

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL
7 MAIN STREET - WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588
December 15, 2014 AT 7:00PM**

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Presentation: Certificate of Appreciation - Representative George N. Peterson, Jr.

Announcement by Town Clerk Doreen Cedrone: Northbridge is the recipient of the Senator Lou Bertoia's Outstanding Citizenship Award

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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A. November 17, 2014

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E. Operation Graduation [Denise Foster] / Request to hold a Boot Drive on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 9AM to 1PM at Memorial Square

F. 2015 Annual Liquor License Renewals/Vote to approve subject to the payment of all monies due the Town

G. 2015 Miscellaneous License Renewals [Common Victualler, Class II, Class III, Automatic Amusement Devices, Entertainment, etc.]/Vote to approve subject to the payment of all monies due the Town

VI. DISCUSSIONS

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I. Northbridge School Committee [Present: Mike Lebrasseur]/Online survey to request feedback from residents on the School Department's budget process for the 2015-2016 school year

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IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

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THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



RETIREMENT AWARD

Presented to

Representative George N. Peterson, Jr.



In Honor of Your Retirement and in
Recognition of Your 20 Years of Outstanding Leadership
and Service on behalf of the Town of Northbridge.



Presented by:

Theodore D. Kozak
Town Manager

Charles Ampagoomian, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Daniel J. Nolan

James R. Marzec

Thomas J. Melia

James J. Athanas

Issued this 15th day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PLEASE CONTACT: Sharon Steeves, Executive Assistant
508-381-5239

Town of Northbridge wins Outstanding Citizenship Award

All the votes in the 2013—2014 elections have been cast and counted and the winner of the Senator Louis Bertonazzi Foundation Outstanding Citizenship Award with an average voting percentage of 38.15% is the town of Northbridge.

The win by Northbridge in this nineteen town voting competition marks the first time in the ten years that the award has been given that a town has repeated as a winner. Northbridge previously won the 2007-2008 contest. Other past winners of the award have been Sutton, Upton and Mendon.

The award is earned by the town that turns out the highest percentage of registered voters who actually voted in the four 2013-2014 elections. It enables the town to be officially recognized as the "Best Voting Community" for that time period.

As a result of their victory, the Northbridge town clerk and board of registrars will receive a check from the foundation for \$1,000 to be used as they see fit to increase future voter turnout. The Northbridge Board of Selectmen will be presented a plaque to be displayed for the next two years in the Northbridge Town Hall. And the people of Northbridge will receive a huge banner proclaiming Northbridge as the "Best Voting Community 2013-2014" to be displayed as they see fit.

As the accompanying chart shows, Dudley, Sutton, Hopedale, Auburn, Upton, Westborough, Mendon, Grafton and Milford comprised the upper tier of challengers. The middle group of finishers was Blackstone, Oxford, Millville, Uxbridge, Douglas and Bellingham. Webster, Southbridge and Charlton trailed the field.

The chart also shows the winning final average of voters was 38.15% while the lowest final average was 19.97%. Most town's total average were in the 20% range.

The aim of the contest is to offer another small incentive for people to exercise the privilege of voting; a privilege won by the sacrifice and courage of so many over the history of our country.

Arrangements will be made through the Northbridge town clerk to make the presentations at the Northbridge Board of Selectmen meeting in January.

The Senator Louis Bertonazzi Foundation Board of Directors is made up of Dr. Carl Digregorio, Chairman, Michael Diorio, Treasurer, Atty. David Bertonazzi, Clerk, and members Cynthia Casey, Gail Crimaldi, Joseph Nigro, Tom Cullen and Louis Bertonazzi, Ex Officio.

A.

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
November 17, 2014**

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Charles Ampagoomian at 6:15 PM, Northbridge Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA. **Present:** Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia and Nolan. **Also Present:** Theodore D. Kozak, Town Manager.

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

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

Open Session Adjourned: 6:16 PM

Executive Session Convened: 6:17 PM

Executive Session Adjourned: 6:58 PM

Open Session Reconvened: 7:00 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

RETIREMENT AWARD. By way of introduction Chairman Ampagoomian stated that the award recipient, Dennis Kimball, had served a total of 45 years as a firefighter for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Retirement Award was given in honor of his retirement and recognition of 15 years of outstanding service to the Town of Northbridge. Mr. Ampagoomian added that Mr. Kimball is a good friend and family member. He also advised that the Northbridge residents appreciate call firefighters who have normal jobs in addition to responding to the tones and covering the shifts no matter where they might be.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. 1) **October 20, 2014.** A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve the October 20, 2014 minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Unanimous. 2) **November 3, 2014 [Executive Session].** A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve but not release the November 3, 2014 minutes. Vote yes/Messrs. Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Ampagoomian. Abstain/Mr. Marzec.

PUBLIC HEARING [7:05PM/FY'15 Tax Rate Classification Hearing]/Present: Robert Fitzgerald, Principal Assessor. Chairman Ampagoomian read the legal ad appearing in the 10/17/2014 Worcester Telegram & Gazette aloud. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to open the public hearing for the annual tax rate classification hearing. Vote yes/Unanimous. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that the classification hearing allows the Selectmen to decide whether or not to shift the tax burden between classes of properties. He added that this would not increase any revenues in the community but simply shift the burden of the tax. Referring to handouts distributed to the Selectmen, Mr. Fitzgerald stated that there were 3 options: (1) Residential Factor (Split Tax Rate). The Board of Selectmen has the option to select a residential factor of "1" or less. If a factor of "1" is selected 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 would be a shift from the residential property class to the commercial, industrial and personal property

classes. (2) 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 assessed below the town average (\$224,000) would have a reduction in taxes. Properties assessed above the town average including residential non-owner occupied properties and unimproved land would have a higher tax rate. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that this option is mostly popular in cities that have a high amount of apartment owners. The Board of Assessors did not recommend adopting this option since it is more need-based. (3) Small Commercial Exemption. 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 Board of Assessors did not recommend adopting this option since it is need-based. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that he included in the Selectmen's packets 3 years of tax levy information to indicate where we've been and where we're headed with the last portion being FY'15. He commented that last year the tax rate was \$13.26; this year with the passage of the \$300,000 DPW Capital Exclusion article the tax rate was increased by 12 cents to \$13.38. He said that most of the tax rate calculation is standard until you get to capital exclusions, which is where it can vary. He noted the Department of Revenue (tax limitation) handout page, which shows the \$300,000 capital expenditure exclusion and the amount the Town would be allowed to tax is \$19,076,485. The next page indicates the result of shifting the tax rate by 10%, 25%, and 50% from residential to commercial and industrial properties. With a 10% increase residential properties would save an average of about \$50 but commercial and industrial would pay on average an extra \$880 and \$993 respectively. On the next page, Mr. Fitzgerald showed that residential properties make up the largest share, at about 87%, compared to commercial, industrial and personal property totaling 13%. Therefore, the Board of Assessors recommended keeping a single tax rate. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that he also included in the Selectmen's packet answers to questions that people often have such as the average single family value and 10-year average single family tax bill over 10 years, which were showed in graphs. He explained that whereas the average tax bill 10 years ago was about \$2,500 it is now about \$3,600; so every year it steadily increases about \$100. Mr. Fitzgerald added that the next page of the handout shows FY 2014 average single family tax bills of 10 surrounding communities with Northbridge at the lower end. The next page of the handout shows the excess levy capacity, which is the amount that we could have raised through taxation but didn't. Since 2003, we have been taxing every cent we can. This year we have an excess levy capacity of \$13,403. Mr. Kozak asked how the property values changed over the past year. Mr. Fitzgerald responded that last year the average single family value was \$265,000; this year it is \$266,500. He estimated that the values have been pretty much flat for the last 3 years. Mr. Fitzgerald pointed out that the Selectmen were not required to take a vote at this time. Mr. Melia stated that he was in favor of a single tax rate. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec to close the public hearing. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Mr. Ampagoomian announced that the National Grid public hearing was cancelled by National Grid.

APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Ampagoomian advised that the temporary appointment for the Board of Registrars was no longer needed and had been withdrawn.

Thomas Parente, WWTP Operator, DPW Sewer Division. Present: Mark Kuras, Sewer Superintendent and Thomas Parente. Mr. Kuras stated that they had advertised the position, conducted interviews and chose Mr. Thomas Parente. Mr. Kuras noted Mr. Parente's extensive experience and felt he would fill the vacancy quite well and is glad to have him aboard. Town Manager Kozak asked Mr. Kuras to explain how the vacancy was created. Mr. Kuras responded that an employee left to go to another town and 2 people moved up to higher positions, which created an opening in the department. Mr. Parente then thanked the DPW and the Town of Northbridge for hiring him for the position, noting his belief that with his background and experience he would be an asset to the Town of Northbridge. He added that he looked forward to working for the Town. Mr. Melia asked Mr. Parente

what prompted him to apply for the position. Mr. Parente responded that he heard about the opening, noting that he had work experience in the wastewater field years ago. Mr. Melia mentioned Mr. Parente's extensive background working for municipalities. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve the appointment of Thomas Parente as a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator for the DPW Sewer Division. Vote yes/Unanimous.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT / None.

Congratulating our new State Representative, David Muradian, Mr. Ampagoomian asked him to come forward to be introduced to the residents of Northbridge. Mr. Muradian thanked the Selectmen for the opportunity to appear at the meeting. He also thanked the individuals and constituents of Northbridge and surrounding towns for electing him to the State Representative position. Mr. Muradian stated that he brings a wealth of experience to the position having worked for State Representative Peterson for 7 years. He added that the office would continue to be accessible and he would continue to appear at the Senior Center and Selectmen's meetings. Mr. Muradian noted that the Selectmen had his contact information and that he was looking forward to advocating for the communities he represents. Mr. Melia offered his congratulations and observed that he was looking forward to working with Mr. Muradian. The Selectmen all congratulated Mr. Muradian. Mr. Muradian promised to work very hard in the new position.

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. Mr. Kozak reviewed that at the previous meeting it was recommended moving forward with a short term committee to choose a company for the aggregate purchase supply for residents and businesses in the community. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec to establish the membership to the Aggregate Power Committee as indicated above. Vote yes/ Unanimous. Mr. Kozak named the following people who had agreed to become committee members: Steven Gogolinski, Fin. Comm. Member; Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner; Melissa Walker, School Department Business Manager and Jeannie Hebert, Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce President and CEO. Mr. Kozak noted that no one has come forward for the Member at Large position. He is hoping that someone will volunteer for membership to help the Town with this important decision. Mr. Kozak added that it won't be a long-lasting committee. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to support Town Manager Kozak's member recommendations as noted above. Vote yes/Unanimous.

New China Pacific, LLC d/b/a New China Pacific Restaurant [Jackie Lee, Manager] /Application for a non-alcoholic Common Victualler's license. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve the New China Pacific Restaurant's application for a non-alcoholic Common Victualler's license. Mr. Melia commented that he asked Town Manager's Office Executive Assistant Sharon Susienka why this was just coming up now and was informed that it was overlooked when the liquor license was being transferred. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Samarpan Inc. d/b/a 1 Quickstop / Notification of Change in Sunday Hours. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve 1 Quickstop's request to open at 10:00AM on Sundays. Vote yes/ Unanimous.

Crystal Gas, Inc. / Notification of Change in Sunday Hours. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve Crystal Gas' request to open at 10:00AM on Sundays. Vote yes/Unanimous. Chairman Ampagoomian noted that Massachusetts Law allows all Package Stores to open at 10:00AM on Sundays.

Charter Communications. Town Manager Kozak explained that the Cable Committee made recommendations that were discussed in Executive Session in response to Charter Communication's proposal to change the Access channels. He noted that the Selectmen asked the Cable Committee to continue negotiations with Charter and come back to the Selectmen once an agreement has been reached.

Safety Committee Minutes [October 15, 2014]/Vote to accept the recommendations. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Melia to accept the recommendations of the Safety Committee as outlined in the minutes of October 15, 2014. Vote yes/Unanimous.

All Night Winter Parking Ban [December 1, 2014 to April 1, 2015]/Vote to approve. Chairman Ampagoomian identified the exceptions to the ban as follows. 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 Avenue from Brook Street to the end of Johnston Avenue at dead end and Upper Border Street from D Street North. On the odd numbered side: East Street from Johnston Avenue to Christian Reformed Church parking lot, Forest Street, Johnston Avenue from Church 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 and Granite Street from #23 Granite to East Street. Mr. Ampagoomian added that violators of the ban will be tagged and if interfering with snow removal operations will be towed at the owner's expense. Mr. Melia clarified that the Winter Parking Ban applies to all streets except those mentioned by Mr. Ampagoomian. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded by Mr. Nolan to approve the All Night Winter Parking Ban beginning December 1, 2014 through April 1, 2015, from 1:00AM to 6:00AM--with the date extended if weather conditions make it necessary. Vote yes/Unanimous.

National Grid Pole Relocation [Church Street, Whitinsville] / Present: Crystal Tognazzi and James Shuris, DPW Director. Ms. Tognazzi stated that National Grid is still proposing the sidewalk guys behind Pole 14 and that it was brought to National Grid's attention through the Board of Selectmen's meeting and multiple engineering visits to the site that the pole needs to be replaced with a much larger pole, which National Grid will do. Ms. Tognazzi noted that they normally set 40 foot Class 3 Poles. She added that the current pole is a Class 3 Pole, which they propose replacing with a Class 2 Pole to be set at the furthest corner of the sidewalk closest to the road. The anchors would be set at the furthest back portion of the sidewalk. Referring to the photo that was provided to the Selectmen [see agenda packet], Ms. Tognazzi indicated that it shows how they have marked it in the field and it's going to be set slightly to the right rather than the existing location. She added that they will break up the cement and re-pour to get the anchors as close to private property as possible without encroaching on it. Ms. Tognazzi said the engineer made markings so that the Selectmen could see how things were expected to go and it would be a thicker straighter pole with the anchors to be placed further right, easterly of the existing pole to reduce concern about congestion. Ms. Tognazzi noted that there is no other way they can guy the pole. Thanking Ms. Tognazzi for appearing again before the Selectmen, Mr. Marzec asked how long the process would take. She responded that if their proposal gets approved the process would be completed as soon as possible. Town Manager Kozak cautioned that this is a discussion and not a public hearing. Mr. Marzec voiced his concern that the guy wires should be on the Town's right of way. Having fully reviewed the proposal Mr. Shuris voiced his approval. He noted that after speaking with Bob Russell, the Town's National Grid representative, he felt the new pole had greater structural integrity to it. He added that it's a good remedy to the situation and gave reassurance that there would be sufficient site clearance following the proposed installation. Mr. Melia asked if there were any similar set-ups in town. Ms. Tognazzi responded that she noticed 17 sidewalk guys during a drive near Potpourri and a very similar one in front of Crystal Gas. Mr. Melia also asked if the guy wires would be protected with some sort of fluorescent covering. Ms. Tognazzi responded that the guy wires would have a yellow covering for sight purposes. She agreed to put together more documentation and attend a public hearing at an upcoming Board of Selectmen's meeting.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: 1) Cub Scout Project [Nov. 9, 2014] / Clean-up of Shining Rock Trails. Mr. Kozak explained that 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.** Mr. Kozak noted that he attended the annual breakfast put on by the Middle School students. He added that it was a very nice event, very well attended by the Veterans. Mr. Kozak commented that it would be a good idea to have additional residents at future Veterans Breakfasts. **3) WRTA Bus Update.** The monthly update shows ridership continues to increase on Route B, however last month there was a small decrease in ridership on Route A 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 which should help Route A. **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. This event will be held on November 30th at 6:30 PM at the Wachusett School Auditorium and the public is invited to attend. **5) Pine Grove Cemetery Update.** The mapping has been completed by the Central Massachusetts 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 the Town 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.

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS. **Selectman Athanas /** Voiced concern that the \$300,000 article for the schools did not pass. He is worried that this is a sign of things to come and wondering if the Selectmen should begin thinking about a 10% budget cut across the board. Mr. Kozak disagreed because they have a minimum effort requirement that we are fulfilling, we are giving contributions to the schools, and today he would not recommend the budget cut. **Selectman Marzec / 1)** Thanked Mr. Athanas for bringing up his concerns about the budget. He noted that an individual called him about Potpourri. Mr. Marzec commented that Potpourri is pulling out of Northbridge and going to Littleton and the loss of business in the community is causing him concern. **Selectman Marzec / 2)** Stated that he has questions about the financial picture of Pine Grove Cemetery and would like to have regular updates on it.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA / None.

CORRESPONDENCE / None.

A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to adjourn the meeting. Vote yes/Unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James Athanas, Clerk

/pf

LIST OF DOCUMENTATION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING – OPEN SESSION

November 17, 2014

Copy of Certificate presented to Dennis Kimball for 15 YEARS OF SERVICE as a Call Firefighter.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. 1) Copy of October 20, 2014 minutes
2) Copy of November 3, 2014 Executive Session minutes – Removed from documentation as they have not been released.

II. PUBLIC HEARING – B. 1) 7:05PM/FY'15 Tax Rate Classification Hearing[/Present: Robert Fitzgerald, Principal Assessor

- Copy of legal ad for Allocation of Local Tax Levy for FY '15
- Copy of memo from the Board of Assessors dated November 17, 2014 regarding the tax rate classification hearing
- Copy of document showing the levy limits for FY 13, FY 14 and FY 15
- Copy of DOR document showing the calculations for the FY 14 and FY 15 levy limit for budget planning purposes
- Copy of document comparing a single tax rate, 110%, 125% and 150% shifts of tax rate to commercial and industrial properties for average single family, average commercial and average industrial property
- Copy of DOR document showing Minimum Residential Factor Computation for FY 15
- Copy of FY 15 Chart labeled Valuation by Class [percentages]
- Copy of graph labeled Average Single Family Home 2005-2015
- Copy of graph labeled Northbridge Ten Year Average Single Family Tax Bill 2005-2015
- Copy of graph labeled FY 14 Average Single Family Tax Bills of Surrounding Communities
- Copy of graph labeled Excess Levy Capacity 2000-2015
- Copy of graph labeled New Growth Ten Years 2005-2015

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]. Hearing cancelled
per National Grid.

III. APPOINTMENTS:

- C. 1) ~~Suzanne Fregeau, Board of Registrars [Temporary Appointment]~~ **Withdrawn per Town Clerk.**
2) Copy of Thomas Parente's resume and Town of Northbridge employment application

IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT / None.

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 – **No documentation**
E. Copy of New China Pacific's Application for a non-alcoholic Common Victualler's license
F. Copy of Samarpan Inc.'s application and Vote of Corporate Board for Notification of Change in Sunday Hours
G. Copy of Crystal Gas' application and Vote for Notification of Change in Sunday Hours

H. Charter Communications – No documentation

I. Copy of Safety Committee Minutes [October 15, 2014]

J. Copy of Winter Parking Ban announcement

VI. DISCUSSIONS

K. Copy of drawing showing National Grid's Pole Relocation [Church Street, Whitinsville]

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

L. 1) Copy of memo from Barbara Kinney dated November 3, 2014 about the Cub Scout Project - Clean-up of Shining Rock Trails

2) Veterans Breakfast @ Northbridge Middle School – No documentation

3) Copy of email from Jonathan Church dated November 10, 2014 showing WRTA's total ridership from Dec. 2013 to Oct. 2014

-Copy of graph showing total ridership for Route A Dec. 2013 to Oct. 2014

-Copy of graph showing total ridership for Route B Dec. 2013 to Oct. 2014

4) Copy of email from Adam Gaudette dated November 3, 2014 regarding Town of Spencer – Invite to Regional Forum re: Education Foundation Budget and Minimum Local Contribution

5) Pine Grove Cemetery Update – No documentation

6) Copy of Potpourri Seasonal Job Openings Flyer

VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS / No documentation

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA / No documentation

X. CORRESPONDENCE / No documentation

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

M. 1) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining. – No documentation.

2) To discuss strategy with respect to litigation [Charter Communications].

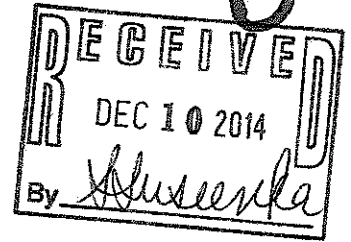
-Copy of proposal from the Cable Advisory Committee

-Copy of email dated November 5, 2014 from Town Counsel [Atty. William Hewig] outlining a summary of legal remedies against Charter's License breach.

TALENT BANK APPLICATION

please return to:

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



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

Date: December 9, 2014

Name Leeann Hansson

P. O. Box _____

Home Address 24 Michael Lane

Email Address lhansson@charter.net

Telephone 508-234-5638 Cell 58-864-5127

Business _____

Address _____ Tel. _____

Current Occupation/Title Youth Minister

Education currently taking online courses with University of Dayton

Governmental, Civic & Community Activities _____

Charitable & Educational Activities I do a lot of work with my church and I served on the PTA for 9 years

Town Committees or Offices Cultural council, School Committee

I am interested in the following Committees: Cultural council

Please indicate whether the applicant and/or any family members are employed by the Town of Northbridge. no

NAME: Leeann Hansson

PRECINCT# 3

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

COMMITTEE INTEREST (Indicate Committee preference)

1.Cultural Council

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2.

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3.

6.

Present Interest or business affiliation (dates, places)

I've been on the cultural council before

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

Special skills and education (be specific)

I know how the council works, I've done it before

How experience relates to particular committee interest

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Mail completed form to: Northbridge Town Hall
Office of the Town Manager
7 Main Street
Whitinsville, MA 01588

DAS Agenda
12/15/14 C.

Sharon Susienka

From: Kathy Ducey <kbducey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 4:08 PM
To: ssusienka@northbridgemass.org
Subject: NEF 5K

12/18/14 } C: Police Chief
DPW Dir.

Hi Sharon,

1. The NEF 5K is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 9:00 AM. We are requesting approval from the Board of Selectmen to hold this annual fundraiser. The race will start and finish at the high school. Please notify us if you would like a representative to attend a BOS meeting.
2. We are requesting permission to hang a banner across Church St. from March 15-29, 2015 in order to advertise the event.
3. We are requesting use of the Town Hall outdoor bulletin board during the week of March 30 - April 6, 2015.

Thank you for your attention.

Kathryn Ducey

No conflict
w/this request.

Who We Are

The Northbridge Education Foundation (NEF), Inc. is an independent, community-based organization created to raise funds for extracurricular and innovative educational programs for Northbridge Public Schools. Founded in 2007, the NEF began as a small band of parents committed to a remedy for the town's severe cuts in educational funding.

The NEF remains a powerful funding force for our schools. Our goal is to continue to fund programs that enrich our students' education. Proceeds benefit the students of the Northbridge Public Schools through Grants given by NEF that enhance and enrich curriculum.

*Thank you to our
sponsors!*

**Northbridge Education
Foundation
P.O. Box 463
Whitinsville, MA 01588**

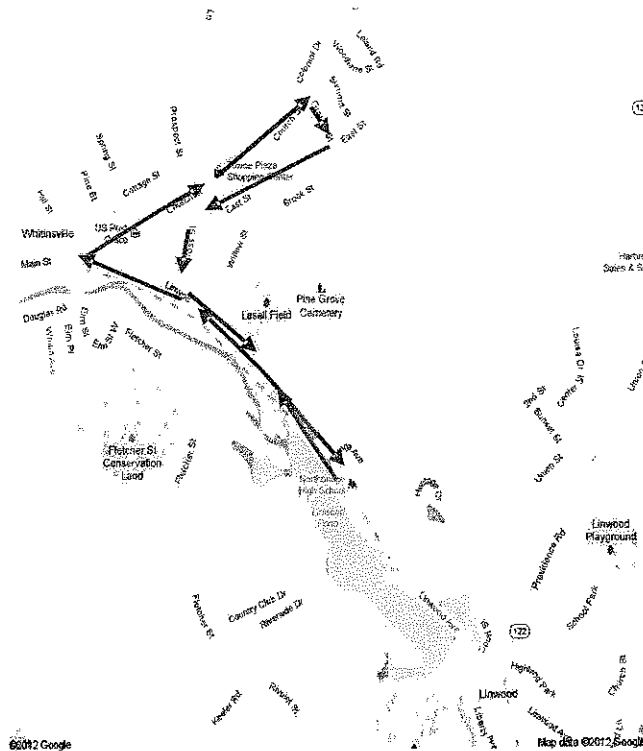
www.NorthbridgeEdFoundation.org

BOS Agenda 12/15/14



**4th Annual NEF 5K
2015**





5k Run/Walk

Circle one: 5k Walk

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sex: M F Age: _____

Shirt Size: S M L XL

Release

Please enter me in the 2014 Northbridge Education Foundation (NEF) 5k or Walk. I agree to assume all responsibility for all damage or injury to me as a participant in the event. In consideration for being accepted as an entrant in these events, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, release and discharge the NEF, and any and all individuals and organizations associated with the race, from all claims, damages, rights of action, present and future, whether the same be known, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of, or incident to my participation in this event. I hereby certify that I will not participate in the 5K road race or Walk unless I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for competition in the race.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print name _____



Sharon Susienka

From: Sharon Susienka <ssusienka@northbridgemass.org>
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 3:47 PM
To: 'wwarchol@northbridgemass.org'
Subject: RE: NEF 5K BROCHURE (1)

Thanks.

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

From: Walter J. Warchol [mailto:wwarchol@northbridgemass.org]
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 3:39 PM
To: ssusienka@northbridgemass.org
Subject: RE: NEF 5K BROCHURE (1)

I rechecked the race route and it should not be a problem to host both of these events on the same day/time.

Chief

From: Sharon Susienka [mailto:ssusienka@northbridgemass.org]
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 10:55 AM
To: wwarchol@northbridgemass.org
Subject: NEF 5K BROCHURE (1)

Chief:

Here's the route for the 5K. Please let me know if you have an issue with a road race and a boot drive [Memorial Square] on the same day-April 4th.

Thanks.

Sharon

Sharon Susienka

From: James Shuris <jshuris@northbridgemass.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 9:23 AM
To: ssusienka@northbridgemass.org; wwarchol@northbridgemass.org
Subject: RE: NEF 5K

Sharon:

Other than maintain cleanliness during and after the event – DPW has no other concerns.

Jim Shuris

From: Sharon Susienka [mailto:ssusienka@northbridgemass.org]
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 4:41 PM
To: wwarchol@northbridgemass.org; James Shuris
Subject: FW: NEF 5K

Gentlemen: This is the other event that will take place on April 4, 2015, subject to approval by the Board. Please let me know if you have any concerns about this event. Ms. Ducey will also be advised to contact Chief Warchol about safety requirements.

Thank you.

P.S. Both requests are going before the Board on December 15th.

Sharon L. Susienka
Exec. Asst. to the Town Manager
Town of Northbridge
Phone: 508-234-209
Fax: 508-234-7640

From: Kathy Ducey [mailto:kbducey@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 4:08 PM
To: ssusienka@northbridgemass.org
Subject: NEF 5K

Hi Sharon,

1. The NEF 5K is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 9:00 AM. We are requesting approval from the Board of Selectmen to hold this annual fundraiser. The race will start and finish at the high school. Please notify us if you would like a representative to attend a BOS meeting.
2. We are requesting permission to hang a banner across Church St. from March 15-29, 2015 in order to advertise the event.
3. We are requesting use of the Town Hall outdoor bulletin board during the week of March 30 - April 6, 2015.

Thank you for your attention.

Sharon Susienka

12/18/14 } BUS agenda 12/18/14
c: Chief Warchol
DPW Dir.

From: Susan Palmer-Howes <spalmerhowes@nps.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 9:06 AM
To: ssusienka@northbridgemass.org
Subject: boot drive

D.

Hi, Thank you for speaking with me today.

The Northbridge High School DECA Club is interested in doing a boot drive on April 4th at ~~Plummers Corner~~ and Memorial intersection from 9am-12pm. We are the High School business club and we have an international competition in Orlando FL April 24-29th that we are trying to raise funds for.

Thank you for your help.

Ovian Square and Memorial Square

Susan

Susan Palmer-Howes, M.Ed., CAGS
Business Teacher/Fine & Applied Arts Department Chair

Northbridge High School
427 Linwood Ave
Whitinsville, MA 01588

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No conflict
w/this request.

Police Chief's response

Sharon Susienka

Subject: FW: boot drive - DECA Club

From: Walter J. Warchol [mailto:wwarchol@northbridgemass.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 9:43 AM
To: ssusienka@northbridgemass.org
Subject: RE: boot drive - DECA Club

OK

From: Sharon Susienka [mailto:ssusienka@northbridgemass.org]
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 4:31 PM
To: Walter Warchol, Police Chief; James Shuris, DPW Director
Subject: FW: boot drive - DECA Club

Gentlemen:

This is one of two requests scheduled for April 4, 2015, subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen. Please let me know if you have any concerns with respect to this event. Ms. Palmer-Howes will be advised to contact the Police Chief about safety requirements.

Thank you.

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

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Susan Palmer-Howes, M.Ed., CAGS
Business Teacher/Fine & Applied Arts Department Chair

Sharon Susienka

DPW Response

From: James Shuris <jshuris@northbridgemass.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 9:24 AM
To: ssusienka@northbridgemass.org; wwarchol@northbridgemass.org
Subject: RE: boot drive - DECA Club

Sharon:

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Jim Shuris

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Susan

12/10/14 { c: chief warchol

Sharon Susienka

From: swimdiva97 <swimdiva97@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2014 10:52 PM
To: ssusienka@northbridgemass.org
Subject: Boot drive

E.

Hi Sharon

Op grad would like to have a Spring Boot drive looking at April 4th.

Also if no-one has taken sign next op grad meeting
Thursday January 8th 6:30 (not available)
@ whitin community center

May 2, 2015
Memorial Square
9 AM - 1 PM

Thanks a ton
Hope you enjoy this Holiday season....

Denise Foster :))

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

chief's response

Sharon Susienka

From: Walter Warchol <wwarchol@northbridgemass.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 6:09 PM
To: ssusienka@northbridgemass.org
Subject: Re: Boot drive

No problems

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 10, 2014, at 4:29 PM, Sharon Susienka <ssusienka@northbridgemass.org> wrote:

Chief:

Because only one boot drive is allowed per month, Operation Graduation came up with a new date. Do you have any concerns with a boot drive at Memorial Square on Saturday, May, 2, 2015 from 9AM – 1PM? I will advise them to contact you.

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

From: swimdiva97 [<mailto:swimdiva97@charter.net>]
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To: ssusienka@northbridgemass.org
Subject: Boot drive

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Thanks a ton
Hope you enjoy this Holiday season....

Denise Foster :))

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

ALL ALCOHOLIC CLUB**License #090400007**

Mumford Council Knights of Columbus
77 Prescott Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588
Mark L. Masterson, Mgr.

License #090400003

Whitinsville Golf Club, Inc.
179 Fletcher Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588
Christopher Hulme, Mgr.

ALL ALCOHOLIC COMMON VICTUALLER**License #090400002**

MLJJ, Inc. d/b/a The Gray Barn
2 Elm Place, Whitinsville, MA 01588
John H. Mellor, Mgr.

License #090400011

Rockdale Sports Bar, LLC
2043 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534
David MacNeil, Mgr.

License #090400039

D & NG Inc.
1229 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588
Nathan NG, Mgr.

License #090400041

Luxury Food, Inc. d/b/a Divine Thai Restaurant
123 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588
Achara Weydt

License #090400042

Kyoto of Whitinsville, LLC
185 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588
Thien Phan

License #090400043

New China Pacific LLC d/b/a New China Pacific Restaurant
683 Linwood Ave, Whitinsville, MA 01588
Jackie Lee

ALL ALCOHOLIC GENERAL- ON-PREMISES

License #090400006

Pichel Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Hawks Nest Tavern
40 Plummer Avenue, Whitinsville, MA 01588
Philip R. Pichel, Sr., Mgr.

License #090400037

SR Golf Club, LLC d/b/a Shining Rock Golf Club
91 Clubhouse Lane, Northbridge, MA 01534
Louis Papadellis, Mgr.

WINES & MALT COMMON VICTUALLER

License #090400029

George K. Drosidis d/b/a Village House of Pizza
199 North Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588

License #090400032

Jubes, LLC d/b/a Jubes Family Restaurant
1227 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588
Richard Joubert, III, Mgr.

WINES & MALT GENERAL-ON-PREMISES

NONE

ALL ALCOHOLIC PACKAGE STORE

License #090400016

Douglas Package Store, Inc. d/b/a Arcade Package Store
185 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588
David Wnukowski, Mgr.

License #090400022

Friendly Discount Liquors
1167 Providence Rd., Units 6 & 7, Whitinsville, MA 01588
William E. Giannopoulos, Mgr.

License #090400030

Jyoti Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Gary's Variety
2201 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534
Harshad Patel, Mgr.

License #090400040

Mill House Wine & Spirits, Inc.
670 Linwood Ave., Linwood, MA 01525
Alexis L. Giannopoulos, Mgr.

PACKAGE STORES WINES AND MALT

License #090400017

Samarpan, Inc. d/b/a 1 Quickstop Convenience
206 North Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588
Bhikhabhai Patel, Mgr.

License #090400021

Mina's Foods, Inc. d/b/a Vera's Mini Mart
One Plummerts Corner, Whitinsville, MA 01588
Ashraf Youssef, Mgr.

License #090400034

Brenda McAuliffe d/b/a Cellar Sooper
P.O. Box 309
106 Providence Road
Linwood, MA 01525

License #090400035

481 Yogi Convenience Store, Inc. d/b/a Highland Farms
218 Church Street
Whitinsville, MA 01588
Debra Clark, Mgr

License #090400038

Crystal Gas Inc.
175 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588
George El Houssan

2015 COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSEES

Expires December 31st - Common Victualler Licenses \$20.00

CV-2015-01 Harry's Pizza, Towne Plaza, Whitinsville, MA (Odisefs Tsimogiannis)
CV-2015-02 Whittin Community Center, 60 Main St., Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Kevin Fusco)
CV-2015-03 Samarpan, Inc. d/b/a 1 Quickstop, 206 N. Main St., Whitinsville, MA 01588 [Bhikhabhai Patel]
CV-2015-04 Northbridge Donuts, Inc. d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 1083 Prov. Rd., Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Thomas Denesowicz)
CV-2015-05 Jubes, LLC d/b/a Jubes Family Restaurant, 1227 Providence Rd., Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Richard Joubert, III)
CV-2015-06 The Donut Shop, 1115 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Chris Mitkonis)
CV-2015-07 Jan Co., Inc. d/b/a Burger King #4688, 1141 Prov. Rd., Whitinsville, MA 01588
CV-2015-08 481 Yogi Convenience Store, Inc. d/b/a Highland Farms, 218 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Govind Patel)
CV-2015-09 Cumberland Farms, Inc. #6682, 2283 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534

Mail to: 100 Crossing Blvd, Framingham MA 01702

CV-2015-10
CV-2015-11 Eric Audette d/b/a Pirate's Cove, 74 Providence Rd., Linwood, MA 01525
CV-2015-12 The 87 Diner, 87 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Margaret Gagner)
CV-2015-13 Pichel Holdings Inc. d/b/a Hawks Nest Tavern, 40 Plummer Ave., Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Philip Pichel)
CV-2015-14 Sella Corp. d/b/a McDonald's Restaurant, 1190 Providence Rd., Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Joseph Spadea)
CV-2015-15 New England Pizza, 1115 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Samy Morcos)
CV-2015-16 Raccor Foods LLC dba Little Coffee Bean, Inc., One Plummers Corner, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Darrell Laws)
CV-2015-17 Arcade Package Store, 185 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (David Wnukowski)
CV-2015-18 West End Creamery, Inc. 481 Purgatory Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Greg VandenAkker)
CV-2015-19 Whitinsville Golf Club, 179 Fletcher Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Francis Iannetta)
CV-2015-20 Friendly Discount Liquors, Inc., 1167 Providence Rd., Whitinsville, MA 01588 (William Giannopoulos)
CV-2015-21 Vera's Mini Mart, One Plummer's Corner, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Ashraf Youssef)
CV-2015-22 Knights of Columbus, 77 Prescott Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Mark Masterson)
CV-2015-23 Crystal Gas, 175 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Mark El Housan)
CV-2015-24 Jyoti Enterprise Inc., Inc. d/b/a Gary's Variety, 2201 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534 (Harshad Patel)
CV-2015-25 King Jade, 1229 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534 (Nathan Ng, Mgr.)
CV-2015-26 Amerada Hess Corporation, 1144 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01534 (Janice Flaherty)

Mail to: 1 Hess Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

CV-2015-27 Dufficy Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Domino's Pizza, 72 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Jeff Dufficy)
CV-2015-28 MLJJ, Inc. d/b/a The Gray Barn, 2 Elm Place, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (John H. Mellor, Mgr.)

Mail to: 63 Deer Track Court, Northbridge, MA 01534

CV-2015-29 Village House of Pizza, 191 N. Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (George Drosidis)
CV-2015-30 Northbridge House of Pizza, 2225 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534 (Amir Roufai)

Mail to: P.O. Box 802, Upton, MA 01568

CV-2015-31 Dimple A. Desai, Inc. d/b/a Subway of Whitinsville, 56 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588
CV-2015-32 Northbridge Donuts, Inc. d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 1144 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (T.Denesowicz)
CV-2015-33 Dimple A. Desai, Inc. d/b/a Subway #35002 [Walmart Super Center], 100 Valley Parkway, Whitinsville, MA 01588
CV-2015-34 Rockdale Sports Bar, LLC, 2043 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534 (David C. McNeil)
CV-2015-35 The Valley Café d/b/a Paulette Ruth, 98A Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Paulette Ruth)

G

CV-2015-36 Hema Investment Inc. d/b/a New Ultramart Convenience Store, 1119 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Manish Patel)
CV-2015-37
CV-2015-38 2236 Family Wok Inc., 2236 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534 (Jian Chen)
CV-2015-39 Charles Berry d/b/a Dotta's Kitchen, 1 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Charles Berry)
CV-2015-40 SR Golf Club, LLC, 91 Clubhouse Lane, Northbridge, MA 01534 (Louis Papadellis, Mgr.)
CV-2015-41 Luxury Foods, Inc. d/b/a Divine Thai, 123 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Achara Weydt)
CV-2015-42 Northbridge Coffee House, 76 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Glenn Wells)
CV-2015-43 Corner Pizza Enterprises Inc., 125 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Ali Boukioud)
CV-2015-44 Mill House Wine & Spirits, Inc., 670 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Alexis Giannopoulos)
CV-2015-45 Kyoto of Whitinsville, LLC, 185 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Thien Phan)
CV-2015-46 Fruitti Frozen Yogurt, 1223 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Thien Phan)
CV-2015-47 Sultan Salahuddin d/b/a Sammy's Restaurant, 2147 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534 (Sultan Salahuddin)
CV-2015-48 Trading Post General Store, 178 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Tuan Van Dinh)
CV-2015-49 New China Pacific LLC d/b/a New China Pacific Restaurant, 683 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Jackie Lee)

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 2015

Expires January 1st - Class II Used Car Dealers License \$50

CLII-2015-01 J & S Motors, Inc., 278 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Kurt VandenAkker)

CLII-2015-02 R.E.N. Sales & Service, 98-100 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Robert E. Nydam)

CLII-2015-03 Harbro Sales & Service, 546 Providence Road, Linwood, MA 01525 (Paul T. Hare)

CLII-2015-04 Valley Transmission Service, Inc., 909 Prov. Rd., Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Matthew L. Reynolds)

CLII-2015-05 Kearns Collision Repair, Inc., 1734 Providence Rd., Northbridge, MA 01534 (Thomas Colonnair)

CLII-2015-06 Crothers Tire Co. & Auto Sales, 110 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Thomas Crothers)

CLII-2015-07 Main Street Auto & Towing, Inc., 4 N. Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Robert Cherrier)

CLII-2015-08 Trinity Auto Brokers, 194 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (J. William Gifford)

Mail to: P.O. Box 606, Northbridge, MA 01534

CLII-2015-09 E*Mart Motors Inc., 2112 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534 (Sam Bayou)

Mail to: 189 MacArthur Road, Northbridge, MA 01534

CLII-2015-10 Bill's Radiator Service, 36 Providence Lane, Linwood, MA 01525 (Bill Frowein)

CLII-2015-11 Perry Sales & Service, 1702 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534 (Aimee Rossetti)

CLII-2015-12 Elias Motors, 53-55 Providence Road, Linwood, MA 01525 (Claude Elias)

Mail to: 205 Westchester Dr., Canton, MA 02021

CLII-2015-13 4K's Auto Exports LLC, 134 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Abdul Kafai)

Mail to: 400 Marston Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588

Expires January 1st - Class III Motor Vehicle Junk License \$50

CLIII-2015-01 Northbridge Salvage Company, LLC, 77 Green Street, Hopedale, MA 01747 (L.E. Ambrogio)

Expires April 30th - Auctioneers Permits \$15 (NONE)

Expires May 1st - Junk Dealer's License \$100

JD-2015-01 Laura Caruso d/b/a Remember When Antiques, 1697 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534

JD-2015-02

JD-2015-03 Renee Jewel d/b/a Chatsworth Antiques, 99 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588

JD-2015-04 Past & Present, Etc., Richard Clark, 670 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, MA 01588

JD-2015-05 Mantown Consignment, Brian Provencal, 2679 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588

Expires May 1st - Bowling, Billiards, Pool Table \$30 ea.

Bowl-2015-01 Ken Couture d/b/a Spatetime Recreation, 117 Church St., Whitinsville, MA 01588

Bill-2015-02 (8) Ken Couture d/b/a Spatetime Recreation, 117 Church St., Whitinsville, MA 01588

Sunday Entertainment License \$100 before 1:00 PM / \$50.00 after 1:00 PM – Required only by the Town not the State.

Note: A State License for coin-operated video games is no longer required by the Department of Public Safety as of 12/31/05.

SE-2015-01 Rockdale Sports Bar, LLC, 2043 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534 (David C. McNeil)

Expires December 31st - Automatic Amusement Device License \$100 per device (Juke Box \$30)

AA-2015-01 (1) Pichel Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Hawk's Nest Tavern, 40 Plummer Ave, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Philip R. Pichel Sr.)

AA-2015-02 (1) MLJJ, Inc. d/b/a The Gray Barn, 2 Elm Place, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (John H. Mellor)

Mail to: 63 Deer Track Court, Northbridge, MA 01534

AA-2015-03 (6) National Entertainment Network, [Walmart Super Center], 100 Valley Parkway, Whitinsville, MA 01588

Mail to: 397 S. Taylor Avenue, Louisville, CO 80027 (Attn: Jennifer Hoon)

AA-2015-04 (1) Rockdale Sports Bar, LLC, 2043 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534 (David C. McNeil)

Expires December 31st - Entertainment License - No Fee

ENT-2015-01

ENT-2015-02 MLJJ, Inc. d/b/a The Gray Barn, 2 Elm Place, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (John H. Mellor)

Mail to: 63 Deer Track Court, Northbridge, MA 01534

ENT-2015-03 Rockdale Sports Bar, LLC, 2043 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534 (David C. McNeil)

ENT-2015-04 Pichel Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Hawk's Nest Tavern, 40 Plummer Ave, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Philip R. Pichel Sr.)

ENT-2015-05 SR Golf Club LLC, 91 Clubhouse Lane, Northbridge, MA 01534 (Louis Papadellis)

Expires December 31st - Permits (Also used for Carnivals) \$12

P-2015-01 JoAnn Warren d/b/a JoAnn Warren Dance Studio, 116B Church St., Whitinsville, MA 01588

**Expires December 31st - Lodging House License \$20
(NONE)**

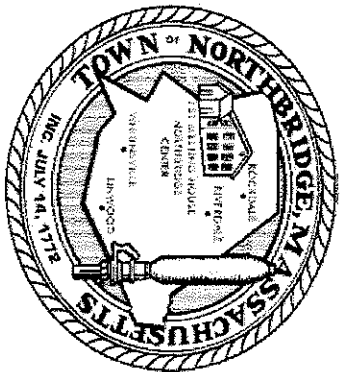
Expires December 31st - Livery License \$25 per vehicle and \$25 per operator

LL-2015-01 John Guenette d/b/a Prime Time Limo, 24 Linkside Court, Northbridge, MA 01534 (John Guenette)

LOL-2015-01 John Guenette d/b/a Prime Time Limo, 24 Linkside Court, Northbridge, MA 01534 (John Guenette)

LL-2015-02 Melinda Demers d/b/a Grafton Taxi, 216 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Melinda Demers)

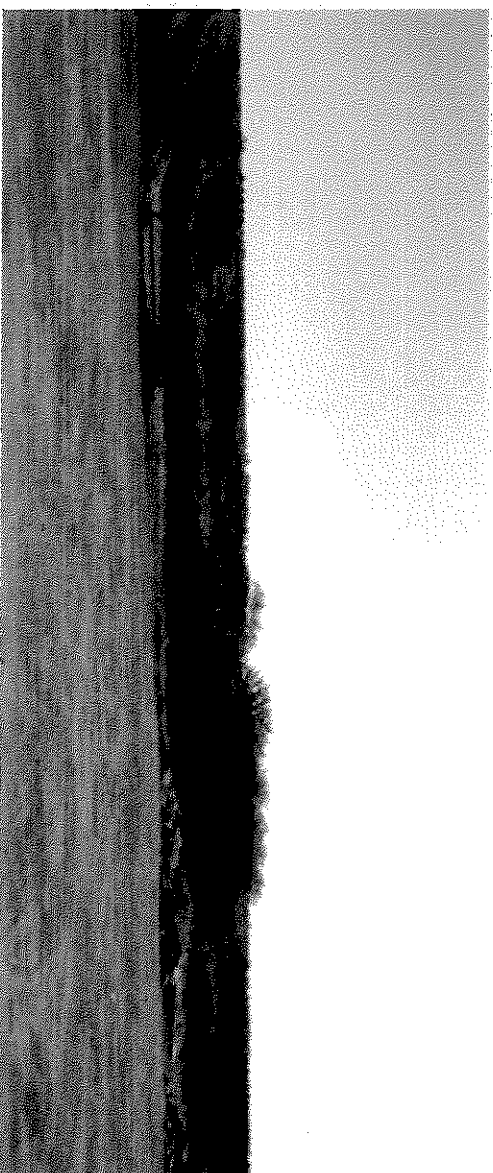
LOL-2015-02 Melinda Demers d/b/a Grafton Taxi, 216 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588 (Melinda Demers)



NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PRESENTATION

»» H.

2040 Providence Road Reuse Plan



DECEMBER 15, 2014

» Reuse Plan to address:

- Site Overview
- Goals & Objectives
- Planning Process
- Site Characteristics
- Zoning
- Clean-up & Mitigation
- Reuse Potential
- Local, Regional, State partners
- Findings and Recommendations

2040 Providence Road Reuse Plan



Introduction

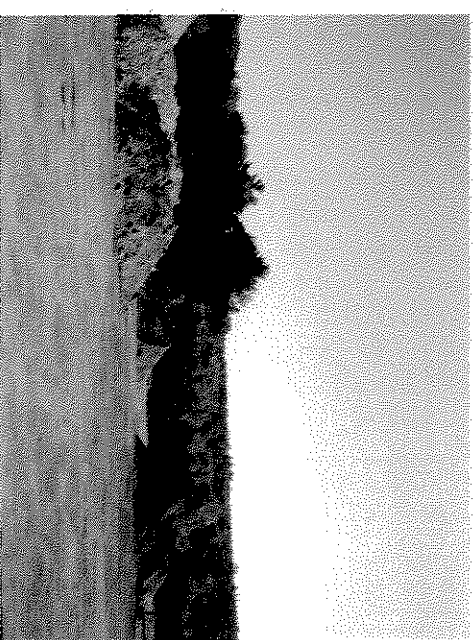
- » PDA is a Priority Development Area designated within a prioritization plan.
- » 2040 Providence Road identified by the Town within the 2012 Blackstone Valley Prioritization Project (PDA# 216-7)
- » Town submitted DLTA Project Request in June 2014 for assistance on Reuse Plan associated with this PDA
- » CMRPC approved 25-hour PDA technical assistance for the Reuse Plan

2040 Providence Road Reuse Plan



» Introduction to Site

- > The 2040 Providence Road Site consists of 3 properties:
 - + Map 22 Parcel 25, D & G Recycling. 0.71 acres
 - + Map 22 Parcel 34, Kloczek, Paul D., Trustee; co-owner L & P Realty Trust. 25.15 acres.
 - + Map 22 Parcel 27, Town of Northbridge. 0.21 acres



2040 Providence Road Reuse Plan

Site Location

Northbridge Priority Development Area Project: 2040 Providence Road
Site Location Map

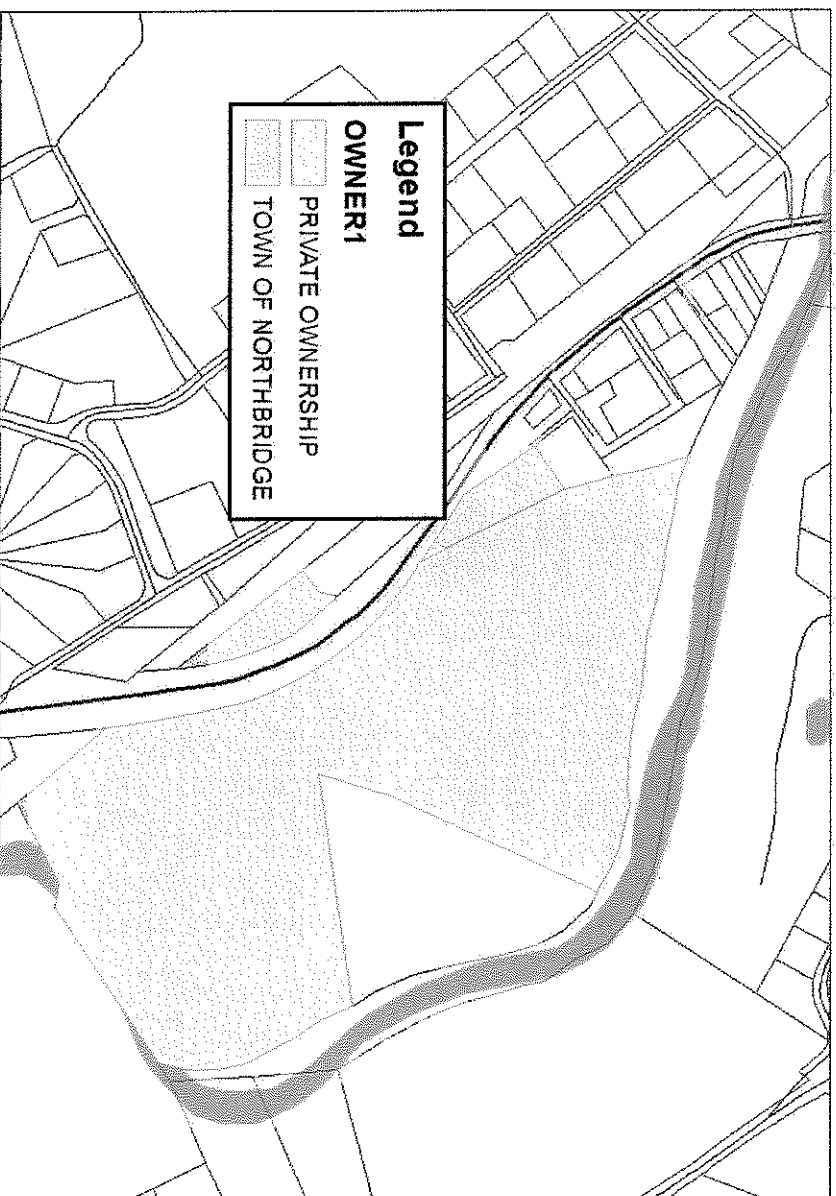


2040 Providence Road Reuse Plan



Site Ownership

Northbridge Priority Development Area Project: 2040 Providence Road
Site Ownership



2040 Providence Road Reuse Plan



» Site is a known “Brownfield”

- > A “Brownfield Site” means real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

» Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) prepared January 2011 (Fuss & O’Neill)

» Phase II ESA prepared July 2012 (Fuss & O’Neill)

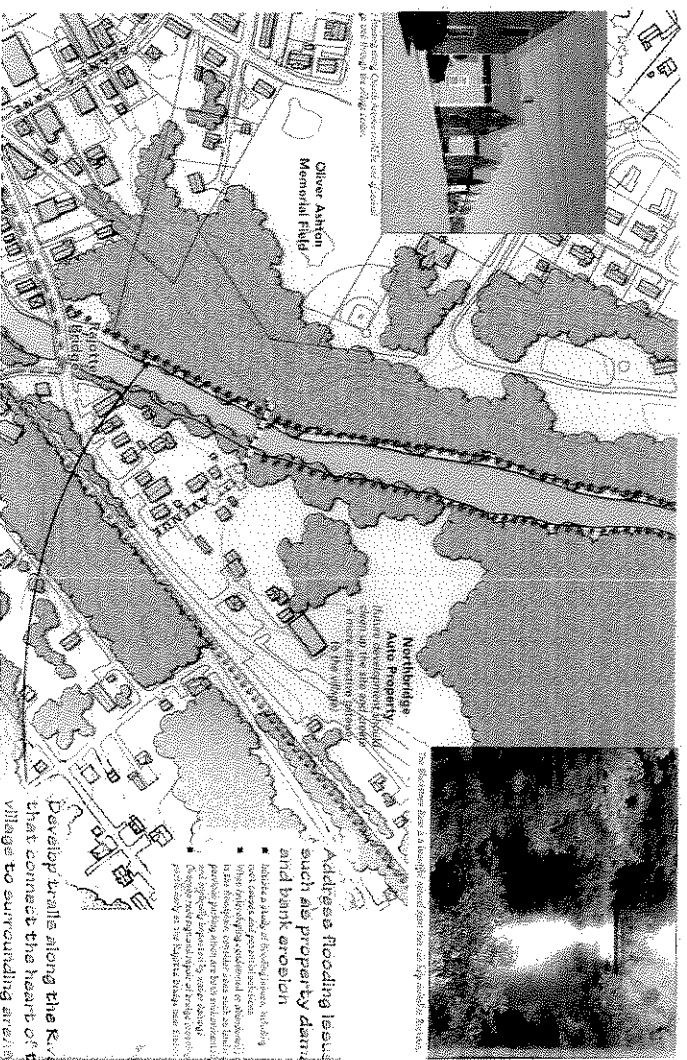
» Current Conditions and Remaining Clean-up Actions:

- > *To include Fuss and O’Neal latest Update here*



» Goals and Objectives:

- > Goal: Seek redevelopment of 2040 Providence Road by having the property cleaned up and back as a tax revenue-generating property.
- > CMRPC has integrated existing goals and objectives from the Urban River Vision 2 (2007) and the 1994 Master Plan into the Report.



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» Previous Planning Efforts

> 1994 Master Plan

> Vision Statement:

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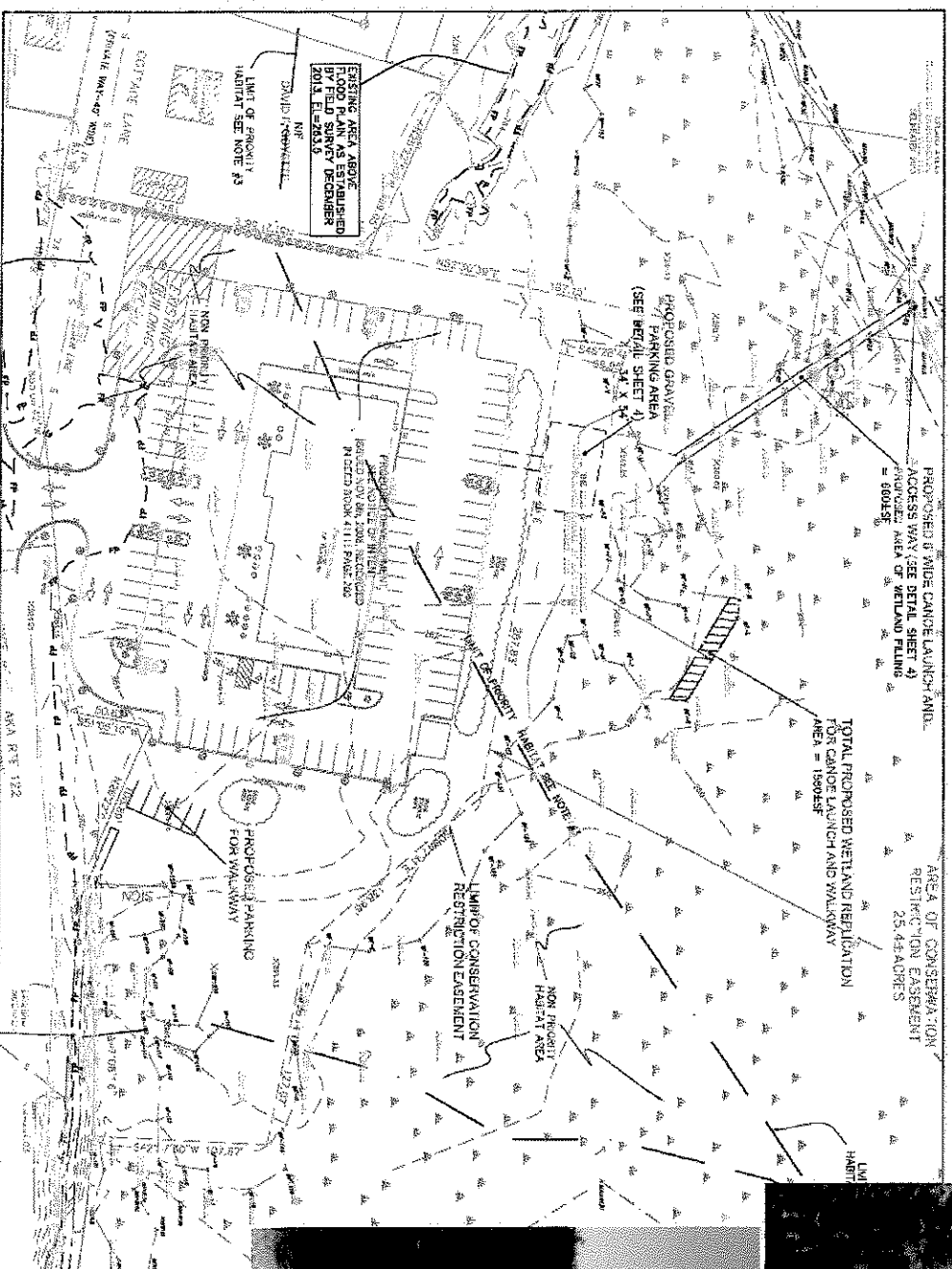
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- » More on Site Characteristics
- > DEP Consent Order and "SEPP"
- > Conservation Restriction

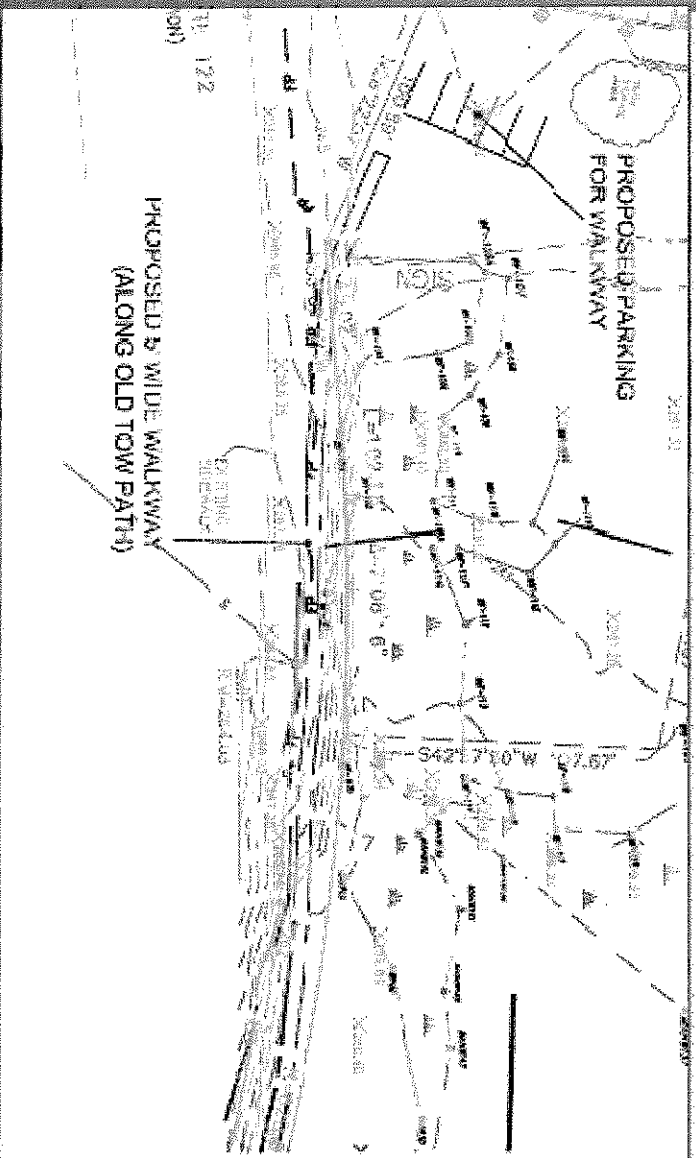


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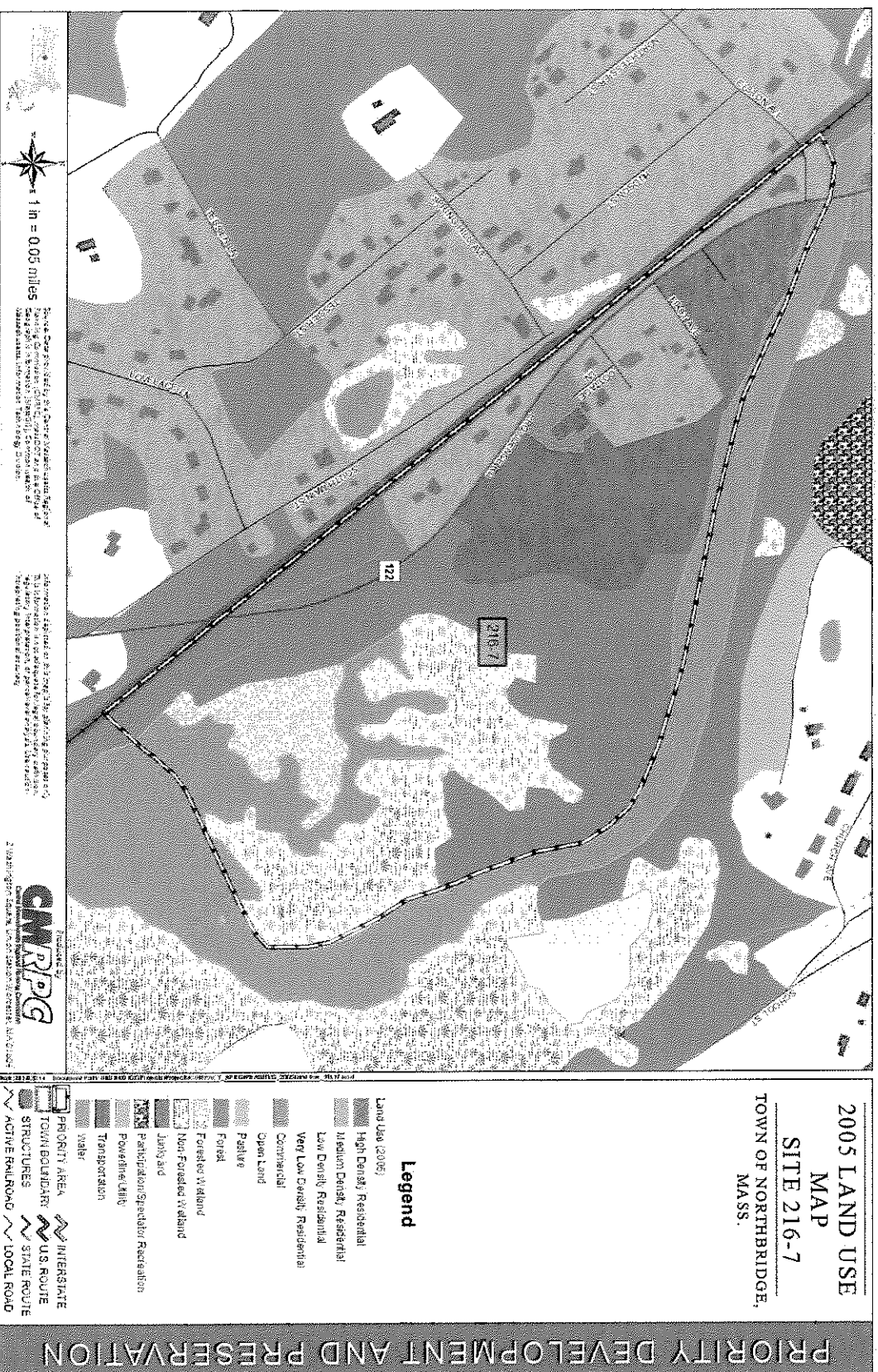
- > Water and Sewer Available
- > WRTA Transit – Route A: Connects Site to Worcester via Millbury
- > Blackstone Valley Bikeway Opportunity



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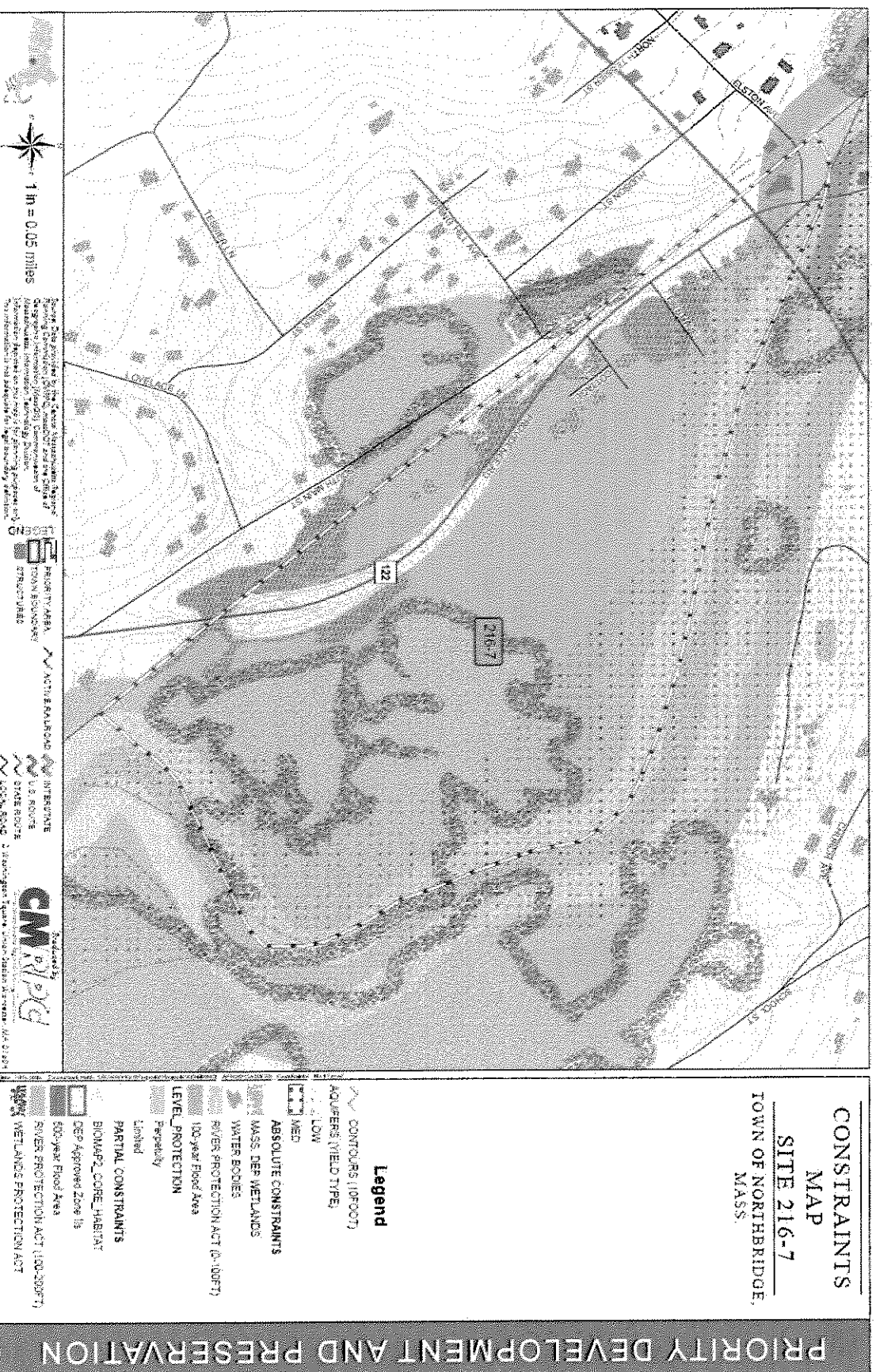


Land Use of Site and Vicinity



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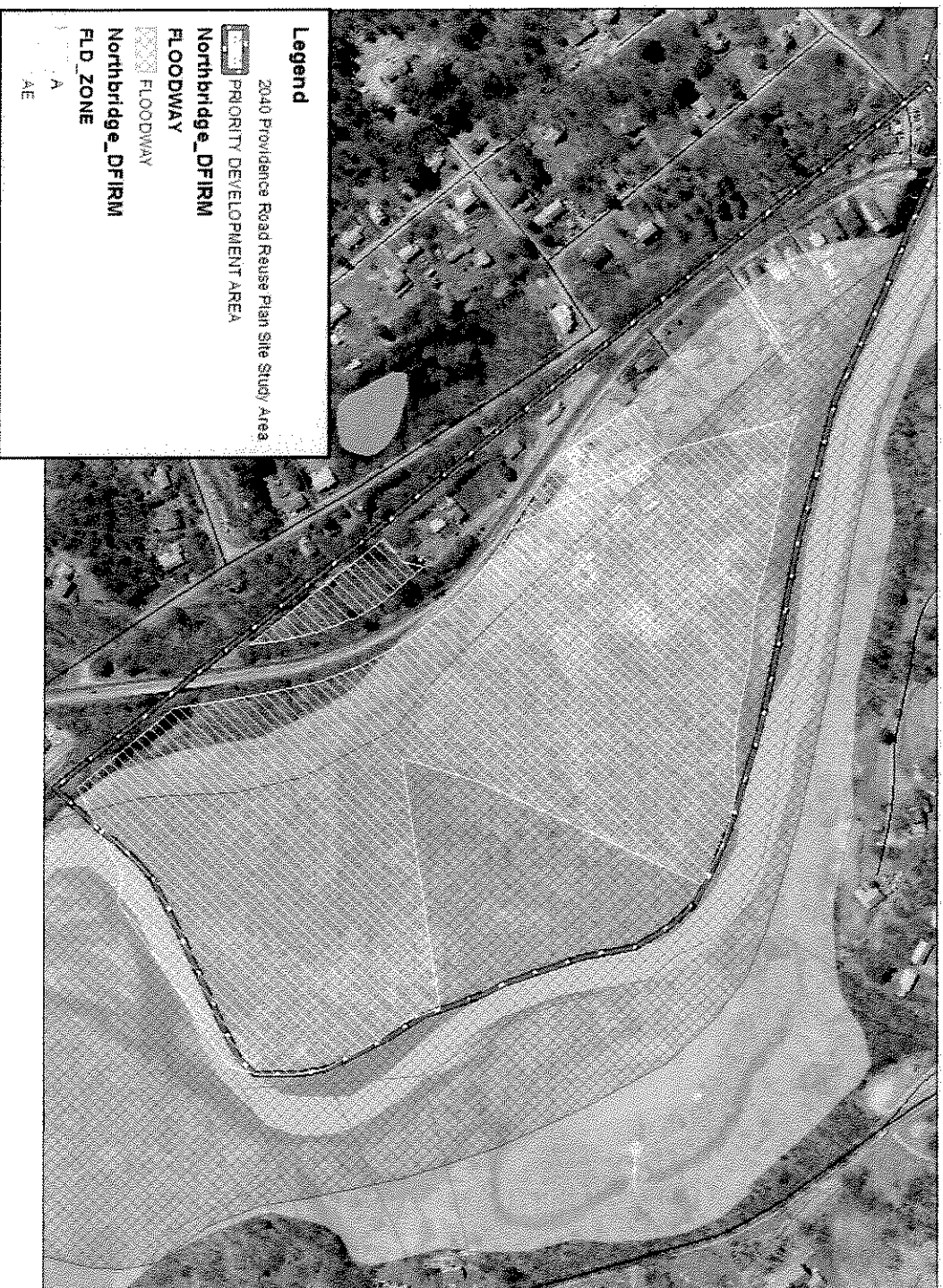
» Environmental Constraints:



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» Floodplain/Floodway

2040 Providence Road: Location of the 100-Year FloodPlain and Floodway

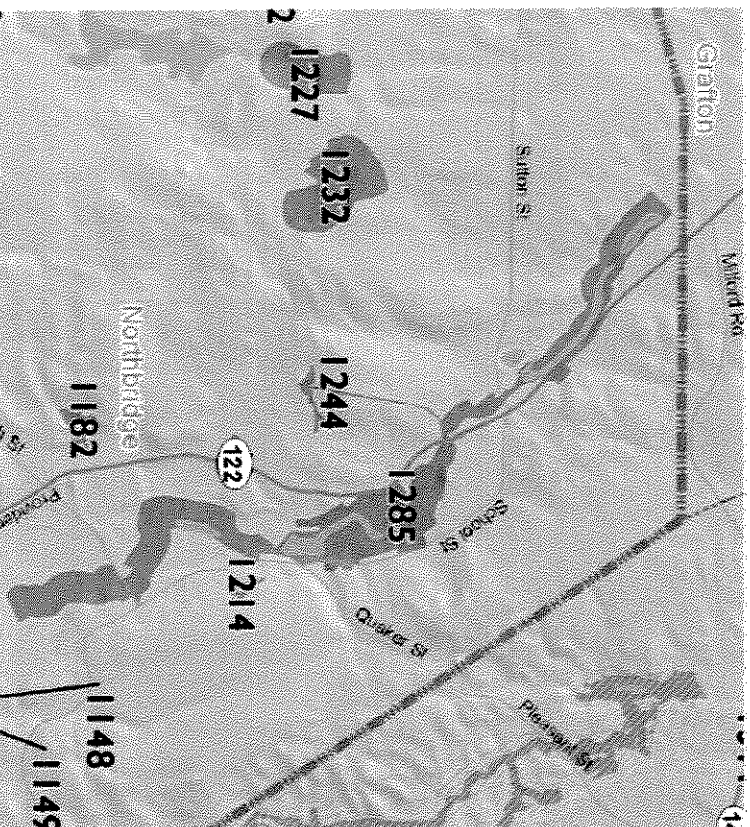


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» BioMap 2 and Priority Habitat

BioMap 2 Habitat Identified:



Priority Habitat Identified:



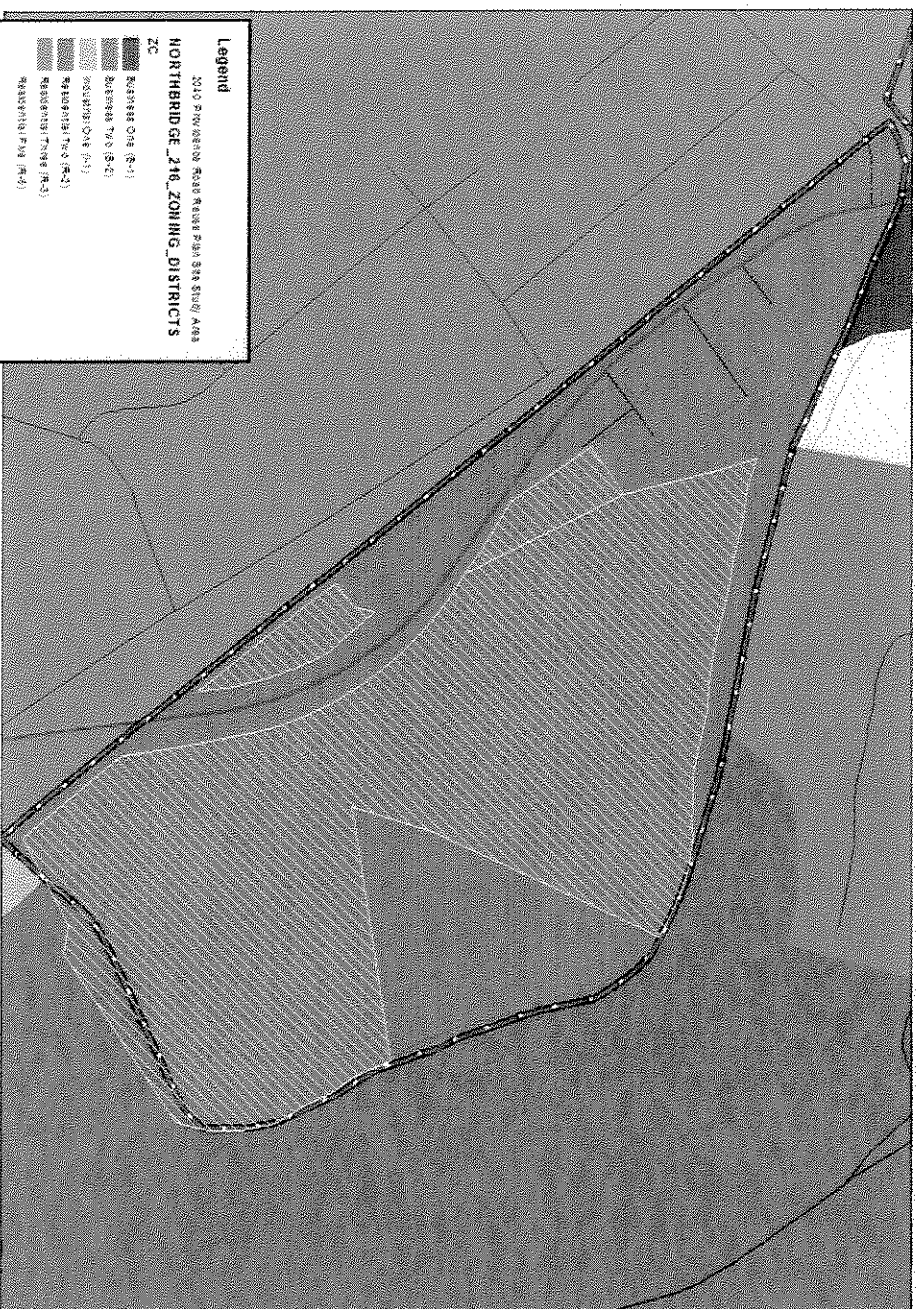
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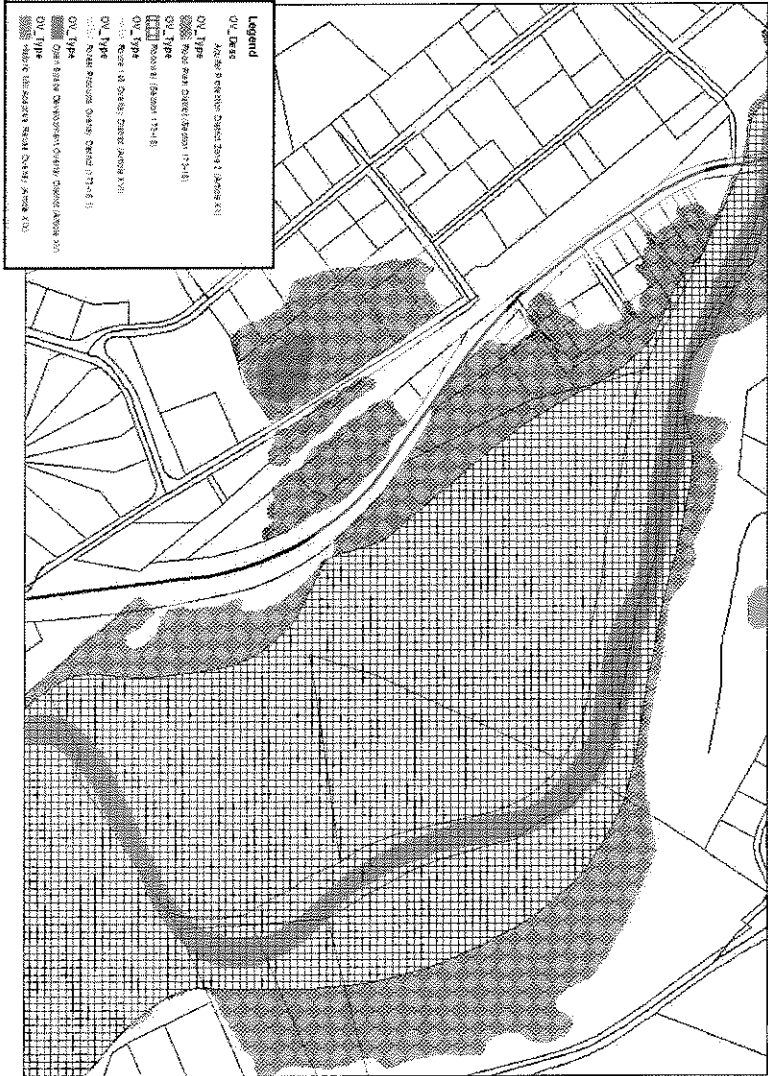
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Zoning District Information for 2040 Providence Road and Vicinity



» Zoning of Site and Vicinity:

- > The Property is in the Town's B-2 Zoning District, which is 1 of the Town's 3 Business/Commercial-related Zoning Districts.
- > **Residential Uses Currently Not Allowed**
- > Floodway Overlay District and Flood Plain District cover a significant portion of the site



2040 Providence Road Reuse Plan

» Local, Regional, State Partners

> Town of Northbridge:

- + Town Meeting for Zoning Change;
- + Planning Board/Conservation Commission: Permitting
- + Town support/fiscal agent for Grants

> Metacomet Land Trust: Conservation Restriction

> State

- + Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR):

- Recreational Trails Program: Grant Source for Trail/Canoe Launch
- Administers the State Park system: This includes the Blackstone River and Canal Heritage Park and the Greenways Program.
- + MassDevelopment: Brownfields Remediation Loan
- + The Blackstone River and Canal Commission: Development Review and Grant Clearinghouse
- + MA Department of Environmental Protection: Clean Up/Consent Order



» Local, Regional, State Partners

> Blackstone Heritage Corridor

- + Partnership Grant Program – Canoe Launch/Trail Source of funding

- + Preserve America: no funding for program at this date

> CMRPC

- + DLTA is funded for 2015; Potential to assist in Zoning Bylaw development; Further Rockdale PDA Assistance

- + Transportation Planning Assistance

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» Findings and Recommendations

- > Mixed use zoning is not allowed. The Town should adopt a zoning provision that allows for the desired mixed use.
- > The Town should support the property owner by assisting in completing 2015 Recreational Trails Grant and Heritage Partnership Grant Program applications to assist in the development of the walking trail and boat ramp
- > The should work with DCR to see about the potential for the trail network to be extended north of Plummers Corner and bringing the Blackstone Valley Bikeway through this area



- » Questions/Comments
- » Will need all comments by Monday, December 29th to complete Final Report by Dec. 31st.
- » Contact Info for Further Input:
 - > Eric R. Smith, ALCP, Principal Planner, esmith@cmrnc.org or via phone @ 508-459-3322

2040 Providence Road Reuse Plan





Town of Northbridge
2040 Providence Road PDA (216-7):
2040 Providence Road Reuse Plan

Purpose of Analysis

2040 Providence Road was identified by the Town of Northbridge as a Priority Development Area within the 2012 Blackstone Valley Prioritization Project (PDA# 216-7). Priority Development Areas (PDAs) are areas within a municipality that have been identified as capable of supporting additional development or as candidates for redevelopment. These are areas on which a town is focusing its energy to promote thoughtful economic development that is closely tied to the community's goals.

PDA assistance projects are intended as a "next step" following the completion of a prioritization project. Planning funds from the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program support the effort and up to 25 hours of technical assistance may be provided to each interested community. Specifically, the objective of this project is to provide participating communities with a packet of information for a PDA that can be used to guide them in identifying possible zoning changes, development of a Chapter 43D application¹ or other grant applications (MassWorks; DHCD's Downtown Technical Assistance), promotion to developers, as a template for future analysis of additional PDAs, etc. CMRPC staff worked with each participating community to ensure that the technical assistance provided was tailored to the town's specific needs.

Reuse Plan

The Town of Northbridge's DLTA request for the PDA analysis was submitted by Theodore D. Kozak, Town Manager, "for the preparation of a Reuse Plan (study) for 2040 Providence Road." Northbridge Town Planner, Gary Bechtoldt, acted as the primary contact on behalf of the Town. CMRPC Principal Planner, Eric R. Smith, AICP, served as the CMRPC Staff Project Manager for this initiative. Based on an agreed to Scope of Services between CMRPC and the Town of Northbridge, the 2040 Providence Road PDA Project for 2014 involved preparing a "Reuse Plan" that addressed the following issues:

- Site Overview (e.g., history & background)
- Goals & Objectives
- Planning Process (e.g., community input)
- Site Characteristics (subject property itself & regional context, WRTA route, access to river, BVR bikeway, etc.)
- Zoning (existing land use(s) permitted, Floodplain, etc.)
- Clean-up & Mitigation
- Reuse Potential (redevelopment benefits, open space, natural resource protection, etc.)
- Local, Regional, State partners
- Findings and Recommendations

¹ www.mass.gov/hed/business/licensing/43d

Therefore the remainder of this Report consists of the Reuse Plan addressing each component above.

Site Overview

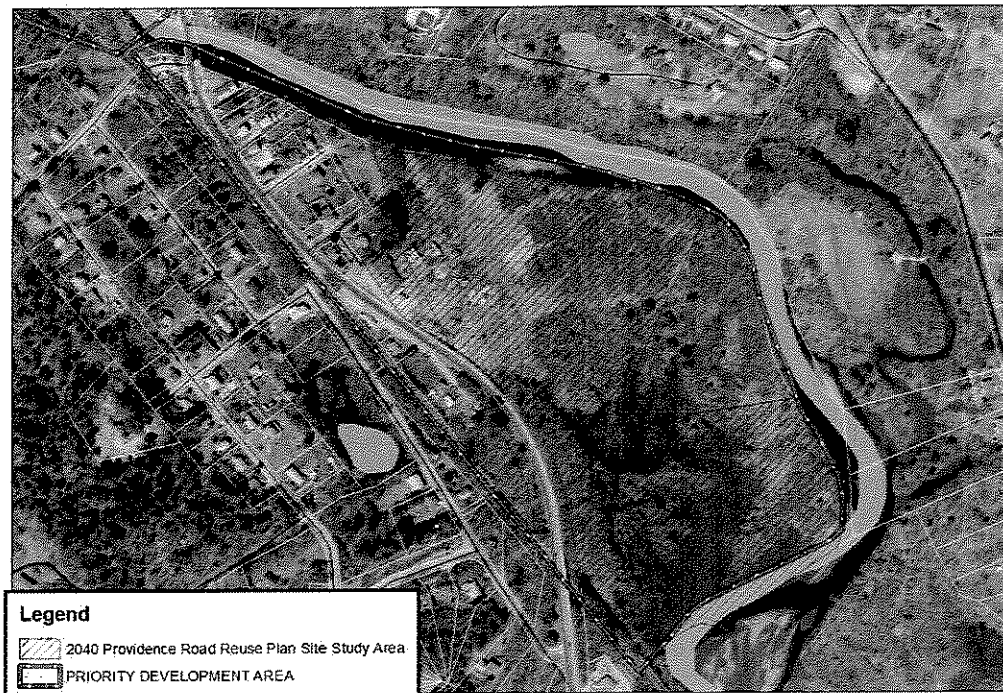
The 2040 Providence Road Site consists of three (3) properties. These properties, with information as provided by the Northbridge Board of Assessors, are as follows (with Map/Parcel info, property owner and acreage of each):

- Map 22 Parcel 25, D & G Recycling. 0.71 acres
- Map 22 Parcel 34, Klocek, Paul D., Trustee; co-owner L & P Realty Trust. 25.15 acres.
- Map 22 Parcel 27, Town of Northbridge. 0.21 acres

The total of the three (3) properties consists of a total of 26.07 acres. This information is based on the 2006 site plan submittal for a commercial building on approximately 2-3 acres of land of the total site located near Providence Road. Although approved by the Northbridge Planning Board, due to the recent economic recession, this building was never built. Map 1 below shows the site in relation to surrounding properties in the Rockdale Village section of the Town of Northbridge. Map 2 on the following page shows ownership by private versus public.

Map 1: 2040 Providence Road Site Map

**Northbridge Priority Development Area Project: 2040 Providence Road
Site Location Map**

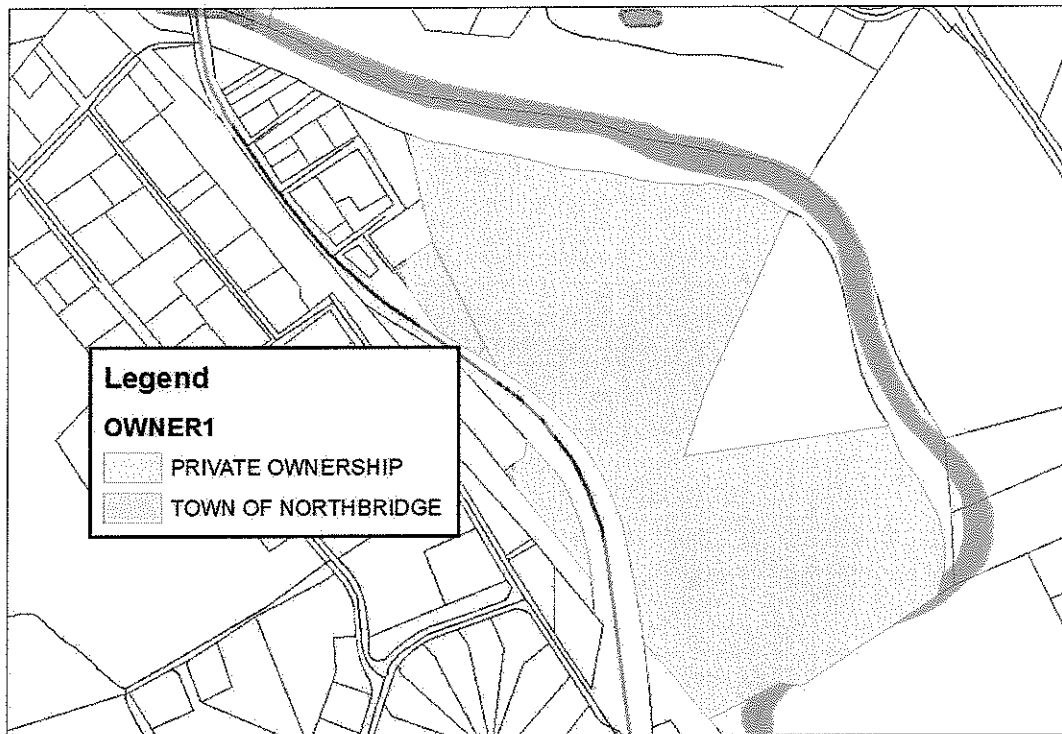


The three (3) parcels that comprise the 2040 Providence Road site make up the majority of land area of the 2040 Providence Road PDA boundary. However, the PDA boundary, as shown in Map 1 is more expansive. The boundary of this PDA actually is similar to the B-2 Zoning District located in this area (see Map 8 for zoning of the

PDA and surrounding areas).

Map 2: Site Ownership: Private versus Public

Northbridge Priority Development Area Project: 2040 Providence Road Site Ownership



View of the 2040 Providence Road Site as viewed from Providence Road

History and background: The property is a former auto-salvage yard that has had a Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessment completed in 2011 and 2012 (Fuss & O'Neill), as part of CMRPC's Brownfield Assessment Grant Program that was funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). According to information provided in the July 2012 Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, "Based on information previously

provided by the site owner and sole proprietor of Northbridge Auto Wrecking, Mr. Paul Klocek, and MassDEP files, the site was initially developed in approximately 1945 for use as a fueling station, automotive repair facility, and salvaging operation. Four underground storage tanks (USTs) with a combined capacity of 30,000 gallons were located near the site building and were used for vehicle fueling until approximately 1998, at which time they were cleaned, rendered inert (i.e. filled with dry ice), and abandoned in place. In addition, a 500 gallon waste oil UST may have been located near the southeastern corner of the automotive repair garage. However, the exact location and condition of the waste oil UST were not documented in the records reviewed by Fuss & O'Neill. Vehicle salvaging operations ceased in approximately 2005 following administrative proceedings between MassDEP and Northbridge Auto Wrecking. Tires and solid waste were removed from the site at that time and a portion of the building was leased as storage space. The Town has identified the subject site as a potential location for a commercial development. In 2007, the Town Zoning and Planning Boards approved a redevelopment plan involving the construction of a 10,000 square foot commercial building on the western portion of the subject site. However, to date, this redevelopment has not been completed."

The two Environmental Site Assessment documents are available at the Northbridge Planning Board Office or at CMRPC for those who wish to review more of the history and brownfield assessment process associated of this site. *David Foss of Fuss & O'Neill provides a summary of existing conditions and remaining actions required for full clean-up to allow for property reuse on page 14 of this report².*

The site was also identified as part of the Town of Northbridge's UrbanRivers Charrette held in the Spring of 2007. The Charrette, which was focused on the Village of Rockdale, led to a Report Summary that provided a series of goals and implementation recommendations. The 2040 Providence Road Site is identified as the "Northbridge Auto Property" and the Charrette Report indicated that *"future development should clean up the site and create a more attractive gateway to the village."* The Charrette Report also had made recommendations to *"develop trails along the River that connect the heart of the Village to surrounding areas", "Connect the Future Blackstone River Bikeway to Rockdale's Village Center in order to capitalize on the trail's economic potential" and "Establish water access point for canoes, kayaks, and other recreational opportunities."*

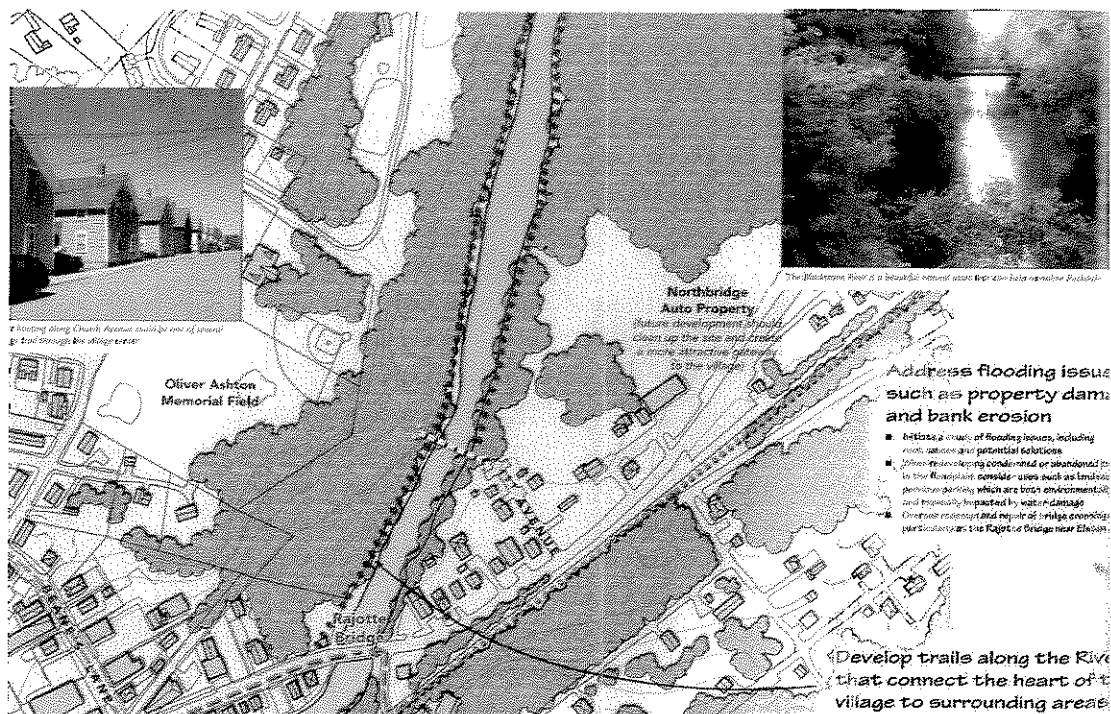
Goals & Objectives

The goals and objectives for this project were identified based on the Town's desire to have this property be cleaned up and placed back on the tax rolls. This desire of the Town's becomes an important goal: *"Seek redevelopment of 2040 Providence Road by having the property cleaned up and back as a tax revenue-generating property."* Goals and Objectives related to this Site are found in the Urban Rivers Charrette summary (see page 5) and the 1994 Master Plan discussion (see pages 5-6).

Planning Process

CMRPC Staff met with the Northbridge Town Planner on July 17, 2014 to begin to learn about the background and history associated with the 2040 Providence Road Site. Beyond learning what was important from the Town Planner's perspective, it was agreed to allow for direct community input by facilitating a planning process and the Scope of Services for this Project included one Public Workshop.

² This information was not available in time for the publication of this Draft Report but will be made available in the Final Version.



Excerpt from the 2007 Urban Rivers Vision 2 Charrette Report

On Tuesday, August 26, 2014, this Public Workshop was held as part of a Northbridge Planning Board meeting. Based on a review of the meeting sign-in sheet, approximately twenty (20) people attended the workshop. This number included CMRPC's Principal Planner, who began with a presentation with background information on the property and findings to date, the Northbridge Planning Board, Town Planner, a number of Rockdale Village residents, and a property owner representative (Jerry Caya).

Key themes from the workshop were: a) residents want to see the property cleaned up, b) there is support for reuse/redevelopment of the property that includes a mixed-use development, c) would like to have elements of recreation/open space associated with such reuse/redevelopment, and d) include preservation of historical elements, particularly with the remnants of the Blackstone Canal.

CMRPC Staff also conducted a Site Visit on Tuesday, September 23rd that included the participation of the current property owner, past property owner and the Town Planner. This allowed Staff the ability to get on-site and see the potential location for the walking trail and boat ramp/canoe launch and where the developable area is located.

CMRPC then presented a Project Summary with Findings and Recommendations at the December 15th Board of Selectmen meeting. This presentation was part of delivering the draft report to the Town and allowing for review and input before the report was finalized by the December 31, 2014 project deadline.

Master Plan: The Town of Northbridge's 1994 Master Plan provided community input in the form of goals, objectives, and a vision statement. Those items that are relevant to the 2040 Providence Road Site are provided below.

Master Plan Vision Statement: *"In the year 2005...Rockdale (identified as 1 of the 3 main village centers)...is an attractive, vibrant center with mixed residential, commercial and light industrial uses....the Blackstone (1 of 3 identified rivers) has been cleaned up and now provides numerous...recreational opportunities..."*

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Community Services and Facilities section included a Goal for the Town to *"Increase its Recreational Opportunities."* One relevant objective with this Goal was to *"Create bike paths and pedestrian paths."*

CMRPC Staff notes that the 1994 Master Plan and the August 28th Public Workshop provide support for the Town to move forward with development of mixed-use zoning for not only 2040 Providence Road but the Rockdale Village as a whole. The workshop also identified support for recreational uses in this area.

Site Characteristics

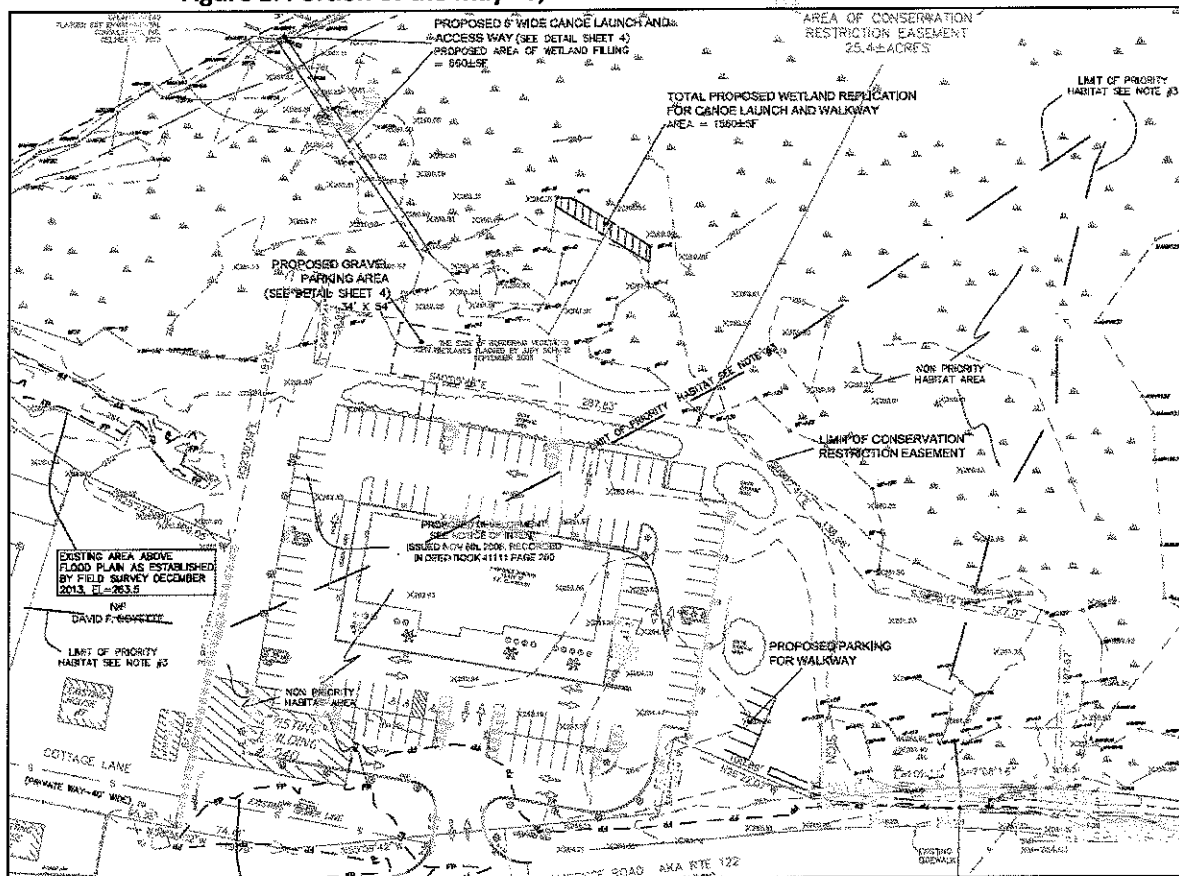
The Site and its Regional Context: As introduced on Page 2, the 2040 Providence Road Site is part of the Rockdale Village section of the Town of Northbridge. It is an important gateway site, especially approaching the Village from the South along Providence Road (Route 122). The site has extensive access to the Blackstone River, as it forms the rear boundary of the Site. 2040 Providence Road is located about 13 miles southeast of The City of Worcester.

As indicated on pages 3-4, the Site had been a former auto-salvage yard that has seen recent actions towards the clean-up of past contamination. An important element of this site, especially related to the clean-up of the past contamination introduced on pages 3-4, is the Consent Order between the property owner and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The current owners, D&G Recycling, have signed a Consent Order with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) that spell out the terms for taking the site through final clean-up and the Consent Order states that: *"As of November 16, 2012, D&G as the owner of the Site, has assumed all responsibility for the Site, including, but not limited to responsibility for operating and maintaining the Site in compliance with all applicable status and regulations enforced by the Department (of Environmental Protection)." Attachment A of the Consent Order is the Supplemental Environmental Project Proposal (SEPP).*

The SEPP includes a requirement for the property owner to put the site into a Conservation Restriction, develop a walking trail down to the Blackstone River, develop a canoe launch and construct a parking lot for users of the trail and canoe launch. Speaking to the property owner's environmental consultant, CMRPC has learned that

the buildable area as indicated in the 2006 Site Plan is still allowed to be buildable area under the Consent Order and SEPP. The property owner is working with the Metacomet Land Trust to be the entity to hold the Conservation Restriction. Both the Consent Order and the SEPP identify the Site as Map 22 Lot 34 consisting of 25 acres. A portion of a Site Plan prepared on May 16, 2014 is provided below, which shows the proposed location of the gravel parking area, walkway and the canoe launch. It also indicates where the buildable area is, based on the 2006 Site Plan. Any development (this includes the trail/canoe launch/parking area and the proposed building and associated parking) will have to go through the local permitting process. More on this status is discussed under the "Local, Regional, State Partners" Section that begins on page 15.

Figure 1: Portion of the May 16, 2014 Site Plan for 2040 Providence Road



Infrastructure: The site benefits from readily-available public water and sewer services. The site is on the recently established WRTA bus route, servicing the towns of Northbridge, Grafton & Millbury, known as Route A. This bus route helps connect Rockdale to Worcester via Millbury at the Blackstone Valley Shoppes. For more information on the Route A see the following link: <http://www.therta.com/routea/>.

The planned Blackstone River Bikeway would pass nearby the Site as part of the Bikeway's Vision to connect Providence and Worcester with a continuous off-road multi-use path. As part of the SEPP agreement, the property owner will also be constructing a 5-foot wide walkway along the old tow path associated with the former Blackstone Canal, remnants of which still remain on a portion of the Site. As shown above in Figure 1 and also in more detail below in Figure 2, parking will be provided on-site for the walkway as part of the SEPP

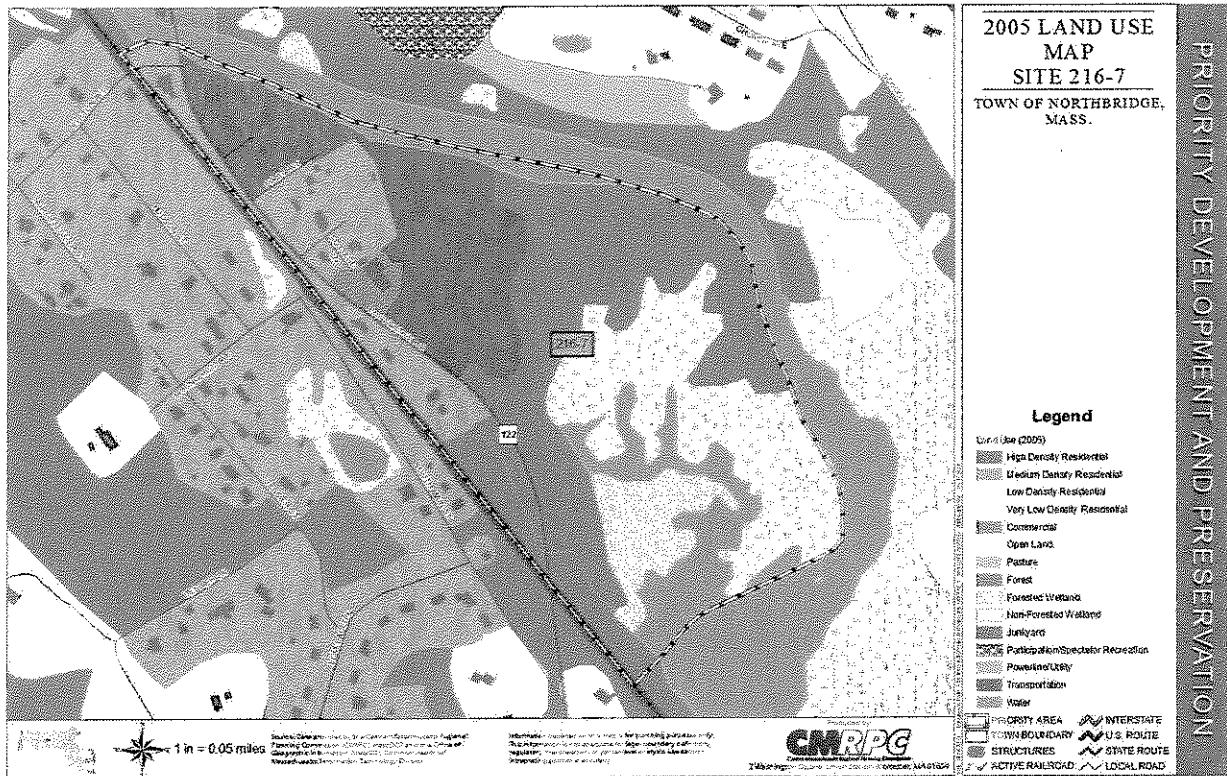
For more information, including the current status of the Blackstone Valley Bikeway initiative, see the following link: <http://www.blackstonevalleycorridor.org/explore/bikeway/comprehensive-overview-11-2014.pdf>

Environmental Constraints, Floodplain: Based on CMRPC's review and analysis of available GIS, the site is subject to a number of environmental constraints. The most significant of these constraints is the floodplain associated with the Blackstone River. Map 4 on the following page shows the various environmental constraints while Map 5, also on the following page, focuses on the 100-year floodplain and associated floodway³. Presence of the 100-year floodplain and the floodway, in particular, limit development of the site in those areas. The Town has adopted a Floodway and Floodplain Overlay District, which spells out what sorts of limited developments are allowed in these areas. Given that the floodway involves the channel of the river (not only presently, but also past based on historical records and potential, based on geological and hydrological forces), the Floodway provisions are much more prohibitive than any allowed used in the Floodplain. See pages 13-14 for greater discussion of this matter.

³ FEMA defines the Floodplain as “Any land area susceptible to being inundated by flood waters from any source.” Whereas the Floodway is “the channel of a river and the portion of the overbank floodplain that must be reserved in order discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation by a designated height.”

Other constraints include wetlands, priority habitat and being located within a Zone II associated with drinking water resources.

Map 3: 2005 Land Use of the 2040 Providence Road



Endangered / Priority Habitat Environment

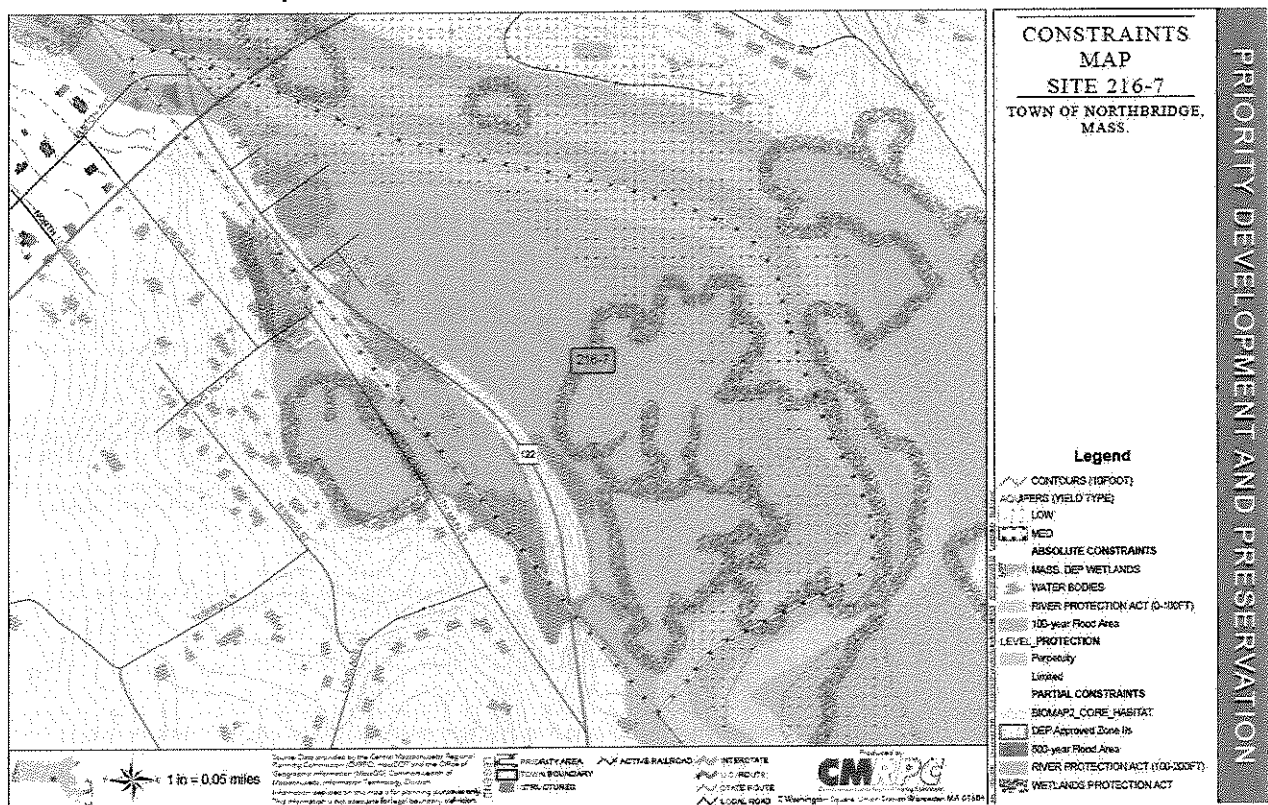
BioMap 2 Habitat Identified: According to BioMap2, there is one core habitat located in the study area. This core habitat area is identified as Core 1285 that is “a 353-acre Core Habitat featuring Species of Conservation Concern.” See Map 6 on page 11. There are two specific dragonfly species that have been identified in this core habitat area. The Arrow Clubtail is a large dragonfly whose aquatic nymphs inhabit medium to large, swift-flowing, sandy-bottomed rivers and occasionally large lakes. The terrestrial adults inhabit riparian areas and the surrounding uplands, and return to the water body to mate and lay eggs. Brook Snaketails are dragonflies whose nymphs can be found in clear, sand-bottomed streams with intermittent rapids, often flowing through dense woodland.

For more information on the BioMap2 Program visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/natural-heritage/land-protection-and-management/biomap2/>

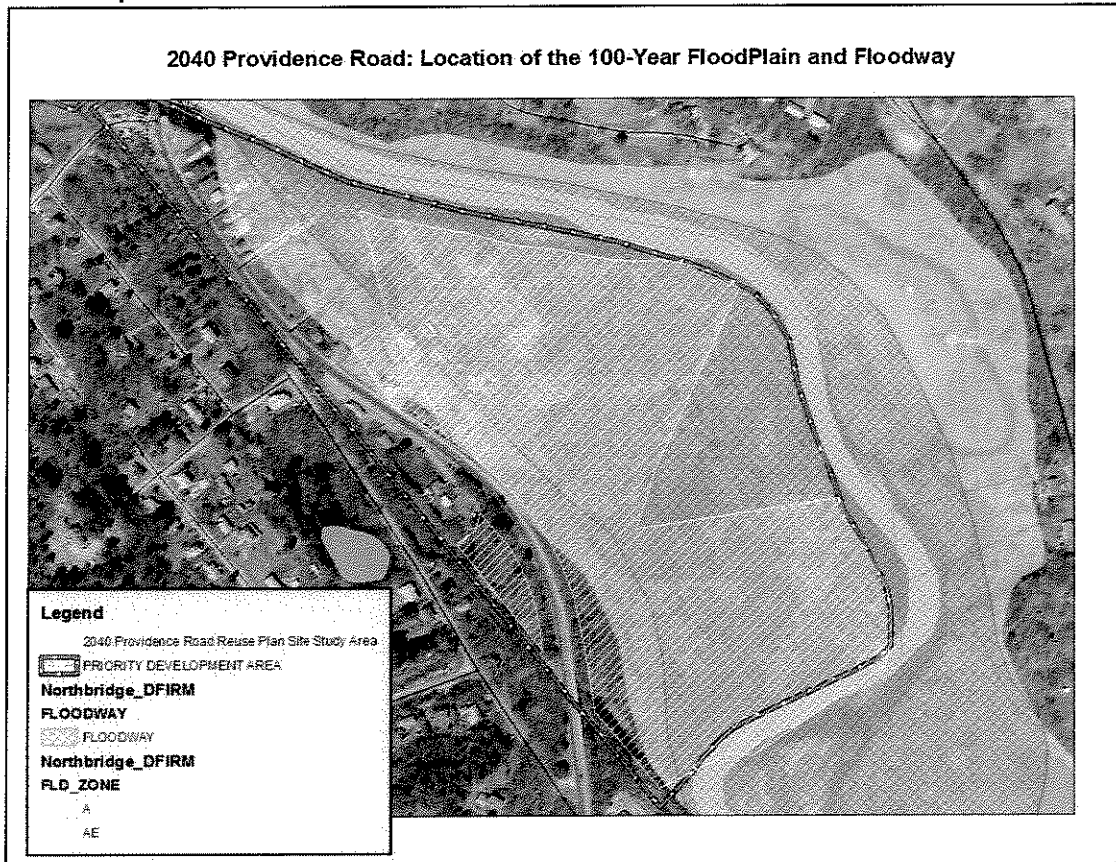
Priority Habitat Identified: In addition to the BioCore Habitat area, the 2040 Providence Road area appears to be mostly in a State-identified Priority Habitat Area, as indicated in the Map 7 on page 12 (PH 445). Priority Habitats are for use with the MA Endangered Species Act Regulations (321 CMR 10). A primary responsibility of the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program is the regulatory protection of rare species and their habitats as codified under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) (M.G.L. c.131A) and Wetlands

Protection Act (WPA) (M.G.L. c.131 s.40). In order to protect rare species and their habitats NHESP reviews projects and activities proposed within Estimated or Priority Habitat. Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental Consultants, who has been acting as the wetlands and environmental consultant for the property owner, noted that *"from our research we found out through the Conservation Commission (as the commission had a bridge construction filing at the beginning of this D&G Recycling Project) it was the Brook Snaketail Dragonfly; we believe it is nothing we can't overcome – we are very familiar with Rare Species- as soon as the plans have been finalized we will be filing (with) the Rare Species program and the Northbridge Conservation Commission."* CMRPC Staff's review of the Priority Habitat Map shows that the Dragonfly habitat seems to be mostly on the unbuildable area at least. Although the trail and canoe launch/boat ramp as well as the Canal Tow Path walkway will have to address the priority habitat considerations as part of the permitting process.

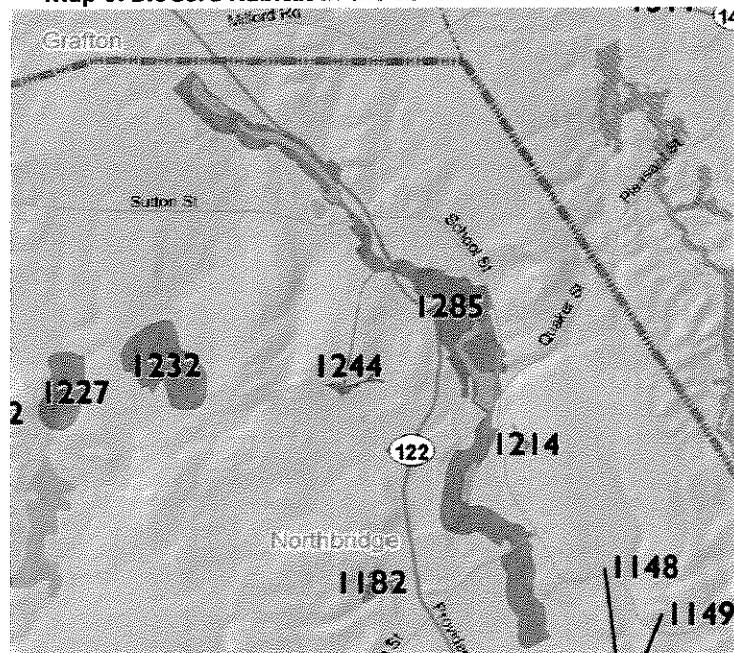
Map 4: Environmental Constraints in the 2040 Providence Road PDA



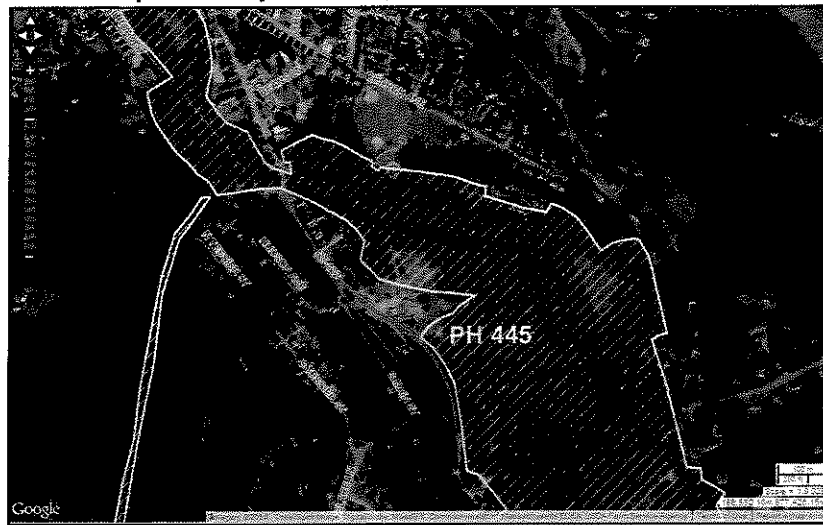
Map 5: 2040 Providence Road and Location of the 100-Year Floodplain and Floodway



Map 6: BioCore Habitat in the 2040 Providence Road PDA



Map 7: Priority Habitat in the 2040 Providence Road PDA



Zoning (existing land use(s) permitted, Floodplain, etc.)

Zoning of Site and Vicinity: The Property is in the Town's B-2 Zoning District, which is one (1) of the Town's three (3) Business/Commercial-related Zoning Districts. See Map 8 on page 13 for zoning in the vicinity of the 2040 Providence Road site.

Zoning Use Assessment:

Residential uses are currently not allowed on the subject property. This prohibition of residential uses under existing B-2 zoning poses a land use conflict with some of the existing residential land uses located in vicinity of 2040 Providence Road, which have been part of the fabric of this area for many years, in most cases predating the adoption of zoning. The prohibition is also problematic in that the mixed-use development desired for this site could not be built under current zoning. Hence a recommendation to re-zone the area is a key recommendation that is found on page 18 of this Report. Rezoning to allow mixed use is also consistent with the Vision of the 1994 Master Plan.

To follow are a summary of uses that are either permitted on the site by-right or by Special Permit, based on the existing B-2 Zoning District use requirements (Section 173-12 of the Zoning Bylaw).

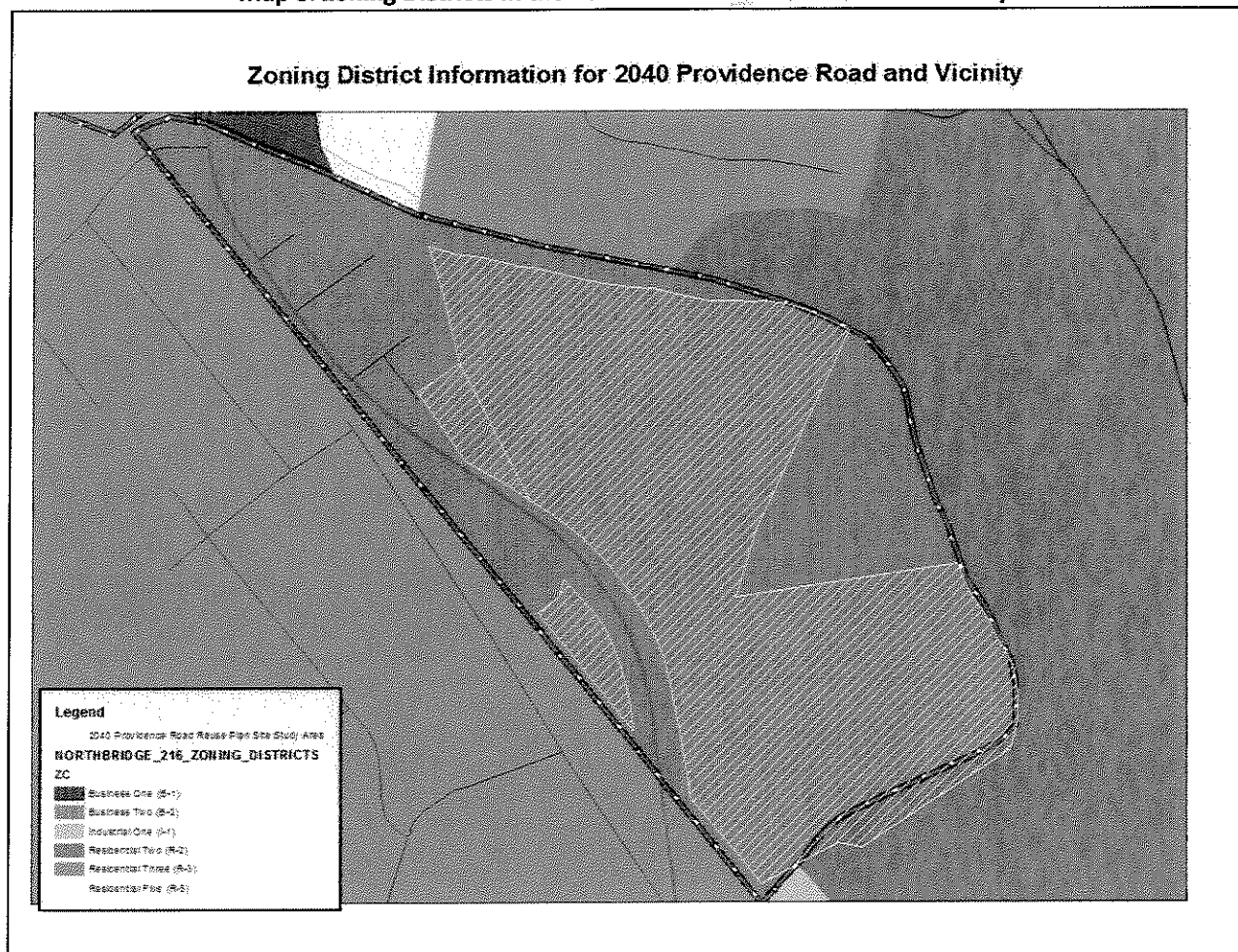
A summary of uses that are allowed by-right in the B-2 Zone is as follows:

- Community uses such as: Churches, Educational, Municipal Buildings and Utilities (except Power Plant, Sewer Treatment and Refuse Facility).
- Agricultural uses such as: various agricultural uses (crops, forestry), along with allowance of both a year-round greenhouse or stand for sale of agricultural products and a temporary stand (not to exceed three months in any one year) for such products raised on the same premises.
- Retail and Sales uses such as: Vending Machines, Auto Sales/Repair (not including junkyard), Hotels and Motels, Movie Theatre, Agri-Tourism Farm, Taxi/Bus Terminals and Commercial Parking Lot.

A summary of uses that are allowed by Special Permit in the B-2 Zone is as follows:

- Community uses such as: Nonprofit Recreational Facility (excluding Membership Clubs) and Town Cemetery.
- Retail and Sales uses such as: Stores selling a combo of two (2) more or more of Dry Goods, Apparel, Furniture, Hardware, and Food; Restaurants; Personal Service Establishments; Funeral Home; Business Office; Auto Junkyard; Commercial Recreation, Exercise and Athletic Facilities⁴; Membership Clubs; and, Communications and Television Towers.
- Wholesale and Manufacturing uses such as: Manufacturing and light industries; Railroads and railway express service; Trucking service and warehousing; and Wholesale trade.

Map 8: Zoning Districts in the 2040 Providence Road PDA and Vicinity



Floodway and Floodplain Districts: As indicated on page 8, a significant portion of the 2040 Providence Road PDA (outside the buildable area) is either within a 100-year floodplain or a floodway. Section 173-18 guides what is permitted and prohibited in each of these respective areas. The Town has adopted a corresponding

⁴ No special permit shall be required for commercial recreation, exercise and athletic facilities in the B-2 District when the square-footage of the building designated for such use is less than or equal to 3,000 square feet.

Floodway and Floodplain Overlay District that is superimposed over the existing underlying B-2 Zoning District (see Map 9 on page 15).

Section 173-18(C) provides the set of Floodway Use Regulations, which indicates that *“Only the following uses of low flood damage potential and causing no obstructions to flood flows shall be allowed, provided that they do not require structures, fill or storage of materials or equipment:*

- 1) *Agricultural uses such as farming, grazing, truck farming, horticulture and forestry and nursery uses.*
- 2) *Outdoor recreational uses, including fishing, boating and play areas, etc.*
- 3) *Conservation of water, plants and wildlife; wildlife management; and foot-, bicycle and horse paths.*
- 4) *Temporary nonresidential structures used in connection with fishing or with growing, harvesting or storage of crops raised on the premises.*
- 5) *Buildings lawfully existing prior to May 10, 1983.”*

The Floodway area is more restrictive than the 100-year floodplain and within the Floodplain there are some/greater development provisions (notwithstanding the fact that the DEP Consent Order further limits most of the 2040 Providence Road Site outside the development area that was approved back in 2007). Section 173-18(D) provides the set of Floodplain District Use Regulations), which state that all development must comply with:

- 1) The Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses floodplain and coastal high hazard areas.
- 2) Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
- 3) Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP.
- 4) Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP.

In addition, any building in the Floodplain would require a Zoning Board of Appeals Special Permit, subject to set of performance standards per Section 173-18(D)(2) and (3) of Northbridge’s Zoning Bylaw. Along with meeting these set of Zoning Regulations, the proposed land use would have to address National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Standards.

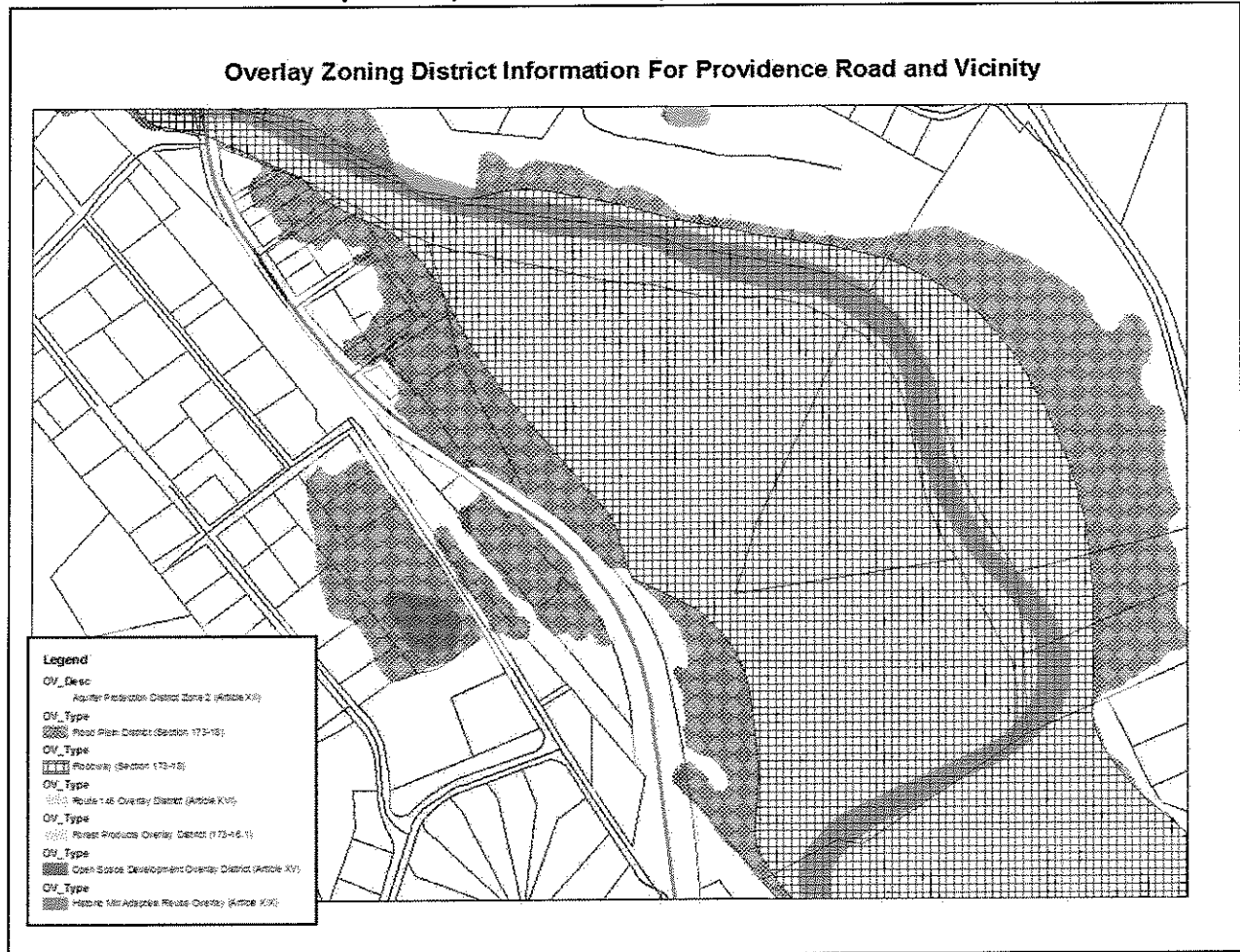
Clean-up & Mitigation

The Final Report will include David Foss of Fuss & O’Neal providing a summary of existing site conditions along with required remaining cleanup actions here. MassDevelopment is a potential source of funding in the form of brownfields remediation loans available to assist in the cleanup of the 2040 Providence Road site. See the Local, Regional, State Partners section on page 16 for more information.

Reuse Potential (redevelopment benefits, open space, natural resource protection, etc.)

The full reuse potential of the site, based on the vision expressed by the Town through this planning process can only be realized by a) allowing the mixed-use zoning, b) the property owner completing the required clean-up actions and c) the property owner meeting the requirements of the Consent Order and SEPP. The Town can assist in all items of the above, as the Town is an important Partner, as noted in the Section that follows. There are the benefits to the Town of getting this property back on the tax roll by redevelopment of the allowable land that can be developed.

Map 9: Floodplain and Floodway Overlay Zoning Districts



If realized, this site, when redeveloped, could become an excellent model of mixed-use development for other areas in Rockdale and in other mill villages of Northbridge (and even for other Blackstone River Valley communities). It will preserve over 20 acres of land and wetlands as permanent open space, provide access to the Blackstone River for citizens of the Rockdale area and other citizens in the region and allow for a walking area adjacent to the remnants of the Blackstone Canal that are found on this site.

Local, Regional, State Partners

The Town of Northbridge is a partner in the process of seeking redevelopment of the site. Town Meeting will need to approve any rezoning initiatives to allow mixed uses on the site, as residential is currently not allowed. The Town's Conservation Commission and Planning Board will be the local permitting authorities to allow any construction on the site, including the planned trail and canoe launch. The Town needs to be a supportive of the grant applications that could help offset the cost of the recreational improvements. See below for more information on potential grant funding sources.

The Metacomet Land Trust is also a partner, as they will be the entity, once the agreement is finalized, to hold the Conservation Restriction on the open space at 2040 Providence Road. For more information: <http://www.metacometlandtrust.net/>.

State Resources

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)'s Recreational Trails Program (RTP), represents a source of funding for walking trail to the Blackstone River and the canoe ramp. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) accepts applications for Recreational Trails Grants on an annual basis. The next deadline for all RTP grants is February 2, 2015. The Massachusetts Recreational Trails Program generally provides grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$50,000, however, grant proposals will be accepted, considered and awarded for larger amounts up to \$100,000, based on need, breadth and reach of the trail project. Recreational Trails grants are 80-20 challenge grants. In other words, 80% of the project costs are reimbursed to grantees, but at least 20% of the total project value must come from other sources.

For more information visit:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/services-and-assistance/grants-and-technical-assistance/recreational-trails-grants-program.html>. Program contact is Amanda Lewis, amanda.lewis@state.ma.us. CMRPC spoke with Ms. Lewis who has confirmed that the walking trail and canoe launch are eligible for funding under the RTP.

MA DCR is important state partner as besides the entity who administers the RTP grants, DCR administers the State Park system. This includes the Blackstone River and Canal Heritage Park. Currently the park includes the River Bend Farm Site in Uxbridge with its Visitor Center located there. But there are also a set of trails that extend north from the River Bend Farm to Plummers Corner in Northbridge. One idea identified at the August 26th Planning Workshop is to extend trails up from Plummers Corner to Rockdale Village and the 2040 Providence Road Site as the opportunity to be a part of this initiative.

The Blackstone River and Canal Heritage Park website link:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-central/blackstone-river-and-canal-heritage-state-park.html>

MA DCR's Greenway and Trails Program website:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/services-and-assistance/grants-and-technical-assistance/greenways-and-trails-program.html>. Program contact is Jennifer Howard, jennifer.howard@state.ma.us. CMRPC Staff did discuss this Project with Ms. Howard.

MassDevelopment: The Brownfields Remediation Loan.

Since the Town of Northbridge is listed as an "Economic Distressed Area (EDA)" by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the site becomes eligible for loans under the MassDevelopment Redevelopment Fund Program. Another key factor for eligibility is that the current private owners were not the responsible parties contributing to the environmental contamination. The Brownfields Remediation Loan Program provides flexible loans up to \$500,000 for environmental clean-up of brownfields.

For more information visit: <http://www.massdevelopment.com/financing/specialty-loan-programs/brownfields-redevelopment-fund/>.

The Blackstone River and Canal Commission:

The Blackstone River and Canal Commission was established based on Chapter 155 of the Acts of State Legislature in 1988, as amended. The Commission had been chaired by longtime State Senator Richard T. Moore, D-Uxbridge. However, Sen. Moore lost the election in November 2014. State Rep. Ryan C. Fattman, R-Webster, won the seat, so in 2015 there will be new leadership of the Blackstone River and Canal Commission.

For any development or construction that occurs on land abutting the route of the Blackstone Canal, the Commission needs to be notified at least seven (7) days prior to any local board/commission action on such proposed development/construction. The Commission can also act as a clearinghouse of information for potential grant sources.

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is also an important state partner. DEP is the State agency charged with overseeing the Consent Order for 2040 Providence Road.

Blackstone Heritage Corridor Resources

The Town of Northbridge is a part of the Blackstone Heritage Corridor, which does represent some potential funding opportunities:

- The Blackstone Heritage Corridor has developed a new Partnership Grant Program. Although the Town missed out on an initial round, the Corridor hopes to initiate a second round in the early part of 2015. CMRPC Staff met with the Executive Director, Charlene Cutler, about potential use of the Partnership Grant Funds for implementation associated with the 2040 Providence Road PDA, especially related to the canoe launch. Ms. Cutler indicated that a detailed cost estimate of the canoe launch would be required to be submitted with the grant application. The good news is that canoe launch initiative is eligible for this founding source. The grant award ranges from \$5,000 - \$30,000 and does require a 1:1 match. CMRPC Staff will notify Northbridge Officials when we become aware of the next grant cycle when it is announced in early near year.
http://blackstoneheritagecorridor.org/about/news/press-release-new-grant-program.html?utm_source=New+Grant+Program&utm_campaign=Announcement%3A+New+Grant+Program&utm_medium=email
- All of the communities within the Blackstone Heritage Corridor have been designated **Preserve America** communities, making them eligible to receive technical assistance and matching grants related to heritage tourism. Eligible grant activities include research, documentation (e.g., historic resource surveys and National Register nominations), interpretation and education (e.g., signage, exhibits and itineraries), planning, marketing and training. More details about this Program are available from the website: <http://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/PreserveAmerica/>. However, according to the program status on the website: *"Although not currently funded the program is authorized in legislation."*

CMRPC-related Resources

DLTA funds will be available in 2015, which can offer the opportunity for CMRPC Staff to build on the 2040 Providence Road Re-use Plan, perhaps by assisting with the development of a mixed-use zoning bylaw. CMRPC could also assist the Town with a broader analysis of the Rockdale PDA, which is located to the northwest of the 2040 Providence Road PDA.

CMRPC Transportation Staff may be able to help with some of the transportation planning issues. Contact Mary Ellen Blunt, Program Manager, at (p) 508-459-3337 or email @ mblunt@cmrpc.org.

Findings and Recommendations

Mixed use zoning is not permitted on the subject site. The Town should consider adopting a zoning provision that allows for the desired mixed use. Given the Master Plan's goal for the entire village to have mixed use zoning, this rezoning initiative should not be limited to 2040 Providence Road. But in the short term perhaps it is a place to start. Below are a few examples of more rural, village-based zoning initiatives that allow for mixed-use development.

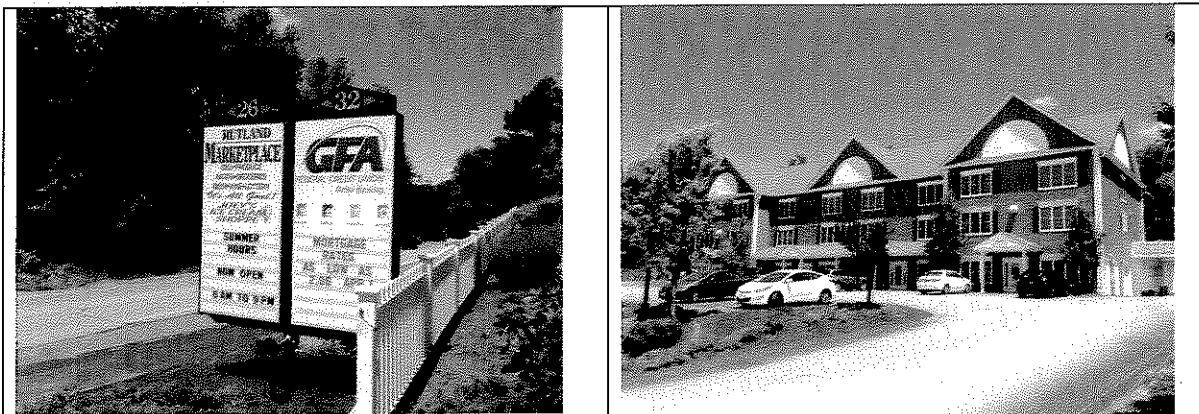
Besides zoning, the Town should support the property owner by assisting in completing grant application to assist in the development of the walking trail and boat ramp. The property owner is willing to have any required match be in the form of the use of his equipment and labor to run the equipment, but the grants will require a public sector entity to act as a fiscal agent to administer the grant funds. The Town should take on this responsibility as part of showing its support for the grants. The Town should work with DCR to see about the potential for the trail network to be extended north of Plummers Corner to Rockdale.

Mixed Use Developments and Zoning Bylaw Examples

Town of Rutland

The Town of Rutland has two small scale mixed use developments within the Rutland Center Village. They were developed under the Town's Village Center and Town Center Zoning Provisions. CMRPC Staff does not recommend the Town of Northbridge adopt the specific provisions as they seem overly complex, but the development they have yielded in these two case studies, which are provided below, show how development of mixed use zoning

The first mixed use development in Rutland is on Route 56 (Pommogussett Road) across from the Rutland DPW and is called Colonial Village. It was built in 2004. One the first floors are commercial tenants such as Rutland Marketplace and GFA Federal Credit Union with condominiums located on the upper floors (access to the condo units is provided to the rear of the site). This development is located on 1.54 acres (66,908 square feet).



Colonial Village, Route 56, Rutland

The second mixed use development is Rutland Commons, which is located on Route 122A. This development is on 0.91 acres (39635.24 square feet). This development is just a little older, having been constructed in 2003. There is a gas station/convenience store as the anchor commercial tenant. Other commercial enterprises on the first floor are Chinese Restaurant and a Barber Shop. The residential units are located on the upper floors. There is shared parking found on the sides of the building.



Rutland Commons, Route 122A, Rutland

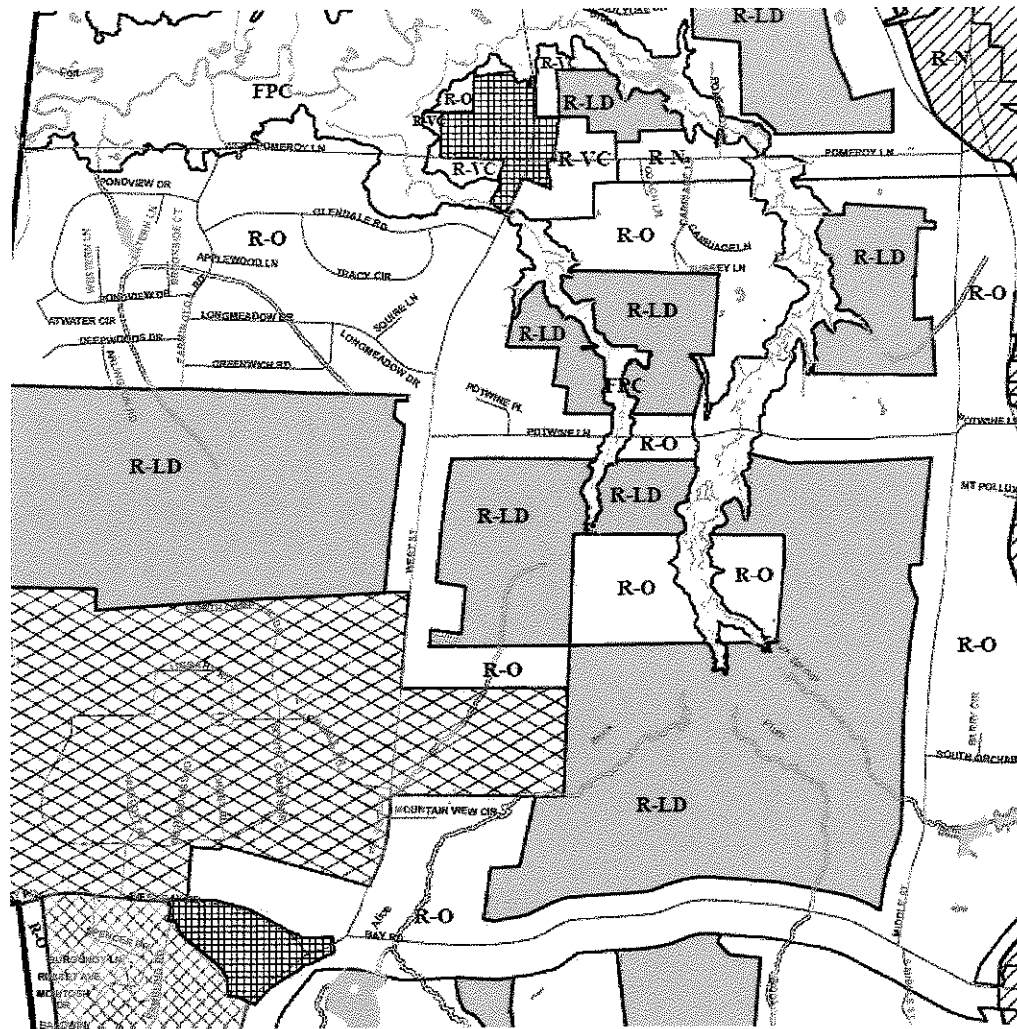
Town of Clinton

The Town of Clinton adopted a Mixed Use Overlay District (MUOD) Zoning Bylaw to provide for alternative development proposals for two 5+-acre surplus church properties, located in older neighborhoods. The Bylaw provides the opportunity for a single development proposal to contain a mix of residential, exempt or institutional, and/or commercial uses as allowed in a single property. Town Meeting Voters adopted the Bylaw for the two properties noted above and the Town of Northbridge could adopt a similar Bylaw to cover the properties that make up the 2040 Providence Road site. A copy of this Bylaw has been provided to the Town of Northbridge via the Northbridge Town Planner.

Today, one former parochial school is now headquarters for a 14-person software development firm, the other has been developed in 39 dwelling units.

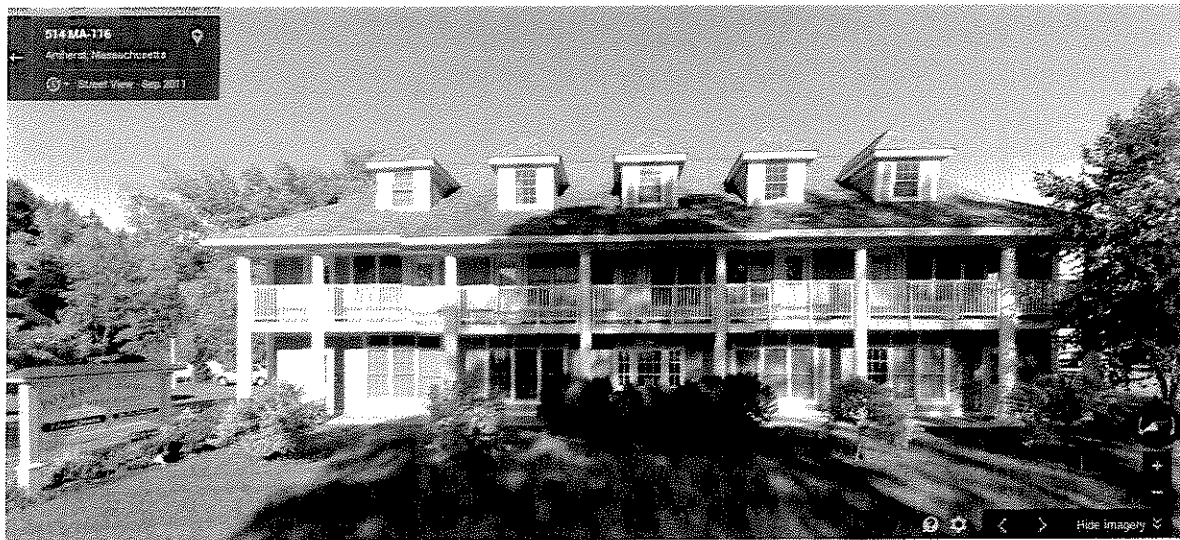
Town of Amherst

Outside of the traditional Amherst Center, the Town of Amherst has developed Village-based Zoning Districts to encourage mixed-use in the Town's outlying villages. South of Amherst Center is one such area, which is at the crossroads of West Street and Pomeroy Lane. Here the Town adopted a Village Center Business Zone (B-VC) where the two roads come together and then a Village Center Residence (R-VC) in the lands behind the B-VC Zone. See the figure on the following page for the Town of Amherst's zoning map in this area.



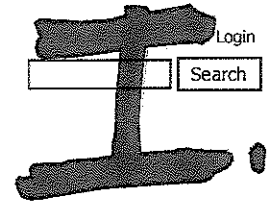
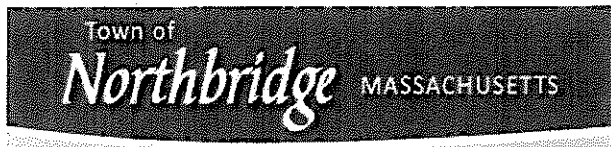
Amherst Zoning Map in area of Pomeroy Village

A mixed-use building has since been built in this area. Known as Pomeroy Commons, this two and half story building has offices on the first floor and residential units above. It is located at 495 West Street in Amherst and a photo of the building is provided for below.



Pomeroy Commons, 495 West Street, Amherst

CMRPC Staff will provide the Northbridge Town Planner and the Planning Board with the various requirements associated with the Town of Amherst's Village Center zoning districts as an Appendix to the Final Report.



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The School Committee is collecting feedback regarding the school department to inform the budget process for the 2015-2016 school year. This is an opportunity to express your views and opinions. The survey is open to everyone involved with and interested in the Northbridge schools - families, students, staff, and community members. Click on [this link](#) to access the survey. The survey is open until December 19th. Please encourage other community members to pass along this message as well.

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Northbridge Community School Budget Survey

The Northbridge School Committee is interested in community feedback as we prepare to develop the school budget for the 2015-2016 school year. If you have specific recommendations or feedback to share on the survey, we have included a comment box for each question. The committee values the communities input and thank you in advance for your participation.

* Required

1. Please select which category best describes you (select all that apply) *

- ☐ Parent/Guardian of NES student(s)
- ☐ Parent/Guardian of Balmer student(s)
- ☐ Parent/Guardian of Middle School Student(s)
- ☐ Parent/Guardian of High School Student(s)
- ☐ Parent/Guardian of student(s) at school other than Northbridge (i.e. private, school choice or vocational/tech school)
- ☐ Teacher
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Other School Employee
- ☐ Community member

Question 1 Comments

2. If you are a parent or guardian of a student (or a student) enrolled in Northbridge, how satisfied are you with the overall educational experiences that your student is (you are) currently being provided by the Northbridge Public Schools?

- ☐ Very Satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat Satisfied

- ☐ Somewhat Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very Dissatisfied
- ☐ Not a parent/guardian

Question 2 Comments

3. Are you satisfied with the current number of staff within our schools? *

- ☐ Yes, the current number of staff is appropriate
- ☐ No, I would like to see more staff added to our schools
- ☐ No, I would like to see fewer staff in our schools

Question 3 Comments

4. Are you satisfied with the current academic programs offered in our schools? *

- ☐ Yes, I am satisfied with the current amount of academic programs offered
- ☐ No, I would like to see more academic programs offered
- ☐ No, I would like to see fewer academic programs offered

Question 4 Comments

5. Do you believe the town of Northbridge adequately funds the school system? *

- ☐ Yes, I am satisfied with the current level of school funding
☐ No, I would like to see an increase in school funding
☐ No, I would like to see a reduction in school funding

Question 5 Comments

6. Please identify how important you consider the following programs, services or initiatives. Please select the appropriate response where 4 = "very important" and 1 = "Not important at all."

	1	2	3	4
a. Lower class sizes at all levels	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Investing in technology in our schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. HS Elective offerings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. HS Advanced Placement offerings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Related arts at elementary and middle schools (art, music, gym, technology, library)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Foreign language curriculum at the Middle School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Fully Staffed and well stocked libraries at all schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Student support services (counselors, nurses, tutors)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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i. Advanced classes at the Middle School				
j. Maintain student transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Full Day Kindergarten	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l. Recruiting and retaining quality staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Question 6 Comments**7. Please let us know your opinions on the fees that students/families are charged for the following:**

	Fees/Costs are too high	Fees/costs are reasonable	Fees/costs are too low
a. Balmer Chorus/Show Choir	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Middle School Athletics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Middle School Clubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Middle School Band/Music	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. High School Athletics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. High School Clubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. High School Band/Music	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Question 7 Comments

8. Are you satisfied with the information you receive regarding the school budget? *

- ☐ Very Satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat Satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very Dissatisfied

Question 8 Comments

9. How often do you watch the School Committee meetings on the School's Local Access Channel 194 (formerly channel 13) or YouTube Channel? *

- ☐ Sixteen or more times per year
- ☐ Eleven to fifteen times per year
- ☐ Six to ten times per year
- ☐ One to five times per year
- ☐ Never

Question 9 Comments

10. Did you vote in the last Annual Town Election in May, 2014? *

- ☐ Yes

- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm not a registered voter

Question 10 Comments

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11. Would you support a Proposition 2-1/2 Override to support the School Department's budget? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Question 11 Comments

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November 24, 2014

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

RE: Water Meter System Improvements

Dear Mr. Kozak;

As you are aware, the Whitinsville Water Company is proceeding with the installation of a new water meters and meter reading system. Our original proposal to the Town was to install the meters in the Northbridge system at no cost to the Town and develop a Service Agreement over the life of the meter system. The Town did not accept the idea of a Service Contract and opted to pursue the purchase and installation of water meters on their own. Unfortunately, after pricing was obtained, the funding was not passed at Town Meeting. We were told that the question was asked at Town Meeting why the Water Company couldn't fund this upgrade instead of the Town. Given these facts, we would like to offer a variation to the original proposal to address the concerns noted by the Town Officials and the Town constituents. We would like to offer to fund the entire project for the Town and will not have a service contract.

The Water Company believes it is beneficial for the Town and the Water Company to proceed together on this project. The benefits to the Town of having new more accurate water meters as well as a new reading system will ultimately save the Town substantial operating costs and greatly improve customer service. You may recall during our presentation that a mere decline of 2% in unaccounted for water would generate an additional \$2,000 per month in water revenues and nearly \$1,000 per month in sewer revenues. Additionally, new meters would also save the Town an approximate \$2,000 per month in meter reading and maintenance costs for the new system. This is a net increase of \$4,000 per month to the Water Department budget (and \$1,000 per month to the Sewer Department budget). This is money that can then be used to accomplish much needed capital improvements in the system.

In addition to the improved revenue aspects of new water meters, the Town will also greatly benefit from improved customer service benefits. Customers will have access to detailed water use information for their property which will help them to make more informed decisions regarding their water use. There will also be immediate notification to customers if a leak is detected at the property or if the meter is tampered with. All too often, customers do not learn of a water leak until months later when they

receive a bill at which point they already have a large amount to pay. This frustration will be eliminated as we will be able to notify the customer immediately should there be a leak at the property.

Having new meters and reading system will also allow the Town to consider moving to monthly billing as opposed to quarterly billing. This will improve cash flow, provide customers with a smaller bill and more timely reflection of water use, and provide customers better alignment with other bill schedules. The water company intends to move to monthly billing for its customers after the completion of this project.

The Water Company is committed to using the latest technology and providing customers with the best benefits within its budget. The proposed meters and reading system will accomplish this. We believe the benefits of new water meters and new reading system will greatly enhance the Town's water system, its revenues and its customer service. We believe our new proposal will address the Town's concerns of a service contract and still allow the Town to proceed with this project with the Water Company. The meters installed in the Town's portion of the system would be owned and maintained by the company. If there are any issues with meters in the Town's system, we would resolve the issues at our cost. We would continue our billing services as we do currently. We believe that this would greatly benefit the Town as the Town could utilize the new technology and cost savings of having the company complete the project, and increase revenues to the Town and greatly enhance customer service. We ask for your consideration to this proposal and would be happy to answer any questions. Feel free to contact our office at 508-234-7358 with any questions.

Sincerely yours,
THE WHITINSVILLE WATER COMPANY



Randy Swigor
General Manager

CC: David White, President
Town DPW Director

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 15, 2014

- 1. Wreath Presentation:** On December 10th, the Evergreen Center located in Milford made their annual visit to Town Hall to present their holiday wreath, which was made by their clients.
- 2. Economic Development Forum:** Discussion focused on the various programs provided by Mass. Development and offered to communities including the MASS Bizworks Training and Marketing program; and the Economic Development Incentive Program [EDIP].
- 3. Legislative Breakfast:** The Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission [CMRPC] held a legislative breakfast. The topic of discussion was the opiate epidemic in Central Mass. They also discussed the increased use of new smoking products among youth like e-cigarettes and hookah pipes, etc. Various regulations were also discussed. The CMRPC also wants to resume tobacco stings.
- 4. Road/Bridge Update:** The Sutton Street and Douglas Road Bridge projects.
- 5. Burning Permits:** The Fire Department will begin issuing burning permits on January 1st. This year there will be a fee.

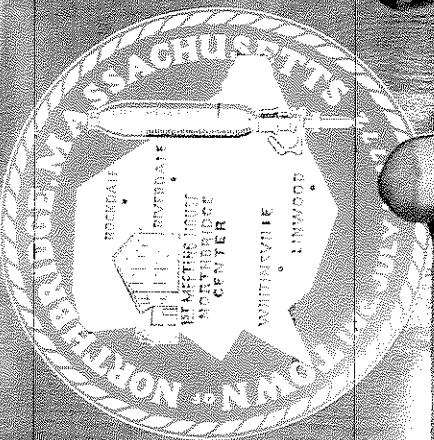


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