

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL
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November 17, 2014 AT 6:15PM**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:15PM

RETIREMENT AWARD: DENNIS KIMBALL [FIRE DEPARTMENT] – 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. 1) October 20, 2014 2) November 3, 2014 [Executive Session]

II. PUBLIC HEARING – B. 1) 7:05PM/FY'15 Tax Rate Classification Hearing/Present: Robert Fitzgerald, Principal Assessor 2) **7:15PM/National Grid Petition for Joint Pole Location** [Present: Crystal Tognazzi] - Petition to install Pole 27-5 20' 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].

III. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

- C. 1) Suzanne Fregeau, Board of Registrars [Temporary Appointment]
2) Thomas Parente, WWTP Operator, DPW Sewer Division

IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT

V. DECISIONS

- D. Aggregate Power Committee – Vote to establish membership as follows: Finance Committee Member; Town Planner, Business Manager [School Dept.]; Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Rep.; and one Member at Large
E. New China Pacific, LLC d/b/a New China Pacific Restaurant [Jackie Lee, Manager]/Application for a non-alcoholic Common Victualler's license
F. Samarpan Inc. d/b/a 1 Quickstop / Notification of Change in Sunday Hours
G. Crystal Gas, Inc. / Notification of Change in Sunday Hours
H. Charter Communications
I. Safety Committee Minutes [October 15, 2014]
J. Winter Parking Ban [December 1, 2014 to April 1, 2015]/Vote to approve

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VI. DISCUSSIONS

- K. National Grid Pole Relocation [Church Street, Whitinsville] / Present: Robert Russell

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- L. 1) Cub Scout Project [Nov. 9, 2014] / Clean-up of Shining Rock Trails
2) Veterans Breakfast @ Northbridge Middle School
3) WRTA Bus Update
4) Town of Spencer – Invite to Regional Forum re: Education Foundation Budget and Minimum Local Contribution
5) Pine Grove Cemetery Update
6) Potpourri Seasonal Job Openings

VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

X. CORRESPONDENCE

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:15PM:

- M. Under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, S21 #3 – 1) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining
2) To discuss strategy with respect to litigation

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and the
Northbridge Board of Selectmen

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**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
October 20, 2014**

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, Athanas, Melia and Nolan. **Also Present:** Theodore D. Kozak, Town Manager.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Approval of Minutes. 1) **September 8, 2014.** A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve the September 8, 2014 minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/ Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian. 2) **September 22, 2014.** A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve the September 22, 2014 minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/ Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian. 3) **October 6, 2014 [Executive Session].** A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve but not release the October 6, 2014 minutes. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Athanas, and Ampagoomian. Abstain/Messrs. Athanas and Melia who were absent from the October 6th meeting.

Public Hearing/None.

Appointments/By the Board of Selectmen/None.

Citizens' Comments/Input/None.

Present: Alex Rogozenski/1) Request permission to hold "1st Day 5k" Road Race on Linwood Avenue, Thursday, January 1, 2015 at 11AM. 2) Request permission to hold a half marathon, Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 10AM and 3) Request permission to hold the "Race of Rams" [Duathlon, 5k run and kids event] on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 8AM at Northbridge High School. Mr. Marzec suggested that the Selectmen consider all three race items on the Agenda as requested by Mr. Rogozenski at the same time. Mr. Rogozenski explained that MRA had hosted the three events for the past three years. Mr. Melia commented that all the Department heads had given their ok on this, it had been successful previously and that he had no problems with it. To Mr. Nolan's question, Mr. Rogozenski explained that a duathlon is a multisport event where participants run, bike, and run again. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve all three races. Vote yes/ Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian.

"Save Northbridge Wrestling" fundraiser/Present: Gracia Casey/Request permission to hold a boot drive at Memorial Square on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 9AM-2PM. Ms. Casey explained that her son, a senior at Northbridge High School, has been a member of the Northbridge Wrestling Team for the last three years. She noted that the goal is to raise \$11,000 by November 2nd to save the team. Ms. Casey added that they had a raffle on the previous day which raised \$1,300.00. Mr. Marzec thanked Ms. Casey and Ms. Foster (for the Swim Team) for coming before the Selectmen, noting that all Town sports are important. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to grant permission to Northbridge Wrestling to hold the requested boot drive. Vote yes/ Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian.

Northbridge High School Swim Team/Present: Denise Foster/Request permission to hold a boot drive at Memorial Square on Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 9AM to 12 Noon. Ms. Foster noted that they need to raise \$10,000 by November 2nd to save the Team, adding that they had previously held fundraisers including a car wash. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to grant permission to

Northbridge Swim Team to hold the requested boot drive. Vote yes/ Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian.

Jyoti Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Gary's Variety/Notification of Change of hours. Town Manager Kozak, Mr. Melia, and Chairman Ampagoomian clarified that the hours on Sunday would be changed to a 10:00 a.m. opening relative to the recent change in Massachusetts Laws. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve that change. Vote yes/ Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian.

Mina's Foods, Inc. d/b/a Vera's Mini Mart/Notification of Change of hours. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve the change to a 10:00 a.m. opening relative to the recent change in Massachusetts Laws. Vote yes/ Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian.

New China Pacific Restaurant, 683 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville/Application for Keno License. Mr. Melia noted that this is the same type vote that was previously taken by the Selectmen for another restaurant. He added that the Selectmen only have to vote if they object. There were no objections by the Selectmen to the New China Pacific Restaurant Keno License application.

Firefighter's Contract/Vote to approve. Town Manager Kozak explained that they had been negotiating the Firefighter's contract for some time and were at an impasse. He noted that they had gone to mediation for several sessions, adding that the next step would be arbitration. Mr. Kozak concluded that fortunately an agreement had been reached for a two year contract. He added that he was asking the Board to approve ratification of the contract. Mr. Kozak noted the terms of the contract were 1% salary increases each year, \$100 increase in COLA allowance, increases in stipends of \$1,000 for Paramedics and \$750 for EMTs, a reduction in return to work hours from 12 hours to 10 hours, holiday pay to be based on 1/5 of a week's pay, a new 12 hour shift during day time operations with 2 complete teams on duty for better coverage, a \$600 stipend for firefighters, a \$1,250 stipend for firefighters who work the new shift, flu vaccine for all firefighters by November 30th, and appropriation of a drug and alcohol testing policy. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Marzec to approve ratification of the Firefighter's Contract. Vote yes/ Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian.

Cable Changes/Present: Tom Cohan, Charter Communications, Harry Berkowitz, Cable Advisory Commission, and Mr. Bill Tartaglia, the Executive Director of Northbridge Community Television. Mr. Berkowitz explained that they were there to discuss several items including changing the local access channels of 11, 12, and 13 to 191, 192, and 194. He noted that the reason they were so concerned was that the Staff and the Producers had made 11 a very popular channel in Northbridge. Mr. Berkowitz added that we have political talk, programming from Access Network as well as our own programming, a lot of hometown sports, and special interest programming by Sharon Ampagoomian who travels extensively. He noted that the travel segments are of special interest to the elderly in bringing them subject matter that they wouldn't ordinarily see. Mr. Berkowitz observed that Channel 12 is important in that it televises the Selectmen's meetings and is used by the Town Clerk's office to post appointments that are open as well as meeting notices in addition to regular Town announcements. He added that Channel 13 has progressed to the point of doing its own programming such as taping school events and broadcasting the School Committee meetings. Mr. Berkowitz said that he received a call while on the air from a confused resident who couldn't find Mr. Berkowitz's show due to the channel change. Mr. Berkowitz noted that there had been an audio problem with Channel 11 and recalled an audio problem during broadcasting of the Selectmen's meetings which had been corrected using our own equipment. Mr. Berkowitz stated that we send a stereo signal to Charter but Charter can't accept it; they only accept the left channel; the right channel doesn't get broadcast. He noted that as a result some of the broadcast church services can't be heard. Mr. Berkowitz also said that he received a call from someone watching a basketball broadcast who could not hear a thing. Mr. Berkowitz added that if they broadcast stereo music you only hear half of it. He noted that they gave equipment to Charter at the head end to enable stereo

broadcasting but for some reason it isn't being used. Mr. Berkowitz summed up that they want Charter to comply with the contract that was signed. He explained that when the contract was being negotiated they put in that we retained channels 11, 12 and 13 as our access channels because Charter is changing the contract in other parts of the country. Mr. Berkowitz added that it's in the contract that if we send a stereo signal we would get a stereo broadcast back. He suggested that the Board rescind the vote taken about a month ago to not contest the takeover of Charter by Comcast to send the message. Tom Cohan gave a background as to why Charter went to all digital. He explained that over the last 18 months Charter invested 2 billion dollars nationwide in upgrading all of Charter's systems to all digital. Mr. Cohan noted that the last areas of upgrading are in New England with which they should be finished the first week of December. He added that this would allow Charter to compete more effectively with their major competitors, Direct TV and Dish Network, satellite options which offer many channels. Mr. Cohan stated that as part of the upgrade Northbridge customers are receiving 80 new HD channels in which most of their customers are interested. He explained that going all digital allows Charter to more efficiently utilize the band width that they have available. Mr. Cohan added that this upgrade would increase the video on demand options available to customers, many of which are free and relatively recent or new movies. He further stated that this would soon allow Charter to increase their standard Internet speed from 30 to 60 megabits per second which would be one of the fastest speeds in the Country. Mr. Cohan emphasized that being competitive allows Charter to continue to provide revenues to the public educational Access operation; the better Charter does, the higher the revenues that Charter provides to the Access operations which are based on a percentage of Charter's gross revenue. So if Charter is losing customers to Direct TV and The Dish Network the Access operations are losing funding support as well. Mr. Cohan explained that to remain competitive Charter reconfigured their entire channel line-up; nationwide they created a "public service neighborhood" on the system and all of the Access nationwide channels are in the 190-195 range. Included in that is Charter TV 3 in Northbridge which is moved into that block of channels. Mr. Cohan added that in other states such as Connecticut and New York the state legislative channels are also moved into that 190-195 block. Mr. Cohan admitted that he probably personally failed with the license that Charter had with Northbridge and that on Friday he spoke with Town Manager Kozak and Bill Tartaglia of the Access group to try to explain some of the things that could be done to make things right. He noted that the key thing is to inform the customers about where the channels are and that every Charter customer received an advance notice with the new digital channel lineup. Mr. Cohan added that several weeks in advance of the digital cut a force tune video, "The Lady in the Blue Dress", was repeatedly shown to Charter customers explaining the new digital changes. He stated that Charter offered to do the same force tune video that explains how you can find the Access channels, 191, 192 and 193, in the community. Mr. Cohan said that Charter is also offering to show 30 second ad spots to explain about the new channels. Mr. Marzec thanked Mr. Berkowitz and Mr. Cohan for attending the Selectmen's meeting. He recalled his personal experience with all digital programming, stating that his wife had to wait over an hour and a half at the Grafton Charter location to get cable boxes and he and his wife despise Charter customer service which he characterized as "horrible". Mr. Marzec read from a letter sent by a constituent living in Florida who had a very similar change-over experience. The constituent notes that the most galling part is set-top boxes are not required and you do not have to have the provider activate the digital receiver. Mr. Marzec expressed frustration with the difficulty setting up the boxes (one for each TV) and wondered how senior citizens with limited income were coping with the changeover and only 1 box provided free of charge for the first year. Mr. Cohan responded that Charter gave customers a 30 day notice of the changes, with several options for customers to obtain a box. He noted that customers who contacted Charter for assistance early in the 30 days prior to the change-over received better service than those who waited longer to call. Mr. Cohan added that customized letters were sent to customers with varying plans to replace existing boxes. He also stated that plans for the change-over took place prior to Comcast involvement in the Company. Mr. Melia asked how digital boxes are used for nursing homes where there are TVs for many of the patients. Mr. Cohan responded that Charter has different solutions for nursing homes and hotels and that there is a master unit or head end onsite which is distributed to individual TVs. Mr. Melia asked what would happen if the Board of

Selectmen rescinded their vote regarding Comcast. Mr. Cohan responded that the time had run out to be able to rescind the vote and the vote had nothing to do with the issues that were being discussed. Mr. Cohan explained that it was possible for the individual to set up a program in the remote for the individual's favorite channels. He added that Charter is in the mass marketing business and has to offer many channels to appeal to many people and be competitive. Mr. Melia noted that a lot of money had been invested in marketing using the logo for NCTV-11 in items such as signs, t-shirts, jackets and banners to promote Northbridge's PEG channels; this now represents a loss with the change in channels. Mr. Berkowitz added that Comcast still uses lower numbered channels. Mr. Athanas expressed the futility trying to work out the issues with Charter, asking Mr. Berkowitz for a solution. Mr. Berkowitz said that he would like to bring in the director for NCTV and have him work out things with Charter. Mr. Cohan stated that none of their Access channels are stereo. He suggested that when programming is to be brought into Northbridge they should be providing the audio on both channels. Mr. Bill Tartaglia, the Executive Director of Northbridge Community Television commented that Worcester had the same problem with stereo at the same time Northbridge had it. He added that Worcester called Charter about the problem and it wasn't fixed. Chairman Ampagoomian stated that the stereo was authorized through the contract between Northbridge and Charter which was entered in good faith. He advised that Charter work it out with NCTV, the Board of Directors of NCTV, and the Cable Advisory Board to come up with the best possible solution and then return to the Board with recommendations of how to go forward.

Departmental Reports: Police Dept. [Walter Warchol, Chief], Fire Dept. [Gary Nestor, Chief], DPW [James Shuris, DPW Dir., Mark Kuras, DPW Sewer Dept. Superintendent, Jamie Luchini, DPW Highway Dept.], and Planning [Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner] Police Dept.: Lieutenant Timothy Labrie in the absence of Chief Walter Warchol gave the report for the Northbridge Police Department from July to September 2014. There were 4900 calls for service, 191 calls handled by Animal Control Officer, 104 traffic accidents investigated, 507 traffic citations issued, 373 medical calls answered and 68 motor vehicle lock-outs. Lieutenant Labrie added that 142 people were arrested or summonsed into court (Uxbridge Court and Milford Juvenile Court) including 79 adult males, 46 adult females, 16 juvenile males, and 5 juvenile females. He noted that the charges included assault and battery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, breaking and entering, breaking and entering motor vehicles, credit card fraud, destruction of property over \$250.00, larceny over \$250.00, operating under the influence of alcohol, numerous controlled substance/narcotic violations, reckless endangerment of a child, and unarmed robbery. Lieutenant Labrie added that there were numerous misdemeanors and other crimes. Lieutenant Labrie noted that the Police Department participated in a "Read Around Town" program. He added that the successful program has been going on for a few years, with Lieutenant Labrie reading to about 40 children at the police department and giving them a nice tour of the station. Lieutenant Labrie also noted that Sergeant Brian Patrinely conducted a class at the police department on Forensic Evidence for approximately 60 high school students which he has successfully done for several years. Lieutenant Labrie indicated that the police department is a member of the Blackstone Valley Drug Task Force which agreed to accept new member communities of Milford, Bellingham and Hopedale. He noted that the Task Force has experienced great success fighting the heroine problem in communities. Lieutenant Labrie explained that Officer Tom Dejorjy who has been the police department's School Resource Officer since April 2014 was unable to attend the Selectmen's meeting. He noted that Officer Dejorjy handles school incidents and will be at a later meeting to provide a report on his duties and activities in the schools. To Mr. Athanas' question Lieutenant Labrie responded that the number of arrests for controlled substances has increased which he attributed to the Blackstone Valley Task Force stepping up its resources, most recently targeting "low level" dealers in Town, and doing a good job.

Fire Dept.: Fire Chief Gary Nestor reported that in the period of July to September 2014 the Fire Department has responded to 216 fire emergencies, 506 ambulance emergencies, 83 non-emergency calls for service, visited the schools to conduct SAFE classes 11 times, and installed smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in the homes of senior citizens. He noted that this program has been very successful

with the firefighters visiting and installing detection devices in the homes of 32 seniors. Chief Nestor added that fire prevention activities accounted for 152 inspections, 141 permits issued, and collection of \$5,580.00 in permit fees. He noted that of then 506 ambulance emergencies, there were 290 ALS calls and the ambulance service collected \$187,778.72. Chief Nestor reported that during this period they had 1 structure fire, 1 motor vehicle fire, and 14 outside fires, adding that the losses to the affected properties will exceed \$300,000.00. He noted that the call fire and ambulance payroll for this period was \$22,366.07. Chief Nestor also reported that they were notified in July that they were receiving a FEMA Grant toward purchasing a new ladder truck. He added that the grant was in the amount of \$712,500.00 and will pay for approximately 75 percent of the vehicle. Chief Nestor explained further that they have an article on the Fall Town Meeting Warrant for \$240,000, which would provide the additional revenue necessary to move forward with the project. He noted that they have drawn up the specifications and advertised for bids. Finally, Chief Nestor explained that in September they started the process of dismantling the municipal fire alarm system in preparation for the consolidation of the Public Safety Dispatch project. He added that the project would take several months to complete. Chief Nestor concluded that they are still working with the Master Box owners while they transition to a 3rd party answering service. Relative to the dismantling of the fire boxes, Mr. Ampagoomian asked if there are any fire boxes that are attached to nursing homes or Housing Authority buildings. Chief Nestor explained that those are Master Boxes meaning that they transmit directly to the Fire Station and those are the ones they are working on now to transition to a third party. Mr. Marzec asked if Chief Nestor viewed that the number of times we were helped by other communities, 64, was high compared to the number of times we helped other communities, at 10. Chief Nestor responded that this is consistent with what it's been for the last several years. To Mr. Marzec's question whether increased staffing would help Chief Nestor answered that it would. Town Manager Kozak noted that the Fire Department employees just negotiated a new contract with the Town which would help staffing.

Dept. of Public Works: DPW Director James Shuris noted that he brought with him his management team, Mark Kuras, DPW Sewer Dept. and Jamie Luchini, DPW Highway Dept. He expressed thanks to the DPW workers for doing a tremendous job, the Selectmen for their support toward the DPW, and the voters in the Town for supporting the DPW. Director Shuris commented that the DPW has done a lot of great things this year. He noted that they completed about 5 miles of road this year made possible by a Town Article that was passed 3 years ago. Director Shuris added that they received \$71,257 from MassDOT due to the effects of last year's bad winter. He noted that they had an Article for the Town Meeting in October for additional money. Director Shuris added that in conjunction with the Planning Department because of the Osterman Business Park they have a potential project, \$2.2M MassWorks, .8-mile "Church Street Extension Corridor Project", currently at the 25% design/engineering phase. He projected that if they get the grant they should be shovel-ready by April of next year. Director Shuris added that if they don't receive the grant this year they would apply next year. He explained that the project would consist of a review of the traffic signals at the intersection of Quaker Street and the end of Church Street Extension to improve the congestion. Director Shuris noted that the "Bagged Leaf Collection Program" was underway, adding that last year they picked up 6900 bags of leaves. Director Shuris reported that the DPW mowed over 91 acres of parks, cemeteries, common areas, ball fields and playgrounds. He noted that Sutton Street, MassDOT's 7.8M project is moving along very well. Director Shuris added that before year end the sewer main, water main, drainage, utility pole relocation, and all of the exposed areas will be temporarily paved for the winter. He noted that right now our goal according to MassDOT is to have all the laterals for water and sewer installed including the extension from Eisenhower out to Hill Street. Mr. Shuris commented that he feels very good about the project. Director Shuris said a dedication was held last week for the Rajotte Bridge which is now complete. He noted that the Douglas Road Bridge construction is moving right along with a timeline of next month for completion of the east side of the bridge. Mr. Shuris reported that the National Grid double poles have been reduced by 50% leaving a remaining total of 16 about which they continue to speak with National Grid about removal. He also reported that as of October 1st they awarded a contract for custodial services to a private

firm, allowing a DPW employee to be freed up for other tasks. Mr. Shuris noted that financially they are within the budget for Highway, Sewer and Water. He added that Whitinsville Water is doing a great job with the Leak Detection program and Filtration Plant with no complaints of dirty water. Jamie Luchini spoke on a few points: 1) Severe weather. Despite severe weather beginning on July 3rd through the following week the DPW Highway Department had been able to keep the roads open and deal with the cleanup in the following days. 2) Implementation of a work order system. They have put together a system for tracking resident calls for various jobs and concerns, creating a more efficient method for keeping track of work being done as well as what still needs to be completed. Since July Mr. Luchini has tracked about 150 work orders that have been completed since July when they implemented this system. 3) Private and utility contractors. They have opened the door in dealing with private and utility contractors by stressing the importance of communication. This ensures greater detail in the opening and completion of work being done on the roads. As a result problem areas such as North Main and Crescent Streets as well as the crosswalk on Linwood Avenue have been repaved correctly. 4) Mechanic. A full time master mechanic was hired in the area of fleet management lessening the workload and difficulty with vehicle repairs. 5) 2014 Leaf Program. Mr. Luchini commented that this is a fantastic program for the residents of Northbridge for hauling away leaves to the composting area. He added that they have streamlined this effort by dividing the Town into sections for collection on certain days. Mr. Luchini noted that this allows residents to plan accordingly and makes pickup more cost effective. He added that the map and fliers that were mailed out can be found on the Town website. 6) 2014 No Road Left Behind Program. Mr. Luchini noted the improvements on Hill Street, Douglas Road, Spring Street, and Old Quaker Street. He characterized it as a "piece it together" program to get the most out of the funds that are available. They have sought out the worst areas and main roads in desperate need of repair to make commuting in Northbridge better. Additionally they hope to continue to improve these as well as many other roads with the continued support and funding from the residents of Northbridge.

Mark Kuras, DPW Sewer Dept. Superintendent, discussed the following points. 1) Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). At the plant this program is currently identifying infiltration rates for each sub-area as part of the flow monitoring study by CDM Smith. 2) Gravity Thickener Project. Plans and specifications are assembled to solicit bids this fall. 3) Sutton Street Project. As Jim Shuras had mentioned the project is going well. 4) NPDES. A final order was signed and they are doing extensive testing and process changes to meet the permit numbers. 5) Promotions at the Plant. Mike Havalotti was promoted to Assistant Plant Manager, and Paul L'Esperence was promoted to Laboratory Technician. They are currently advertising to fill the vacant WWTP Operator position. Town Manager Kozak commented that the Sewer Permit [NPDES] is very important and they were very concerned that the testing numbers would be too high. He noted that Mr. Kuras and his staff were working very hard, deserving to be congratulated for their work with the consultants.

Mr. Shuris commented on DPW progress; the Town Meeting approved the DPW articles, Mr. Kuras had done a great job for example with the plans and projects, \$670,000 was spent on the roads project this past year because of the additional funds, they have uncommitted funds of \$101,476.00 going into January 2015, and they have \$470,000 in Chapter 90 funds every year. He added that their program was calling for 1.1 million dollars and they want to maintain the momentum and complete the existing projects next year.

Planning Dept.: Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner, summarized the following report information for the various subdivisions permitted or undergoing construction as well as an overview of the recently approved site development plans, narrative on the zoning amendment article, update and overview of local initiatives, grants, and economic development opportunities as well as Planning Board and other meetings held during this quarter. **1) Subdivision Developments.** The Planning Office continues to oversee the development of 8-10 residential subdivisions throughout the Town. The Planning Board has engaged the services of JH Engineering Group out of Worcester to review and inspect improvements in

coordination with the Department of Public Works on behalf of the Town. **2) Site Development Plans.** During this quarter the Planning Board approved one site plan application for 135 Providence Road (Salvation Army Thrift Store) for building expansion to include 3 more retail spaces totaling an additional 19,000 square feet. During the site plan review the Planning Board examined with the owner/applicant the ongoing concerns of the outdoor storage and illegal dumping of goods and materials around the building. As part of the re-development the owner shall install security cameras and signs prohibiting after hours drop-off. The approximately 24,000 square-foot medical office building "Milford Regional Medical Center" in Phase 1 of Osterman Commerce Park completed construction. The Planning Board and the Town Manager continue to be in contact with Vincent Osterman, the property owner, on future project build-out on that site. **3) Zoning Amendment.** The Planning Board is sponsoring zoning amendment Article 11 to (1) increase the maximum height permitted within the Industrial- One and Industrial-Two Zoning Districts from 30-feet and 45-feet respectively to 60-feet and (2) increase the maximum number of stories within the I-1 and I-2 Zoning Districts from 2 and 3-stories (respectively) to 4-stories. The intent of the Article is to improve and enhance economic development opportunities within the industrial zoned properties understanding that the current requirements may be too restrictive and inconsistent with requirements of surrounding communities. As part of this consideration the Planning Board sought and obtained input and support from the Fire Chief and Building Inspector. **4) Ongoing initiatives.** The Open Space & Recreation Plan Update Committee continues to meet regularly, particularly once a month. They are planning to meet with the Board of Selectmen with an informal presentation before the end of the year to provide an update, inform the residents of the status and the opportunity to seek additional funds. **5) Community Block Grant Funds.** The Planning Office continues to administer and oversee the Disaster Recovery grant funds for the relocation of the Rockdale Youth Center from its current site in a flood plain on Providence Road to the school building on Church Avenue owned by St. Peter's Church. The Town recently awarded a Designer Services contract to an architect with Dixon Salo Architects, Inc. (Worcester, MA) who is preparing the construction drawings which hopefully will be ready to send out to bid for a contractor in the coming months. The work is scheduled to be completed by September of 2015. Once completed, the former Rockdale Youth Center will be demolished. **6) District Local Technical Assistance Program – Priority Development Area.** The CMRPC (Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission) will work with the Planning Office and Planning Board in preparation of a Reuse Plan for 2040 Providence Road, an ongoing initiative. **7) Economic Development Initiatives.** The MassWorks Infrastructure Grant Program. In August of 2014 the town submitted a MassWorks Infrastructure Grant application for economic development to be done in conjunction with the planned build-out of the recently approved Osterman Commerce Park located off Church Street Extension (includes the new Milford Regional Medical Center) to be known as the "Church Street Extension Corridor Project". This is to consist of roadway and geometry improvements to Church Street Extension and Quaker Street (totaling \$1.72 million). The project will include extending sidewalk from its current terminus on Church Street Extension through to the Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, signalization of the Church Street and Quaker Street intersection and creation of a left-turn lane on Church Street Extension to Osterman Commerce Park. This would be a relatively quick turn-around program, by the end of the year. **2040 Providence Road – Reuse Study.** This location is a former auto salvage yard. On August 26, 2014 the Planning Board hosted a public workshop specific to 2040 Providence Road in conjunction with the preparation of a reuse study for the property, aimed at starting the conversation and brainstorming about potential reuse of the site. The study will examine existing conditions, environmental assessment and explore potential redevelopment opportunities that are economically viable, environmentally friendly and complementary to the surrounding area. Possible rezoning/zoning amendments may be considered for mixed use with a presentation before the Selectmen this year. **Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce.** On September 14, 2014 the Town Manager and Town Planner Bechtholdt met with Jeannie Hebert (Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce), and April Anderson Lamoureux of Anderson Strategic Advisors, LLC, a consulting firm working with the Tim Murray of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce to review the various economic development initiatives currently underway in Northbridge. As part of this review they discussed partnering with

MassDevelopment regarding the town-owned industrial land on Providence Road. Mr. Bechtholdt explained that MassWorks is the State's finance and development authority created in 1998 as part of an act of legislation and Mr. Bechtholdt will be meeting with Sarah O'Neil from the Worcester office this week to review the 20+ acre parcel owned by the Town for potential site evaluation for economic development and if that the locus has a potential to be productive. **8) Northbridge Memorial Town Hall – Interior Study.** Working with the Town Manager, the Town Planner met with McGinley Kalsow & Associates, Inc. to discuss the scope of work to identify interior improvements within the Great Hall and the Board of Selectmen's Chamber; the initial report (with cost estimates) is anticipated to be received on or before October 31, 2014. **9) Planning Board Meetings.** The Planning Board held 6 meetings and hosted 1 public workshop this quarter. To Mr. Melia's question of how many additional buildings are planned for Osterman Park Mr. Bechtholdt responded that a build-out of about 250,000 square feet or about 4 buildings was projected; the Planning Board did not want to be too restrictive on this. Mr. Melia thanked the department heads for their work noting the challenge of managing major departments for a town of 16,000 people and that their reporting was educational for the audience and Selectmen alike. Mr. Ampagoomian commented on catch basins noting the projected rain and advising the DPW to clear the leaves from those areas to ensure proper drainage. Mr. Ampagoomian thanked the department heads for good presentations as well as their service and protection. Mr. Ampagoomian noted that the new Superintendent of Schools had consistently attended the Selectmen's meetings since becoming employed with the Town of Northbridge, which showed great leadership. Mr. Ampagoomian then invited Dr. Catherine A. Stickney, Superintendent of Schools, from the audience to speak about the schools. Superintendent Stickney addressed the Selectmen, thanking them for the opportunity to speak. She noted that she had found a great collaborative relationship with the other departments in town. Superintendent Stickney added that they had been very welcoming and the schools had gotten off to a good "kick start", noting that they had nearly 2,500 students. Superintendent Stickney said that she was looking forward to continuing to improve the classroom instruction, working with teachers in their professional development, trying to work on safety, especially safety in busing and pedestrian concerns and working within the confines of a difficult budget. She concluded that she would like to return at a later date to present more details with which Chairman Ampagoomian was agreeable.

Local Business initiative. Mr. Ampagoomian asked Town Planner Bechtholdt to come forward for a few minutes for discussion. He noted that the Town Manager, Builder Jim Sheehan, and Town Planner Bechtholdt, and Chairman Ampagoomian attended a meeting with a business owner, after which Mr. Bechtholdt had a very good idea about inviting local businessmen to the Selectmen's meetings, maybe once a month to spotlight a business to provide information to the residents. Mr. Bechtholdt added that this would increase public awareness about where a business is located and what they do; it could be a local restaurant or retail manager, reviewing store hours and services or a local employer announcing potential job opportunities. He concluded that there are a lot of great businesses in town and this would be an opportunity to support the community. Mr. Melia noted his approval of this idea. Town Manager Kozak agreed, suggesting that they contact the Chamber of Commerce for help organizing a plan. Mr. Marzec commented that putting a spotlight on businesses would be a great opportunity. He added that he is fully prepared to facilitate this idea.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/1) Ross Rajotte Bridge - rededication ceremony, Saturday, October 18th @ 10:00AM. Town Manager Kozak noted that he attended the ceremony and it was well attended and included the family of Ross Rajotte which was very appreciative of the rededication. He added that the bridge presented a nice appearance. **2) REMINDER: a) Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, October 28th @ 7PM** at the Middle School. **b) State Election – Tuesday, November 4th, 7AM to 8PM.** Mr. Kozak noted that the Town Clerk had asked him to provide information to voters regarding the upcoming election. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's office with a deadline of submission by noon on the day before the election. Mr. Kozak noted that red voting

information booklets were mailed to residents and they are available at the Town Hall. He added that there were 4 State questions and 2 additional capital exclusion questions tied to the Town Meeting on the ballot. Mr. Kozak further explained that the Town questions concerned School and roadway expenses. He emphasized that voters should be aware that there were 2 sides to the ballot. Mr. Kozak urged residents to vote, noting that there was a good chance that Northbridge could win the contest for the highest voter turnout in the area.

Bridge Work/Update State Dept. of Public Health/ Ebola update/ Central Mass. Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mr. Kozak noted the good job by the DPW on the Douglas Street and Ross Rajotte bridges. Mr. Kozak stated that he and Fire Chief Nestor attended a webinar by telephone to talk about the issues in the Ebola crisis and inform communities that this is a large issue for hospitals as well as public safety. He added that there are some protocols that the State is working on and that Chief Nestor has been keeping up with the information. Mr. Kozak noted that he attended the Central Mass. Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting at which new guidelines were being discussed for future projects. This could have implications for the Church Street Extension project since it could be an alternative source of funding if MassWorks doesn't come through with their funding.

Selectmen's Concerns. Selectman Marzec 1) Requests that when Comcast officially takes over Charter to invite the new representative to a Board meeting to discuss the concerns that the Selectmen have, including having the former lower channel numbers reinstated and the box issue. **Selectman Melia 2)** To Mr. Kozak, was there any movement on the flood plain issue on Main Street on the Sharp property? Mr. Kozak responded that yes, he did just receive 2 proposals last Thursday and Friday which he would review. **Selectman Melia 3)** Regarding the Salvation Army construction site he drove by the area tonight and it was cleaned up very well. **Selectman Athanas 4)** Suggested that the poll workers advise voters when they hand out ballots that they are double-sided. Mr. Kozak said that he would check into it.

Correspondence. Mr. Ampagoomian read a letter that the Town received pertaining to the Sutton Street project. The writer thanked Jim Shuris and the rest of the DPW as well as the Town of Northbridge for their recent efforts on his behalf in modifying the Sutton Street plan to accommodate his request for an alternative solution to the telephone pole being placed in his garden in front of his home. He noted that Jim was so terrific to work with; he responded quickly to his calls and provided excellent follow-up. Mr. Ampagoomian added that when he was at Shaw's Supermarket an individual from Old Quaker Street was thoroughly ecstatic on how well the road repairs turned out. Mr. Ampagoomian commented that the reason that he mentioned the positive feedback is that so often public officials get negative feedback; one individual had a concern and it was resolved respectfully, properly and quickly for the very best result. He thanked Mr. Shuris and the DPW for their great public service which makes the Selectmen's jobs easier.

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

LIST OF DOCUMENTATION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING -- OPEN SESSION

October 20, 2014

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. 1) Copy of September 8, 2014 minutes
- 2) Copy of September 22, 2014 minutes
- 3) Copy of October 6, 2014 Executive Session minutes

II. PUBLIC HEARING / None

III. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS / None

IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT / None

V. DECISIONS

- B. Copy of Alex Rogozenski's email dated 10/5/14 and flyer requesting: **1)** permission to hold "1st Day 5k" Road Race on Linwood Avenue, Thursday, January 1, 2015 at 11AM;
- 2)** permission to hold a half marathon, Sunday, March 29, 2014 at 10AM; and **3)** permission to hold the "Race of Rams" [Duathlon, 5k run and kids event] on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 8AM at Northbridge High School
- Copy of email from Chief Warchol dated 10/7/14 with comments concerning the above requests.
- Copy of email from DPW Dir. Shuris dated 10/9/14 with comments concerning the above requests.
- C. Copy of email from Gracia Casey dated 10/6/14 requesting permission to hold a "Save Northbridge Wrestling" boot drive fundraiser at Memorial Square on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 9AM-2PM.
- Copy of email from Chief Warchol dated 10/7/14 with comments regarding the boot drive request.
- Copy of email from DPW Dir. Shuris dated 10/8/14 with comments regarding the boot drive request.
- D. Copy of email from Denise Foster [swimdiva97] requesting permission to hold a boot drive for the Whittin Community Center Swim Team at Memorial Square on Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 9AM to 12 Noon.
- Copy of email from Chief Warchol with comments regarding the WCC's boot drive request.
- E. Copy of application and corporate vote from Jyoti Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Gary's Variety for a Change in Sunday hours.
- F. Copy of application and corporate vote from Mina's Foods, Inc. d/b/a Vera's Mini Mart for a Change in Sunday hours.
- G. Letter from Mass. State Lottery Commission regarding the New China Pacific Restaurant's request for a Keno license at 683 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, MA.
- H. Copy of Firefighter's Contract

VI. DISCUSSIONS

- I. Copy of email from Jack Davis to Jim Marzec dated 10/14/14 regarding Charter's switch to digital boxes and Mr. Marzec's response indicating that Tom Cohan, Charter Communications, would be present at the next Selectmen's meeting, October 20th.
- Copy of letter from Bill Tartaglia dated 10/16/14 noting his dissatisfaction with the changes being made by Charter Communications and possible cable license violations.

- Copy of document illustrating the NCTV11 Logo and the list of promotional items that can no longer be used due to the change in the Channel line-up.
- Copy of email from Bill Tartaglia to Dan Glanville dated 10/20/14 regarding the PEG Access Channels change.
- Copy of pages 24, 28, and 37 of the Cable License
- Copy of letter dated 10/3/14 from the FCC regarding applications of Comcast et al to consent to the assignment of licenses or transfer control of licensees
- Copy of Telegram article dated 10/1/14 regarding Charter.
- Copy of press release dated 9/30/14 regarding Charter.
- Copy of article dated 7/18/14 regarding Charter.
- Copy of article dated 5/8/14 regarding Charter.
- J. Copy of Departmental Reports from: Police Dept. [Walter Warchol, Chief], Fire Dept. [Gary Nestor, Chief], DPW [James Shuris, DPW Dir.], and Planning [Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner]**
- K. Local Business initiative – No documentation**

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- L. 1) Ross Rajotte Bridge - rededication ceremony, Saturday, October 18th @ 10:00AM – No documentation**
- 2) REMINDER: a) Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, October 28th @ 7PM – No documentation**
- 3) Copy of Town Clerk's State Election information**
- 4) Bridge Work/Update - No documentation**
- 5) State Dept. of Public Health – Ebola update - No documentation**
- 6) Central Mass. Metropolitan Planning Organization - No documentation**

VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS / None

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA / None

X. CORRESPONDENCE / None

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Date: October 14, 2014
To: Telegram & Gazette
Via Email: legalnotices@telegram.com
From: Sharon L. Susienka, Exec. Asst. to the Town Manager
Subject: Legal Ad

Please place the following Legal Ad in the **Friday, October 17, 2014** edition of the Telegram and Gazette.

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
PUBLIC HEARING

ALLOCATION OF LOCAL TAX LEVY FOR FY '15

The Northbridge Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing to determine the allocation of local tax levy as required by Chapter 40, S. 56 of the MGL on **Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7:05 PM** in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Northbridge Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588. Taxpayers and others are invited to present oral or written information on their views at that time. After the public hearing, the Board of Selectmen will determine the percentage of tax levy to be paid by each class of real property and personal property for FY '15. All persons interested in this most important subject are urged to attend the meeting.

NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Charles Ampagoomian, Jr., Chairman
October 17, 2014

Please send bill and tear sheet(s) to: Town Manager's Office
Northbridge Town Hall
7 Main Street
Whitinsville, MA 01588

c: Robert Fitzgerald, Principal Assessor

} 10/14/14

NORTHBRIDGE
TAX CLASSIFICATION
HEARING
FY 2015

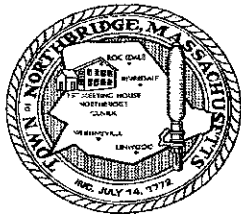
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Appeared in: ***Worcester Telegram & Gazette*** on Friday, 10/17/2014

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Town of Northbridge Board of Assessors

Town Hall, 7 Main Street
Whitinsville, Massachusetts 01588-2210

(508) 234-2740

MEMO

To: Northbridge Board of Selectmen; Charles Ampagoomian, Jr., Chairman;
Theodore D. Kozak, Town Manager
From: Northbridge Board of Assessors
Date: November 17, 2014
Re: Classification Hearing

Chapter 40, Sec.56 of the Massachusetts General Laws requires that the Selectmen hold an annual public meeting to determine the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of property. This is referred to as the Tax Classification Hearing.

The information contained in these handouts are intended to provide the Board of Selectmen with the information necessary to determine the selection of a Residential Factor, as well as options pertaining to residential and small business exemptions available under Massachusetts General Laws. The decision of the Board must be submitted to the State's Department of Revenue on Form LA 5.

There are three options available for the distribution of taxes.

(1) Selection of a Residential Factor (Split Tax Rate):

The Board of Selectmen has an option to select a residential factor of "1" or less. If a factor of "1" is adopted, there would be a single tax rate for all residential, commercial, industrial and personal property. If a factor of less than "1" is adopted, there will be a shift from the residential property class to the commercial, industrial and personal property classes.

(2) Selection of a Residential Exemption:

The Board of Selectmen may adopt a residential exemption of up to 20% of the average assessed value of all properties other than commercial, industrial and personal property. The properties must be owner occupied. All properties falling below the town average would have a reduction in taxes. Properties assessed above the town average would have a higher tax rate as well as residential non-owner occupied properties and unimproved land.

(3) Selection of a Small Commercial Exemption:

A small commercial exemption also may be adopted by the Board of Selectmen. Any business operating as of January 1, 2014, with less than ten employees and having a total assessed value of less than one million dollars would be eligible. The savings of the eligible taxpayers will be borne by the commercial and industrial properties that are ineligible as well as vacant commercial and industrial parcels.

The proposed tax rate, pending approval by the Department of Revenue, should be:

Tax Rate = Levy \$19,063,082 / Taxable Value \$1,424,744,520 = .01338 x 1,000 = \$13.38

The levy amount may change once all the forms are completed and approved, thereby changing the tax rate by a small amount.

Respectfully,

Robert Fitzgerald
Principal Assessor

FISCAL YEAR 2013

| | | TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE FY 2013 | | |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2012 Levy Limit | (Last Years Levy) | \$16,310,001 | / \$1,405,028,550 | = \$ 11.60 |
| + Prop 2 1/2 | | 407,750 | / \$1,405,028,550 | = 0.29 |
| + New Growth | | 293,690 | / \$1,405,028,550 | = 0.21 |
| + Debt Exclusion | (New High School, paid early, MINUS proceeds) | -1,327,366.00 | / \$1,405,028,550 | = -0.94 |
| | (School Land) | 122,625 | / \$1,405,028,550 | = 0.09 |
| | (BVRHS Expansion) | 98,783 | / \$1,405,028,550 | = 0.07 |
| | (School Roof) | 179,811 | / \$1,405,028,550 | = 0.13 |
| | (Police Roof) | 17,342 | / \$1,405,028,550 | = 0.01 |
| + Capital Exclusion | (Town Hall Renov., Roads) | 1,260,000 | / \$1,405,028,550 | = 0.90 |
| = Tax Rate | | | | <u>\$ 12.35</u> |

FISCAL YEAR 2014

| | | TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE FY 2014 | | |
|------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2013 Levy Limit | (Last Years Levy) | \$17,011,411 | / \$1,410,998,190 | = \$ 12.05 |
| + Prop 2 1/2 | | 425,286 | / \$1,410,998,190 | = 0.30 |
| + New Growth | | 244,970 | / \$1,410,998,190 | = 0.17 |
| + Debt Exclusion | (New High School) | 0 | / \$1,410,998,190 | = 0.00 |
| | (School Land) | 117,900 | / \$1,410,998,190 | = 0.08 |
| | (BVRHS Expansion) | 96,465 | / \$1,410,998,190 | = 0.07 |
| | (School Roof) | 176,139 | / \$1,410,998,190 | = 0.12 |
| | (Police Roof) | 16,984 | / \$1,410,998,190 | = 0.01 |
| | (Fire, DPW vehicles, School Security System) | 623,034 | / \$1,410,998,190 | = 0.44 |
| = Tax Rate | | | | <u>\$ 13.26</u> |

FISCAL YEAR 2015

| | | TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE FY 2015 | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2014 Levy Limit | (Last Years Levy) | \$17,681,697 | / \$1,424,744,520 | = \$ 12.41 |
| + Prop 2 1/2 | | 442,042 | / \$1,424,744,520 | = 0.31 |
| + New Growth | | 256,568 | / \$1,424,744,520 | = 0.18 |
| + Debt Exclusion | (New High School) | 0 | / \$1,424,744,520 | = 0.00 |
| | (School Land) | 113,175 | / \$1,424,744,520 | = 0.08 |
| | (BVRHS Expansion) | 94,065 | / \$1,424,744,520 | = 0.06 |
| | (School Roof) | 172,325 | / \$1,424,744,520 | = 0.12 |
| | (Police Roof) | 16,613 | / \$1,424,744,520 | = 0.01 |
| + Capital Exclusion | (DPW Town Roads) | 300,000 | / \$1,424,744,520 | = 0.21 |
| = Tax Rate | | | | <u>\$ 13.38</u> |

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
FISCAL 2015 TAX LEVY LIMITATION FOR
NORTHBRIDGE
FOR BUDGET PLANNING PURPOSES

I. TO CALCULATE THE FY2014 LEVY LIMIT

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| A. FY2013 Levy Limit | 17,011,441 |
| A1. ADD Amended FY2013 Growth | 0 |
| B. ADD (IA + IA1) X 2.5% | 425,286 |
| C. ADD FY2014 New Growth | 244,970 |
| C1. ADD FY2014 New Growth Adjustment | 0 |
| D. ADD FY2014 Override | 0 |
| E. FY2014 Subtotal | 17,681,697 |
| F. FY2014 Levy Ceiling | 35,274,955 |

I. \$ 17,681,697
FY2014 Levy Limit

II. TO CALCULATE THE FY2015 LEVY LIMIT

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| A. FY2014 Levy Limit from I. | 17,681,697 |
| A1. ADD Amended FY2014 Growth | 0 |
| B. ADD (IIA + IIA1) X 2.5% | 442,042 |
| C. ADD FY2015 New Growth | 256,568 |
| C1. ADD FY2015 New Growth Adjustment | |
| D. ADD FY2015 Override | |
| E. FY2015 Subtotal | 18,380,307 |
| F. FY2015 Levy Ceiling | 35,618,613 |

II. \$ 18,380,307
FY2015 Levy Limit

**III. TO CALCULATE THE FY2015
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY**

| | |
|--|---------------|
| A. FY2015 Levy Limit from II. | 18,380,307 |
| B. FY2015 Debt Exclusion(s) | 396,413 |
| C. FY2015 Capital Expenditure Exclusion(s) | 300,000 |
| D. FY2015 Stabilization Fund Override | |
| E. FY2015 Other Adjustment | |
| F. FY2015 Water / Sewer | |
| G. FY2015 Maximum Allowable Levy | \$ 19,076,720 |

FY 2015

| | <u>Average Single Family</u> | <u>Average Commercial</u> | <u>Average Industrial</u> |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Value | \$266,500 | \$652,400 | \$736,100 |
| Single Rate | 13.38 | 13.38 | 13.38 |
| Tax | \$3,566 | \$8,729 | \$9,849 |
| Group Size | 3414 | 167 | 38 |

| | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 110% Shift Tax Rate | 13.19 | 14.73 | 14.73 |
| 110% Shift Tax | \$3,515.14 | \$9,609.85 | \$10,842.75 |
| Difference | (\$50.63) | \$880.74 | \$993.74 |

| | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 125% Shift Tax Rate | 12.88 | 16.74 | 16.74 |
| 125% Shift Tax | \$3,433 | \$10,921 | \$12,322 |
| Difference | (\$82.62) | \$1,311.32 | \$1,479.56 |

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 150% Shift Tax Rate | 12.37 | 20.08 | 20.08 |
| 150% Shift Tax | \$3,297 | \$13,100 | \$14,781 |
| Difference | (\$135.92) | \$2,179.02 | \$2,458.57 |

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL FACTOR COMPUTATION
FOR FY2015**

NORTHBRIDGE
City/Town/District

| A | B | C | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Class | Full and Fair Cash Valuation | Percentage Share | |
| 1. Residential | 1,236,274,524 | 86.7716% | 86.7716% |
| 2. Open Space | 0 | 0.0000% | |
| 3. Commercial | 117,083,596 | 8.2179% | 13.2284% |
| 4. Industrial | 27,411,900 | 1.9240% | |
| 5. Personal Property | 43,974,500 | 3.0865% | |
| TOTALS | 1,424,744,520 | 100.0000% | |

Maximum Share of Levy for Classes Three, Four and Personal Property; 150% X $\frac{13.2284\%}{\text{Lines 3C+4C+5C}}$ $\frac{19.8426\%}{\text{Max \% Share}}$

Minimum Share of Levy for Classes One and Two: 100% - $\frac{19.8426\%}{\text{Max \% Share}}$ $\frac{80.1574\%}{\text{Min \% Share}}$

Minimum Residential Factor (MRF)

$\frac{80.1574\%}{\text{Min \% Share}}$

$\frac{86.7716\%}{\text{Lines 1C+2C}}$

92.3775%

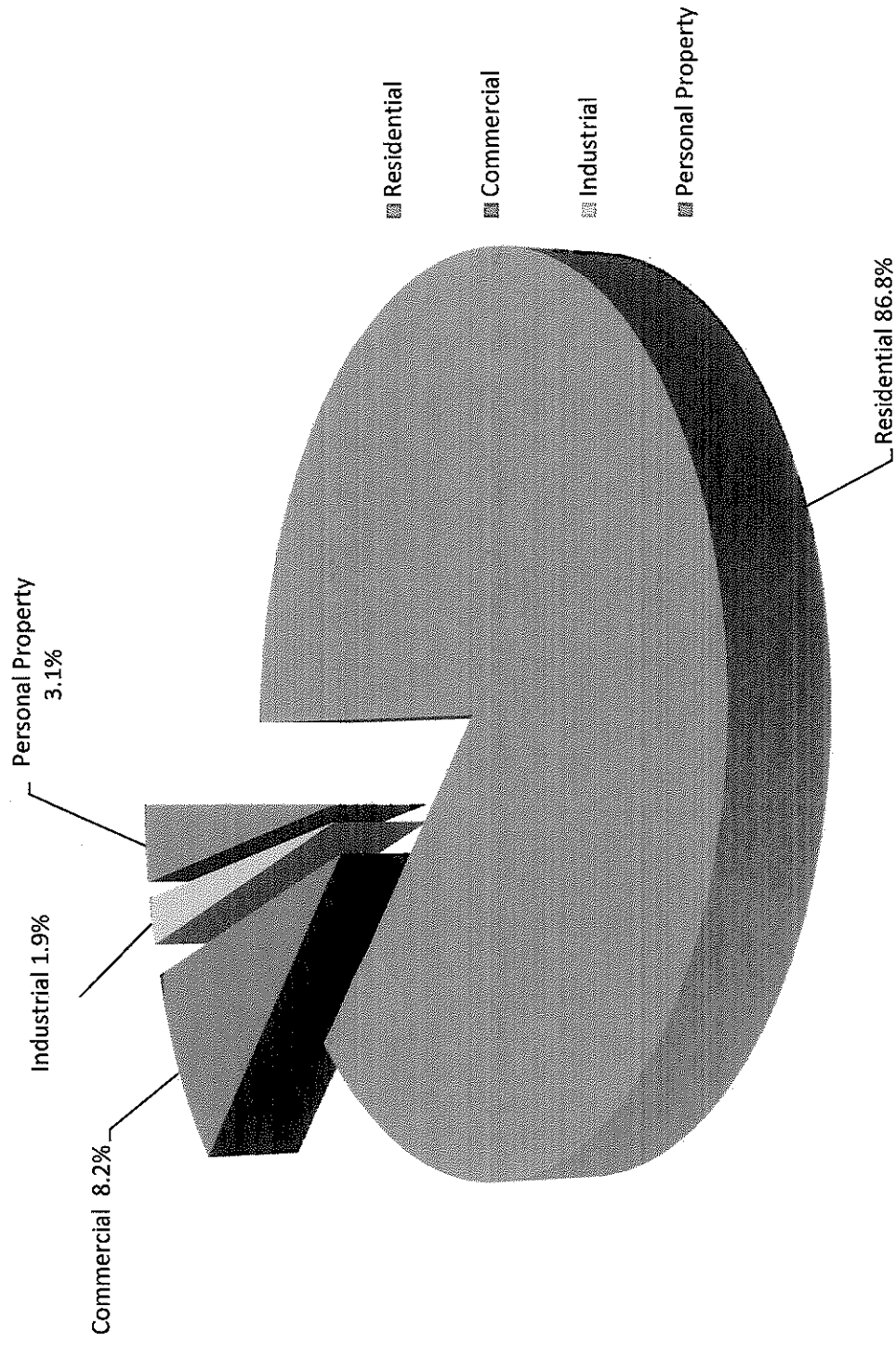
Minimum Residential Factor

MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL FACTOR

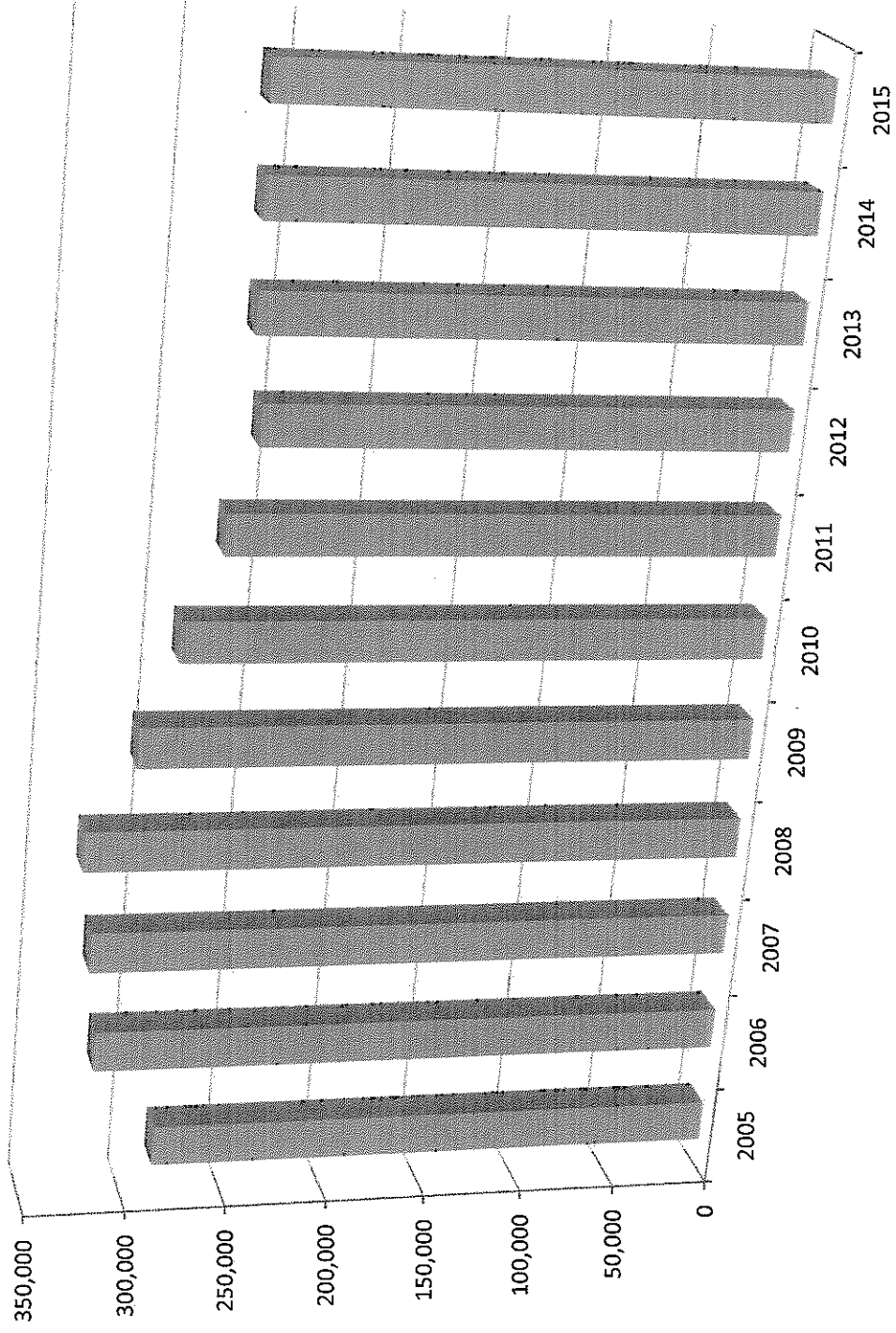
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CHAPTER 58, SECTION 1A MANDATES A MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL FACTOR OF NOT LESS THAN 65%.
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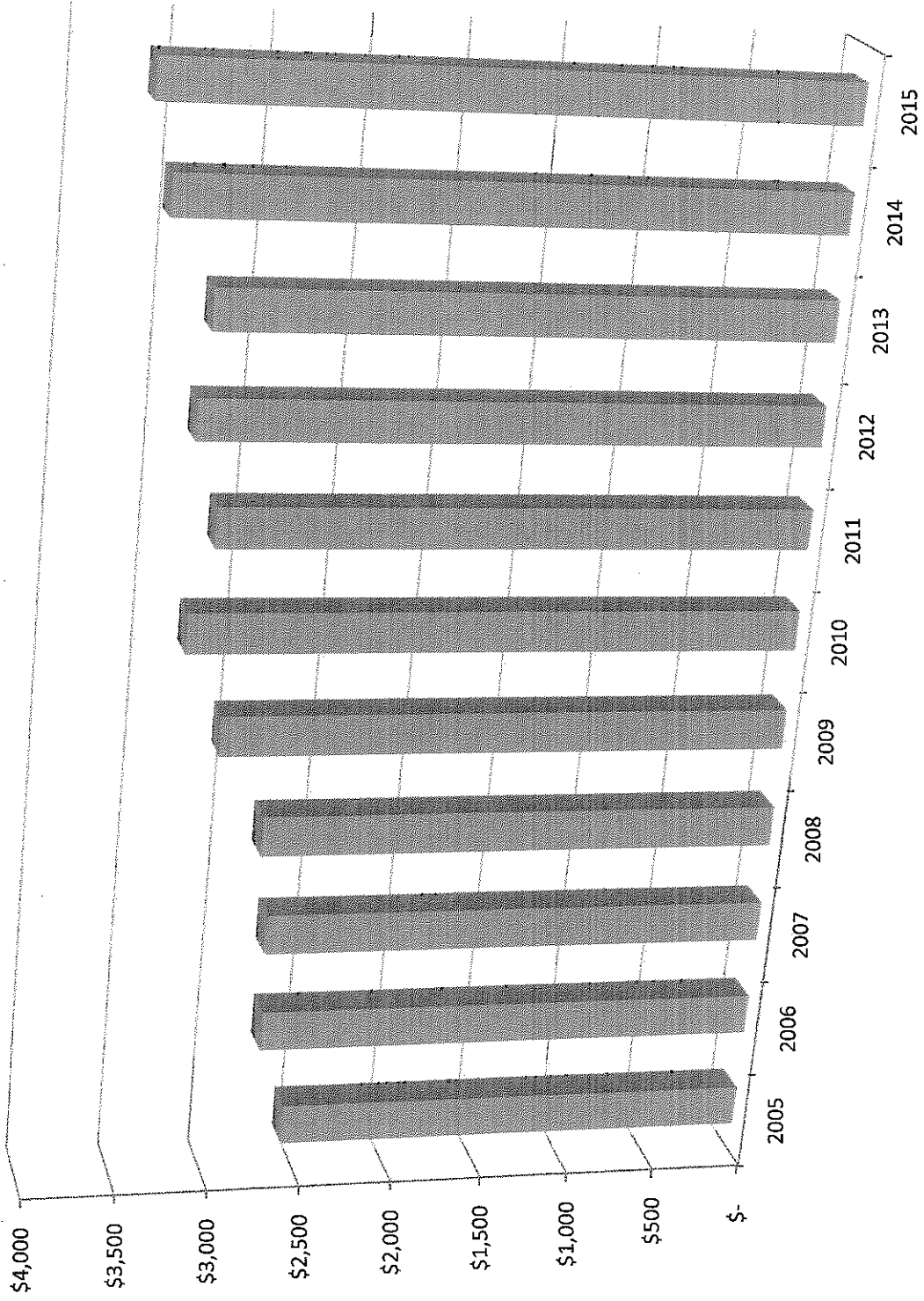
FISCAL YEAR 2015 - VALUATION BY CLASS



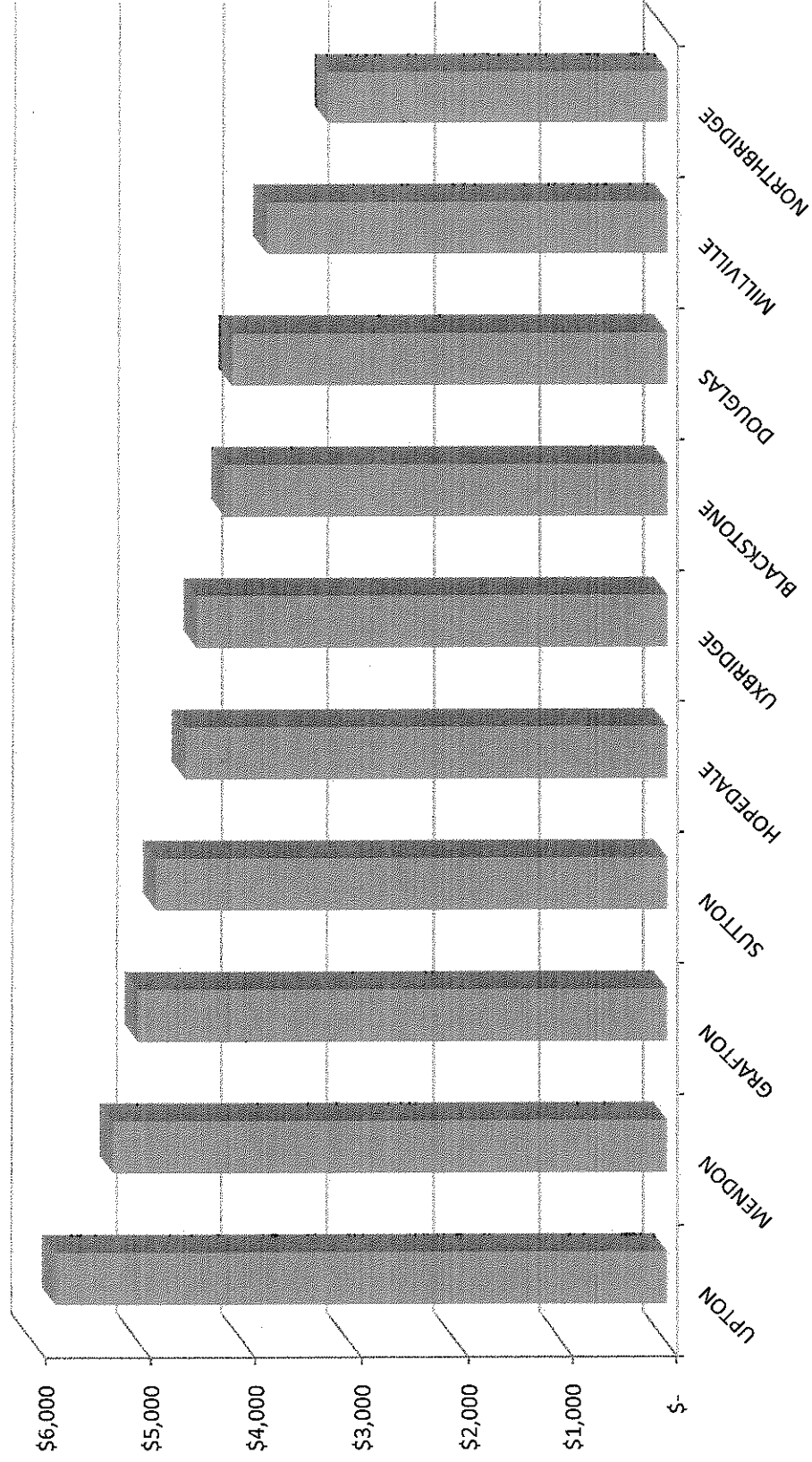
AVERAGE SINGLE FAMILY VALUE



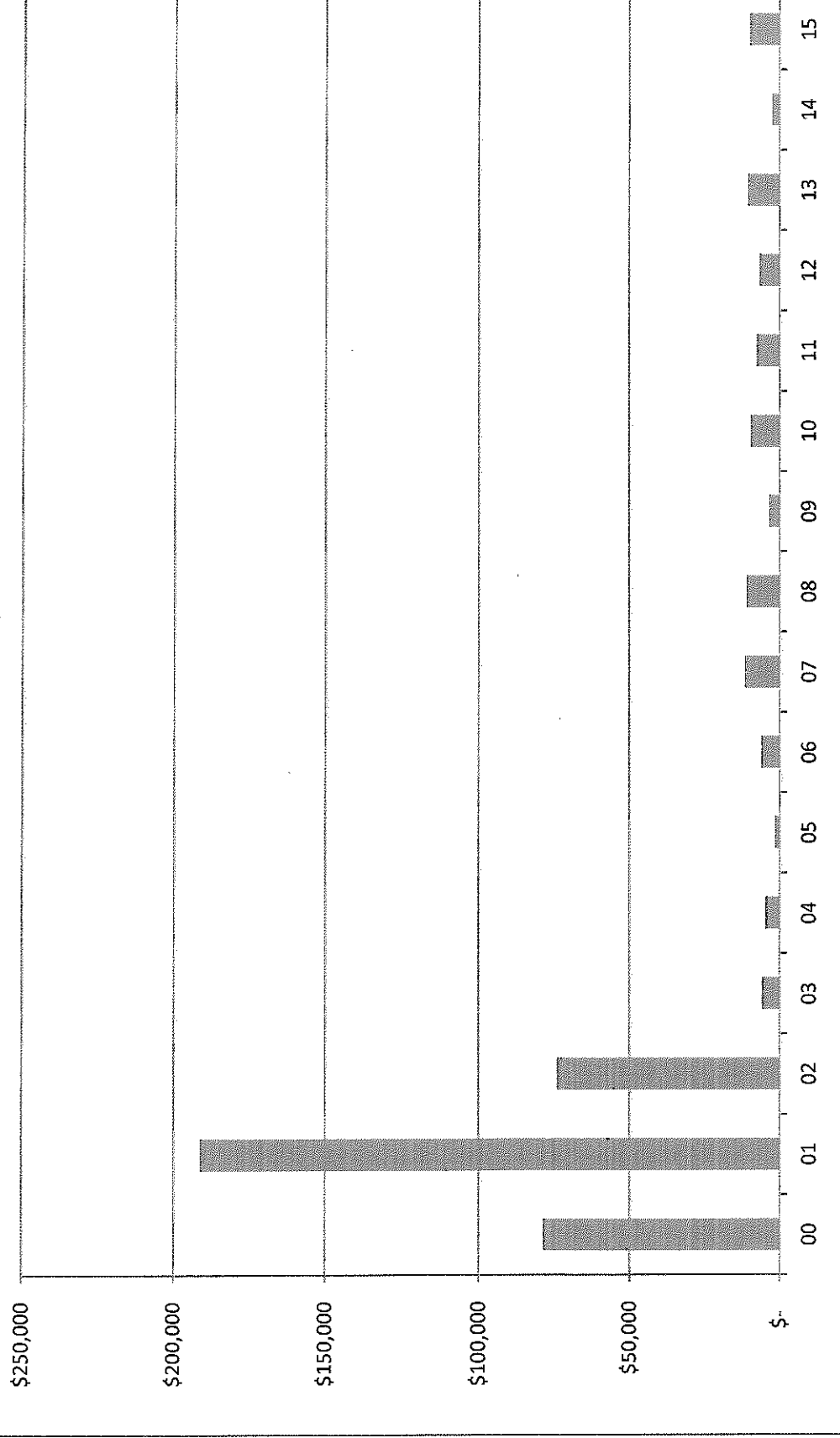
NORTHBRIDGE TEN YEAR AVERAGE SINGLE FAMILY TAX BILL



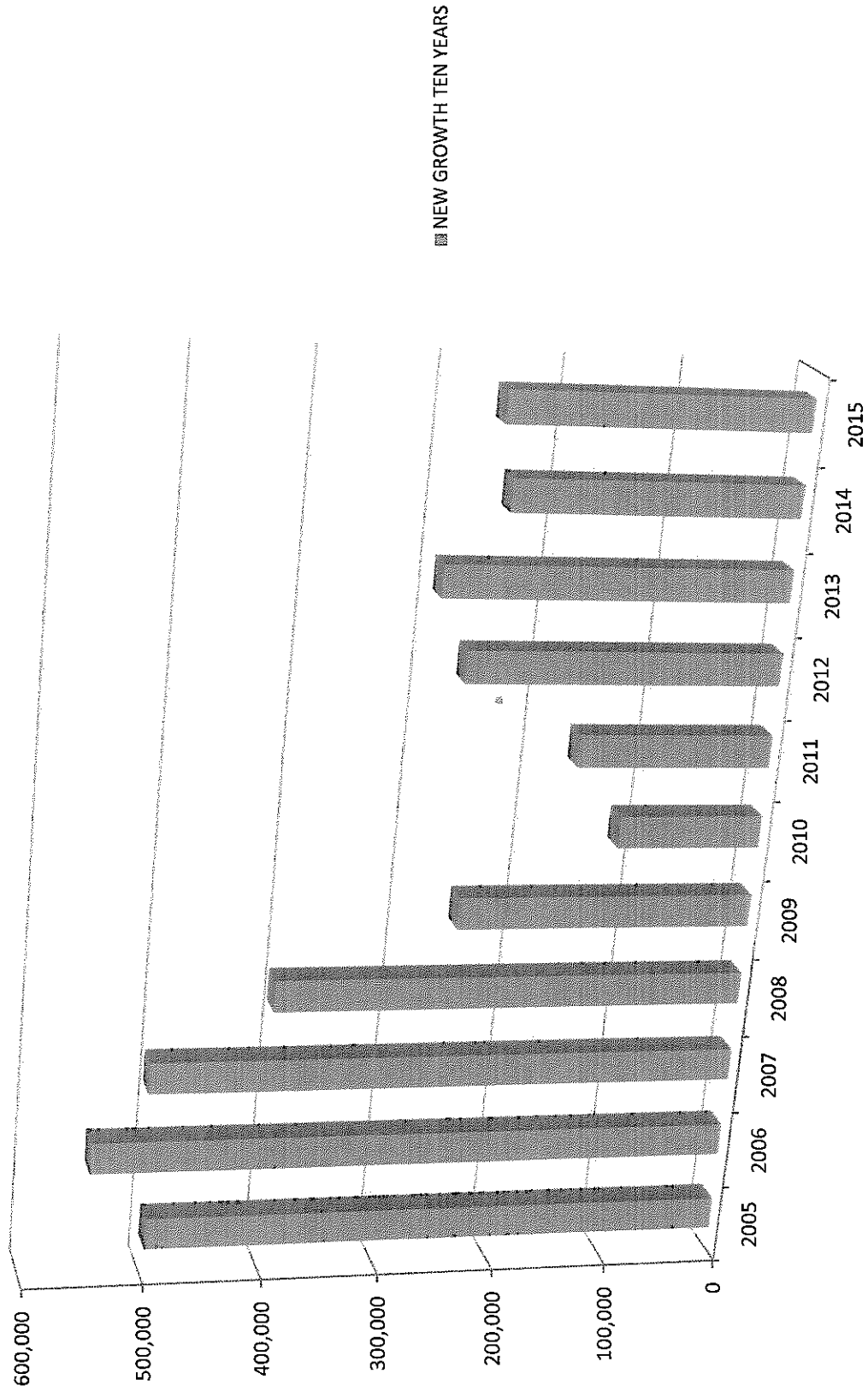
FY 2014 AVERAGE SINGLE FAMILY TAX BILLS OF SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES



EXCESS LEVY CAPACITY



NEW GROWTH TEN YEARS



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NATIONAL GRID PUBLIC HEARING:

READ THE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ALOUD.

In conformity with the requirements of Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) you are hereby notified that a **Public Hearing** has been scheduled for **Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7:15 PM**, at the Northbridge Town Hall, Selectmen's Room, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA based upon the petition of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, in the following public way or ways:

DOUGLAS ROAD:

To install pole 27-5 20' to the easterly direction of pole 28. Installing pole to bring a new service to building at 369 Douglas Road.

ASK FOR A MOTION TO OPEN THE HEARING

ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

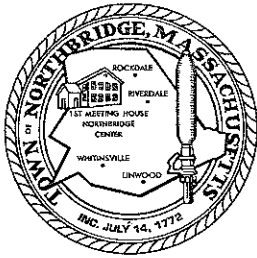
ASK FOR A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

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Plan No. 17530997, dated October 7, 2014



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www.northbridgemass.org**

**Theodore D. Kozak
Town Manager**

October 30, 2014

To: Abutters *mailed 10/31/14*
National Grid – Eric Widman, Supervisor, Distribution Design
Verizon New England, Inc. – Al Bessette, Mgr., Rights of Way
Angela Birch ✓

NOTICE

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MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY AND VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

Plan No. 17530997, dated October 7, 2014

**NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
James Athanas, Clerk**

nationalgrid

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11/17/14
abutters notices
mailed 10/30/14*

October 9, 2014

Town of Northbridge
Board of Selectmen
7 Main Street
Whitinsville, MA 01588

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:

Ann Adduci 781-907-3484

Please notify National Grid's Angela Birch of the hearing date / time at 401-784-7726 or
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 AB

Eric Widman , Engineering
Supervisor, Distribution Design

Enclosures

Board of Selectmen
Copy

PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

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 erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, in the following public way or ways:

Douglas Road Pole# 27-5

**National Grid request to install pole 27-5 20' to the easterly direction of pole
28. Installing pole to bring a new service to building 369 Douglas Road.**

Wherefore they pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it 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 may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked: **MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.**

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.

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

By: Eric Wedman
Manager of Distribution Design AB

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

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

ORDER FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

Hopedale, MA 01747

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

Notice having been given and public hearing held, as provided by law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:
that MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. be and they are hereby granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Companies dated the
9th day of October, 2014

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:-

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonably straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked--

Plan No. **17530997** Dated: **10/07/2014** filed with this order.

There may attached to said **MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY** not to exceed twenty wires and by said **VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.** not to exceed forty wires and four aerial cables, and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than eighteen feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or parts of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:--

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I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen
of the Town of Northbridge, Massachusetts held on the 17th day of November 2014

Clerk of Selectmen - James Athanas

Received and entered in the records of location orders
of the Town of Northbridge, Massachusetts

Book: _____ Page: _____

Town Clerk

We hereby certify that on November 17, 2014 at 7:15 o'clock, P. M.
at Northbridge
Town Hall a public hearing was held on the petition of the

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

for permission to erect the poles, wires, cables, fixtures and connections described in the order herewith recorded, and that we mailed at least seven days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each the owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which the Companies are permitted to erect poles, wires, cables, fixtures and connections under said order. And that thereupon said order was duly adopted.

Selectmen of the Town of

Northbridge, Massachusetts

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a joint location order and certificate of hearing with notice adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Northbridge, Massachusetts, on the _____ day of

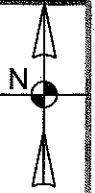
_____ 2014 recorded with the records of location orders of said Town,

Book _____, Page _____.

This certified copy is made under the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto or amendments thereof.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk

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easterly direction of pole
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Douglas Rd

← 20' → 150' →

P28

P27-5

P27

Driveway

Property Line

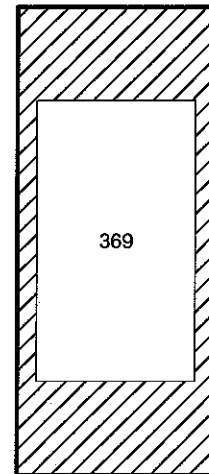


Exhibit A Not to Scale
The exact location of said facilities to
be established by and upon the
installation and erection of the
facilities thereof.

JOINT OWNED POLE PETITION

- ☒ Proposed NGRID Pole Locations
- ☐ Existing NGRID Pole Locations
- ☒ Proposed J.O. Pole Locations
- ☐ Existing J.O. Pole Locations
- ☒ Existing Telephone Co. Pole Locations
- ☐ Existing NGRID Pole Location To Be Made J.O.
- ☒ Existing Pole Locations To Be Removed

DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE

nationalgrid

And
Verizon New England, Inc.

Date: 10/7/14

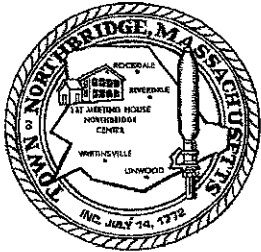
Plan Number: 17530997

To Accompany Petition Dated:

To The: Town Of Northbridge

For Proposed: JO Pole: 27-5 Location: Douglas Rd

Date Of Original Grant:



**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER
NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL
7 MAIN STREET
WHITINSVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS 01588
Phone- (508) 234-2095 Fax- (508) 234-7640
www.northbridgemass.org**

**Theodore D. Kozak
Town Manager**

October 30, 2014

To: Abutters
National Grid – Eric Widman, Supervisor, Distribution Design
Verizon New England, Inc. – Al Bessette, Mgr., Rights of Way

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James Athanas, Clerk**

208 DOUGLAS ROAD SERIES
HUGO REALTY SERIES, LLC
258 DOUGLAS RD
WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588

KNAPIK W ROBERT, TRUSTEE
DOUGLAS ROAD INDUSTRIAL REALTY TI
PO BOX 90
WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588

RAI REALTY LLC
371 DOUGLAS RD
WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588

information for
Suzanne Fregeau's temp. appt.  Print

PART I ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT**TITLE VIII** ELECTIONS**CHAPTER 51** VOTERS**Section 20** Vacancies in board of registrars; temporary registrars

Section 20. If there is a vacancy in the board of registrars caused by death, resignation or retirement or if a member of the board of registrars is unable to perform the duties of his office, or is, at the time of any meeting of said board, absent from the city or town, the mayor or selectmen may, upon the request in writing of a majority of the remaining members of the board, appoint in writing some person to fill such vacancy temporarily, who is of the same political party as the member whose position he is appointed to fill. Such temporary registrar shall perform the duties and be subject to the requirements and penalties provided by law for a registrar of voters.

Sharon -

- ① for 11-17-2014 BOS Meeting
- ② two registrars are out of state until 11-20-2014
CA Dem + a Rep
- ③ The Board of Registrars must schedule a meeting on 11-18-2014 to count any FWAB that were time-stamped 11-4-2014 but received after the close of polls but by 5PM on Nov. 14, 2014. (Please see attached.)

Provisional ballots are counted by the local election official. For the State Elections, provisional ballots must be resolved within 12 days after the election.

For those provisional voters claiming that they should be listed but are not, you must look at old voting lists for at least the last 3 years. G. L. c. 54, § 76C. If you determine that they were previously registered at the same address from which they cast the provisional ballot, but were deleted for inactivity, the ballot will count and they will be restored to the voting list.

If you determine that they were deleted because they moved, you must check to see if it was within the last 6 months. If you can confirm they moved within the last 6 months (since May 4, 2014), the provisional ballot will count, so long as they have not registered in another city or town. You can look back to your confirmation notices for guidance. If the returned confirmation notice was signed on or after May 4, 2014, the ballot will most likely count.

If you determine that they were registered, but moved within the city or town and cannot verify that they changed their address with you, they should have been sent to their old polling place on Election Day. If the voter was not sent to the appropriate polling place as a result of poll worker error, their ballot should be counted in the precinct in which they cast the ballot. If they cast a provisional ballot in a precinct where you have no record of them having registered, the ballot will not count. If you determine that they were not on the list anywhere, but should have been on the list in a precinct other than the one where they cast the ballot, the ballot should count for all offices for which the person is eligible to vote.

On or before the fifteenth day after the State Election, local election officials must report the disposition of all provisional ballots to the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office in the VRIS application. Provisional voters can then call our number to determine whether their provisional ballot counted.

Counting FWABs and Absentee Ballots from UOCAVA Voters Mailed from Outside the U.S.

* FWABs and ballots mailed from UOCAVA voters from outside the U.S. which are postmarked on or before November 4th and received by 5:00 p.m. on November 14th must be counted at a meeting of the Board of Registrars or Election Commissioners. Please remember that the meeting must be posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

FWABs returned electronically from inside and outside the U.S. must be received by the close of polls, 8:00 p.m. on November 4th to be counted. FWABs sent by mail from inside the U.S. must be received by the close of polls, 8:00 p.m. on November 4th to be counted. FWABs sent by mail from outside the U.S. must be

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Thomas M. Parente

23 Pleasant Street • Milford, MA 01757 • tomahawk.1973@hotmail.com • (774) 573-7368

To obtain a position that will enable me to use my skills and experiences while making a positive contribution

EXPERIENCE

- 6/09 - Present **Milford Parks Department**, Milford, MA ***Equipment Operator***
Maintained and mowed the grounds of many parks and schools. Measured and painted fields for numerous sports as well as groomed and prepared fields for baseball and softball. Repaired chain link and wooden fences as well as other items that needed attention. Worked for Highway Dept during winter months plowing, sanding and operating numerous types of equipment including wing plow for 1 season.
- 12/08 - 5/09 **Milford Water Company**, Milford, MA ***Laborer/Operator***
Maintained equipment and grounds of the water treatment plant. Repaired water main breaks and operated backhoe as needed. Repaired and installed water meters.
- 3/08 - 12/08 **Vernon Grove Cemetery**, Milford, MA ***Groundskeeper***
Kept the grounds landscaped and manicured and assisted marking out graves for burials.
- 9/07 - 3/08 **Laconia Public Works**, Laconia, NH ***Light Equipment Operator***
Worked in the highway division contributing to many jobs that included catch basin repair, brush cutting, hot top repair and the repair and installation of signs. Cleaned catch basins using a vactor truck. Operated a sidewalk tractor plowing and sanding sidewalks as well as sanding roadways.
- 11/02 - 5/07 **Milford Highway Department**, Milford, MA ***Heavy Equipment Operator***
Operated numerous pieces of equipment on a daily basis including sweepers, dump trucks, and loaders. Repaired catch basins, worked on hottop crew, cut brush as needed. Repaired and installed signs, fences and worked closely with other departments. Plowed and sanded.
- 2/96 - 8/00 **Milford Sewer Department**, Milford, MA ***Operator***
Executed duties to insure proper operation of a wastewater treatment plant. Maintained pumps and equipment at the plant and pumping stations around town, in addition to, keeping the grounds landscaped and manicured. Assisted in the lab on occasion.

EDUCATION

- May 1995 **New England Institute of Technology**
Associate of Science Degree, Building Construction and Cabinetmaking Technology

LICENSES/SKILLS

Previously held a Grade 4 Municipal Wastewater License
CDL License Class B
Hydraulics License Class 2A/1C
Wing Plow Operation
Sweeper / Loader / Sidewalk Tractor

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Phone: 508 234 8100

E.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

APPLICATION FOR COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE

TO THE LICENSING AUTHORITIES:

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

New China Pacific LLC d/b/a New China Pacific Restaurant

STATE CLEARLY PURPOSE FOR WHICH LICENSE IS REQUESTED: [Common Victualler]

TO: New China Pacific LLC d/b/a New China Pacific Restaurant
operate a Chinese restaurant

GIVE LOCATION BY STREET AND NUMBER:

AT: 683 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville MA 01588

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

Jackie Lee
(Signature of Applicant)

Print Name: Jackie Lee

Address: 195 Thomas Burgin ^{Parkway}
Apartment 402

City: Quincy MA

State, Zip: 02169

Received: 11/13/14 9:10 AM
(Date) (Time)

Date License Granted

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
239 Causeway Street
Boston, MA 02114
www.mass.gov/abcc

Print Form

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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):

090400017

LICENSEE NAME:

SAMARPAN, INC d/b/a 4 QUICKSTOP CONVENIENCE

ADDRESS:

206 NORTH MAIN STREET

CITY/TOWN:

WHITINSVILLE

STATE

MA

ZIP CODE

01588

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

CERTIFICATE OF VOTE**SAMARPAN, INC**

As secretary of the above-named corporation, I hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the votes taken at a special meeting of the corporation held at the offices of the corporation, 12 Laurie Lane, Charlton, MA, on November 12, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., notice having been waived of the time, place and purpose, and at which meeting all stockholders and directors were present and unanimously voted as follows:

VOTED: To change the business hours for the sale of alcohol on Sundays to commence said sales at 10:00 AM.

VOTED: To authorize the President and/or Treasurer, Bhikhabhai M. Patel, of the Corporation, acting singly, to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all documents needed to effectuate the change of hours as voted herein, including but not limited to all documents required by the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission and Town of Charlton.

I certify that the above votes are still in full force without change as of November 12, 2014.

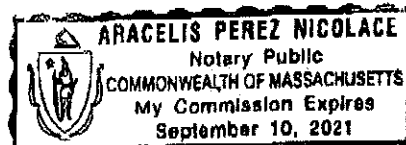

Samarpan, Inc
By: Bhikhabhai Patel, Secretary

Dated: November 12, 2014

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**WORCESTER, SS.****November 12, 2014**

On this 12th day of November, 2014, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Bhikhabhai Patel, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were MA Drivers License to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.


NOTARY PUBLIC:
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 9/10/2021



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
239 Causeway Street
Boston, MA 02114
www.mass.gov/abcc

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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):

090400038

LICENSEE NAME:

Crystal Gas

ADDRESS:

175 Church St

CITY/TOWN:

Whitinsville

STATE

Ma

ZIP CODE

01588

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- ☒ Change of Hours
☐ Change of DBA
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Crystal Gas
175 Church St
Whitinsville MA 01588

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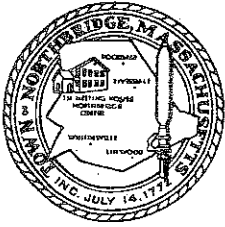
A meeting was held on the premises of Crystal Gas on 175 Church St. Whitinsville, MA at 2:00 pm in order to discuss the early opening of the liquor selling on Sunday at 10:00 am. The meeting was led president Christine Elhoussan along with Mark and George Elhoussan. We had no one oppose everyone was in favor to start selling early.

Sincerely



Christine Elhoussan

President



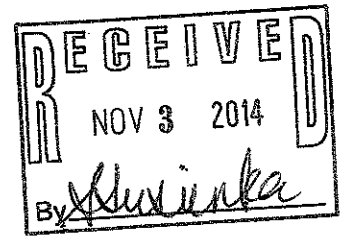
Fire Department

193 Main Street
Whitinsville, MA 01588
(508) 234-8448

Gary A. Nestor
Fire Chief

October 16, 2014, 2014

Northbridge Board of Selectmen
Northbridge Memorial Town Hall
7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588



369 DOUGLAS ROAD

Chip Rogers, Woonsocket Glass
Emanuel Pacheco, Geisser Engineering Corp.

STREET LIGHT REQUEST-HILL STREET

SPEED LIMIT-LINWOOD AVENUE

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

School Street/Upton Street-improvements
Church Street Extension Corridor Project-Overview
Prairie Street-streetlights-update
Plummer's Corner-Timing of pedestrian crosswalk -update
Church Street Extension-pedestrian crosswalk signage-update

Dear Board Members:

The Northbridge Safety Committee met on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014** in the Police Station Conference Room. The following members were present: Chairman Gary Nestor, Chief Walter Warchol, Peter Bedigian, George Murray, Gary Bechtholdt, Randi Zanca, James Shuris and Jamie Luchini. Chip Rogers, Woonsocket Glass Company and Emanuel Pacheco, Geisser Engineering Corp. for 369 Douglas Road.

Chairman Chief Gary Nestor called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion duly made (Bedigian) and seconded (Warchol) the Safety Committee voted to ACCEPT the meeting minutes of August 20, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Nestor noted receipt of memorandum dated September 25, 2014 from Sharon L. Susienka, Exec. Asst. to the Town Manager regarding the Board of Selectmen vote to accept recommendations of the Safety Committee as outlined in meeting minutes of August 20, 2014.

The following items were discussed on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 and are being forwarded to the Board of Selectmen as recommendations of the Northbridge Safety Committee:

369 Douglas Road-Woonsocket Glass-Site Plan Review:

Emanuel Pacheco on behalf of the Applicant presented an overview of the subject property, noting proposed (8880 SF) addition to the side of the building with the addition of a new entrance/exit on same side for delivery purposes. Chip Rodgers states they are currently operating on two shifts but with the move and increase in employees (36) he anticipates one shift only will be needed (approx.. 6a-2:30p average shift)

Gary Bechtholdt inquired about the site lines and the vegetation overgrowth on the property. Chip Rogers, Woonsocket glass advises the sites will be better at the new entrance. Emanuel Pacheco advised vegetation would be cut back and property cleaned up. There will be a large company sign near the old entrance and a new "Truck Entering" sign near the new driveway. Additional lighting will be brought in for the new entrance.

Walter Warchol made a motion to approve the plan as presented, seconded by Peter Bedigian, **all Approved.**

Street Light Request-Pole 4 & 5 Hill Street-Heather Carr, Carr Funeral Home:

Ms. Carr is requesting the above light poles be turned on for the safety of pedestrians and vehicles in the area. Carr Funeral Home currently has a spot light on pole 5 at their expense. Pole 4 is not on and is over a crosswalk.

Jim Shuris and Chief Warchol will look into the light on pole 5 and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Gary Bechtholdt made a motion for the approval of pole #4 due to safety concerns involving the crosswalk, seconded by George Murray, **all Approved.**

Speed Limit-Linwood Ave

The Town Manager received correspondence from Mr. Gregory Maas, 14 Heritage Drive, regarding the speed on Linwood Avenue. He is asking for the reason the High School was not included in the 20 mph zone and is requesting the speed limit be reduced. Chief Warchol advised the according to Mass DOT, anything above the 9th Grade cannot be included in the school zone. The DOT and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles are responsible for setting speed limits and in order to be considered, studies will have to be done by the municipality and presented to both for review. Chief Warchol will conduct a preliminary traffic study and together with Jim Shuris will meet with MASS DOT. If studies meet the need for a change in the current posted limit, approval will be required from MASS DOT, MA RMV and the Board of Selectman. Chief Warchol will respond to Mr. Maas in writing explaining this information.

Chief Warchol made a motion to study the speed and forward to MASS DOT as required by law, seconded by Peter Bedigian, **all Approved.**

School Street/Upton Street Intersection-Improvements:

Jim Shuris reports new stop signs are in place however the pavement markings have not been done. There should be new realignment markings and additional signage. He has been in communication with Sujatha from Mass DOT. She will can review and advise Jim Shuris of the findings.

Church Street Extension Corridor Project-Overview:

Plan is currently under design, 25% to be completed by the end of November. If the plan is funded, the completed design is expected by 4/2015. Traffic studies and surveys have been done and we are waiting recommendations for possible signal at the intersection of Quaker Street and Church Street Extension.

Prairie Street-Streetlights-Update

Jim Shuris reports National Grid has energized all the lights however they are not functioning properly. National Grid will not repair/replace any decorative poles. DPW currently has no means of changing bulbs or fixing. Mr. Shuris is speaking with a contractor to get them fixed. He has also spoken with Bob Russell, National Grid, to find out what is standard and what could be done to accommodate the ornamental poles & fixtures, thus making them responsible for the repairs. He will report findings when he has them.

Plummer's Corner-Timing of Pedestrian Crosswalk-Update

Jamie Luchini advises he has observed the crosswalk and timing. Everything appears to be in line and up to specifications. No issues found.

Church Street Extension-Pedestrian Crosswalk Signage-Update

Jamie Luchini reports there are two crosswalks in close proximity, inquired as to how many signs and location of the signs for placement. It was advised to place signs so that they cover both crosswalks. Jamie will decide on best placement.

NEW BUSINESS

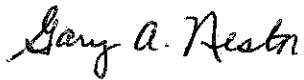
- a) The safety committee is in receipt of correspondence from Cynthia Malone with regards to the crosswalk on Linwood Avenue at the Middle School. She would like to see more flashing lights and signs warning drivers of the crosswalk area. Jim Shuris will be responding to Ms. Malone that we currently have two flashing light signals and use a crossing guard during school hours. Other large events often have a police officer present at the crosswalk. It was determined the crossing guards work better than traffic signals since the crossing guard can group pedestrians for increased safety and traffic flow whereas the light would be constantly pushed by those needing to cross.
- b) Chief Warchol received a request from Mr. Mark Ovan, 24 Leland Rd., Whitinsville, requesting the speed limit on Leland Road be reduced to 25 mph. The police department conducted a 10 day traffic study at this location using a recorded traffic monitor as well as officers conducting radar. The findings were that 85% of the traffic was already travelling below 25 mph. This request will not meet guidelines for review with MA DOT. Chief Warchol will follow up with Mr. Ovan in writing advising him of the findings.

- c) Chief Warchol advised the safety committee that he personally visited Brittney Naughton, 13 B Street to speak with her regarding her request for "Autistic Child" signs on B Street. She is happy with the Safety Committees response.
- d) George Murray inquired as to whether or not the Board of Selectman approved or sent and feedback on the street light policy review. None has been received. Gary Nestor will follow up with the Town Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business the Safety Committee adjourned it meeting at or about 11:10 AM.

Respectfully yours,



Gary Nestor, Northbridge Fire Chief
Chairman Northbridge Safety Committee

/spm

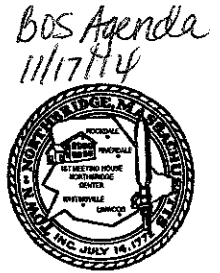
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Northbridge Town Manager
Northbridge Planning Board
Lt. Timothy Labrie
Chip Rogers, Woonsocket Glass
Heather Carr
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TIMOTHY LABRIE
LIEUTENANT

J.

The all night parking ban for the Town of Northbridge will go into effect on December 1, 2014 and continue through April 1, 2015. The April 1st date may be extended if weather conditions make it necessary. The ban is effective from 1:00 am. to 6:00 a.m. The ban is applicable to all streets in the Town of Northbridge with the following exceptions:

ON THE EVEN NUMBERED SIDE:

- D Street
- High Street
- Linden Street
- Main Street from Buma Square to Border Street
- Maple Court
- Overlook Street
- Upper High Street from #66 to #100
- Water Street from Main Street to gate at the Shop yard entrance
- Johnston Ave. from Brook Street to the end of Johnston Ave @ dead end
- Upper Border Street from D Street North

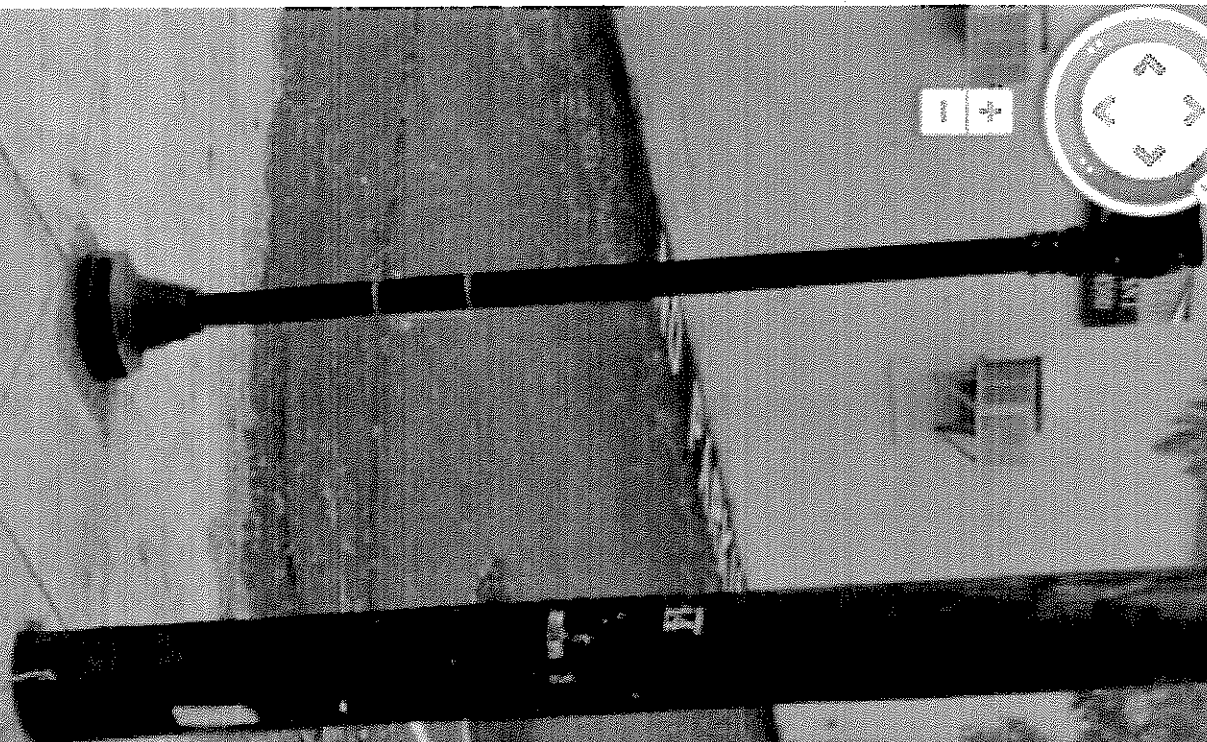
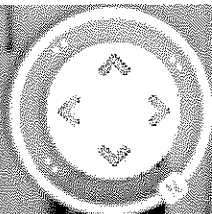
ON THE ODD NUMBERED SIDE:

- East Street from Johnston Ave to Christian Church parking lot
- Forest Street
- Johnston Avenue from Church Street to East Street
- Pine Street
- Prospect Street from Cottage Street to Church Street
- Water Street from gate behind Fire Station to bottom of hill, 20 feet North of fire hydrant
- Granite Street from #23 Granite to East Street

Violators of the ban will be tagged and if interfering with snow removal operations will be towed at the owner's expense.

Walter J. Warchol
Chief of Police

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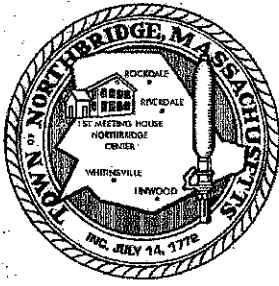


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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 17, 2014

1. **CUB SCOUT PROJECT:** The Webelos Cub Scout Pack 21 of Millville, MA, attended the Northbridge Conservation Commission meeting on October 22nd to request to clean up the trails at Shining Rock. The Conservation Commission approved the project and the clean-up took place on Sunday, November 9th. The scouts are completing requirements for the Arrow of Light and Conservation Awareness Award badges.
2. **VETERANS BREAKFAST @ NORTHBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL:**
I attended the breakfast put on by the Middle School students. It was a very nice event.
3. **WRTA BUS UPDATE:** The monthly update shows ridership continues to increase, however, last month there was a small decrease in ridership so the CMRPC is following up with the drivers. There will also be a new bus stop at the new medical outpatient center on Church Street extension.
4. **TOWN OF SPENCER – INVITE TO REGIONAL FORUM RE: EDUCATION FOUNDATION BUDGET AND MINIMUM LOCAL CONTRIBUTION:** Adam Gaudette, Town Administrator of Spencer, has invited communities to participate in a regional forum to discuss the financial impact of students attending vocational schools.
5. **PINE GROVE CEMETERY UPDATE:** The mapping has been completed by the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission. We are continuing to computerize the records. The prisoners will be in town next week to help with the Fall clean-up of the cemetery.
6. **POTPOURRI SEASONAL JOB OPENINGS:** They asked us to let the public know there are seasonal job openings available. The information has been posted on the home page of the Town's website.



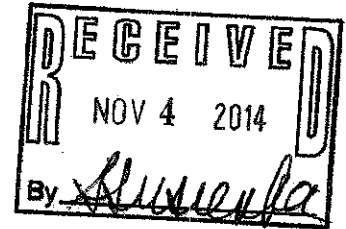
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T. Mgr Report

11/17/14

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Theodore Kozak, Town Manager

FROM: Barbara A. Kinney, Administrative Assistant *Bok*

DATE: November 3, 2014

RE: Boy Scout Project – Shining Rock Trails Clean Up

Please be advised that representatives Boy Scout Pack 21 (Weeblos) of Millville came to the Conservation Commission (NCC) meeting on October 22, 2014. They have requested to clean up the trails at Shining Rock because they are working on their Arrow of Light and the Conservation Awareness Award. The NCC approved the clean-up which will take place on Sunday, November 9, 2014 in the afternoon.

Enclosed please find the Release of Liability forms.

L-3

Ted Kozak

From: Jonathan Church [jchurch@cmrpc.org]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2014 3:18 PM
To: tkozak@northbridgemass.org
Subject: Route A and B Shuttle Ridership - October 2014

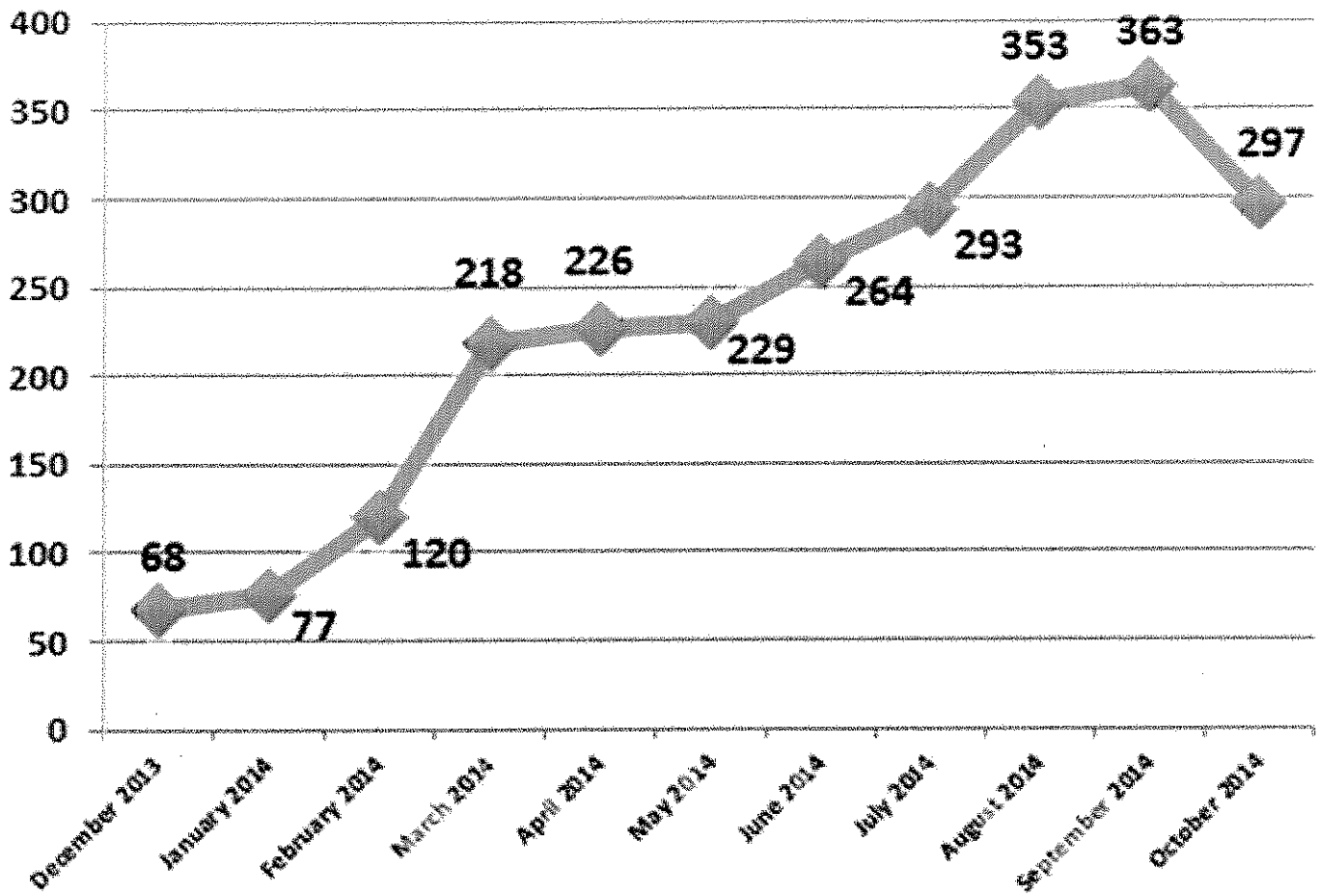
Hi Ted,

I was putting this together when you sent your email to Nick. Enclosed are the WRTA Routes A and B monthly ridership numbers for October 2014.

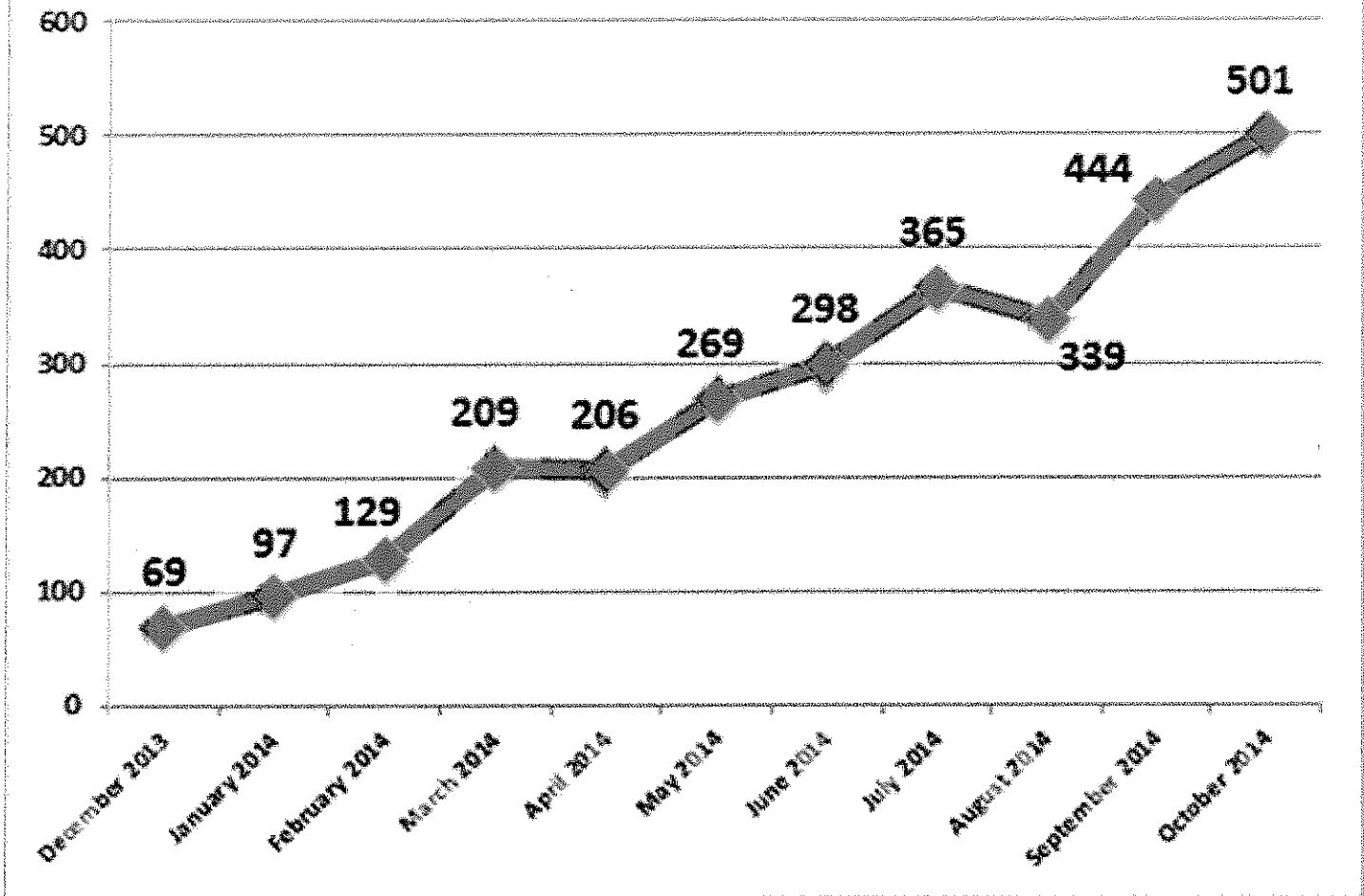
Total Ridership by Passenger Boardings

| <i>Month</i> | <i># of Weekdays</i> | <i>Route A</i> | <i>Route B</i> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| December 2013 | 21 | 68 | 69 |
| January 2014 | 21 | 77 | 97 |
| February 2014 | 20 | 120 | 129 |
| March 2014 | 21 | 218 | 209 |
| April 2014 | 22 | 226 | 206 |
| May 2014 | 21 | 229 | 269 |
| June 2014 | 21 | 264 | 298 |
| July 2014 | 22 | 293 | 365 |
| August 2014 | 21 | 353 | 339 |
| September 2014 | 21 | 363 | 444 |
| October 2014 | 23 | 297 | 501 |

Routes A Shuttle Ridership December 2013-October 2014



Routes B Shuttle Ridership December 2013-October 2014



Ridership decreased for Route A in October compared to September, while Route B saw an increase in ridership from September to October. This increase in Route B use is possibly due to the fact that Route B has more trips through Whitinsville between Wal-Mart and Grafton throughout the day. Again, while these monthly numbers appear to be small, the overall trend continues to show steady ridership and it is clear that over the last 11 months, demand for transit is there.

Best regards,
Jonathan

Jonathan E. Church, AICP

Project Manager

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

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Ted Kozak

From: Adam Gaudette [agaudette@SPENCERMA.GOV]
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 11:12 AM
To: tkozak@northbridgemass.org
Subject: RE: Invitation to Attend a Regional Forum on Education Foundation Budget and Minimum Local Contribution (Chapter 70)

Early next week ok?

From: Ted Kozak [mailto:tkozak@northbridgemass.org]
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 10:57 AM
To: Adam Gaudette
Subject: RE: Invitation to Attend a Regional Forum on Education Foundation Budget and Minimum Local Contribution (Chapter 70)

Adam
We will put one together for you , when will you need it by
Ted

Theodore D. Kozak
Town Manager
P: 508-234-2095
F: 508-234-7640
tkozak@northbridgemass.org

From: Adam Gaudette [mailto:agaudette@SPENCERMA.GOV]
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 10:53 AM
To: tkozak@northbridgemass.org
Subject: FW: Invitation to Attend a Regional Forum on Education Foundation Budget and Minimum Local Contribution (Chapter 70)

Ted, as part of the Forum scheduled below, I want to have a few examples for towns that have been struggling to meet the Foundation Budget mandate.

I'd like to do a slide for each community, maybe 5 total. I am hoping I may be able to get one from you for Northbridge.

Here is an example of what I am looking for:

"The Town of Spencer has had a difficult time balancing the requirement to meet State mandated Foundation Budget Levels and maintaining funding for its General Government Services.

In FY2015, the increase in the Town's Minimum Local Contribution (MLC) is \$345,670 while its FY15 additional revenue from the allotted Proposition 2 ½ (\$287,200) source and from the certified New Growth (\$89,386) source only totals \$376,586.

Thus, the MLC requirement will absorb 92% of the Town's revenue from these key sources. This leaves very little revenue to counter any increases in the General Government that could from increased utility costs, maintenance costs, or collective bargaining agreements. It also prevents the Town from adding any new positions or services that may be required based on other mandates or service growth needs.

This comes on the heels of 3 failed overrides in 12 months (May 2013 – May 2014) to meet last year's needs which resulted in \$484,000 in service reductions to balance the General Government Budget after meeting Education demands.

As a result, the Town closed Town Hall one day per week, reduced Library hours by 25%, closed their parks, and reduced Highway, Fire, and Police salaries affecting public safety training and affecting maintenance needs."

To better meet the slide format I'll probably modify to bullet points but this gives you the gist of what I am looking for from some other communities with similar challenges.

Let me know if this is something you may be able to do.

Thanks

Adam

From: Adam Gaudette

Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 10:13 AM

To: 'Dave Christianson'; 'Doug Briggs'; 'Jennifer L. Flanagan'; 'Jonathan Zlotnik'; 'Karen Murphy'; 'Kimberly Ferguson'; 'Leo Janssens'; 'Ralph Hicks'; 'Select Board'; 'Sherry Kersey'; 'Stephen M. Brewer'; 'Anthony Polito'; 'Board of Selectmen'; 'Denise Andrews'; 'Mary Jane Handy'; 'Nancy Melbourne'; 'Selectmen'; 'Shaun Suhoski'; 'Town Clerk'; 'Doreen Goodrich'; 'George Scobie'; 'Howard Barber'; 'Julie Jacobson'; 'Maryellen Brunelle'; 'Michael O. Moore'; 'Paul Frost'; 'Dean Iacobucci'; 'John LaFleche'; 'Robert Zukowski'; 'Bradford Wyatt'; 'Dave Donoghue'; 'Harold P. Naughton Jr.'; 'Harriette Chandler'; 'James Wood'; 'Martin McNamara'; 'Nadine Ekstrom'; 'Selectmen Berlin'; 'Cheryl Hanington'; 'Kurtis Johnson'; 'Michael Fitzpatrick'; 'Daniel M. Keyes'; 'Perry Davis'; 'Richard T. Moore'; 'Russell L. Wells Sr. '; 'Ryan Fattman'; 'William Chaplin'; 'David J. Sargent'; 'Karen Sheridan'; 'Michael Ward'; 'Tena Zapantis'; 'Terrance P. Ingano'; 'Cortney Keegan'; 'Michael Guzinski'; 'Michael Hughes'; 'Nancy Spitulnik'; 'Sonya Bouchard'; 'Andre Ravenelle'; 'Jody Joseph'; 'Lisa Wong'; 'Robert Jokela'; 'Stephen DiNatale'; 'Christopher D. Casavant'; 'Denise L. Clemons'; 'James Walsh'; 'Mark P. Hawke'; 'Daniel Gale'; 'Donna Stock'; 'George Peterson'; 'James Cummings'; 'Timothy P. McInerney'; 'James B. Eldridge'; 'Jennifer Benson'; 'Karen Shuttle'; 'Linda Dwight'; 'Stuart Sklar'; 'Susan Mary Redlinger'; 'Timothy Bragon'; 'Dennis Breen'; 'Grace Pool'; 'Janet Orff Jacaruso'; 'John V. Fernandes'; 'Steven Sette'; 'Angela Cavanaugh'; 'John Binienda'; 'Judy Paolucci'; 'Kevin Mizikar'; 'Scott Francis'; 'Tom Buckley'; 'Dean J. Mazarella'; 'Dennis Rosa'; 'Donna Ciccone'; 'James Jolicoeur'; 'John Dombrowski'; 'Kerry Speidel'; 'Loxi Calmes'; 'Sandra Curley'; 'Tom Alonzo'; 'Bob Spain'; 'Gregory Myers'; 'Richard Bedard'; 'Eric Olson'; 'Tammy Lajoie'; 'Ann Marie Geyster'; 'Anne Gobi'; 'Kenneth Robinson'; 'Rae-Ann Trifilo'; 'Ruth Miller'; 'Tom Brouillet'; 'Charles Kern'; 'Donald Lowe'; 'Jean M. Syria'; 'Kate Hogan'; 'Michael Wood'; 'Nancy Federspiel'; 'Ryan McNutt'; 'Selectmen-Bolton'; 'William J. Wrigley'; 'Blythe Robinson'; 'Jay Byer'; 'Joseph Maruszczak'; 'Robert Flemming'; 'Marilyn Tencza'; 'Mike Kiszka'; 'Robert Smith'; 'Sheila LeBlanc'; 'Carolyn Dykema'; 'Cheryl Levesque'; 'Christine Johnson'; 'Dawn Rand'; 'John Coderre'; 'Mark Purple'; 'William J. Boland'; 'Catherine Stickney'; 'Charles Ampagoomian'; 'Melissa Walker'; 'Michael Lebrasseur'; 'Theodore Kozak'; 'Daniel Coonan'; 'Dennis Powers'; 'John Saad'; 'Mark Garceau'; 'Peter Durant'; 'Richard Mathieu'; 'Chuck Berube'; 'Steve Boudreau'; 'Tari Thomas'; 'Anita Sheipers'; 'Eliot Starbard'; 'Heather Lemieux'; 'Mark Brophy'; 'Maureen M. Marshall'; 'Michael Stauder'; 'Richard Jankauskas'; 'Richard V. Kmiec & Sherry Patch'; 'Robert Hunt'; 'Stacey Skerry'; 'Barry Nadan Jr.'; 'Brent Kustigian'; 'Cami Lamica'; 'Daniel Korzec'; 'David Delanski'; 'Todd Smola'; 'Greg Balukonis'; 'Gregg J. Desto'; 'John Marsi'; 'Pauline J. Aucoin'; 'Rick Swensen'; 'Robin L. Craver'; 'William J. Trifone'; 'B. Dale Magee'; 'Board of Selectmen'; 'Cecelia Wirzbicki'; 'Daniel Morgado'; 'Joseph Sawyer'; 'Matthew Beaton'; 'Maurice DePalo'; 'Aaron Osborne'; 'Board of Selectmen'; 'Kevin Paicos'; 'Lauren McLoughlin'; 'Patricia Gardner'; 'Kevin Hayes'; 'Leo Fayard'; 'Ted Malvey'; 'James A. Smith'; 'Kenneth Stuart'; 'Lisa Locurto'; 'Susan Rothermich'; 'Theodore Friend'; 'Aimee Campbell'; 'Alias Gillien'; 'Brian Oxman'; 'Christine Randall'; 'Deb Boyd'; 'Erin Nosek'; 'Katherine Alexander'; 'Lynn Arnold'; 'Mary Blanchard'; 'Michael Milanese'; 'Michael Valanzola'; 'Stephen J. Comtois II'; 'Susan Hiker'; 'Suzanne Kennedy'; 'David Genereux'; 'Donald Sawyer'; 'Kevin Carney'; 'Kevin Kuros'; 'Michelle Taparasky'; 'Tim Rice'; 'Anthony Renzoni'; 'Brian Patacchiola'; 'Carol Riches'; 'Darryll McCall'; 'Jackie O'Brien'; 'Jaquelyn Kelly'; 'John Lebeaux'; 'Joseph Scanlon'; 'Julia Pingatore'; 'Lance Harris'; 'Neil Sulmasy'; 'Barbara Malkas'; 'John McAuliffe'; 'Robert J. Miller'; 'Ted Avlas'; 'Elizabeth Shaper'; 'James O'Day'; 'Kevin McCormick'; 'Leon Gaumond'; 'Richard Snow'; 'Roger Pontbriand'; 'Amber Block'; 'Danielle Gregoire'; 'George Barrette'; 'Irene Oliver'; 'Jim Malloy'; 'Stephen Doret'; 'C. Jackson Blair'; 'James Kreidler Jr.'; 'Michael Niles'; 'Salah Khelfaoui'; 'Dan Donahue'; 'Dianna Biancheria'; 'Edward M. Augustus'; 'John Mahoney'; 'Joseph Petty'; 'Mary

Courtney'; 'Mary Keefe'; 'Melinda Boone'

Cc: 'Stephen Hemman'; Stacey Jackson; julianne_kelley@wrsd.net; gkoocher@masc.org; roho1111@juno.com

Subject: Invitation to Attend a Regional Forum on Education Foundation Budget and Minimum Local Contribution (Chapter 70)

Regional Forum on Education Foundation Budget and Minimum Local Contribution (Chapter 70)

**6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 20, 2014
Wachusett Regional High School Auditorium
Holden, MA 01520**

All, as some of you may know, the Massachusetts Legislature adopted Sections 124 and 278 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014 as part of the FY2015 State Budget, which has established a Foundation Budget Review Commission. The 21 Commission members have been appointed, have had an initial meeting in October, and are set to move forward with their assigned charge (see attached), which is essentially to study the manner in which Education Foundation Budgets are calculated and to make recommendations for potential changes in those calculations as the Commission deems appropriate.

The manner in which Foundation Budgets are calculated as part of the State's "Chapter 70 Program", was defined as part of the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993. This legislation required the establishment of a set Foundation Budget for each school district via a formula, which would represent the minimum amount of funding deemed necessary to provide an adequate education to all students in that district. The Foundation Budget formula would also determine how much of each district's Foundation Budget will be paid by local taxpayers and how much will be paid by the State through Chapter 70 Aid. The Act called for periodic reviews of the Foundation Budget formula but it has now been over a decade since the last formal Review Commission issued a report. The call for a new study has arisen due to the struggle of some communities to meet the mandated funding of the Foundation Budget from year to year, as the State seeks to bring communities up to what is known as their "target share."

The concern for those communities struggling to fund their annual increases in their Foundation Budget, is the detrimental impact it is having on their General Government Operating Budgets. Without additional revenue from Proposition 2 ½ overrides, many communities have been forced to make devastating cuts in services and in personnel that impact the residents of their communities.

It is because of this that a group of municipal officials has organized a Regional Forum on the Education Foundation Budget and Minimum Local Contribution, such that these impacts can be discussed and that a unified plea can be coordinated to the Foundation Budget Study Commission to not only look at the formula that creates Foundation Budget Levels, but to also study the impacts of the current formula that sets the Minimum Local Contribution levels for communities and what the impacts of any increase to the Foundation Budget levels would have on communities and their ability to fund the Minimum Local Contribution as well.

The Forum will be moderated by myself, along with Stephen Hemman, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools. The Forum will include an overview and historical perspective of the Education Reform Act of 1993, an overview of how Foundation Budgets are calculated, and analysis of the impacts of increased minimum local contributions on municipal revenue growth. In addition, the Forum will have key speakers from the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Melissa King) and the MA Department of Revenue (Lisa Krzywicki) who will present the key aspects of the Foundation Budget formula, including the Minimum Local Contribution

calculation, Municipal Growth Factors, and Target Share. Finally, State Representative Kim Ferguson, a Foundation Budget Study Commission member, will discuss the Commission's charge, timeline, and planned public hearings.

The Forum is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Wachusett Regional High School Auditorium at 1401 Main Street, Holden, MA 01520.

This invitation is being sent to municipal and school officials in Worcester County, the State Representatives and Senators representing these communities, and other interested parties.

Please feel free to forward this to your fellow board members, staff, and other folks that maybe interested in attending this timely Forum.

We ask that you please RSVP if you plan on attending so that we may coordinate the assembly area properly. Please RSVP to me, Spencer Town Administrator Adam Gaudette at agaudette@spencerma.gov, and advise me of your name, email, and affiliation if you plan on attending.

Thank you.

Adam Gaudette

Adam D. Gaudette
Town Administrator

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