

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL
7 MAIN STREET - WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588
January 30, 2015 AT 4:30 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. 1) January 5, 2015 2) January 12, 2015

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

III. APPOINTMENTS

B. By the Selectman:

Retirement Board [Selectmen's Appointee]: Sharon L. Susienka, Vote to reappoint

IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT

Local Business Spotlight:

V. DECISIONS

C. Special Town Meeting [February 24, 2015]/Vote to sign warrant

D. Conflict of Interest/Vote to grant exemption to Timothy Labrie

E. Annual Town Election Warrant [May 19, 2015]/Vote to give notice to the Town Clerk to place vacancies from elected boards on the Town Election Warrant

VI. DISCUSSIONS

F. WGM Fabricators Draft TIF Agreement

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

X. CORRESPONDENCE

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
January 05, 2015**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Presentation: Certificate of Appreciation – Senator Richard T. Moore. Chairman Ampagoomian presented an Award to Senator Richard T. Moore in recognition of his 35 years of outstanding leadership and service on behalf of the Town of Northbridge. Jeannie Hebert, President & CEO of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce presented a small token of appreciation to Senator Moore on behalf of the entire Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce. Senator Moore expressed his gratitude, noting that it had been a great experience serving the people of Northbridge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. December 1, 2014. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia, to approve the December 1, 2014 minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Ampagoomian.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/1) 7:05 PM: National Grid and Verizon New England - Petition for Joint Pole Location [Present: Crystal Tognazzi] - Petition to install Pole 27-5 50' to the easterly direction of Pole 28. Installing pole to bring a new service to building at 369 Douglas Road. [Plan #17530997, dated 10/7/2014 and revised 11/18/14]. Chairman Ampagoomian read the petition aloud. "Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England, Inc. request permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures necessary in the following public way or ways: Douglas Road Pole #27-5. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Marzec to open the public hearing. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Ampagoomian. Ms. Tognazzi mentioned that National Grid petitions to install pole 27-5 50' to the easterly direction of pole 28. Installing pole to bring a new service to building 369 Douglas Road. Wherefore they ask that after due notice and hearing they be granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with 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. 17530997 Dated: 10/07/2014. Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires 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." Chairman Ampagoomian asked if the DPW Director and/or any abutters have any questions or concerns. There being no further comments, a motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to close the public hearing. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Ampagoomian. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Marzec to allow the Petition to install Pole 27-5 50' to the easterly direction of Pole 28. Installing pole to bring a new service to building at 369 Douglas Road. [Plan #17530997, dated 10/7/2014 and revised 11/18/14]. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Ampagoomian. 2) 7:10PM: National Grid and Verizon New England - Petition for Joint Pole Location [Present: Crystal Tognazzi] – Petition to remove 2 guys and anchors off customer's private property in parking lot of 117 Church Street and to replace P#14 with a larger pole slightly to the right of the old pole setting at the very edge of the sidewalk closest to Church Street. Chairman Ampagoomian read the petition aloud. "Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England, Inc. request permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures necessary in the following public

way or ways: Church Street Pole #14. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to open the public hearing. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Ampagoomian. Ms. Tognazzi mentioned that National Grid petitions to remove 2 guys and anchors off customer's private property in parking lot of 117 Church Street and to replace P#14 with a larger pole slightly to the right of the old pole setting at the very edge of the sidewalk closest to Church Street. This will allow more sidewalk room for handicap accessibility. Wherefore they ask that after due notice and hearing they be granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with 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. 17183556 Dated: 11/24/2014. Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires 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." Selectman Melia asked when this project would begin and Ms. Tognazzi explained as soon as the Town approves the request. Chairman Ampagoomian asked if the DPW Director and/or any abutters have any questions or concerns. There being no further comments, a motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to close the public hearing. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Ampagoomian. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to allow National Grid to remove 2 guys and anchors off customer's private property in parking lot of 117 Church Street and to replace P#14 with a larger pole slightly to the right of the old pole setting at the very edge of the sidewalk closest to Church Street. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Ampagoomian.

RESIGNATION. Carole Sweeney, Council on Aging. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to accept the resignation of Carole Sweeney from the Council on Aging and send a letter of appreciation thanking her for her service to the Town. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Ampagoomian.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT – Local Business Spotlight: Featuring - Irrigation Automation Systems [Brett Niver]. Mr. Niver explained that his company started 10 years ago and develop products for remote irrigation control, a remote engine/motor control software (*HarvestWatch*) and multiple hardware solutions that are fed by "state of the art" wireless, air/plant temperature and soil moisture transmitters. Ms. Jeannie Hebert, President & CEO of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce announced that Mr. Niver's Company was the winner of one of their business awards and explained that his company saves a lot of water by what they do every day. Ms. Hebert noted that his Company works with other Companies across the United States, including Canada. Ms. Hebert also mentioned that his Company works with growers and vineyards.

DECISIONS - Spring Annual Town Meeting [May 5, 2015]/Vote to close the warrant on March 6, 2015 at 12 Noon. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Marzec to close the Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant on Friday, March 6, 2015 @ Noon. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Ampagoomian.

Special Town Meeting/1) Vote to call a Special Town Meeting at 7PM on February 24, 2015 at the Middle School Auditorium. Town Manager Kozak explained the reason for calling a Special Town Meeting. He mentioned that the article would be to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a tax increment financing plan with WGM Fabricators, LLC pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 59 of the General Laws, in connection with the development of said property; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such actions as are necessary to obtain approval of the certified project application and to implement the tax increment financing plan. Town Manager Kozak mentioned that by having the Special Town Meeting, Mr. Roger's [Owner of WGM Fabricators, LLC] can seek approval from the Town and Board of Selectmen for a TIF agreement, which Mr. Roger's can then approach the state to request additional assistance to lower his taxes. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Marzec to schedule a

Special Town Meeting for February 24, 2015 @ 7 P.M. at the Middle School Auditorium. Vote yes/Messrs. Melia, Marzec and Ampagoomian. 2) **Vote to close the warrant on Friday, January 16, 2015 at 1:00PM.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Marzec to close the warrant on Friday, January 16, 2015 at 1:00 PM. Vote yes/Messrs. Melia, Marzec and Ampagoomian.

Linda Usher/Request to hold the 27th Annual Whitin Five Mile Road Race, Thursday, November 26, 2015. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to grant permission to Linda Usher to hold the 27th Annual "Whitin Five Mile Road Race" on Thursday, November 26, 2015 at 8:10 A.M., subject to the safety requirements of the Police Department. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Ampagoomian.

St. Patrick's Church [Gracia Casey]/1) Request to hold a 5K Road Race fundraiser on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 9AM. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Marzec to grant permission to St. Patrick's Church [Gracia Casey] to hold a 5K Road Race fundraiser on Saturday, June 6, 2015 @ 9:00 A.M., subject to the safety requirements of the Police Department. Vote yes/Messrs. Melia, Marzec and Ampagoomian. 2) **Request for a one-day Beer and Wine License for Sunday, June 7, 2015 [Polish Picnic] from 11AM to 4PM on the grounds of the old Scout House, 22 Cross St., Whitinsville.** A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve St. Patrick's Church [Gracia Casey] one-day Beer and Wine license for Sunday, June 7, 2015 [Polish Picnic] from 11 AM to 4 PM on the grounds of the old Scout House, 22 Cross Street, Whitinsville. Vote yes/Messrs. Melia, Marzec and Ampagoomian.

Good Energy, LP [Stefano Loretto]/Professional Energy Consulting Services Agreement. Town Manager Kozak mentioned that at the last Board of Selectmen's Meeting [December 15, 2014], they agreed to join the Southeastern Regional and Economic Development District. He mentioned that the Town will move forward with the aggregation proposal for the community and residents. He then mentioned that Good Energy, LP was selected by the Southeastern Regional and Economic Development Group and this will be the agreement for the Town of Northbridge to join Good Energy, LP. Town Manager Kozak also mentioned that Town Counsel has approved this agreement. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve the Good Energy, LP, Professional Energy Consulting Services Agreement. Vote yes/Messrs. Melia, Marzec and Ampagoomian.

Arcade Realty Trust/Vote to accept monetary gift in the amount of \$3,900 for a flood study review. Town Manager Kozak explained that this is a gift to pay for the third party review of the flood study done by Tighe & Bond for the property located at 355 Main Street, Whitinsville. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Marzec to accept the monetary gift in the amount of \$3,900.00 for a flood study review from Arcade Realty Trust. Vote yes/Messrs. Melia, Marzec and Ampagoomian.

DISCUSSIONS – None.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT -1) Senior Center Luncheon: Attended a luncheon at the Northbridge Senior Center to celebrate Victoria Sotek's 100th birthday. 2) **Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor:** Attended a meeting in Woonsocket to celebrate the designation of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, which includes the Village of Whitinsville, as the newest National Park. Federal legislation was filed by the U.S. Senate and signed into law by President Obama on December 19, 2014. 3) **EPA Stormwater Update:** The EPA is currently beginning the process of awarding a permit to communities in Central Mass. for stormwater regulations. The comment period has been extended to the end of February to allow the State to hold a public meeting in January regarding this topic. 4) **Christmas Tree Recycling Day:** Announced that Christmas Trees can be dropped off at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 644 Providence Rd., Whitinsville, on Saturday, January 10, 2015, from 9AM TO 2PM. 5) **2040 Providence Road Reuse Study:** Announced the Planning Board will be holding a Public Workshop on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 7PM in the Town Hall.

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS. Selectman Marzec 1) Mentioned that a citizen in town suggested that the Town use their website [or use Survey Monkey] to solicit ideas from the public with respect to the Town's financial crisis and how to move forward. **2) Economic Development** – mentioned that he spoke to several business owners in Town to see about getting together to discuss ideas on economic growth for the Town of Northbridge. He mentioned that the Town needs to increase their business profile a little more. **Selectman Melia/Mentioned** that he received a phone call reporting that it's very dark on Route 122, near the Klocek property and Rockdale Sports Bar area. Mr. Melia then mentioned he drove by there before coming to tonight's meeting and noticed that some streetlights were out. He asked James Shuris, DPW Director to look into this matter. He noted, the streetlights might be out due to the Town's streetlight policy and if that's the case, could he ask the Safety Committee to review this area. It's very dark and there are parents who pick up their kids at a daycare center that is located next to the Rockdale Sports Bar. **Chairman Ampagoomian/1)** Wished Ms. Sotek a Happy 100th Birthday. **2)** Mentioned that he hopes the Town will receive funding (tourist dollars to fix Quaker Street, Scenic Quaker Street and Church Street Extension) with the recent designation of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. **3)** He mentioned that it's important for the residents of the Town of Northbridge to attend the Public Workshop on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 7PM in the Town Hall because a discussion will take place on how to best use this area. All input is welcomed.

A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to adjourn the January 5, 2015 Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Ampagoomian.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James Athanas, Clerk

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LIST OF DOCUMENTATION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING – OPEN SESSION

January 5, 2015

Presentation: Copy of Certificate of Appreciation for Senator Richard T. Moore.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Copy of the December 1, 2014 minutes.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B. 1) a. Copy of National Grid letter, **b.** Copy of petition, **c.** Copy of map, **d.** Copy of public hearing notice to abutter's, **e.** Copy of memo to Assistant Assessor requesting abutter's list, **f.** Copy of abutters list.

B. 2) a. Copy of National Grid letter, **b.** Copy of petition, **c.** Copy of map, **d.** Copy of public hearing notice to abutter's, **e.** Copy of memo to Assistant Assessor requesting abutter's list, **f.** Copy of abutters list.

III. APPOINTMENTS/By the Board of Selectmen:

C. Copy of Carole M. Sweeney's Resignation

IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT – Local Business Spotlight: Featuring –Irrigation Automation Systems [Brett Niver]. – No Documentation.

V. DECISIONS

D. Spring Annual Town Meeting – No documentation.

E. Special Town Meeting – No documentation.

F. Copy of Linda Usher's email requesting permission to hold the 27th Annual Thanksgiving Whittin Five Road Race on November 26, 2015 @ 8:10 AM.

G. 1) Copy of Gracia Casey's email dated 12/31/14 requesting permission to hold a 5K Road Race fundraiser on Saturday, June 6, 2015 @ 9AM **2)** Requests for a one-day Beer & Wine license for Sunday, June 7, 2015 [Polish Picnic] from 11AM to 4PM. **3)** Copy of map.

H. Copy of Services Agreement/Professional Energy Services to a Municipal Aggregator/Good Energy, L.P.

I. Copy of letter [dated 12/22/14] from WRT Management Corp/Arcade Realty Trust regarding a monetary gift in the amount of \$3900.00 to the Town of Northbridge.

VI. DISCUSSIONS

None.

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

J. 1) Senior Center Luncheon – **No documentation.**

2) Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor – **No documentation.**

3) EPA Stormwater Update – **No documentation.**

4) Christmas Tree Recycling Day – **No documentation.**

5) 2040 Providence Road Reuse Study – **No documentation.**

VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS – No Documentation.

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA – None.

X. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
January 12, 2015**

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Charles Ampagoomian at 6:00 PM, Northbridge Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA. **Present:** Messrs. Marzec, Athanas and Melia. **Also Present:** Theodore D. Kozak, Town Manager. **Absent:** Selectman Daniel Nolan was absent and it is duly noted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. December 15, 2014. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve the December 15, 2014 minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia, Athanas and Ampagoomian.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/None.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT – Local Business Spotlight:

Special Town Meeting [February 24, 2015]/Vote to place article(s) on warrant. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Athanas to place Article 1 [TIF – WGM Fabricators] on the Special Town Meeting warrant. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia and Ampagoomian.

Water Meters. Town Manager Kozak advised that he spoke to Randy Swigor, Manager of the Whitinsville Water Company, about a new meter proposal and that Mr. Swigor would like to bring it back to Town Meeting for a more in-depth discussion. He mentioned that the Whitinsville Water Company would change the meters and bill the Town over a 20-year period. He suggested to schedule meter changes over 5 years instead of one big expense on the first year. Town Manager Kozak would like Randy Swigor to come to a future Selectmen's meeting to discuss this matter further.

Pine Grove Cemetery. Town Manager Kozak mentioned that he is looking for a new method/deed to make it easier to buy lots and then advised the Board that he sent the paperwork to David Doneski, Kopelman and Paige, to review.

Mass. Municipal Association's Annual Meeting/Trade Show. Town Manager Kozak reminded the Board of the upcoming Mass. Municipal Association's Annual Meeting/Trade Show [January 23rd through January 25].

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None.

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS. **Selectman Melia** 1) Mentioned that Good Energy is sending letters to the townspeople, which is confusing many residents and stated that this is not a town issue yet. 2) Asked to bring in Football Coach Kenneth Lachapelle so that the Board of Selectmen could present him with a proclamation in recognition of being the winningest coach in state history. 3) Said that the School Committee discussed an override. They also voted to place three articles on the Special Town Meeting warrant: 1) \$36K for repairs made to the Balmer School kitchen; 2) \$28,940 for the Middle School Auditorium air-condensing unit; and 3) \$24,288 Middle School Locker Room air units. Town Manager Kozak said the articles will be sent to Town Counsel for review. **Selectman Marzec**/Asked to check on visitor center at The Shop [a/k/a The Whittin Machine Shop] through state and federal representatives. **Selectman Athanas** 1) Pot holes—Contact the State to address Sutton Street. 2) Look into applying for a grant for the Great Hall.

Chairman Ampagoomian announced that the sprinkler system went off at the Cotton Mill Apartments and caused damage to four floors.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 6:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James Athanas, Clerk

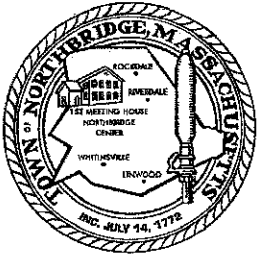
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LIST OF DOCUMENTATION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING – OPEN SESSION

January 12, 2015

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Copy of the December 15, 2014 minutes.**
- II. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**
- III. APPOINTMENTS/By the Board of Selectmen - None**
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT - None**
- V. DECISIONS**
 - B. Copy of draft warrant article**
- VI. DISCUSSIONS**
 - C. Water Meters – No documentation**
 - D. Pine Grove Cemetery – No documentation**
 - E. Mass. Municipal Association Annual Meeting – No documentation**
- VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - None**
- VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS – None**
- IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA – None**
- X. CORRESPONDENCE – None**
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**



Theodore D. Kozak
Town Manager

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B.

January 15, 2015

Charles Ampagoomian, Jr., Chairman
Northbridge Board of Selectmen
7 Main Street
Whitinsville, MA 01588

Dear Chairman Ampagoomian:

As you know, I am the Board of Selectmen's appointee to the Northbridge Retirement Board and will soon conclude my fourth term as a member of that Board. My appointment expires February 24, 2015, and as such, I am seeking reappointment for another three-year term.

I was elected Vice-Chairman in my first term and continue to serve in that capacity at this time. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving on the Northbridge Retirement Board and look forward to continuing my service. Moreover, I believe that I have made a positive contribution to this very important Board and wish to continue doing so.

For those reasons, I respectfully request that the Northbridge Board of Selectmen consider reappointing me for a further 3-year term.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sharon L. Susienka

c: Board of Selectmen
Scott McGrath, Retirement Board Administrator

C.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TRANSACTION OF TOWN BUSINESS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

WORCESTER, ss:

To any Constable of the Town of Northbridge in said County,
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Northbridge, qualified to vote in Town elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to prepare and submit to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council a certified project application for designation of the property located at 369 Douglas Road, Northbridge, Massachusetts, and shown on Assessors' Map 3 as Parcel 21, pursuant to the provision of Chapter 23A of the General Laws; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a tax increment financing plan with WGM Fabricators, LLC pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 59 of the General Laws, in connection with the development of said property; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such actions as are necessary to obtain approval of the certified project application and to implement the tax increment financing plan; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: (School Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, and/or transfer from the unexpended appropriated funds of one of the departments of the Town, and/or transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), and/or transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$36,800 to be used by the School Department to pay the costs incurred for repairs made to the Balmer School kitchen; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: (School Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, and/or transfer from the unexpended appropriated funds of one of the departments of the Town, and/or transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), and/or transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$28,940 to be used by the School Department to pay the costs incurred to replace the Middle School Auditorium air-cooled condensing unit; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: (School Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, and/or transfer from the unexpended appropriated funds of one of the departments of the Town, and/or transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), and/or transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$24,288 to be used by the School Department to pay the costs incurred to replace the two Middle School Locker Room make-up air units; or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Whitinsville Post Office in Whitinsville and Brian's Restaurant in Linwood, in Precinct 1; Office of Polyfoam Corp., Gary's Variety, and the Northbridge Post Office in Northbridge, all in Precinct 2; Town Clerk's Office and 1Quickstop in Whitinsville in Precinct 3; and the VFW Hall [875 Hill Street] and Town Hall Annex in Whitinsville in Precinct 4; twenty-one (21) days at least before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

WHEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of the warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting. GIVEN under our hand this 26th day of January in the year Two Thousand Fifteen.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHBRIDGE

Charles Ampagoomian, Jr., Chairman

James R. Marzec

Daniel J. Nolan

Thomas J. Melia

James J. Athanas

WORCESTER, SS Northbridge

Date:

By virtue of this warrant I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Northbridge qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purpose stated in said warrant by posting attested copies thereof as within directed.

Constable, Town of Northbridge

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Here is the form of motion for a vote of the Board of Selectmen to approve an exemption under section 20(b) of the conflict of interest statute, G.L. c. 268A, §20(b):

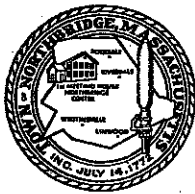
MOTION:

I MOVE THAT THE BOARD VOTE TO APPROVE THE EXEMPTION OF TIMOTHY LABRIE FROM SECTION 20 OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATUTE, PURSUANT TO CLAUSE (b) OF THE THIRD PARAGRAPH, FOR A CONTRACT FOR SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN AND L&M LANDSCAPING, INC., A COMPANY IN WHICH MR. LABRIE HAS AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST.

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EXEMPTION: MGL CHAPTER 268A, §20(b)

This section shall not apply (a) to a municipal employee who in good faith and within thirty days after he learns of an actual or prospective violation of this section makes full disclosure of his financial interest to the contracting agency and terminates or disposes of the interest, or **(b) to a municipal employee who is not employed by the contracting agency or an agency which regulates the activities of the contracting agency and who does not participate in or have official responsibility for any of the activities of the contracting agency, if the contract is made after public notice or where applicable, through competitive bidding, and if the municipal employee files with the clerk of the city or town a statement making full disclosure of his interest and the interest of his immediate family, and if in the case of a contract for personal services (1) the services will be provided outside the normal working hours of the municipal employee, (2) the services are not required as part of the municipal employee's regular duties, the employee is compensated for not more than five hundred hours during a calendar year, (3) the head of the contracting agency makes and files with the clerk of the city or town a written certification that no employee of that agency is available to perform those services as part of their regular duties, and (4) the city council, board of selectmen or board of aldermen approve the exemption of his interest from this section,**



**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK**

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dcedrone@northbridgema.org

Doreen A. Cedrone, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

Phone: 508-234-2001
Fax: 508-234-0813

TO: Sharon Susienka, Assistant to the Town Manager
FROM: Doreen A. Cedrone, Town Clerk
DATE: January 21, 2015
SUBJECT: Board of Selectmen notice to Town Clerk regarding an election for vacancies in Town Offices (per MGL Chapter 41 Section 10)

Sharon, as Town Clerk, I certify that, at this time, we have the following vacancies on elected Town boards/committees.

Upon receipt of notice from the Board of Selectmen, I will include these seats on the ballot for the May 19, 2015 Annual Town Election:

HOUSING AUTHORITY

One seat (1-year term)

- Vacancy created by John Brown

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

One seat (3-year term)

- Failure to Elect at the May 20, 2014 Annual Town Election.

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

One seat (2-year term)

- Failure to Elect at the May 20, 2014 Annual Town Election.

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

One seat (1-year term)

- Failure to Elect at the May 20, 2014 Annual Town Election.

Thank you, Sharon!

Doreen

**TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
AND
WGM FABRICATORS, INC.**

This Agreement is made this _____ day of _____, 2015 by and between the Town of Northbridge, a municipal corporation duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, having a principal place of business at Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588, acting through its Board of Selectmen (hereinafter called the "TOWN") and WGM Fabricators, Inc., a limited liability corporation having a principal office at 500 Pond Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895 (hereinafter called the "COMPANY"). Unless the context requires otherwise, terms defined in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 23A, section 3A shall have the same meaning when used herein. This Agreement will take effect upon approval by the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (EACC).

WHEREAS, the COMPANY intends to rehabilitate and redevelop the land and buildings located at 369 Douglas Road, Northbridge for the purpose of producing beveled, shaped, sandblasted and tempered glass & mirror products, in connection with the COMPANY's services to the commercial and manufacturing sectors of the glass industry throughout New England, with a full line of services including: tempering, beveling, flat polish, pencil polish, miter, full CNS cutting & milling, edging, water jet cutting, sandblasting and ceramic printing; and

WHEREAS, the COMPANY is the owner and taxpayer of record of said land and buildings at 369 Douglas Road, shown on the Assessors' Maps of the Town of Northbridge as Map 3, Parcel 121, and containing approximately 3.24 acres of land (hereinafter called the "PROPERTY"); and

WHEREAS, the TOWN is willing to grant certain tax incentives in return for the below described undertakings of the COMPANY to (1) make capital investments at said PROPERTY, and (2) use reasonable and diligent efforts to increase employment opportunities for area workers;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties do mutually agree as follows:

A. THE COMPANY'S OBLIGATIONS

1. Capital Investment: The COMPANY shall rehabilitate and redevelop the PROPERTY, including the purchase and renovation of a 25,000 sq. ft. building located thereon to suit the COMPANY's manufacturing business. These renovations will include the construction of an addition of approximately 8,800 sq. ft. along with an upgrade to the current electrical service. Total project investment is estimated at \$800,000.
2. Hiring Preference: The COMPANY shall retain thirty-six (36) employees and hire fourteen (14) new permanent employees over the five year term of this Agreement. The COMPANY commits to a good faith effort of employing residents of the Town of Northbridge and to give a preference to hiring qualified Northbridge residents for any employment opportunities that become available at the PROPERTY.

3. Successors in Interest: This Agreement is intended to solely benefit the COMPANY. The TOWN reserves the right to rescind or renegotiate the terms of this Agreement with any subsequent owner of the PROPERTY.
4. Required Notice: If the COMPANY decides to sell or otherwise transfer control of the PROPERTY, or any portion thereof, or its operations, the COMPANY shall give the TOWN at least sixty (60) days prior written notice of its intention to do so, together with the name, address and a description of the nature of the entity that is the purchaser or transferee, if known at the time, and if not known at the time, as soon as a commitment is made in writing. Any such notice by the COMPANY shall be given to the Town Manager, Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588. Upon any such assignment, the assignee shall be bound by the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement that are to be performed or observed by the Company, and the terms and conditions of this Agreement that are to be observed or performed by the Town shall inure to the benefit of such assignee.
5. Reports: The COMPANY shall provide to the TOWN an annual report for each year of this Agreement on the Annual Reporting Form provided by the EACC and at the same time as it is submitted to the EACC. Said report shall be for the calendar year and contain the following information:
 - (1) full-time and part-time employment levels at the PROPERTY, including wage range, at the beginning and end of the year;
 - (2) the specific number of Northbridge residents employed full-time and part-time at the PROPERTY at the beginning and the end of the year;
 - (3) the COMPANY'S financial contribution to the TOWN (i.e., property taxes, motor vehicle excise taxes, water and sewer fees, and charitable contributions relating to the TOWN) for the year; and
 - (4) a description of any private investment made for the benefit of the TOWN during the year.
6. Municipal Taxes and Fees: The COMPANY agrees to be in compliance with all municipal taxes and fees during the term of this Agreement.

B. THE TOWN'S OBLIGATION

1. Tax Increment Financing Exemption: The TOWN shall grant a tax increment financing exemption to the COMPANY in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 23A, Section 3, Chapter 40, Section 59, and Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 51 for the construction of improvements at the PROPERTY. The exemption shall be granted only to the value of the above-described improvements to the PROPERTY. The current assessed value of the PROPERTY is \$ 1,119,300, and the exemption shall not be applied to the PROPERTY's current assessed value. The base year for determining assessed value of the PROPERTY shall be Fiscal Year 2016. This base value shall be adjusted annually according to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40 Section 59, as it may be amended, or any other provision of law enacted in replacement thereof. The exemption shall be valid for a period of five (5) years, beginning with fiscal year 2016. The exemption shall not apply to personal property. The following exemption percentages and exemption schedule will apply towards the increased assessed value only of improvements to the PROPERTY, as determined by the Northbridge Board of Assessors in a manner consistent with the valuation of other property in the Town.

FY YEAR	EXEMPTION %	TAXABLE VALUE %
2016	50%	50%
2017	45%	55%
2018	40%	60%
2019	35%	65%
2020	30%	70%

2. Approvals: The Northbridge Board of Selectmen will place the matter of this Agreement on the warrant for consideration at a Town Meeting to be held on February 24, 2015.
3. Decertification: Upon failure of the COMPANY to fulfill its obligations under Section A of the Agreement, except in case of adverse external economic conditions beyond the COMPANY's control, or acts of God, the TOWN reserves the right to apply to the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council for decertification of the PROPERTY, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 23A, section 3F. The TOWN shall be entitled to pursue all other remedies, if any, available to it under the law.

C. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

1. Pursuant to 760 Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) 22.05 (8)(d), this Agreement shall be binding upon subsequent owners of the PROPERTY and their assignees.
2. This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument executed by the COMPANY and the TOWN.
3. This Agreement is subject to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 23A, §§3A-3F inclusive, chapter 40, section 59, and 760 CMR 22.00.

[signatures on following page]

Executed this ____ day of _____, 2015.

WGM Fabricators, Inc.

By its _____ (Title)

Printed Name:

Town of Northbridge

By its Board of Selectmen

Printed Name:

Printed Name:

Printed Name:

Printed Name:

Printed Name:

T.I.F.

Year	Assessed Value	Percent of TIF	Tax Rate	Tax Savings	Taxes to be Paid	Total Tax If
						Not in TIF
1 FY 2016	\$800,000 x	0.50 =	\$400,000 x 13.46 =	\$5,384	\$5,384	\$10,768
2 FY 2017	\$808,000 x	0.45 =	\$363,600 x 13.66 =	\$4,967	\$6,071	\$11,039
3 FY 2018	\$816,080 x	0.40 =	\$326,432 x 13.87 =	\$4,527	\$6,790	\$11,316
4 FY 2019	\$824,241 x	0.35 =	\$288,484 x 14.07 =	\$4,060	\$7,541	\$11,601
5 FY 2020	\$832,483 x	0.30 =	\$249,745 x 14.29 =	\$3,568	\$8,325	\$11,893
				\$22,506	\$34,111	\$56,617

Includes a 1% increase per year

Includes a 1.5% increase in the tax rate

(Difficult to estimate-also based on valuations)

Donna Gosselin

From: Robert Fitzgerald <rfitzgerald@northbridgemass.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 3:58 PM
To: dgosselin@northbridgemass.org
Subject: 369 DOUGLAS RD -WOONSOCKET GLASS

January 22, 2015

Donna: Ted wanted to know the taxes for 369 Douglas Road, the building Woonsocket Glass purchased.

The Building and extra features are valued at \$ 948,400 x \$13.38 = \$12,689.59

Land is valued at	<u>170,900</u> x \$13.38 = <u>2,286.64</u>
	\$1,119,300 \$14,976.23

Robert Fitzgerald
Principal Assessor
Town of Northbridge
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