year.

**Accounting [Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant].** **1)** The new fiscal year began on 7/1/14 and it has gone rather smoothly. **2)** The Accounting Office's Intern from Worcester State University began work in early June. She keyed the 2015 budgets for all departments including the School's budget and has assisted the Treasurer's Office with various tasks. **3)** Most of the Department's work is in the months of May through early December during which there are two open fiscal years at the same time. In the fall there are many submissions that are due to the Commonwealth including Snow and Ice Data Report, Receivables Balance Checklist, Statement of Indebtedness, Cash Recon Worksheet, School End of Year Report, Schedule A, and the Balance Sheet. **4)** There were several meetings in early September in preparation for the now completed Fall Annual Town Meeting. **5)** The Town certified the following amounts for FY'14: Free Cash \$956,877.00, Water Enterprise \$1,490,440.00 and Sewer Enterprise \$1,020,454.00. Mr. Vaidya noted that relatively speaking these are healthy balances compared to last year. This was the very first year in many that our receivables for both Personal Property and real estate decreased compared to the previous fiscal year—a sign the taxpayers are paying their bills owed to the Town. **6)** The Town showed strong collection rates for all of the 3 major funds, General, Water and Sewer. Banks escrowing taxes is a big help to the Town in ensuring that the real estate taxes get paid. Overall, FY'14 proved to be a very good year financially for the Town; we met all benchmarks in all major categories including local receipts for motor vehicle excise, licenses and permits and interest revenue. **7)** We continue to move forward with the process of outsourcing the Town's payroll. This has been a big challenge with issues including terminology and the way a municipality processes its payroll compared to a private company. **8)** Mr. Vaidya attended some education classes that dealt primarily with retirement issues. In September, he attended the PERAC Forum at the College of the Holy Cross. This year's biggest issues continue to deal with Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) and how cities and towns will need to address this growing problem, but more importantly how it will affect the Town's Financial Statements. Mr. Vaidya thanked all the department heads and Town employees who do their jobs every day. He noted that it's not easy keeping track of 75 million dollars; it requires a lot of hard work and effort, especially at year-end, and employees' help is greatly appreciated. Mr. Ampagoomian asked how the management letters are coming along. Mr. Vaidya responded that they are coming along well. He added that the auditors will be coming in the beginning of December and progress should be noted then. Town Manager Kozak commented that we are about \$200,000.00 over last year's amount for Free Cash. He added that the main reason for this is that the Town sold property. Mr. Kozak recommended that the \$200,000.00, a one-time situation from a property sale, be used for a one-time capital project and not used for the General Fund. Mr. Vaidya added that the Board of Selectmen voted a policy that sets our benchmark for Free Cash at \$750,000.00 to be used for operations and anything over that benchmark can be used for a capital item or thrown into Stabilization. He recommended that we stick to that policy. To Mr. Melia's question, Mr. Vaidya responded that we have about \$1.7 million dollars in the Stabilization Fund.

**Board of Health [Jeanne M. Gniadek, Board of Health Administrator]** **1) Flu Vaccination Clinics.** The Board of Health / VNA sponsored clinic was held at the Senior Center on October 7<sup>th</sup> – 97 residents attended. School-based flu clinic has been scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm at the High School. **2) Emergency Operations Planning.** Completed a DRAFT Drive-Thru Emergency Dispensing Plan for incorporation into the Public Health Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). This plan could be used for mass dispensing of antibiotics using the DRIVE-THRU dispensing model rather than meeting with people

in an anthrax type of event. Also completed a pretty strong draft of a shelter support plan, which has been distributed to the different departments. It includes checklists, staffing guidelines, some message templates, contact information, etc. that would be needed to open a shelter. Blackstone Valley Regional Emergency Planning Committee (BVREPC): The BVREPC held a table-top exercise on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Millbury High School which Ms. Gniadek attended. The exercise scenario was the crash of a fuel tanker resulting in multiple car accidents and injuries, fuel spillage, fire, and mass evacuation of a heavily populated flea market. The BVREPC consists of the following 5 towns: Grafton, Upton, Millbury, Sutton, and Northbridge and requires representation from Fire, Police, Health, DPW, Emergency Management, hospitals, environmental groups, and local industries. **3) Housing.** Received 5 requests for inspections of dwelling units by tenants. Of these five, 2 are being pursued through the Worcester Housing Court as the owner failed to make repairs. The Board is seeking an Enforcement Order through Housing Court against a property owner who has failed to repair a municipal sewer line that is in disrepair allowing raw sewage to discharge onto the property. **Linwood Mill:** The Linwood Mill Apartments applied for a variance from the Housing Code to shorten the heating season (defined as September 15<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>). The residents and property management wanted to shorten the heating season with a start date of October 15<sup>th</sup> as they stated that many units get extremely warm and they would like the air conditioning to extend past September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board denied the variance request as they felt that the issue was not the heating season but a problem with the HVAC system. **4) Food Service.** New Establishments: Reviewed, Approved & Inspected: Sammy's Restaurant, Dollar Tree, Trading Post General Store, and the New China Pacific Restaurant (total of 15 inspections: Construction Checks, Pre-Opening and Opening Inspections). Other inspections completed during this time frame: 50 routine inspections and 18 follow-up inspections. Certificate of Merit Program: The Board recognizes food service establishments (establishments that prepare food on-site) that at the time of their routine inspections have NO critical violations and 5 or less other violations through the awarding of a certificate of merit. A list of establishments that received certificates this calendar year was provided to the Board of Selectmen by Ms. Gniadek. **5) Inspector of Animals.** Quarantines Issued: 19. Barn Inspections conducted due to complaints: 2. Rabies Submissions: 3 bats & 1 woodchuck were submitted for rabies testing – all were negative. **6) Pine Grove Cemetery.** Work continues on inputting data from the cemetery records. **7) Title 5 – Walmart Septic System.** The septic system at Walmart is in failure – the system consists of a 30,000 gallon septic tank and a pump chamber, which has been shut down to stop the flow of effluent into the leaching field. The tank is being pumped on an almost daily basis until a determination is made to either repair the system or connect to municipal sewer (available if the Town of Sutton is able to extend their sewer line to Valley Parkway. **8) Permit Renewal Notices.** Permit renewal notices were mailed today (November 3<sup>rd</sup>) to the following: 82 food establishments, 12 trash haulers, 2 tanning salons, 21 disposal works installer license holders, 13 septic haulers, 8 dumpster contractors and 2 swimming pools. **9) Recycling Center.** The recycling center located behind the Fire Station on Main Street is now accepting sharps (needles and syringes). Bring to center either in a sharps container or in a sealed hard plastic bottle such as a laundry bottle. **10) Compost Bins.** Compost bins are still available in the Board of Health office - \$30.00. **11) Compost Site.** Just a reminder that the compost site located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is open Wednesdays from 1-5 PM and Saturdays from 9 AM – 3 PM for disposal of yard waste. You can purchase your sticker for access to the site (\$15) at the Board of Health office. The compost site will be closing on November 29<sup>th</sup> for the season.

**Building Department [James S. Sheehan, Jr., Inspector of Buildings] 1) Permits.** 180 building permits, 117 electrical permits, 69 plumbing permits and 54 gas permits were issued. Out of the 180 building permits 16 were issued for new housing units, the majority of which were located within the subdivisions of Shining Rock, Presidential and Camelot. There were a total of 40 building permits issued for solar panels (primarily residential). The 180 building permits are approximately 30% higher than the 3-year average for this period and approximately 40% higher than the 5-year average. The total of 16 housing units was approximately 25% higher than the 3 year average for this period and 80% higher than the 5 year average. **2) Construction Value.** The construction value of the building permits issued for the quarter was approximately 7 million dollars. This value is approximately 30% higher than the 3-year

average for this period. **3) Revenue.** The Building Department generated a total of \$69,000 in revenue from July-September. Building permits generated \$52,000, electrical permits generated \$8,900, and plumbing permits generated \$8,900. The \$69,000 in revenue is approximately 7% below our 5 year average for revenue for this time period. **4) Continuing Education.** Mr. Sheehan attended the annual New England Building Officials seminar at UMass from October 6-8. This was an excellent opportunity to improve his knowledge and keep up with the code changes. All the inspectors in Mr. Sheehan's office take the required continuing education courses as mandated by the State. **5) Notes.** The new China Pacific Restaurant received their occupancy permit last week and re-opened last Saturday. There are a couple of proposed projects in the review process at this time. **a)** The property at 369 Douglas Road which includes an 8,800 square foot addition and site improvements for WGM Fabricators. **b)** The property at 135 Providence Road (Salvation Army) is a proposed 19,000 square foot addition (retail) with site improvements and the demolition of an existing multi-family structure. CSL License – continuing education is required to renew your CSL license. Unrestricted 12 hours, restricted 10 hours and specialty 6 hours. On a final note as required by the State, the Building Department and Fire Department will begin their joint inspections of establishments that serve alcohol starting in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Ampagoomian asked if any special license is needed for inspection of solar panels to which Mr. Sheehan responded, "No."

**School Department [Superintendent of Schools Dr. Catherine A. Stickney]** Noted that this third quarter was her introduction to the Superintendence. **1) Superintendent's Entry Plan.** During the summer Dr. Stickney met with individuals around town, listening to the Community regarding the operations of the schools, which she found very informative and enjoyable – great suggestions and ideas! Dr. Stickney is in the process of completing an entry report with her findings that will help us move forward with a strategic plan that they will begin working on in January. **2) Buildings and Grounds:** preparation in the summer for the new school year, cleaning the buildings and getting the grounds prepared. In October, they had their 4-year visit with the MSBA to complete their needs assessment. Around Columbus Day they had finished their work on the Balmer kitchen. They started in April, issuing the gas line, which precipitated into greater needs once they got into the work of replacing most of the equipment in the lines that was about 50 years old. This resulted in items on the Town meeting warrant for a capital exclusion. **3) Analysis of budgets, contracts, cost savings measures and safety procedures.** It was a summer of challenging and difficult decisions. Moving forward with their FY15 budget, they faced cutting 15 teaching positions, which resulted in losing 23 classes at the high school and 2 programs. Space also has presented some challenges with class rooms designed for no more than 30 students that are now holding 45. They also faced the elimination of clubs, middle school sports, and some of their co-op sports, many of which have been restored due to parent donations and community generosity, which is greatly appreciated, however they are concerned about the sustainability. They started a concurrent enrollment program at the high school with QCC; with some of their classes being taken at QCC, which offers credit if students complete the courses with a passing grade. The credit is applied to QCC if they attend that college after graduation. So they are continuing to focus on improving all their programs, instruction, and enrichment opportunities for their students. **4) New grant applications and professional development.** They were able to apply for grants, which brought in additional professional development at no cost and other opportunities and stipends that brought in about \$15,000. There are a few more grants that they are waiting to hear about, which may afford more opportunities. **5) Analysis of student data, programming and staffing.** They are still providing 13 advanced placement courses at the high school, which enable students to get credit toward college. This year they started 5 career academies at Northbridge High School. Each is a 4-year program with job shadowing and internship opportunities. **6) Programs and activities that provide collaboration between departments and organizations.** These included "Read around the Town" with Whitinsville Social Library, reviewing their safety protocols with their invaluable school resource officer, working with the Police and Fire departments and Playground and Recreation in terms of summer scheduling. Activities also include work with NCTV, which has helped them upgrade the equipment for students in their Broadcasting Academy. Dr. Stickney also noted that they worked with Blackstone Valley Ed

Foundation; approximately 25 students attended the Manufacturing Day and this past weekend 8 students attended a Middle School S.T.E.M. Career Day Conference at Tufts. They are also working with the Chamber of Commerce and QCC to engage students more with the sites (hopefully at the satellite location, which may be coming). Dr. Stickney noted she is working collaboratively with Dr. Fitzpatrick of the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School to arrange some opportunities for students at Middle School. Finally, Dr. Stickney added that we had a very exciting sports season; she congratulated Coach Lachapelle on his 324<sup>th</sup> victory. Dr. Stickney concluded that they are continuing to move forward this year and find opportunities to communicate with the Community, share information and proceed with the budgeting process. She noted that she produced her first video message on the school website discussing and providing clarity on capital exclusion items. Dr. Stickney added that she is looking forward to appearing on "About the Valley" on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Melia welcomed Dr. Stickney to her first year as Superintendent, commenting that everything he hears indicates that she is doing a great job. He noted that it's good to see her at community events such as football games. Thanking the Department heads for briefing the Board, Chairman Ampagoomian commented that residents who observed the reporting now have information as to the workings and transparency of town government and the school department.

**Aggregate Power Committee/Vote to formulate committee.** Town Manager Kozak explained that the warrant article to initiate the process to find an aggregate electricity supplier for all town residents and businesses in the community was approved at Town Meeting. He also advised that approval of the article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to establish a committee to oversee the process, which he had discussed with the Finance Committee. The Town Manager recommended forming an Aggregate Power Committee with about 5 people and suggested having a Finance Committee member participate, the School's Business Manager [who works with the Town Manager for power supply purchases], the Town Planner, who is also very good at putting together proposals, and a representative from the Chamber of Commerce [since it represents both residential and business] and noted that he spoke with Jeannie Hebert, President of the Chamber, who said that she would discuss this with the Chamber. Finally, he suggested having a Member at Large to serve on the Committee. Mr. Kozak concluded that the Committee would choose a company within a week and hopefully return with information for the Board by January 1, 2015. Mr. Melia thought that forming a committee is a great way to go and favorably commenting on the speed at which this was being planned. Mr. Ampagoomian recommended establishing a definite time frame. Mr. Kozak agreed to advertise the request for a Member at Large for the Committee. He added that anyone who is interested in becoming a member may contact the Town Manager's Office.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/1) State Election.** Mr. Kozak announced the State Election will take place on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 8 PM at the High School. He advised that the Town Clerk had asked him to provide the following information to voters regarding the election: Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's office and the deadline for submission is by noon on the day before the election. He also stated that informational red voting booklets were mailed to all residents and are available at the Town Hall. He added that there are 4 state questions and 2 additional capital exclusion questions [tied to the Town Meeting] on the ballot and that they are located on the back of the ballot. He emphasized that voters should be aware that there are 2 sides to the ballot. Mr. Kozak further explained that the two Town questions concerned School and roadway expenses. Lastly, he pointed out the additional importance of having a high voter turnout noting that there was a good chance that Northbridge could win an award for the highest voter turnout in the area. **2) Pine Grove Cemetery Update.** The Town has officially taken over the cemetery as of October 24<sup>th</sup>. We have contacted the funeral directors to inform them and we've already had two funerals. Tom Ciccone is the Town's contractor for burials. We will also be getting assistance from the Worcester County House of Correction to clean up leaves in the cemetery. The Town Clerk's Office will be helping with the sale of the lots; DPW will be overseeing the burials and would be the contact point for this. **3) Leaf Program Update:** Reminder: This year leaves are being picked up by zone, which is a better-organized system. To find the schedule for your area you may go to the Town's website or call the DPW at 508-234-3581. **4) Annual Labor Relations**

**Seminar.** Attended this seminar with Sharon Susienka of the Town Manager's office last Friday. Topics included the Impacts of the Affordable Care Act for public employers, Workers Compensation and Trends in Negotiations as well as civil service law. **5) Chamber of Commerce – Local Business Spotlight Update.** Contacted the Chamber of Commerce. They will provide us with businesses to attend Board meetings in the future. The Chamber is also putting together a breakfast event where people can meet town officials. **6) MassWorks Grant Application.** The Town did not get the grant to rebuild Church Street Extension so we will try again next year.

**Selectmen's Concerns.** **Selectman Athanas**-Mentioned an incident in a neighboring community where the bus driver was allegedly drunk and went through a number of stop signs. He asked if we CORI bus drivers and it was confirmed that we do. Mr. Melia noted that he heard the news report about the incident and they did a CORI check but it only went back 5 years and the driver's previous convictions happened before that. **Selectman Melia/1)** Congratulated and commended Northbridge High School Coach Ken Lachapelle for becoming the winningest football coach in state history. Displaying newspaper clippings about the Coach, Mr. Melia noted that Friday night was win number 324, which "put Northbridge on the map". He added that he had been a classmate and teammate of Coach Lachapelle. Mr. Melia said it was a great accomplishment for the Town, School, Ken's family, football team and players. He added that at some future date he would like to give Mr. Lachapelle a proclamation to let him know how proud the Selectmen and the Class of 1966 are of his accomplishments. **2)** Stated that the purchasing of non-manual drive-by water meters for the Town side of the Water Company (which is half the Town) failed at the Fall Annual Town Meeting and asked the Town Manager, what associated costs would this mean for the Town, especially knowing that after the cost of the meters the decreased costs would benefit only half the Town. Town Manager Kozak responded that he didn't have an answer at this time and most likely they would re-visit the issue in the spring, perhaps at the Spring Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Nolan clarified that the cost of the meters was being borne by the Enterprise Fund and not tax dollars. **Chairman Ampagoomian** noted that tomorrow, November 4<sup>th</sup>, is a very important day in which a new governor, a new state senator, and state representative for our district would be elected. He added that there are ballot questions on the state as well as town levels. Mr. Ampagoomian advised citizens to vote and to read the 2 ballot questions (5 and 6) that pertain to the roads and schools in our community.

A Motion Mr. Marzec, seconded Mr. Athanas to adjourn the meeting. Vote Yes/Messrs. Marzec, Nolan, Melia, Athanas and Ampagoomian.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**James Athanas, Clerk**

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## **LIST OF DOCUMENTATION**

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

**November 3, 2014**

#### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. 1) Copy of October 6, 2014 minutes
- 2) Copy of October 28, 2014 minutes [Fall Annual Town Meeting]

#### **II. PUBLIC HEARING / None**

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

- B. Copy of Heather Beland's Talent Bank Application

#### **IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT / None**

#### **V. DECISIONS**

- C. Copy of email dated October 22, 2014 from Kathy Lyons requesting permission to hang a banner across Church Street from November 23<sup>rd</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup> to advertise National Inclusive Schools Week
- D. Copy of memo dated October 29, 2014 from Town Planner Gary Bechtholdt regarding the 2015 Technical Assistance Grant
  - Copy of Application Cover Sheet
  - Copy of documentation from DHCD regarding the Massachusetts Downtown Initiative FY2015 Technical Assistance Program
- E. Douglas Road Bridge/Vote to install a Memorial Plaque - **No documentation.**
- F. Copy of application and corporate vote from 481 Yogi Convenience Store, Inc. d/b/a Highland Farms for a Change in Sunday hours.

#### **VI. DISCUSSIONS**

- G. Copy of Departmental Reports from: Assessors Office [Robert Fitzgerald]; Town Accountant [Neil Vaidya]; Board of Health [Jeanne Gniadek]; Building Inspector [James Sheehan]; and School Department [Catherine Stickney]
- H. Aggregate Power Committee/Vote to formulate committee – **No documentation**

#### **VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

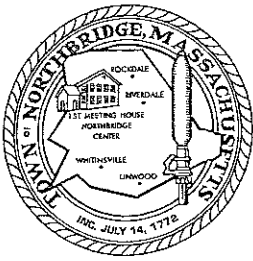
- I. 1) State Election – **No documentation**
- 2) Pine Grove Cemetery Update – **No documentation**
- 3) Leaf Program– **No documentation**
- 4) Annual Labor Relations Seminar - **No documentation**
- 5) Chamber of Commerce Local Business Spotlight - **No documentation**
- 6) MassWorks Grant Application - **No documentation**

#### **VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS / None**

#### **IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA / None**

#### **X. CORRESPONDENCE / None**

#### **XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION- Under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, S21 #3 – To discuss strategy with respect to litigation. – No documentation**



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Theodore D. Kozak  
Town Manager

November 19, 2014 - *faxed/emailed*

Via Facsimile: 508-793-9315  
Worcester Telegram & Gazette (LEGALS)

To Whom It May Concern:

Please place the following Legal Notice in the Telegram & Gazette on Saturday, November 22, 2014:

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**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given, under Chapter 140, Section 59, of the MGLs that a Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:05 PM**, in the Selectmen's Room, Northbridge Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA to consider the application of 4 K's Auto Exports LLC for a Class II - Used Car Dealer's License at 134 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA to buy/sell used cars.

Northbridge Board of Selectmen  
Charles Ampagoomian, Jr., Chairman  
November 22, 2014

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Please send bill to:

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

Sincerely,

Sharon L. Susienka  
Exec. Asst. to the Town Manager

c: Abutters  
Abdul Kafal

APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO BUY, SELL, EXCHANGE  
OR ASSEMBLE SECOND HAND MOTOR VEHICLES  
OR PARTS THEREOF

WHOLESALE LICENSE  
(INTERNET SALES)

I, the undersigned, duly authorized by the concern herein mentioned, hereby apply for a <sup>CLASS II</sup>.....  
class license, to Buy, Sell, Exchange or Assemble second hand motor vehicles or parts thereof, in accordance with  
the provisions of Chapter 140 of the General Laws.

1. What is the name of the concern? 4 K'S AUTO EXPORTS LLC

Business address of concern. No. 134 Linwood Avenue St.,  
Whitinsville, Northbridge City — Town.

2. Is the above concern an individual, co-partnership, an association or a corporation? .....  
Limited Liability Company

3. If an individual, state full name and residential address.

4. If a co-partnership, state full names and residential addresses of the persons composing it.

Abdul Kafal

Lynn M. Kafal

5. If an association or a corporation, state full names and residential addresses of the principal officers.

President

Secretary

Treasurer

6. Are you engaged principally in the business of buying, selling or exchanging motor vehicles? Yes ..

If so, is your principal business the sale of new motor vehicles? No ..

Is your principal business the buying and selling of second hand motor vehicles? Yes ..

Is your principal business that of a motor vehicle junk dealer? No ..

7. Give a complete description of all the premises to be used for the purpose of carrying on the business.

134 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA 01588

8. Are you a recognized agent of a motor vehicle manufacturer? No (Yes or No)

If so, state name of manufacturer

9. Have you a signed contract as required by Section 58, Class 1? No (Yes or No)

10. Have you ever applied for a license to deal in second hand motor vehicles or parts thereof? Yes (Yes or No)

If so, in what city — town Northbridge \*

Did you receive a license? No/No (Yes or No) \*

For what year? 2007 + 2014

11. Has any license issued to you in Massachusetts or any other state to deal in motor vehicles or parts thereof ever been suspended or revoked? No (Yes or No) Denied due to the location (not an allowed use) prior.

Sign your name in full

(Duly authorized to represent the concern herein mentioned)

Residence. 400 Marston Road  
Whitinsville, MA 01588

### IMPORTANT

EVERY QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED WITH  
FULL INFORMATION, AND FALSE STATEMENTS  
HEREIN MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF  
YOUR APPLICATION OR THE SUBSEQUENT  
REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE IF ISSUED.

NOTE: If the applicant has not held a license in the year prior to this application, he must file a duplicate of the application with the registrar. (See Sec. 59)

APPLICANT WILL NOT FILL THE FOLLOWING BLANKS

Application after investigation .....  
(Approved or Disapproved)

License No. .... granted ..... Fee \$.....

Signed.....  
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CHAPTER 140 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, TER. ED., WITH AMENDMENTS THERETO (EXTRACT)

SECTION 57. No person, except one whose principal business is the manufacture and sale of new motor vehicles but who incidentally acquires and sells second hand vehicles, or a person whose principal business is financing the purchase of or insuring motor vehicles but who incidentally acquires and sells second hand vehicles, shall engage in the business of buying, selling, exchanging or assembling second hand motor vehicles or parts thereof without securing a license as provided in section fifty-nine. This section shall apply to any person engaged in the business of conducting auctions for the sale of motor vehicles.

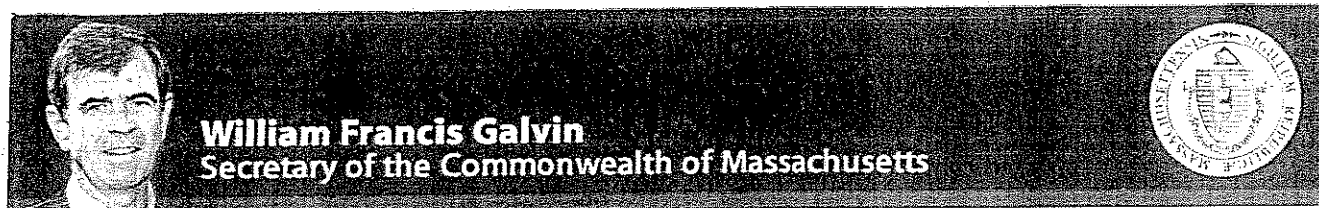
SECTION 58. Licenses granted under the following section shall be classified as follows:

Class 1. Any person who is a recognized agent of a motor vehicle manufacturer or a seller of motor vehicles made by such manufacturer whose authority to sell the same is created by a written contract with such manufacturer or with some person authorized in writing by such manufacturer to enter into such contract, and whose principal business is the sale of new motor vehicles, the purchase and sale of second hand motor vehicles being incidental or secondary thereto, may be granted an agent's or a seller's license; provided, that with respect to second hand motor vehicles purchased for the purpose of sale or exchange and not taken in trade for new motor vehicles, such dealer shall be subject to all provisions of this chapter and of rules and regulations made in accordance therewith applicable to holders of licenses of class 2.

Class 2. Any person whose principal business is the buying or selling of second hand motor vehicles may be granted a used car dealer's license.

Class 3. Any person whose principal business is the buying of second hand motor vehicles for the purpose of remodeling, taking apart or rebuilding the same, or the buying or selling of parts of second hand motor vehicles or tires, or the assembling of second hand motor vehicle parts, may be granted a motor vehicle junk license.

SECTION 59. The police commissioner in Boston and the licensing authorities in other cities and towns may grant licenses under this section which shall expire on January first following the date of issue unless sooner revoked. The fees for the licenses shall be fixed by the licensing board or officer, but in no case shall exceed \$100. dollars. Application for license shall be made in such form as shall be approved by the registrar of motor vehicles, in sections fifty-nine to sixty-six, inclusive, called the registrar, and if the applicant has not held a license in the year prior to such application, such application shall be made in duplicate, which duplicate shall be filed with the registrar. No such license shall be granted unless the licensing board or officer is satisfied from an investigation of the facts stated in the application and any other information which they may require of the applicant, that he is a proper person to engage in the business specified in section fifty-eight in the classifications for which he has applied, that said business is or will be his principal business, and that he has available a place of business suitable for the purpose. The license shall specify all the premises to be occupied by the licensee for the purpose of carrying on the licensed business. Permits for a change of situation of the licensed premises or for addition thereto may be granted at any time by the licensing board or officer in writing, a copy of which shall be attached to the license. Cities and towns by ordinance or by-law may regulate the situation of the premises of licensees within class 3 as defined in section fifty-eight, and all licenses and permits issued hereunder to persons within said class 3 shall be subject to the provisions of ordinances and by-laws which are hereby authorized to be made. No license or permit shall be issued hereunder to a person within said class 3 until after a hearing, of which seven days' notice shall have been given to the owners of property abutting on the premises where such license or permit is proposed to be exercised. All licenses granted under this section shall be revoked by the licensing board or officer if it appears, after hearing, that the licensee is not complying with sections fifty-seven to sixty-nine, inclusive, or the rules and regulations made thereunder; and no new license shall be granted to such person thereafter, nor to any person for use on the same premises, without the approval of the registrar. The hearing may be dispensed with if the registrar notifies the licensing board or officer that a licensee is not so complying. Any person aggrieved by any action of the licensing board or officer refusing to grant, or revoking a license for any cause may, within ten days after such action, appeal therefrom to any justice of the superior court in the county in which the premises sought to be occupied under the license or permit applied for are located. The justice shall, after such notice to the parties as he deems reasonable, give a summary hearing on such appeal, and shall have jurisdiction in equity to review all questions of fact or law and may affirm or reverse the decision of the board or officer and may make any appropriate decree. The decision of the justice shall be final.



## Corporations Division

### Business Entity Summary

ID Number: 471203990

[Request certificate](#)
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Summary for: 4 K'S AUTO EXPORTS LLC

**The exact name of the Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC):** 4 K'S AUTO EXPORTS LLC

**Entity type:** Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC)

**Identification Number:** 471203990

**Date of Organization in Massachusetts:**  
07-11-2014

**Last date certain:**

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

Address: 400 MARSTON ROAD

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

**The name and address of the Resident Agent:**

Name: ABDUL KAFAL

Address: 400 MARSTON ROAD

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

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

Title	Individual name	Address
MANAGER	ABDUL KAFAL	400 MARSTON ROAD WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588 USA
MANAGER	LYNN M KAFAL	400 MARSTON ROAD WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588 USA

**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:**

Title	Individual name	Address

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:

Title	Individual name	Address
REAL PROPERTY	LYNN M KAFAL	400 MARSTON ROAD WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588 USA
REAL PROPERTY	ABDUL KAFAL	400 MARSTON ROAD WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588 USA



Consent

Confidential  
DataMerger  
Allowed

Manufacturing

**View filings for this business entity:**

**ALL FILINGS**

Annual Report

Annual Report - Professional

Articles of Entity Conversion

Certificate of Amendment

Certificate of Cancellation



**View filings**

**Comments or notes associated with this business entity:**



**New search**

## LEASE

**Witnesseth**, One Thirty Four Linwood, LLC (hereinafter "Lessor"), of Whitinsville, Massachusetts, does hereby lease, demise and let unto Abdul Kafal, 4 KS Auto Exports LLC of Whitinsville, Massachusetts (hereinafter "Lessee"), two (2) parking spaces located at 134 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, Town of Northbridge, Massachusetts, for the purpose of Used Auto Sales (Class II License), together with the right in common with others to use adjoining parking area for employee and customer parking.

**To Hold** for the term of two (2) years beginning the first day after the Lessee obtains his Class II license from the Town of Northbridge and ending on the two year anniversary of said start date yielding and paying therefore rent in the amount of One Thousand Eight Hundred and 00/100 (\$1,800.00) Dollars per year and said Lessee does hereby promise to pay said rent as follows: monthly installments of One Hundred Fifty and 00/100 (\$150.00) Dollars for two (2) years, and to quit and deliver up the premises to the Lessor or its attorney, peaceably and quietly, at the end of the term, in as good order and condition, reasonable use and wearing thereof, fire and other unavoidable casualties excepted, as the same now are, or may be put into by the Lessor, and to pay the rent as above stated, during the term, and also the rent as above stated, for such a time as the Lessee may hold the same, and not make or suffer any waste thereof; this lease may be terminated by either party at any time with 30 days' notice and that the Lessor may enter to view and make improvements, and to expel the Lessee if it shall fail to pay the rent as aforesaid, or make or suffer any waste thereof.

**And provided also**, that in case the premises; or any part thereof during said term, be destroyed or damaged by fire or other unavoidable casualty, so that the same shall be thereby rendered unfit for use and habitation, then, and in such case, the rent hereinbefore reserved, or a just and proportional part thereof, according to the nature and extent of the injuries sustained, shall be suspended or abated until the said premises shall have been put in proper condition for use and habitation by the said Lessor, or these presents shall thereby be determined and ended at the election of the said Lessor or legal representatives or by Lessor if loss of use will extend thirty (30) days. The Lessee will maintain in force throughout the term thereof and so long as the Lessee is in occupancy of any part of the premises, a policy of general public liability insurance under which the Lessor and the Lessee are named as insureds, the minimum liability shall be One Million and 00/100 (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals this 20th day of October, 2014.

Signed in the presence of:

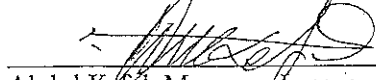
  
Witness

  
Witness

One Thirty Four Linwood, LLC

  
William R. Renaud, Manager Lessor

4 KS Auto Exports, LLC

  
Abdul Kafal, Manager, Lessee





Theodore D. Kozak  
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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 19, 2014  
**TO:** Jennifer Cecconi, Assistant Assessor  
**FROM:** Sharon L. Susienka, Exec. Asst. to the Town Manager *SLS*  
**SUBJECT:** Abutters' List

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I hereby request an abutters' list for the following location:

**134 LINWOOD AVENUE, WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588**

With respect to an application for a Class II – Used Car Dealer's License

**Abutters' List requirements:** To all owners of real estate abutting on said land or directly opposite said land on any public or private street as they appear on the most recent local tax list at the time the application for such license is filed.

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LICENSE ROUTING SLIP**

**Business:** 4 K's Auto Exports LLC

**Applicant:** Abdul Kafal

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**License Type:** Class II – Used Car Dealer's License

**DEPARTMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PLANNING:**

License may be issued SUBJECT to Site Plan Approval; depending on scope of operations site plan review by Building Inspector (§173-49) or by Planning Board (§173-49.1) -see BUILDING/ZONING comments below

  
11.20.2014

**POLICE:**

**FIRE:**

**BUILDING/ZONING:**

**CONSERVATION:**

**HEALTH:**

Water

Trash

Other

**ASSESSORS:**

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR:**

Excise

Personal property

Real estate

Water / Sewer

Other

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**PLANNING:**

**POLICE:**

*Walter W. W.*

I do not see any issues with a Class II Dealers License at this location.

**FIRE:**

**BUILDING/ZONING:**

**CONSERVATION:**

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**PLANNING:**

**POLICE:**

**FIRE:** The fire department has no concerns at this time. 11/20/2014

Gary A. Nestor - Fire Chief

*gan*

**BUILDING/ZONING:**

**CONSERVATION:**

**HEALTH:**

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**POLICE:**

**FIRE:**

**BUILDING/ZONING:**

**CONSERVATION:** License may be issued SUBJECT to review and acceptance by the Conservation Commission. Depending on scope of impact to local resource area(s) a RDA or NOI may need to be filed and approved first.

11/25/14  
**HEALTH:**

Water

Trash

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**FIRE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUILDING/ZONING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSERVATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

No issues.

Jeanne M. Gniadek  
11-19-2014

**ASSESSORS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ASSESSORS:**

*No issues. Bob Fitzgerald 11/24/14*

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR:**

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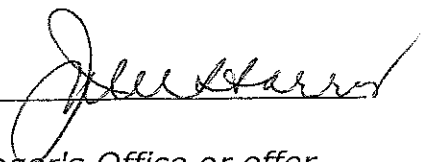
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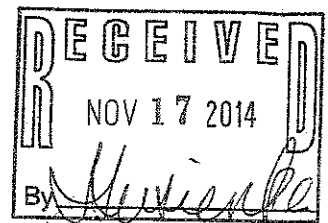
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nationalgrid



11/24/14 } C: DPW C.

October 31, 2014

Town of Northbridge  
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7 Main Street  
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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a petition of NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON, covering joint NATIONAL GRID-VERIZON pole locations

If you have any questions regarding this permit please contact:

Angela Birch 401-784-7726

Please notify National Grid's Angela Birch of the hearing date / time at 401-784-7726 or [angela.birch@us.ngrid.com](mailto:angela.birch@us.ngrid.com)

If this petition meets with your approval, please return an executed copy to each of the above named Companies.

National Grid Contact: Angela Birch; 280 Melrose Street; Providence, RI 02907

Very truly yours,

*Eric Widman*

Eric Widman  
Supervisor, Distribution Design

Enclosures

**PETITION FOR JOINT POLE RE-LOCATIONS**

Board of Selectmen  
Copy

Hopedale, MA 01747

To the Board of Selectmen  
of the Town of Northbridge, Massachusetts

**MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.**

request permission to relocate poles, wires, cables and fixtures, including anchors, guys and other such necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way or ways:-

**Providence Road P#193 & 194**

**NGRID petitions for the relocation of P193 & 194. These poles along with overhead facilities were temporarily relocated in 2012 to accommodate bridge construction. Both poles and overhead facilities will be relocated back to their original locations behind the sidewalk.**

Wherefore they ask that they be granted a joint relocation for and permission to erect and maintain poles, wires, cables and fixtures to be placed thereon, together with anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they must find necessary, said poles to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked: Plan No. **18261863** Dated: **10/30/2014**

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground cables conduits, wires and necessary equipment in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

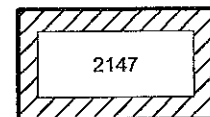
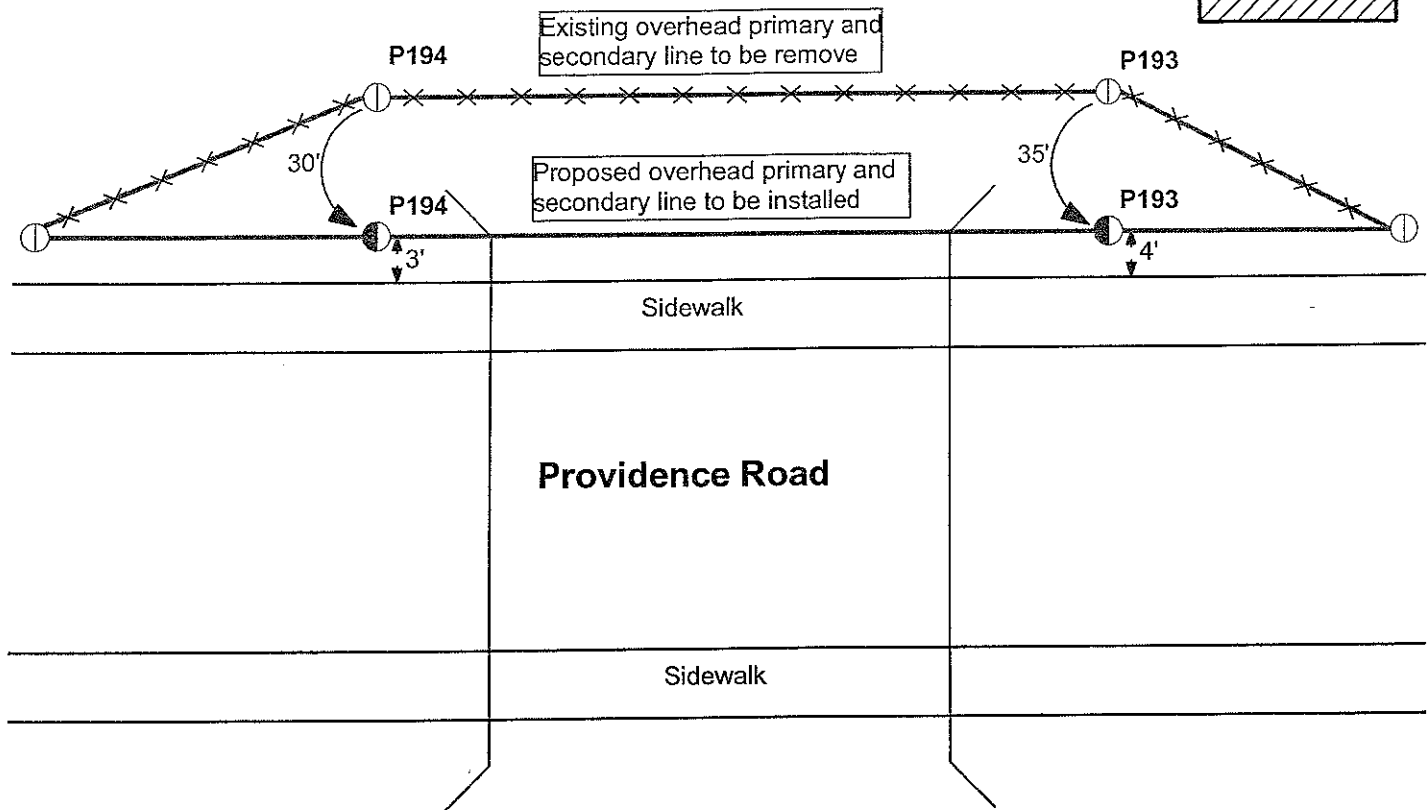
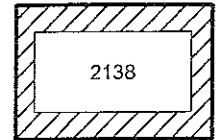
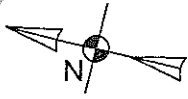
Your petitioners agree to reserve space for one cross arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

**MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY**

By: Eric Widman *EW*  
Manager of Distribution Design

**VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.**

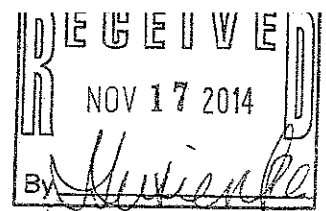
By: [Signature]  
Manager, R.O.W.



National Grid petitions for the relocation of P193 and P194 Providence Road. These poles along with overhead facilities were temporarily relocated in 2012 to accommodate bridge construction. Both poles and overhead facilities will be relocated back to their original locations behind the sidewalk.

JOINT OWNED POLE PETITION		nationalgrid And Verizon New England, Inc.	
● Proposed NGRID Pole Locations		Date:	10/30/14
○ Existing NGRID Pole Locations		Plan Number:	18261863
⊙ Proposed J.O. Pole Locations		To Accompany Petition Dated:	10/30/14
① Existing J.O. Pole Locations		To The:	Town Of Northbridge
⊕ Existing Telephone Co. Pole Locations		For Proposed:	Relocate Pole: 193 & 194 Location: Providence Rd
⊗ Existing NGRID Pole Location To Be Made J.O.		Date Of Original Grant:	10/30/14
⊗ Existing Pole Locations To Be Removed			
DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE			

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Eric Widman  
Supervisor, Distribution Design

Enclosures

11/24/14 C: DPW  
Tim-do you have any  
issues with this? Please  
advise  
Sharon

## Sharon Susienka

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**From:** James Shuris <jshuris@northbridgemass.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 24, 2014 1:44 PM  
**To:** ssusienka@northbridgemass.org  
**Subject:** Pole Relocation - Providence Road

Sharon:

These poles will be relocated back to their original location. I make the strong requirement that all debris/fill/excavated materials be removed immediately off the existing/original location – and that the existing poles also be removed from the site.

Jim Shuris

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**From:** Sharon Susienka [mailto:ssusienka@northbridgemass.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 24, 2014 1:08 PM  
**To:** James Shuris  
**Subject:** Pole Relocation - Providence Road  
**Importance:** High

Jim,

Please review the attached and let me know if you have any issues with it. Thank you.

*Sharon L. Susienka*  
*Exec. Asst. to the Town Manager*  
*Town of Northbridge*  
*Phone: 508-234-2095*  
*Fax: 508-234-7640*



WALTER J. WARCHOL  
CHIEF OF POLICE

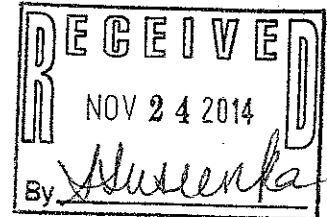
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

1 HOPE STREET, WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588  
www.northbridgepolice.com  
TEL (508) 234-6211 • FAX (508) 234-9021



TIMOTHY LABRIE  
LIEUTENANT

To: Theodore Kozak, Town Manager  
From: Walter J. Warchol, Chief of Police  
Subject: Promotion to Sergeant (Richard Gorman)  
Date: November 24, 2014



The Department of Human Resources has sent the Certified Eligible List for Police Sergeant Certification #00660. Both, Officer Richard Gorman and Officer Jarrod Woeller were on the Certified List for promotion to the rank of police sergeant.

On November 21, 2014, the police department held interviews with both candidates. The interview committee included Chief Walter Warchol, Lt. Timothy Labrie and Sgt. Stephen Zollin. It was the unanimous decision of the committee to recommend Off. Richard Gorman for appointment to the rank of sergeant.

I am recommending that Off. Richard Gorman be appointed to the rank of sergeant.

If you are in agreement with my recommendation please place this appointment on the Board of Selectman's agenda on December 1, 2014. The appointment should be effective Sunday January 18, 2015.

# Richard D. Gorman

18 Summit St.  
Whitinsville, MA 01588  
rgorman@northbridgemass.org  
(508) 864-8503

## Achievements

- Bachelor of Arts Degree - American Government with a Concentration in Law and Society
- Master of Arts Degree - Criminal Justice
- MPTC Reserve Police Academy Certification earned on March 18, 2002
- MPTC 7<sup>th</sup> Recruit Officer Training Academy (Weymouth) Certification earned on March 19, 2014
- Blackstone Valley Drug Task Force – Member 2008
- New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers' Association Member since 2012
- Rape Aggression Defense – Certified Instructor – August 22, 2007
- National Child Passenger Safety Certification – May 13, 2013
- Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation – April 26, 2012
- Enhanced 911 Certification
- Leaps/CJIS Certification

## Education

5/2001	Clark University	Worcester, MA
	Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government	
11/2008	University of Massachusetts – Lowell	Lowell, MA
	Master of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice	

## Relevant Experience

3/2004 – Present	Northbridge Police Dept.	Northbridge, MA
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### Patrolman

Duties Include:

- Identify and apprehend criminal offenders and stop criminal activity.
- Reduce the opportunities for the commission of crime through preventative patrol.
- Traffic patrol and enforcement
- Provide medical treatment to those in need.
- Promote and preserve the peace.
- Serve warrants, summonses and subpoenas.
- Testifying in court proceedings as required.
- Parking enforcement

### Detective Patrolman (Assigned since 1/2014)

Duties Include:

- Conduct Investigations for the Police Department. Follow-up on all cases and make reports as needed. Interview the complainant, witness, victim and any suspects.
- Periodically follow-up with victims to apprise them of the status of an investigation.
- Be familiar with known criminals and their associates.
- Prepare cases for testifying in court.



6/2001 - 9/2003

Barton Protective Services (Sun Microsystems)

Burlington, MA

Lobby Supervisor/ Special Projects Coordinator (6/2001 – 7/2002)

Duties Include:

- Supervision of on-site and remote location receptionist. Assigned tasks, reviewed policies and provided input on employee evaluations.
- Coordinated special tasks for the Head of Security, such as: updating policy manuals, revision of emergency procedures, and building security assessments.

Campus Security Manager (7/2002 – 9/2003)

Duties Include:

- Manager of the Security Department for the Burlington campus as well as three remote campuses.
- Responsible for the adherence of the security staff to the policies and procedures of the security company.
- Conducted employee evaluations and administered discipline as needed.
- Coordinated training across all levels of staff (i.e. reception, security officer, dispatcher).
- Conducted on-site building assessments.
- Review and revise emergency procedures as well as the department's policies and response protocol.

TALENT BANK APPLICATION

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please return to:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Northbridge Town Hall  
7 Main Street  
Whitinsville, MA 01588

Pursuant to Town bylaw §4-209 (Eligibility for service),  
you must be a registered voter in order to serve.

Date: 19, 2014

Name MARIE Rebecchi

P. O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address 151 HERITAGE DR. WHITINSVILLE, MA. 01588

Email Address CMRebecchi@charter.net

Telephone 508-234-0278 Cell 774-280-0253

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Current Occupation/Title Retired

Education GRADUATE / High School

Governmental, Civic & Community Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Charitable & Educational Activities VOLUNTEERING

Town Committees or Offices \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following Committees: Aggregate Power Committee

Please indicate whether the applicant and/or any family members are employed by the Town of Northbridge. Applicant - Temporary

NAME: *MARIE Rebecchi* PRECINCT# *1*

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

COMMITTEE INTEREST (Indicate Committee preference)

- |                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| 1. <i>Aggregate Power Comm.</i> | 4. |
| 2.                              | 5. |
| 3.                              | 6. |

Present Interest or business affiliation (dates, places)

Experience: Volunteer, social service, business (dates, places)

*Volunteer - Council on Aging - Vice Chairman*  
*Volunteer - Northbridge Senior Center*  
*(Volunteer of the Year - 2010)*

Special skills and education (be specific)

How experience relates to particular committee interest

*Very interested in suppliers and prices.*

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Mail completed form to:

Northbridge Town Hall  
Office of the Town Manager  
7 Main Street  
Whitinsville, MA 01588

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**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE \***

**2015**

<b>January 5</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>January 26</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>February 9</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>February 23</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>March 9</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>June 8</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>June 22</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>July 13</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>August 17</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>September 14</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>September 28</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>October 5</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>October 19</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>November 9</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>November 23</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>December 7</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>December 21</b>	<b>Monday</b>

**\*Subject to revisions and the calling of special meetings.**

## HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DATES

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2015

Thursday, January 1st	New Year's Day/Holiday
Monday, January 19th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/Holiday
Monday, February 16th	Presidents' Day/Holiday
Friday, April 3rd	Good Friday/Close at Noon*
Monday, April 20th	Patriots' Day/Holiday
Tuesday, May 5th Tuesday, May 19th	Spring Annual Town Meeting Annual Town Election
Monday, May 25th	Memorial Day/Holiday
Friday, July 3rd Saturday, July 4th	*Holiday/Independence Day Observed Independence Day
Monday, September 7th	Labor Day/Holiday
Monday, October 12th	Columbus Day/Holiday
Tuesday, October 27th	Fall Annual Town Meeting
Wednesday, November 11th	Veterans Day/Holiday
Thursday, November 26th Friday, November 27th	Thanksgiving Day/Holiday *Holiday
Thursday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve/Holiday
Friday, December 25th	Christmas Day/Holiday
Thursday, December 31st	New Year's Eve/Holiday
Friday, January 1st	New Year's Day/Holiday

\*Employees covered by AFL-CIO Contract and Town Personnel By-Laws only.  
(Subject to future Collective Bargaining Agreements)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission  
239 Causeway Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
[www.mass.gov/abcc](http://www.mass.gov/abcc)

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RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE APPLICATION  
MONETARY TRANSMITTAL FORM

APPLICATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON-LINE, PRINTED, SIGNED, AND SUBMITTED TO THE  
LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY.

REVENUE CODE: RETA

CHECK PAYABLE TO ABCC OR COMMONWEALTH OF MA:

NO FEE

A.B.C.C. LICENSE NUMBER (IF AN EXISTING LICENSEE, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CITY):

LICENSEE NAME:

Brenda McAuliffe dba Cellar Sooper

ADDRESS:

106 Providence Road

CITY/TOWN:

Linwood

STATE

ma

ZIP CODE

01525-0309

**TRANSACTION TYPE (Please check all relevant transactions):**

- ☒ Change of Hours  
☐ Change of DBA  
☐ Charity Wine License

THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY MUST MAIL THIS TRANSMITTAL  
FORM ALONG WITH THE CHECK, COMPLETED APPLICATION, AND  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION  
P. O. BOX 3396  
BOSTON, MA 02241-3396

## Change of Hours Checklist

**This application will be returned if the following documentation is not submitted:**

☐ Vote of Corporate Board or LLC

Note: No fee is required for this transaction as formal ABCC approval is not necessary

Request for change of Sunday hours (10AM)

I am a sole proprietor

Zunda Mc Guffie

BOS Agenda 12/11/14

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- Some residents will have their roads plowed "first" and some must be "last".
- *"The workers continue until the job is done".*

The Northbridge Department of Public Works strives to provide the safest streets and roadways in the shortest period of time for the citizens. With your cooperation and common sense we will all benefit.

Please feel free to contact the Northbridge Department of Public Works if you should have any questions related to any snow storm event. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation!

James Shuris, P.E., MBA  
Director of Public Works

Jamie C. Luchini  
DPW Highway Superintendent

***Northbridge DPW "Snow Fighting Team"***

***"Moving Forward"***

**IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

**DPW General Information:** (508) 234-3581

**DPW Highway Division:** (508) 234-0816

**Snow Plowing:** (508) 234-3581

**Pot Hole Repairs:** (508) 234-3581

**DPW Sewer Division:** (508) 234-2154

**Whitinsville Water Company:** (508) 234-7358

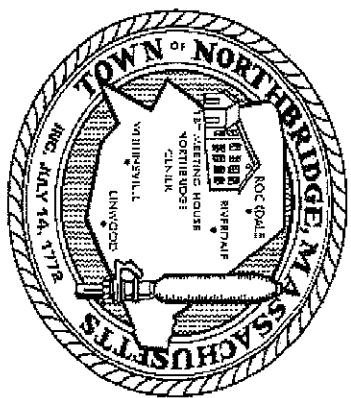
**Police General Information:** (508) 234-6211

**Fire General Information:** (508) 234-8448

**Police & Fire Emergency:** 911

**Town of Northbridge  
Department of Public Works**

**2014 - 2015  
"SNOW & ICE" PROGRAM  
"Moving Forward"**



For the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Town of Northbridge - Department of Public Works (DPW) is pleased to make this **"SNOW & ICE 2014 - 2015 PROGRAM"** brochure available to you the taxpayers of Northbridge. The main objective of this brochure is to enhance community awareness concerning snowplowing operations. Our mission is to efficiently return our 83-miles of roads to "normal conditions" after each winter storm event. Your support and patience is necessary and greatly appreciated. The DPW "Snow & Ice Program" involves a four (4) part process:

- When the Snowfall Starts
- The Snowfall Continues...
- After the Storm...
- The Community Can Help



## ***When the Snowfall Starts***

Snowplowing operations begin when snow accumulates two (2) inches, or when forecasts indicate that it will. Over 24 Town and private contractor plows can be deployed and assigned to pre-determined routes.

When the snowfall starts, the DPW immediately begins to sand and salt the roads to prevent the snow from being compacted and frozen on the road surface. Top priority is given to the Town's main streets and bus routes.

## ***The Snowfall Continues...***

The drivers plow their assigned routes to "open-up" each road in a pre-determined sequence. If the intensity of the storm warrants, the plows remain in the same pattern until the storm subsides. At the end of the storm, the trucks begin to "widen-out" all roads by pushing the accumulated snow back beyond the curb line, then clearing the intersections.

It is important to note that residents may want to wait until the road has been plowed, and "widened-out" before shoveling the entrance to driveways.

Again, our initial responsibility is to keep the main lines and bus routes open and safe for travel. These roads are the key to maintaining a steady flow of traffic.

Our talented DPW Snow & Ice Staff are "well-trained" and "dedicated" to work "around-the-clock", keeping the roads open and passable. Please do not be misled by plow trucks riding with their plows up. They may be going in for fuel, repairs, headed to another assigned route or are not employed by the Town.

An area of concern is mailboxes. To reduce the possibility of damaging a mailbox, our plow truck operators are trained to avoid them. However, experience has shown that with reduced visibility during a snowstorm, combined with the height of the snow banks, it is not always possible for a driver to see a mailbox in time to avoid a collision with the "wing" or the heavy snow that is thrown by the moving plow. Any installation within the road right-of-way (including a mailbox), is placed there at the owner's risk. Therefore, property owners are encouraged to put mailboxes at the maximum allowable distance from the roadway pavement. It is strongly recommended that mailboxes and posts be inspected to insure they are properly secured and the posts are not rotten.

## ***After the Storm...***

After the snowstorm has ended our crews must continue to monitor all roads for icy spots, drifting snow, etc. At this time, an application of sand or salt is usually applied to all road surfaces. Some roads will receive an application of salt and calcium chloride to melt the remaining snow and ice.

## ***The Community Can Help***

The Community can enhance the snow plowing operation by following these suggestions:

- Make certain that your vehicle is ready for winter driving.
- Adhere to winter parking bans.
- Park vehicles off the road or in your yard during a snowstorm.
- Reduce speed and drive cautiously.
- Do not drive in winter snowstorms unless absolutely necessary.
- Do not throw, plow or blow snow onto the road. This creates a hazard to you and to others and requires the DPW staff to return to clean up at your expense.
- Plows are designed to throw snow up to 30-feet.
- Sidewalk traffic is not advised during a storm event.
- The plowing of sidewalks typically begins directly after the assigned road snow plow routes have been completed.
- Before your final driveway cleanup, check the street. If the street is not "widened-out", a plow truck should return to plow again.
- Please understand that the Town cannot shovel or plow out the end of your driveway, nor can the Town plow private property.
- Finally, please be patient. Snow plowing is an arduous and time-consuming job covering 83-miles of Town roads.

Community	BLS Rate	ALS (1) Rate	ALS (2) Rate	Mileage	ALS Airway	Oxygen	IV Therapy	Monitor	De-Fib	CPAP	Extra EMT	Medication Admin.
Auburn - 2013	\$700.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,850.00	\$30.00	\$180.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$200.00		\$125.00	\$200.00
Douglas - 2012	\$600.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$20.00	\$175.00	\$75.00	\$175.00		\$140.00			
Hopkinton - 2010	\$605.66	\$719.22	\$1,040.97	\$15.00	\$140.00	\$60.00	\$140.00		\$140.00			
Mendon - 2011	\$731.00	\$868.00	\$1,257.00	\$20.00	\$140.00	\$55.00	\$140.00		\$140.00			
Northbridge - 2006	\$475.00	\$635.00	\$820.00	\$15.00	\$140.00	\$55.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$140.00			
Uxbridge - 2013	\$828.29	\$983.61	\$828.29	\$15.00	\$140.00	\$60.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$140.00			
Upton - 2011	\$475.00	\$675.00	\$860.00	\$15.00	\$140.00	\$60.00	\$140.00		\$140.00			
Hopedale - 2014		\$868.00	\$1,257.00			\$60.00	\$140.00					
Upton - 2014	\$475.00	\$884.24	\$1,279.82			\$60.00	\$140.00					
Northbridge - 2013	\$600.00	\$750.00	\$950.00	\$20.00	\$140.00	\$60.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$200.00
Suggested 10% across the board Increase in all areas.												
Northbridge - 2014	\$660.00	\$825.00	\$1,045.00	\$22.00	\$154.00	\$66.00	\$154.00	\$154.00	\$154.00	\$110.00	\$137.50	\$220.00

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## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 1, 2014**

1. **FREE FLU CLINIC:** The Northbridge Board of Health is offering a free flu clinic at Northbridge High School on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 3PM to 5PM.
2. **NATIONAL GRID POLE RE-LOCATION [CHURCH STREET, WHITINSVILLE]:** The hearing for this pole re-location was closed by the Board of Selectmen at their September 22, 2014 meeting, therefore, National Grid has been informed that a new public hearing will have to be scheduled to act on the revised plan for this pole re-location.
3. **GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET REDUCTIONS:** The proposed budget reductions would equate to a \$50,000 cut for Northbridge, however, the Speaker of the House has indicated that he does not want to reduce Local Aid as part of the remedy for the State's shortfall.
4. **CHAPTER 70 SEMINAR:** Attended the Chapter 70 seminar at Wachusett Regional High School. Representatives from the State discussed the Chapter 70 formula and how it works. Various communities expressed concerns over the shift in responsibility to the communities to pay the minimum effort for education. There is also a new committee in the Legislature to study the Chapter 70 formula.
5. **AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE UPDATE:** Discussed changes to the Affordable Care Act that will begin to affect cities/towns in July 2015. Various avenues are being reviewed to help fulfill the requirements under the Act.