

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL  
7 MAIN STREET - WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588  
September 8, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:30 P.M.**

- A. Presentation: 1) Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Award presented to Police Chief Walter Warchol  
2) Volunteer Service Awards: Kenneth Guertin, 35 years of service and Lucille Blair, 55 years of service [not present]**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- B. 1) June 26, 2014            2) July 14, 2014            3) July 21, 2014            4) August 18, 2014  
5) August 18, 2014 [Executive Session]**

- II. PUBLIC HEARINGS – C. 7:05PM National Grid [Present: Crystal Tognazzi]/Petition to remove 2 guys and anchors off customer's private property in parking lot of 117 Church Street and to install 2 sidewalk anchors to guy the spacer cable from Cross Street to Pole 14 Church Street [Plan #17183556, dated 8/21/2014].**

**III. APPOINTMENTS:**

**D. Joint Appointment with the Planning Board:**

- 1) Pamela Ferrara  
2) John Brown, Conservation Commission [Removal per Section 8-6 of the Town Charter]/ Present: Justin Arbuckle**

**IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT**

- E. Opiate Usage/Present: Stephen Abraham, Register of Probate Court**

**V. DECISIONS**

- F. National Grid [Present: Crystal Tognazzi] and Verizon New England/Petition for a joint pole relocation on Douglas Road to relocate Pole #26 twenty feet east to clear new driveway for large trucks @ Tom Berkowitz Trucking, Inc. [Plan #17397772, dated 7/29/14]  
G. Pine Grove Cemetery Agreement/Vote to approve**

**VI. DISCUSSIONS**

- H. Proposed Industrial Park on Providence Road**

**VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

- I. 1) U.S. House Bill HB 1840  
2) Road & Bridge/Updates  
3) MassWorks Grant Application  
4) Proposed Regulation on Tobacco Use -Board of Health Meeting on 9/16/14 @ 7:00 PM  
5) Proposed 10% Reduction of Town Department Budgets**

**VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS**

**IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

**X. CORRESPONDENCE**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, S21 #3 – To discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations**

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# Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

**LUCILLE BLAIR**

In Grateful Appreciation Of Your  
Fifty-five Years of Dedicated Service  
To The Town Of Northbridge

NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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James R. Marzec

Issued this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September In the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen

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# *Certificate of Appreciation*

*Presented to*

**KENNETH GUERTIN**

*In Grateful Appreciation Of Your  
Thirty-five Years of Dedicated Service*

*To The Town Of Northbridge*

**NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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*Charles Ampagoomian, Jr., Chairman*

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*Issued this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September In the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen*

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
June 26, 2014**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

**Approval of Minutes. May 19, 2014.** A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve the May 19, 2014 minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Messrs. Nolan and Melia. Abstain/Mr. Marzec. **June 9, 2014 [Executive Session]**—A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve but not release the June 9, 2014 minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, and Nolan. Abstain/Mr. Melia.

**Resignations. Susan Bateman and Constance Duquette, Council on Aging.** A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to accept the resignations of Susan Bateman and Constance Duquette, Council on Aging and send a letter of appreciation thanking them for their service to the Town. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Nolan, and Melia. **Terrance Bradley, Conservation Commission.** A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Melia to accept the resignation of Terrance Bradley, Conservation Commission and send a letter of appreciation thanking him for his service to the Town. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Nolan, and Melia. **Appointments/By the Town Manager. Town Manager's 2014 Annual Reappointments/Vote to Affirm [listing enclosed in agenda packet].** A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec to affirm the Town Manager's 2014 Annual Reappointments as indicated on the list provided in the agenda packets. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Nolan, and Melia. **Board of Selectmen's 2014 Annual Reappointments/Vote to approve [listing enclosed in agenda packet].** A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve the Board of Selectmen's 2014 Annual Reappointments as indicated on the list provided in the agenda packets. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Nolan, and Melia. Vice Chairman Melia announced that the Council on Aging appointment [Neil Newton] will take place at the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting [July 14, 2014].

**Citizens' Comments.** Mrs. Catherine Stark, 490 Douglas Road, Northbridge, mentioned that her and other individuals are concerned about the condition and state of disrepair of Douglas Road and are asking the Selectmen to take the necessary steps to repair the road before tragedy strikes. Vice Chairman Melia explained the policy of when people come under Citizens' Comments that it's not a question and answer session and then advised Mrs. Stark that Douglas Road will be reviewed by the DPW Director and taken into consideration.

**Fall Annual Town Meeting [October 28, 2014]/Vote to close the warrant on Friday, August 29, 2014 at Noon.** A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to close the warrant for the Fall Annual Town Meeting, on Friday, August 29, 2014 at Noon. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Nolan, and Melia.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Upgrade Project.** A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec to sign and approve the notes for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Upgrade Project. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Nolan, and Melia.

**Whitin Community Center [Kevin Fusco]/ Request for an Entertainment License for their "Cars in the Park" event on Saturday, August 23, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Present: Heather Elster.** A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec to grant Whitin Community Center an Entertainment

License for their "Cars in the Park" event on Saturday, August 23, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Nolan, and Melia.

**Police Contract.** Town Manager Kozak mentioned that he negotiated a one-year Police Contract, for FY 14, with the proposed changes being a 1% COLA with no changes in language and then asked the Board of Selectmen to affirm the Police Contract. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec to affirm the Police Contract. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Nolan, and Melia.

**Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center License Agreement.** Town Manager Kozak informed the Board that this is an annual license agreement with the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center and recommended the Board sign the agreement. The agreement is for three months – July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 another year. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to sign the Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center License Agreement. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Nolan, and Melia.

**FY 2014 Year End Budget Transfers. Present: Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant.** Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant, announced that there are a few FY '14 end-of-year transfers needed to keep departments from being negative in their accounts. 1) A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec to approve the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Police Department Salaries & Wages Account 01002100-511000 to the Police Department R & M Office Equipment Account 01002100-524008. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Nolan. 2) A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec to approve the transfer of \$9,000.00 from the Education: Trade Schools/BVRVTHS Account 01001350-532100 to the Fire Department Call Firefighter Salaries Account 01002200-514000. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Nolan. 3) A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec to approve the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Interest - Short Term Debt Account 01007100-592510 to the Fire Department Supplies Account 01002200-542000. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Nolan. 4) A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec to transfer \$5,400.00 from the Retirement Account 01009100-519100 and \$28,500.00 from the Employee Insurance Benefits Account 01009100-517000 to Employee Benefits Medicare Account 01009100-517001. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia and Nolan.

Selectman Marzec asked if Discussion Item M-Revised Right of Way Program could be moved ahead of Item K – FY 2013 Audit. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to move discussion Item M – Revised Right of Way Program before Item K – FY 2013 Audit. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Nolan and Melia.

**Revised Right of Way Program, Roads Program and Mechanic Position/Present: Jamie Luchini.** Mr. Luchini mentioned that the Revised Right of Way Program has one change on Page 7, what would it cost? This section will be deleted from the right of way program. Town Manager Kozak would like the Board of Selectmen to vote and adopt this policy for the future. It will be placed on the next agenda for approval. Mr. Luchini then addressed the "no roads left behind program". He advised that the Town received the lowest bid for the roads program from J.H. Lynch & Sons, Inc. \$400,000 and noted that since the bid came in lower than they expected there will be money left to be put towards Douglas Road and Old Quaker Street. Selectman Nolan asked Mr. Luchini if Mr. Shuris could provide a roads program plan for the next couple of years for a future Selectmen's meeting. Selectman Marzec would like to know if there are recent traffic counts and Mr. Luchini advised that he would look into this because he is not aware of what's presently on file. Mr. Luchini then briefly discussed that the Town is without a mechanic right now and this has been causing some problems. He stated that it is very essential for Towns to have their own mechanic on-site. That being said, the winter season is fast approaching and the equipment needs attention and constant care. To contract this position out, it would be very costly. He expressed his concerns of not having a town mechanic and asked that the Board of Selectmen support the Town

Manager on moving forward to fill this position. Selectman Marzec, Nolan and Melia are all in favor of filling this vacancy.

**FY 2013 Audit/Present: Tim Harrison, Borgatti Harrison & Co. & Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant.**

Mr. Harrison provided the Board of Selectmen with an overview of the results of the FY'13 audit and prior year recommendations. Mr. Harrison mentioned that there were no significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements in the report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting based on the audit of the financial statements. There were no instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements and no significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the major federal award program. He also mentioned that the auditor's report on compliance for the major award programs for the Town of Northbridge expresses an unqualified opinion and then stated there are no audit findings relative to the major federal award programs for the Town of Northbridge. The programs tested as major programs were: SPED Cluster and National School Lunch. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$300,000. The Town of Northbridge was determined to be a high-risk auditee. That being said, Mr. Harrison went on to the Basic Financial Statements and mentioned there were no findings. Mr. Harrison complimented Neil Vaidya and Michelle Laramee for doing a good job on the accounting records. He then turned to the Management letter where he touched on the following items: **Prior Year Recommendations: Improve Internal Controls Over Treasurers' Cash** – Mr. Harrison recommends the Town Treasurer begin preparing monthly bank reconciliations for the payroll and vendor checking accounts and, if need be, obtain training on how to perform this important treasury function. This function is also a key internal control. **Prepare to Implement GASB Statement 68** – Mr. Harrison recommends the Town begin planning for the implementation of GASB Statement 68 by gaining an understanding of the new requirements and ensuring that the Town's applicable portion of the retirement system's unfunded liability is audited and available for inclusion in the financial statements. Mr. Harrison stated that they will be monitoring best practices for implementing this standard across the state and country and will provide guidance in the upcoming year(s). **Tax Title Accounts** – Mr. Harrison recommends that the Tax Collector follow Massachusetts General Laws regarding the recording of tax liens on uncollected real estate taxes every year. The other advantage to the Town for doing this besides securing the eventual collection of the past due taxes is that MGL allows interest charged while in tax title at a higher rate than the rate that is allowed while just a regular account receivable. **Current Year Recommendations: Compensated Absences** – Mr. Harrison recommends that management review this recent legislation and consider funding this liability on an annual basis so that when an employee terminates employment there is no money already set aside for the payout.

**Appointment of Town Election Officers [Democrat, Republican, Unenrolled]/Present: Doreen Cedrone, Town Clerk and Sandra Ovian.** Town Manager Kozak mentioned that this is an annual appointment and is usually done between July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> because of Mass. General Law, Chapter 54, Section 12. Because the Board of Selectmen does not meet during this timeframe, Town Manager Kozak asked if the Board would like to call a special meeting or appoint the Board of Registrars to handle the appointment of the officers. The Board of Selectmen agreed to let the Board of Registrars make the appointment.

**Fox 25 News Zip Trip to Northbridge.** Town Manager Kozak announced that Fox 25 News will be zip tripping to Northbridge on July 11, 2014, from 6 AM to 10 AM. He mentioned that the American Legion will host the event. An email will be sent to the Board of Selectmen with the date, time and location.

**Capital Exclusion.** Town Manager Kozak mentioned that he met with the Superintendent of Schools to discuss the capital needs of the town and decided to hold off on any capital projects for this fiscal year. If the Board decides to go forward with a capital override (one-time), the Board would need to make a decision by the first week in August or at their next meeting in July, or call a special meeting. He then suggested a capital exclusion for the roads project. Nancy Spitulnik, Superintendent of Schools

mentioned that a list of possible items for a capital exclusion was put together and presented to the School Committee. She mentioned that they haven't heard back from the School Committee to date but they will be meeting soon to discuss. A list of items were: pick-up truck replacement, Balmer Kitchen repairs, Middle School auditorium air conditioner, Middle School locker room HVAC unit, additional security cameras, additional key fob boxes and technology switch additions and replacements. Town Manager Kozak mentioned that he would like one capital exclusion article on the FATM for around \$500,000 to \$600,000. The Selectmen agreed to a one-time capital exclusion and Town Manager Kozak advised that he would place this item on the next agenda under decisions.

**Town Manager's Report.** **1) Update on Bridge Work: Ross Rajotte Bridge** – The DPW has located one of the medallions and is still looking for the second one. Working with the state to reattach. **Douglas Road Bridge** – The Contractor will attach the memorial plaque for United States Marine L/CPL Thomas S. Perron. **2) Invitation to join the Coalition on Chapter 70, 71, 74 Requirements:** The Town of Spencer has contacted Northbridge and asked if we would join there coalition on the negative impacts to municipalities because of Chapter's 70, 71, 74 requirements. Chapter 70 is requiring communities to spend more on foundation requirements and Chapter's 71 & 74 are requiring additional spending for regional educational services. This community is asking Northbridge to join in changing the requirements of these chapters. **3) Mass Works Grant Application:** I am currently working with the Town Planner and DPW Director on an application to improve infrastructure on Quaker Street and Church Street Extension. This grant may be used in connection with the development at the Osterman Gas site. **4) Department Head Meeting:** At a recent Department Head Meeting I asked the Department Heads to look for ways to save expenditures on their FY 15 budget. I also asked them to provide me with the impact if a 10% reduction were required. **5) Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission Energy Resource Program for Citizens:** CMRPC is inviting the Town of Northbridge, with other communities to participate in a bulk electricity purchasing program for residents and businesses. This program currently includes 36 communities in Central and Western Massachusetts with the Hampshire Council of Government. They are encouraging our community to investigate this program. **6) Reminded everyone that the Fireworks are on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Northbridge Middle School. Gates open at 6:00 PM and the fireworks will take place around 9:15 P.M.**

**Selectmen's Concerns.** **Selectman Marzec/**Asked about the status of Pine Grove Cemetery and Town Manager Kozak mentioned that it looks like the Town will take over the cemetery around the end of July.

#### **Items for Future Agenda.**

**Executive Session.** A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to go into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, S. 21 #3 - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and not to reconvene in open session. Vice Chairman Thomas Melia then declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the body. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Marzec/Yes, Mr. Nolan/Yes and Mr. Melia/Yes.

**Open Session Adjourned: 8:28 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**James Athanas, Clerk**

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## LIST OF DOCUMENTATION

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

June 26, 2014

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. 1) Copy of May 19, 2014 minutes. 2) Copy of June 9, 2014 Executive Session minutes.  
[Removed from backup documentation as they have not been released by Board of Selectmen].
- II. PUBLIC HEARING**
  - None.
- III. RESIGNATIONS.**
  - B. 1) a) Copy of Susan Bateman's Resignation. b) Copy of Constance Duquette's Resignation.  
2) Copy of Terrance Bradley's Resignation.
  - APPOINTMENTS/By the Town Manager.**
  - C. 1) Copy of Town Manager's 2014 Annual Reappointments.  
**By the Board of Selectmen.**
    - 2) Copy of Board of Selectmen's 2014 Annual Reappointments.
    - 3) Copy of Neil Newton's Talent Bank Application.
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT**
  - D. Copy of Mr. & Mrs. Stark's email to Town Manager Kozak.
- V. DECISIONS**
  - E. Copy of motion for the Fall Annual Town Meeting [October 28, 2014].
  - F. Copy of email from Neil Vaidya and copy of motion for the meeting.
  - G. 1) Copy of Whitin Community Center's entertainment license. 2) Copy of application for entertainment license 3) Copy of license routing slips from Department Head's.
  - H. Copy of Article 17 Compensation – Proposed changes and current Police Union Contract.
  - I. Copy of Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center License Agreement.
  - J. Copy of End of Year Transfers for FY 14
- VI. DISCUSSIONS**
  - K. Copy of FY 2013 Audit.
  - L. Copy of M.G.L. Chapter 54, Section 12 Appointment of Town Election Officers.
  - M. 1) Copy of Road Opening Permit Rules & Regulations. 2) Copy of memorandum regarding "No Road Left Behind". 3) No documentation.
  - N. No documentation.
  - O. Copy of the school's possible Town Meeting Warrant Article Items.
- VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
  - P. 1) Update on Bridge Work – **No documentation.**  
2) Invitation to join the Coalition on chapter 70, 71, 74 Requirements – **No documentation.**  
3) Mass Works Grant Application – **No documentation.**  
4) Department Head Meeting – **No documentation.**  
5) Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission Energy Resource Program for Citizens – **Copy of letter to Board of Selectmen.**
- VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS - No documentation.**

**IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA- No documentation.**

**X. CORRESPONDENCE- No documentation.**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – No documentation.**

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
July 14, 2014**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Chairman Ampagoomian announced the passing of Jack Driscoll, former State Representative and a longtime resident of Northbridge and sent his condolences to the family on his passing.

**Commendations for Citizen Rescue.** Chairman Ampagoomian and the Board of Selectmen commended the Northbridge Fire Department, Police Department and a resident for rescuing a citizen in the water. That being said, he provided commendations to the following individuals at the Northbridge Fire Department: Firefighter's Corey Flagg, Michael Plante, Scott Noel, Dennis Kimball, Thomas Valdivia and William White. Chairman Ampagoomian mentioned that the Officer's from the Northbridge Police Department could not attend tonight's meeting but recognized the individuals by reading their names aloud. Northbridge Police Department: Officer's Matthew Leonard, Conrad Chickinski and Sergeant Brian Patrinely. Chairman Ampagoomian also provided commendations to: Firefighter Louis Bernard and John Sheridan. Lastly, but not present for tonight's meeting, he recognized citizen Weston Wright for his professionalism, dedication and commitment to the protection of life in response to a water rescue on July 4, 2014.

**Approval of Minutes.** 1) **June 9, 2014.** A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve the June 9, 2014 minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian. 2) **June 26, 2014 [Executive Session]**—A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve but not release the June 26, 2014 executive session minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian.

**Appointments/By the Board of Selectmen: Council on Aging: 1) Yvette Ayotte and 2) Neil Newton** Present: Kelly Bol, Senior Center Director. Ms. Bol introduced Yvette Ayotte and Neil Newton and mentioned that they are both going to be an asset to the Council on Aging. Mr. Newton mentioned that he has always been involved in politics and is looking forward to serving the Council on Aging. Ms. Ayotte mentioned that she has only lived in Northbridge for a few months and wanted to get involved in the community. The Selectmen thanked the candidates for coming forward to serve on the Council on Aging and wished them both well. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Athanas to appoint Yvette Ayotte and Neil Newton to the Council on Aging. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian.

**Worcester County Selectmen's Association/Vote to select a voting member and alternate.** 1) **Second Delegate.** A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Athanas to appoint Chairman Charles Ampagoomian as the voting member for the Worcester County Selectmen's Association. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian. 2) **Alternate.** A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Marzec to appoint Selectman Thomas Melia as the alternate for the Worcester County Selectmen's Association. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Ampagoomian and Nolan.

**Resignation: Brett Simas, Planning Board.** A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Melia to accept the resignation of Brett Simas, Planning Board and send a letter of appreciation thanking him for his service to the Town. Town Manager Kozak noted that the Planning has a vacancy to be filed by joint-

appointment of the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen and will start immediately advertising to fill the vacancy. In September, the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board will hold a joint meeting to appoint a new member.

**Citizens' Comments. Wendy Folger 831 Marston Road, Whitinsville,** mentioned that after the override failed, a group of concerned citizens got together with the Northbridge Booster Club to collaborate fundraising events in an effort to reinstate as many Middle School athletic programs as possible. She announced that their first fundraising event will be trivia and karaoke night on Thursday, July 31, 2014, at the Uxbridge Progressive Club. All proceeds from the event will benefit Northbridge Middle School Athletics. On August 4, 2014 they will be hosting a golf tournament at the Whitinsville Country Club and all proceeds from ticket sales and golfer entry fees will benefit Northbridge Middle School Athletics. The Northbridge PTA will be hosting a silent auction/raffle with proceeds to benefit Balmer Show Choir and Middle School Clubs. She stated that they are by no means the answer to the budget crisis the school district is facing. They are just hoping to raise enough money to help the students. If anyone is interested or would like to make a contribution to this cause please contact Nikki Roadman at [nmenneto@yahoo.com](mailto:nmenneto@yahoo.com). **Gary Nestor, Fire Chief** announced that the Town was notified last Thursday that the Northbridge Fire Department has received a grant from FEMA in the amount \$712,500 to purchase an aerial ladder truck.

**Trading Post General Store [Tuan Van Dinh], 178 Church Street, Whitinsville/Application for a Common Victualler's License.** Selectman Athanas asked what the Trading Post General Store hours of operation would be and how many days of the week would the store be open. Mr. Dinh replied that the store would be open seven days a week and the hours would be 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec to approve the Trading Post General Store Common Victualler's license. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian.

**The Virtual Giving Tree [Susan Smith]/Request permission to use Memorial Park for a Community Yard Sale and Fair on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.** Ms. Smith mentioned that they are a non-profit organization that is focused on supporting the seniors in town. Chairman Ampagoomian asked if she had a rain date and Ms. Smith suggested September 27, 2014. Town Manager Kozak mentioned that he would ask the office if that date was available and let her know. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Athanas to grant permission to The Virtual Giving Tree to use Memorial Park for a Community Yard Sale and Fair on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian.

**Sultan Salahuddin d/b/a Sammy's Restaurant, 2147 Providence Road, Northbridge/Application for a Common Victualler's License Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian. Present: Sultan Salahuddin and Colene Halligan.** Ms. Halligan mentioned that their restaurant will be family oriented and folks can order take out. They will be serving Italian and American food. They will be open seven days a week from 11 AM to 9 PM. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec to approve Sultan Salahuddin d/b/a Sammy's Restaurant for a Common Victualler's license. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian.

**Safety Committee Minutes [June 25, 2014]/Vote to accept recommendations.** A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to accept the recommendations of the Safety Committee as outlined in the minutes of June 25, 2014. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian.

**Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce [Jeannie Hebert]/Requests a one-day All Alcohol License for an "After Hours Event" at Lasell Mansion on September 30, 2014 from 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.** A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Nolan to grant the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce a one-day All Alcohol license for their Business After Hours event to be held Tuesday, September 30, 2014

from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Lasell Mansion, 120 Hill Street, Whitinsville. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian.

**Revised Right of Way Program, Roads Program (Vote to approve revisions). Present: James Shuris, DPW Dir.** Mr. Shuris mentioned that there will be no changes to the fee structure for the Right of Way Program. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve the revisions to the Right of Way Program. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian.

**AFSCME Contract.** Town Manager Kozak mentioned that he just recently negotiated a one-year contract with AFSCME for FY 15, with a 1% [COLA] cost of living adjustment and no changes to the language. A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve the one-year AFSCME Contract for FY 15, with a 1% cola and no changes to the language. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian.

**Fall Annual Town Meeting (October 28, 2014)/Vote to place ballot question(s) for Capital Exclusion on November State Election Warrant.** Town Manager Kozak mentioned that at their last Selectmen's meeting the Board of Selectmen and School Department discussed placing ballot question(s) for Capital Exclusion on the November State Election Warrant. He then mentioned that there is a capital exclusion coming off the books this year, in the amount of \$623,000 and instead of having this come off the books they could use this opportunity to fund some much needed capital items for both the Town and School Department. That being said, he stated that the DPW needs about \$300,000 to reconstruct Main Street from North Main Street to Memorial Square. Town Manager Kozak also mentioned the grant that the Fire Department was fortunate to receive [\$712,500.00] and he thought possibly to include this in a separate question because the Fire Chief would like to have the guarantee of the funds. Dr. Catherine Stickney is requesting \$311,000.00 for a pick-up truck replacement, repairs to the W. Edward Balmer Elementary School kitchen, replacements for or repairs to the air conditioning units at the Middle School auditorium and the Middle School locker room, additional security cameras and the extension of other security programs already in place, and upgrades to technology infrastructure. The Selectmen agreed to moving forward and placing a Capital Exclusion on the November ballot but would like to have the questions separated into two ballot questions. Selectman Athanas fears that combining the two might not give each question a fair chance and he is concerned that the DPW has already been to the trough with \$625,000 for five years. He doesn't want people saying that they already gave them money for the roads. Selectman Nolan reiterated that the capital exclusion is not a Proposition 2 ½ override and it not related to the failed override earlier this year. A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Nolan to place two ballot question(s) for Capital Exclusion on the November State Election Warrant. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian. The Board of Selectmen will discuss funding the Fire Apparatus at their next Selectmen's meeting once they receive the final cost of the truck. The Board of Selectmen have all agreed to move forward with a capital exclusion but need a final cost before making a decision. The Board of Selectmen will schedule a special meeting for July 21, 2014.

**Jeannie Hebert, President & CEO Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce & Tim Murray.** Mr. Murray discussed how the Chamber of Commerce kicked off a capital campaign called the Worcester Economic Development Advancement Fund, which is to raise 1.2 million dollars over a two-year period, to help fund a couple new roles that the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce was asked to take on. That being said, 1) was to lead the business recruitment efforts for the city and the region, and 2) create a new partnership with the colleges and universities. Mr. Murray explained that April Anderson, a consultant was hired to work for Governor Deval Patrick and Mr. Murray to help enhance Economic Development in the region. He also stated that Ms. Anderson is very aware of all the economic development programs that exist at the state, federal and local level. Mr. Murray mentioned that Ms. Anderson and her team pulled together all the census data and workforce development data for the region [35 cities and towns]. He then commended Northbridge for having a single point of contact on their

website, listing all the permitting requirements, and ability to pull them off line and print them. Mr. Murray advised that the manufacturing roundtable went into effect last October to discuss workforce development, investment in technical schools and other training programs. In May of this year, they kicked off a Healthcare roundtable, where the Chief Executive Officers of Saint Vincent Hospital and the leadership of UMass Memorial and sole practitioners of Home Health Aid Companies participated in trying to recruit business within the region. Ms. Hebert mentioned that the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce is working with Quinsigamond Community College to apply for a rapid response grant for workforce training. She then mentioned that a survey would be going out shortly to manufacturers in the valley, asking what types of skilled workers they would be needing so that they can draw up a curriculum and get it paid for by the grant. Ms. Hebert also stated that Northbridge has more developable land here in our area than in Worcester. She mentioned that by Northbridge keeping their website updated, it makes Northbridge very attractive because it makes it easier for developers to apply for permitting. Chairman Ampoomian thanked Mr. Murray and Ms. Hebert for coming to tonight's meeting.

**Meters/Whitinsville Water Company. Present: Randy Swigor, Manager. Mr. Swigor provided a power point presentation to the Selectmen.** The Board of Selectmen have taken under advisement a proposal from the Whitinsville Water Co. to replace water meters in the town's water system. Replacing the water meters is estimated to cost about \$635,000 up front. The water company has proposed having the town reimburse it over a 20-year period. Under the initial cost estimate, the monthly payment from the town would be \$4,433. However, factoring in additional cost savings, such as eliminating the need for meter reading services and increased revenue, the total monthly payment for the new meter system would only be \$436. Town Manager Kozak said the board has taken the proposal under advisement and will revisit it in a few weeks when the Department of Public Works has had a chance to review it. According to the Whitinsville Water Co., the current meter system is 15 years old, which is five years older than the state Department of Environmental Protection's recommended maximum age of 10 years. The aging meters "under-register water," leading to lost revenue and an increase in unaccounted-for water. Randy Swigor, Manager of the Whitinsville Water Co., said the water company does a yearly average of unaccounted-for water. For the past two years, the system's average was 14 percent. Mr. Swigor said the state goal is 10 percent. "It's hard to say how much that will be reduced by with the new meters, but we estimate a 2 percent reduction in unaccounted-for water," Mr. Swigor said. The new meters have an estimated 20-year life span, are made of a composite material that does not rust or corrode, and can contract and expand with temperature changes. The new meters would also transmit data and readings remotely. Data from each meter would be collected by a central tower and then transmitted back to the central billing office for permanent storage. Mr. Swigor stated the new system would eliminate the need for meter readers because the meters can be read instantly from the office. This will save the town an estimated \$1,200 per month. In addition, the estimated 2 percent reduction in unaccounted-for water would result in a monthly increase of \$2,000 to the Water Department. In addition, the water company said, customers can expect "dramatic customer service improvements" in regards to leak detection and use history. Mr. Swigor estimates that between the town water system and other Whitinsville Water Co. sites, about 4,000 meters need to be replaced, mainly in Northbridge. The town would be responsible for reimbursing the water company just for meters in Northbridge. While the initial capital costs are estimated to be about \$635,000, the company is still soliciting prices for installation. Understanding the town is facing financial challenges, the water company proposes to fund the capital costs and then finance the project for the town for the next 20 years at the current 4.82 percent rate. The water company would install and own the meters. If the town approves the project, the water company can begin replacing meters shortly thereafter, and the job would be completed within 18 months. Residents would need to be home to allow water company employees inside to install the new meters.

**Roads Program/Central Mass. Study/Present: James Shuris, DPW Director.** Mr. Shuris informed the Board that in 2009 the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission completed a study on roads in

Northbridge. The study showed it will cost \$3.5 million dollars to fix the roads based on their current condition. Last March, Mr. Shuris and his team put together a roads improvement program and then gave a Powerpoint presentation to the Board of Selectmen explaining how they will spend \$3.75 million dollars, over a 5-year period to fix the roads in Northbridge. Mr. Shuris then mentioned that 2.25 miles of road work will be fixed on Hill Street, ¼ quarter miles of road work will be done on Douglas Road and whatever monies is left will be put towards fixing a portion of Old Quaker Street. He noted that the bids came in at \$543,000 which is below our estimate of \$620,000 and his plan is to attack a portion of Hill Street, portion of Old Quaker Street, portion of Douglas Road, Sprague Street, and downtown Whitinsville by Ovia Square, Prospect Street and Cross Street. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2014, with J H Lynch to address these streets. Selectman Nolan asked how the Sutton Street Project was moving along and Mr. Shuris mentioned that the project is moving along well and that they are on-schedule. Selectman Ampagoomian asked Mr. Shuris to contact the Department of Tourism to see if there are any grants available to help fund the cost of fixing the Old Quaker Street – which is a scenic road. Mr. Shuris advised that he would look into this.

**Farnum Circle Subdivision Bond/Vote to call in the bond. Present: R. Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner, II.** Mr. Bechtholdt explained the Planning Board is holding approximately \$19,800.00 to secure the completion of work required for this subdivision. He mentioned that over the past several years the Planning Board has attempted to work with the developer and property owners to help advance the subdivision. This effort resulted in modifying the subdivision approval; waiving certain requirements, however did not effectuate the completion of work required of the developer. The Planning office recommends the Board of Selectmen authorize the Planning Board to utilize the performance bond held for the purpose of completing the Farnum Circle Subdivision. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec to move this discussion item to a decision for a vote. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Marzec/Yes, Mr. Athanas/Yes, Mr. Nolan/Yes, and Mr. Ampagoomian/Yes. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec to authorize the Planning Board to call-in the performance bond held for the Farnum Circle subdivision. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian.

**Cable Company Transaction. Present: Harry Berkowitz.** Town Manager Kozak mentioned that the Town of Northbridge received a letter in the mail from Comcast advising the Town that they are in the process of seeking permission from the FCC to switch cable companies with Charter. This would mean that the Town's cable television license is being transferred from Charter to Comcast. Town Manager Kozak mentioned that Comcast sent a form for the Selectmen to sign agreeing to consent to the transfer. Mr. Berkowitz advised that no matter if the Town agrees to become a Comcast community or not, it will not make a difference. He mentioned that the Selectmen's powers to oppose the transfer are very limited. Town Manager Kozak suggested signing the document. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Nolan to move the cable company transaction from discussion to decision. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Marzec/Yes, Mr. Athanas/Yes, Mr. Nolan/Yes, and Mr. Ampagoomian/Yes. A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Marzec to accept the cable company transaction. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Nolan and Ampagoomian.

**Municipal Energy Aggregation.** Town Manager Kozak explained that the Hampshire County of Government has contacted Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission about talking to communities about having a community contract for all residential homes on purchasing supply for energy. Massachusetts is one of 14 or 15 states that have competition for supply and for several years communities like Northbridge have gone out to bid for electrical contracts. Town Manager Kozak mentioned that another Company contacted him last week and is interested in seeing the town go forward with a proposal to bid and supply energy for all residents. The Board of Selectmen would need to have an article at Town Meeting and ask the residents if they would like the Town to go out for bid to try and have a reduced cost in supply bill. The Board of Selectmen will need to make a decision on whether or not they wish to go forward and have an article at the Fall Annual Town Meeting regarding purchasing supply for energy.

**Town Manager's Report/1) Update on Flood Plain:** Town Counsel has recommended that the Town request a new flood plain calculation and be reviewed by a third party engineering company. The Conservation Commission is working on a cost to give to Mr. Leonard Jolles for this work. **2) Ross Rajotte Bridge:** The work on the Ross Rajotte Bridge is completed. There will be some flag holders installed and a rededication ceremony will take place sometime in September. **3) Linwood Mill Crosswalk:** The R A Fish Company is installing a new crosswalk at the Linwood Mill. **4) Fox 25 News Zip Trip:** Attended the Fox News Zip Trip and it was very well attended and interesting. **5) Northbridge Fireworks:** Town Manager Kozak mentioned that even though he wasn't in attendance, he heard the fireworks were very successful and very well attended.

**Selectmen's Concerns. Selectman Athanas/1)** Asked the status of the WRTA ridership program and Town Manager Kozak replied that he has not received the number as of yet. **2)** Asked Town Manager Kozak if there are any figures/cost on the renovation of the DPW building and James Shuris, DPW Director responded by providing an estimate of \$1.4 million dollars. Town Manager Kozak advised that the DPW Director is working with the Building, Planning and Construction Committee. **3)** Asked for an update on the maintenance of Town buildings and Town Manager Kozak mentioned that it's in the works. **Selectman Marzec/1)** Flood Plain issue – Asked if its site specific. Town Manager Kozak mentioned that it is site specific. **2)** Whitinsville Water Company – suggests getting other proposals before agreeing to lock into a 20-year plan with Whitinsville Water Company. **3)** Sent his condolences to the family of Jack Driscoll, former State Representative and Robert Parker, a member of the community. **Chairman Ampagoomian/Announced** that he doesn't want to lose sight of building a new Fire Station.

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

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:21 P.M.**

**Executive Session/None.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**James Athanas, Clerk**

**/dmg**



## LIST OF DOCUMENTATION

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

July 14, 2014

#### A. Copy of Commendations for Citizen Rescue

##### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B. 1) Copy of June 9, 2014 minutes. 2) Copy of June 26, 2014 Executive Session minutes [Removed from backup documentation as they have not been released by Board of Selectmen].

##### II. PUBLIC HEARINGS/None.

##### III. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

C. 1) a. Copy of email dated June 10, 2014 from Kelly Bol, Director of Council on Aging.  
b. Copy of Yvette Ayotte's Talent Bank Application & resume. c. Copy of Neil Newton's Talent Bank Application.

2) Worcester County Selectmen's Association/Vote to select a voting member and alternate

##### D. RESIGNATION:

Copy of Brett Simas, Planning Board resignation.

#### IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT. Copy of Wendy Folger's speech.

##### V. DECISIONS

E. 1) Copy of Trading Post General Store [Tuan Van Dinh], 178 Church Street, Whitinsville/Application for a Common Victualler's License. 2) Copy of license. 3) Copy of license routing slips.

F. 1) Copy of email dated June 30, 2014 from Susan Smith requesting permission to use Memorial Park for a Community Yard Sale and Fair on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. 2) Copy of Walter Warchol, Chief of Police response to using Memorial Park.

G. Copy of Sultan Salahuddin d/b/a Sammy's Restaurant, 2147 Providence Road, Northbridge/Application for a Common Victualler's License. 2) Copy of license. 3) Copy of license routing slips.

H. Copy of Safety Committee Minutes [June 25, 2014].

I. 1) Copy of Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce [Jeannie Hebert] application for a one-day All Alcohol License for an "After Hours Event" at Lasell Mansion on September 30, 2014 from 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. 2) Copy of license. 3) Copy of notice of approval of special license to the ABCC. 4) Copy of license routing slips.

J. Revised Right of Way Program, Roads Program – No documentation.

K. AFSCME Contract – No documentation.

L. Fall Annual Town Meeting (October 28, 2014)/Vote to place ballot question(s) for Capital Exclusion on November State Election Warrant – No documentation.

##### VI. DISCUSSIONS

M. Jeannie Hebert, President & CEO Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce & Tim Murray – No documentation.

N. Meters/Whitinsville Water Company – Copy of Powerpoint presentation.

O. Roads Program/Central Mass. Study – No documentation.

**P.** 1) Copy of memorandum dated June 11, 2014 from R. Gary Bechtholdt II, regarding the Farnum Circle Subdivision Performance Bond. 2) Copy of letter to Town Clerk from the Planning Board. 3) Copy of letter to Michael Lambert from the Town Planner. 4) Copy of letter from JH Engineering Group, LLC.

**Q.** 1) Copy of letter from Comcast regarding Cable Company Transaction. 2) Copy of email from Attorney William Hewig, Kopelman & Paige. 3) Copy of memorandum regarding procedures for the Transfer of a Cable Television License.

**R.** Copy of Municipal Energy Aggregation pamphlet.

**VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**S. 1)** Flood Plain Update – No documentation.

**2)** Ross Rajotte Bridge – No documentation.

**3)** Linwood Mill Crosswalk – No documentation.

**4)** Fox 25 News Zip Trip – No documentation.

**5)** Northbridge Fireworks – No documentation.

**VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS – No documentation.**

**IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA – No documentation.**

**X. CORRESPONDENCE – No documentation.**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – No documentation.**

**Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting**  
**July 21, 2014**

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Charles Ampagoomian at 5:30 PM, Northbridge Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA. **Present:** Messrs. Marzec, Melia, Nolan and Athanas. **Also Present:** Theodore D. Kozak, Town Manager.

Pledge of Allegiance was suspended.

**Approval of Minutes/None.**

**Public Hearings/None.**

**Appointments/Resignations/None.**

**Citizens' Comments/Input/None.**

**Fall Annual Town Meeting [October 28, 2014]/Vote to place ballot question for Capital Exclusion on November State Election Warrant. Present: Fire Chief Gary Nestor**

Chairman Ampagoomian asked Town Manager Kozak to address the Board. Mr. Kozak reviewed that at the last meeting the Board voted to place two Capital Exclusion questions on the November ballot:

- 1) \$311,000 for the School Department and
- 2) \$300,000 for the Town Road Maintenance Program.

Also discussed at the previous meeting was the possibility of a third Capital Exclusion question for the appropriation of funds for a new Fire Department ladder truck. The Town had been awarded \$712,000 toward the ladder truck cost for which there would still be a need for additional funds from the Town. There had been no estimate of the truck cost. Mr. Kozak invited Fire Chief Nestor to speak. Chief Nestor stated that following the last meeting he received a cost estimate from a vendor for \$940,000 to \$960,000. Chief Nestor concluded that with the \$712,000 award the need would be for \$240,000, using the lower cost estimate of \$940,000. Mr. Kozak summarized that if the Board did not want to have a Capital Exclusion question the recommendation for the new ladder truck would be for \$240,000. Selectman Marzec asked what would be the options for raising the funds for the truck purchase. Mr. Kozak responded that adding a ballot question could jeopardize the truck purchase. He added that there could be a Special Town Meeting but that would be an added expense. He suggested that additional funds might be found through transfers, Free Cash, the Stabilization Fund (although he would try not to utilize that option), or an Article not tied into the Ballot Question. He concluded that it would be up to the public as to how they would perceive raising the funds through other means. Selectman Marzec also inquired about how much is in the Stabilization Fund to which Mr. Kozak responded that there are two Stabilization Funds and that the health insurance Stabilization Fund has about 2 million dollars. Selectman Nolan then asked about the Stabilization Fund level to which Mr. Kozak responded that it is kept at about 5 percent, which he did not feel would be jeopardized with the truck funding. The Town Manager further noted that he would not use the total from the Stabilization Fund and he would add to it funds like transfers. Mr. Kozak concluded by saying that he would recommend using the Stabilization Fund. Selectman Athanas asked about the life cycle of the truck to which Chief Nestor responded that is about 30 years. He also questioned using long term funds when it really is a Capital Exclusion question due to the 30-year truck life cycle. Mr. Athanas then inquired if it would be advisable to ask residents at the Town Meeting for the funding. Then if they voted against that option the Stabilization Fund could be used. Mr. Kozak responded that in that case another Town Meeting would have to be scheduled and that funds would have to be in place and timing would be tight. Selectman Nolan stated that it would be difficult to tell residents that the Board wants them to pay for it but if they say no we have the money already in an account. He added that he wouldn't want to jeopardize the grant money. Mr. Kozak

suggested that if the proposed article is not tied into the Capital Exclusion it might be easier, otherwise there would have to be a Special Town Meeting. Selectman Melia said if the whole purchase price of the truck would be needed he would agree that a Capital Exclusion would be the right option. However, given that the amount needed would be relatively small he felt this was not the best course of action. Mr. Melia also acknowledged that the grant could be jeopardized. He further noted that the \$712,000 grant was to be used for unforeseen expenses, which would apply to the truck purchase. Mr. Melia also questioned whether it would be sensible to add to the two Capital Exclusion questions already approved to be on the ballot, adding that residents might come to resent taking a vote on funding that was already available through the grant. Selectman Marzec agreed that the Board of Selectmen should move forward using the grant money and the least amount of money needed could from the Stabilization Fund. A motion/Mr. Nolan, seconded/Mr. Marzec for the Town Manager to move forward with the budget for the ladder truck to be paid with the grant money and the remainder paid with transfers, free cash, and/or the Stabilization Fund, if needed. Vote yes/Unanimous.

### **Municipal Energy Aggregation.**

Noting that this matter affects residents, Town Manager Kozak introduced Phillip Carr and his associate of Good Energy, a Municipal Energy Aggregation consulting company. The representatives stated that the company offers a residential program. It involves a law that exists in 5 states for deregulation where the municipal government body can essentially take all the residential electricity accounts out to bid in bulk. It's an offer to compete against the default rate of National Grid. The state numbers show that the average household in Massachusetts uses about 10,000 kilowatt hours a year. The Town of Northbridge which has 5,800 accounts adds up to 58,000,000 kilowatt hours. That is the equivalent of 3,000,000 square feet of commercial real estate. That translates from an individual with no buying power to buying power of 3,000,000 square feet of commercial real estate. Municipal Energy Aggregation is building a buying group that would be at least 100,000 households with 1,000,000 kilowatt hours and about 550,000,000 square feet of commercial real estate. This would allow for tremendous savings. Also the retail rates for National Grid change every six months and there was a significant increase this past winter. So there is no forward visibility about what the customer would be paying from one season to the next which makes household budgeting difficult. These energy markets are extremely volatile. Choices are: 1) stick with National Grid, 2) select an alternative from the open market, and 3) Municipal Energy Aggregation. With Municipal Energy Aggregation a collection of towns go out to purchase at the best price in the market with the best terms, no termination fees, budget certainties for 2, 3, or 4 years, and 100 percent renewable energy for a very small add-on. The company has about 600,000 households with a savings this year of about \$100,000,000. They buy strategically long-term and lock in the customer rate for 2 to 3 years. This was started in Illinois in 2011, which required passage of a referendum. The public has to be educated about this alternative. Since National Grid is a delivery company, jobs would not be affected. National Grid would always be available to provide service. As far as the process goes, an article would be presented and approved at Town Meeting and then a consultant would be selected. Plans would be submitted in November. Towns in the Commonwealth would be joined to form a large buying group. Ideally the Company would like to begin purchasing for the buying group in May of 2015. Selectman Nolan asked if the savings would apply to various types of residential real estate. Mr. Carr stated that it would apply to any real estate served by National Grid. Although small businesses are not well-served since they are not similar to the aggregate but there are options available to help them such as programs through the Chamber of Commerce. Selectman Marzec asked what other Massachusetts towns has the Company approached with an offer. Mr. Carr responded that they had conducted discussions with several towns, among them Freetown, Newton, New Bedford, and Worcester. Selectman Marzec also asked if the Board would have to include the matter at the next Town Meeting. Town Manager Kozak advised that it would be beneficial to include an article for the Fall Town Meeting to take advantage of the November purchase and let the people decide. He also advised that there were other options such as

the Hampshire Council of Governments plan and he hoped that by October the Board would have sufficient information to make a recommendation to the residents about the best company to utilize. Selectman Athanas asked what might be the savings for residents with Municipal Energy Aggregation. Mr. Carr gave a conservative estimate of \$100 per year. Chairman Ampagoomian also asked if Good Energy would open up public hearings for residents to be informed about the benefits of the Company. The Representative responded that the Company would provide information to residents through Town Meeting, if requested, and market the product through their media plan. Chairman Ampagoomian/2) Asked about the Company's Opt-Out Option. The Company's Representative responded that there has to be a 3-day long Opt-Out Option, which is the vehicle for getting buying power. However, the Community could opt out at any time at no cost. Town Manager Kozak added that the Board now has information which would enable them to vote on an article if they decide to do so at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

**Town Manager's Report. 1) WRTA Update** - Town Manager Kozak provided Board members with paperwork showing the updated ridership numbers for the WRTA as requested by a Select Board member. Ridership has steadily increased since December 2013 and the WRTA is encouraged by that.

Chairman Ampagoomian reviewed that at the last Board of Selectmen's meeting Selectman Athanas had asked about the memorial for all Town veterans who had served, noting that it is in the works. He also sent an email to a member of the Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials pertaining to the memorial for Operation Desert Storm for the first Gulf War, which is located on the lawn of the Town Hall. The email suggested since it appears that the member of the Trustees is considering putting one stone at the Town Hall that they look at the possibility of removing the existing stone to be placed between the Vietnam Memorial and the WWII Roll Call so that it is front and center to remind people of those who served in combat in Operation Desert Storm. Chairman Ampagoomian further noted that he asked the member of the Trustees to consider requesting the Board of Selectmen to reserve Adam's Five Corners after construction is completed so the Board may present it as a memorial square to WWII Veteran and former Northbridge State Representative Jack Driscoll.

A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to adjourn. Vote yes/Unanimous.

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:10 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**James Athanas, Clerk**

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**LIST OF DOCUMENTATION**

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

**July 21, 2014**

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/No documentation**
- II. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ No documentation**
- III. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/ No documentation**
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/ No documentation**
- V. DECISIONS**
  - A. Fall Annual Town Meeting [October 28, 2014]/Vote to place ballot question for Capital Exclusion on November State Election Warrant:**
    - 1) Copy of draft capital exclusion question for an aerial ladder truck and back-up information from the Assessor's Office showing what the tax rate would be if the question is passed
    - 2) Copy of draft capital exclusion question for funding a road maintenance repair program and back-up information from the Assessor's Office showing what the tax rate would be if the question is passed
    - 3) Copy of draft capital exclusion question for capital purchases for the School Department and back-up information from the Assessor's Office showing what the tax rate would be if the question is passed
- VI. DISCUSSIONS**
  - B. Municipal Energy Aggregation – 1) Flyer about municipal energy aggregation and 2) Copy of a Municipal Electricity Aggregation Powerpoint Presentation**
- VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – Copy of email from Jonathan Church, CMRPC, showing the total ridership on the two WRTA buses serving Northbridge from December 2013 through June 2014.**
- VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/ No documentation**
- IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/ No documentation**
- X. CORRESPONDENCE/ No documentation**
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ No documentation**

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
August 18, 2014**

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

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

A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to go into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, S. 21#3 – To discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations [Pine Grove Cemetery] – and to reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Ampagoomian/Yes, Mr. Melia/Yes, Mr. Athanas/Yes, and Mr. Marzec/Yes.

**Open Session Adjourned: 6:18 P.M.**

**Executive Session Convened: 6:20 P.M.**

**Executive Session Adjourned: 6:53 P.M.**

**Open Session Reconvened: 7:00 P.M.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

**Approval of minutes/None.**

**Public hearings/None.**

Chairman Ampagoomian noted that the Board of Selectmen is experiencing difficulties with Charter Communications and their transmission lines which might result in difficulty hearing the meeting at home. He asked for the public to bear with the Board on this issue.

**APPOINTMENTS/By the Board of Selectmen: 1) Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission: (Second Delegate) -** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Ampagoomian to appoint Selectman Dan Nolan as the Second Delegate to the CMRPC. Vote Yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia, Ampagoomian and Athanas. **(Alternate) -** A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Melia to appoint Mr. Ampagoomian as the Alternate representative to the CMRPC. Mr. Ampagoomian immediately stated he would accept the appointment. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia, Ampagoomian and Athanas. **2) Conservation Commission: Gerald Ouillette, Jr. -** Mr. Ouillette appeared before the Board stating that he is a lifelong Northbridge resident with a background in site work and underground utilities. He expressed a desire to serve the Town. Also appearing before the Board, Justin Arbuckle, the current Acting Chairman of the Conservation Commission, expressed that the Conservation Commission is very impressed with Mr. Ouillette's years of service and stated that the Commission felt that Mr. Ouillette would be a valuable member to the Conservation Commission due to his background in the water and sewer industries. Selectman Melia thanked Mr. Ouillette for his desire to help the Town noting that he had known Mr. Ouillette for a long time and that he favored Mr. Ouillette's appointment to the Conservation Commission. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to appoint Mr. Gerald Ouillette, Jr. to the Conservation Commission. Vote Yes/ Messrs. Marzec, Melia, Ampagoomian and Athanas. **3) Board of Health: Lani Criasia. Ms. Criasia** stated that she presently works for two Boards of Health, is a 10-year resident of Northbridge, has

young children who are students in the Northbridge Public Schools, and is interested in bringing her experience to the Northbridge Board of Health. Also present, Mr. Paul McKeon, Chairman of the Northbridge Board of Health, noted that he values Ms. Criasia's experience adding that she is currently the Secretary for the Charlton Board of Health and Brookfield Board of Health. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Marzec to appoint Lani Criasia to the Board of Health. Vote Yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia, Ampagoomian and Athanas. **4) Ad-Hoc Open Space & Recreation Plan Update Committee: Annika Bangma.** Town Manager Kozak stated that Annika Bangma was unable to be present at the Board of Selectmen's meeting. He added that Mr. Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner, had stated that the Planning Board was interested in Ms. Bangma's candidacy if the Board of Selectmen wished to act. Mr. Melia stated that he had confidence that Mr. Bechtholdt had sufficiently interviewed Annika Bangma and that his recommendation of her for the position could be trusted. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Marzec to appoint Annika Bangma to the Ad-Hoc Open Space & Recreation Plan Update Committee. Vote Yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia, Ampagoomian and Athanas.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT - Roger Mathieu, 2713 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA,** noted that he had concerns with the funding of school sports and expected that School Committee member Randy Zanca would also address the Board of Selectmen regarding two sports that are lagging behind every other school sport: Hockey and the Swimming Team, which together require funding of \$40,000. He added that every other school sport had funding.

**State Primary Election [September 9, 2014]/Vote to sign election warrant.** A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to sign the election warrant for the State Primary [September 9, 2014]. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Melia, Ampagoomian and Athanas.

**Operation Graduation/Request permission to conduct a Boot Drive at Memorial Square, Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM to benefit the Class of 2015. Present: Denise Foster.** Ms. Foster mentioned that rain or shine they will conduct their boot drive on Saturday, September 20, 2014. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve Operation Graduation's request to conduct a Boot Drive at Memorial Square and Ovia Square on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM subject to the Town's Boot Drive policy established by the Board on December 4, 2006 and amended on April 28, 2008 and the safety requirements of the Northbridge Police Department. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia and Ampagoomian.

**Northbridge Fire Department members/Requests permission to hold a Boot Drive at Memorial Square, Saturday, August 30, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to grant permission to the Northbridge Fire Department to conduct a "Fill the Boot" drive for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Saturday, August 30, 2014, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Memorial Square subject to the Boot Drive policy established by the Board on December 4, 2006 and amended on April 28, 2008. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Ampagoomian and Nolan.

**Alternatives /1) Request permission to hold its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Valley Friendship Tour on Saturday, May 30, 2015 and to close Douglas Road at the start of each race beginning at 8:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. 1) Request permission to hang a banner across Church Street from May 17<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> to advertise their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Valley Friendship Tour event.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve Alternatives' request to hang a banner across Church Street from May 17, 2015 through May 31, 2015 to advertise their 30th Annual Valley Friendship Tour fundraiser to be held Saturday, May 30, 2015. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia and Ampagoomian. **2) Request permission to conduct the race and close Douglas Road at the start of each race beginning at 8:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve Alternatives' request to conduct the race and close Douglas Road at the



start of each race beginning at 8:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., and 11:00 A.M. subject to the safety requirements of the Northbridge Police Department. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia and Ampagoomian.

**MassWorks Church Street Extension Corridor Project/1) Vote to submit MassWorks application. 2) Vote to authorize acceptance of MassWorks funding.** Town Manager Kozak explained the Town is currently in the process of preparing an application to have work completed on Church Street extension. This is in conjunction with the Osterman Industrial Park mentioned that the application has to be submitted by the end of August. Town Manager Kozak suggests the Board of Selectmen move forward and have the Chairman sign the application. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to submit the MassWorks application. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia and Ampagoomian. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to authorize the Chairman to sign the application for MassWorks funding. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia and Ampagoomian.

**Fall Annual Town Meeting [October 28, 2014]/Vote to place articles on warrant. Town Manager Kozak asked that the Board of Selectmen skip this item and go to Discussions – Hampshire Power Municipal Energy Aggregation because this is an article that will need to be voted on.**

**Hampshire Power Municipal Energy Aggregation. Present: Bernard Kubiak, Consultant for The Hampshire Council of Governments [HCOG].** Mr. Kubiak mentioned that the Hampshire Council of Governments has been around for 15 years. All of their programs and services are available to every municipality in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Their programs and services are designed to save taxpayer money, keep investments local, contribute to health environment, and benefit the health of citizens. Mr. Kubiak explained that The Hampshire Council of Governments and the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission unveiled a new partnership for energy services. Community Choice Aggregation [CCA] helps residents and businesses save money and become more informed and involved in electricity purchases. He mentioned that eight communities in CMRPC [Barre, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Mendon, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Upton and West Brookfield] participate in the program. He then explained that CCA is a program in which the participating cities and towns use their combined bulk buying power to seek lower electricity prices for residents and businesses. The program is unique in that the HCOG bundles the purchasing power of multiple communities, to create buying power that drives down prices and protects consumers. Mr. Kubiak asked Town Manager Kozak and the Board of Selectmen to consider them when entering into a contract for electricity.

**Fall Annual Town Meeting [October 28, 2014]/Vote to place articles on warrant.** Town Manager Kozak presented the following draft articles to the Board for their review and recommended that they vote to place them on the Fall Annual Town Meeting warrant: Town Manager Kozak advised that the first three are housekeeping articles. Article 1: article for prior year bills Article 2: article for budget transfers Article 3: to transfer funds to the Fire Department to purchase ladder truck. Article 4: article for roads maintenance program. Article 5: an article to have the Board of Selectmen enter into an agreement for the purchase of energy supply for the residents of Northbridge. Article 6: article to have the Town appropriate funds for the purchase of water meters and installation for the Town of Northbridge Water Distribution System. Article 7: an article to approve an Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Solar Farm on Lasell Road known as Oakhurst Farm. Article 8: Article to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Sutton for the expansion of the sanitary sewer on Main Street in Whitinsville. Town Manager Kozak mentioned that they don't need this article because Town Counsel informed him that you don't need Town Meeting approval for an Intermunicipal Agreement. Article 9: An article to authorize the imposition of a local excise in the statutory of .75% on the sale of restaurant meals. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to place Articles 1 through 9 on the Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia and Ampagoomian.

**Northbridge Youth Baseball: Water/Sewer Hookup @ American Legion [Present: Rob Fraser and/or Jim Mulgrew].** He mentioned that a few years ago the Northbridge Youth Baseball came before the Board asking permission to waive the fees for sewer hook-up at the American Legion. He mentioned that the Selectmen passed it unanimously but when he approached the Highway Department this past fall they didn't have the signed paperwork from the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Mulgrew informed the Board that Mr. Shuris asked that he or someone from the Northbridge Youth Baseball come to a Selectmen's meeting and get the approval and signed paperwork. Town Manager Kozak mentioned that four years ago the Board of Selectmen granted a waiver for the Sewer Connection fee, not water. Town Manager Kozak advised Mr. Mulgrew that he or someone from the Northbridge Youth Baseball complete the application process for waiving the hook-up fee for water. Mr. Mulgrew has the completed application and gave it to Mr. Shuris. There being no further discussion, a motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Melia to move this item from discussion to a decision. Roll call vote: Mr. Athanas/Yes, Mr. Marzec/Yes, Mr. Ampagoomian/Yes, Mr. Melia/Yes. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to waive the water connection fees at the Legion Field in Rockdale for the Northbridge Youth Baseball. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Ampagoomian and Melia.

**National Grid Interstate Reliability Project [Electric Transmission Line]/Present: Michael Peterson, National Grid.** Mr. Peterson passed out a pamphlet outlining the National Grid Interstate Reliability Project and then explained that this project has been in the making for about 10 years and that they finally received the approval to proceed. The project will strengthen the Interstate transfer of electricity between Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, and enhance the reliable performance of the high voltage transmission network that serves the region. The location of the new 75 mile 345-kilovolt line spans three states: Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. The National Grid portion will begin in Millbury, MA and travel in the vicinity of Route 146 into North Smithfield, Rhode Island. It will then travel west to Burrillville, Rhode Island and into Connecticut where it will connect to a Northeast Utilities line. He mentioned the construction process has begun and will consist of the following phases: site preparation, installation of foundations, installation of structures, removal of decommissioned towers, wire stringing, substation upgrades, and site restoration and visual mitigation. He mentioned that project is moving along but are a little bit behind schedule. He mentioned that once the project is completed the town will have some new tax revenue.

**South Middlesex Opportunity Council: Subordination Agreement/Vote to approve.** Town Manager Kozak mentioned that the attorney for this matter couldn't attend tonight's meeting so he informed the Selectmen that the property of 35 Cross Place and 75-85 Church Avenue have renegotiated with another bank for better rates. There being no further discussion, a motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to move Item J from discussion to a decision. Roll call vote: Mr. Athanas/Yes, Mr. Marzec/Yes, Mr. Ampagoomian/Yes, Mr. Melia/Yes. A motion/Mr. Marzec, seconded/Mr. Melia to approve the Community Development Block Grant Subordination Agreement for 35 Cross Place and 75-85 Church Avenue, Northbridge. Vote yes/Messrs. Marzec, Athanas, Melia and Ampagoomian.

**Road Projects Update [Present: James Shuris, DPW Director & Jamie Luchini, Highway Superintendent].** Mr. Shuris announced that on Mr. Luchini's third day of working for the Town of Northbridge, he presented him with a memorandum of the Town's Road Program. He mentioned that essentially nothing has changed. Mr. Shuris explained that he has a contract for Hill Street, had a pre-construction meeting, physically marked the streets this morning and are ready to start the work this week. Mr. Shuris then mentioned that it will take about three weeks to complete Hill Street, Douglas Road and Sprague Street. Selectman Marzec asked Mr. Shuris to explain the cracks in the Ross Rajotte Bridge and Mr. Shuris mentioned that he and Mr. Luchini have seen the cracks and have contacted the Engineer and Mass DOT to see if they were aware of the situation. Mr. Shuris went on to state that Mass DOT notified the contractor to come out and make the necessary repairs. As of today, the contractor has

not responded to MassDOT and Mr. Shuris noted that the bridge is safe. Chairman Ampagoomian asked Mr. Shuris to keep the Board apprised of the situation and let them know when the bridge will be repaired. Town Manager Kozak asked Mr. Shuris and Mr. Luchini to do an analysis on the property located across from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Luchini mentioned that he contacted a local land clearing business to take a look at the property. That being said, to clear 5 acres of land would cost around \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and then noted that there is a drainage easement in there so someone would have to come in and survey some of the land to determine the boundaries of the wetlands. Mr. Shuris also mentioned that the fill/material from the Sutton Street Project is not suitable fill for this site. Selectman Melia mentioned that for five years now he was told that there is a lot of ledge there and Mr. Shuris stated that ledge is good. He explained that in Milford, MA there was a site that had a lot of ledge and the person developing the site crushed the ledge and sold it to help pay for the site. Selectman Melia asked if Mr. Caya was paying for the debris and fill from the Sutton Street project. Mr. Shuris stated that the contractor just told him he was dumping the fill and debris at the Klocek property and he is not aware of any money dealings in exchange for the fill. Mr. Luchini also noted that the fill is junk material and not good for the Providence Road site. Mr. Shuris will contact the contractor Amorello. A site walk will be set up in the near future for the Selectmen to view.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT – Randi Zanca, School Committee Member & Roger Mathieu, 2713 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA.** Ms. Zanca mentioned that she and Roger are planning a Spaghetti Dinner to help raise money for the Northbridge swim and hockey team. They are looking to raise around \$40,000 dollars in hopes to be able to restore these two sports. They are just looking to get some help from the town and will meet with Town Manager Kozak at a later date to discuss the finances.

Town Manager Kozak announced that earlier this morning there was a 3-alarm house fire at 44-46 Church Ave. and the residents were safely evacuated from the building however there were some pets that were lost. He thanked everyone who assisted with the fire.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT. 1) Public Workshop (2040 Providence Road /Reuse Plan)** – Working with the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission on a reuse plan for 2040 Providence Road property. A public workshop will be held at Town Hall on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 @ 7PM. The workshop is aimed at starting the conversation about the potential reuse of the site; review existing conditions; environmental assessment; and will explore potential redevelopment opportunities. **2) Congressman McGovern's visit** – Congressman McGovern was in town on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. He, along with Jeannie Hebert, President/CEO-Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, did a walking tour from the Chamber of Commerce to the Fire Station, where he presented a FEMA check to Fire Chief Gary Nestor for a new ladder truck. The Congressman also visited several businesses along the way. Ms. Hebert is working with Mr. McGovern to obtain funding for a Quinsigamond Community College satellite campus at The Shop. A visit to Town Hall will be scheduled in the future. **3) Central Mass Metropolitan Planning Commission [CMMPO]** – Infrastructure public meeting: The CMMPO announced that a public meeting for information and ideas on transportation funding for area communities will be held at the Uxbridge Town Hall at 5:30PM on September 24, 2014. The public is invited. **4) Deane Way Drainage Update** – The Town Planner and DPW met with the developers to address the drainage issues and put together a plan to stabilize the area due to erosion. **5) Town Hall Update** – There will be a meeting with the Architect on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> to prepare a scope of work for the Great Hall and Selectmen's Meeting Room as well as other areas that might need attention. **6) Central Mass Regional Planning Commission** – **a) Quarterly meeting update** – Attended a meeting, which addressed items on: Technical Grant Assistance; Buy Local programs; a newly formed coalition on the negative impact on municipal services due to Chapter 70,71 and 74 requirements; provided an update on the pre-disaster mitigation plan; and reviewed areas for regional procurement. **b) CAC [Central Agricultural Coalition] Buy Local Planning Initiative** – A notice has been placed on the Town's website. There is also a survey available for restaurants, grocers, retailers, schools, hospitals, and other to

determine how to encourage local purchase of local products. The survey will be available at least through the end of September. 7) **Worcester Business Development Plan for Regional Freight Facilities** – Communities are being asked to identify potential sites for regional freight facilities. Working with Gary Bechtholdt on potential sites in Northbridge. 8) Announced that he received an email from Jennifer Woodward, Librarian and mentioned that the Library will be open on Friday's now from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. The public can view the Town Library hours of operation on the Town's webpage.

**SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS. Selectman Athanas 1)** Mentioned that he's been reading some articles about a number of towns that are raising the age limit on selling tobacco. He asked the Select Board members if they wish to entertain this. Chairman Ampagoomian asked if the Board of Health could look into this study. **Selectman Melia/1)** Mentioned that with the current heroin usage in town is there anything the Town can do to assist with rehabilitation and what as a community can we do to offer these folks help. **2)** A citizen contacted him today regarding the fire and mentioned that an organization in town called Operation Suitcase can help these folks that have lost everything. **3)** Jack Driscoll Memorial – Mentioned that he has received letters and phone calls regarding changing Adam's Four Corners name to Jack Driscoll Memorial. He mentioned that Adam's Four Corners should remain that and feels that the Jack Driscoll Memorial be located somewhere else. **Chairman Ampagoomian 1)** Asked if the contractor could remove the pile of dirt on Dean's Way in front of Mrs. Osterman's house. **2)** Asked if the street sweeping can make it across the causeway to do Carpenter Road. **3)** Mentioned that Stephen Abraham, Register of Probate Court has rolled out a program on drug abuse in Worcester County and noted that he is speaking to the senior's at the Senior Center. He has invited him to come to Northbridge and speak to the Board of Selectmen regarding the drug abuse problem. **4)** Jack Driscoll Memorial - Mentioned that this was a suggestion but realized that a square cannot be named after a Veteran unless they were killed in action. They are looking elsewhere for a Memorial to honor Jack Driscoll.

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

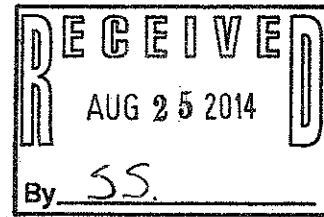
**Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**James Athanas, Clerk**

**/dmg**

**nationalgrid**



August 21, 2014

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

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a petition of NATIONAL GRID, covering NATIONAL GRID pole location(s)

If you have any questions regarding this permit please contact:

Paula Fox: (781) 907 – 3475

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

If this petition meets with your approval, please return an executed copy to:

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Widman AB".

Eric Widman, Engineering  
Supervisor, Distribution Design

Enclosures

Board of Selectmen

**PETITION FOR POLE LOCATIONS**

Copy

Hopedale

August 21, 2014

To the Board of Selectmen  
Northbridge Massachusetts

**MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY** requests permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said company may deem necessary, in the following public way or ways;

**Church Street Pole 14**

**NGRID to remove 2 guys and anchors off customers private property in parking lot of 117 Church St and to install 2 sidewalk anchors to guy the spacer cable from Cross Street to Pole 14 Church Street.**

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain pole and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked:

**MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY**

Plan No. **17183556** Dated **08/21/2014**

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

**MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY**

By: Eric Widman *EW*  
Manager of Distribution Design

ORDER FOR POLE LOCATIONS

Hopedale, MA

August 21, 2014

To the Board of Selectmen  
Northbridge, Massachusetts

Notice having been given and public hearing held, as provided by law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: that **MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY** be and they are hereby granted locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Company may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Company dated the **21st day of August, 2014**

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

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

**MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY**

Plan No. **17183556** Dated **08/21/2014** filed with this order

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

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

**Church Street Pole 14**

**NGRID to remove 2 guys and anchors off customers private property in parking lot of 117 Church St and to install 2 sidewalk anchors to guy the spacer cable from Cross Street to Pole 14 Church Street.**

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the *Northbridge Board of Selectmen*

*September 8,* 2014

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Selectmen  
*James Athanas*

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

Book: \_\_\_\_\_ Page: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

I hereby certify that on September 8, 2014, at 7:05 o'clock, P.M.,  
at Northbridge Town Hall a public hearing was held on the petition of  
7 Main St., Whitinsville, MA 01588  
**MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY**

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

And that thereupon said order was duly adopted.

Selectmen of the Town of  
Northbridge

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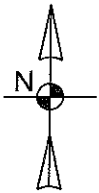
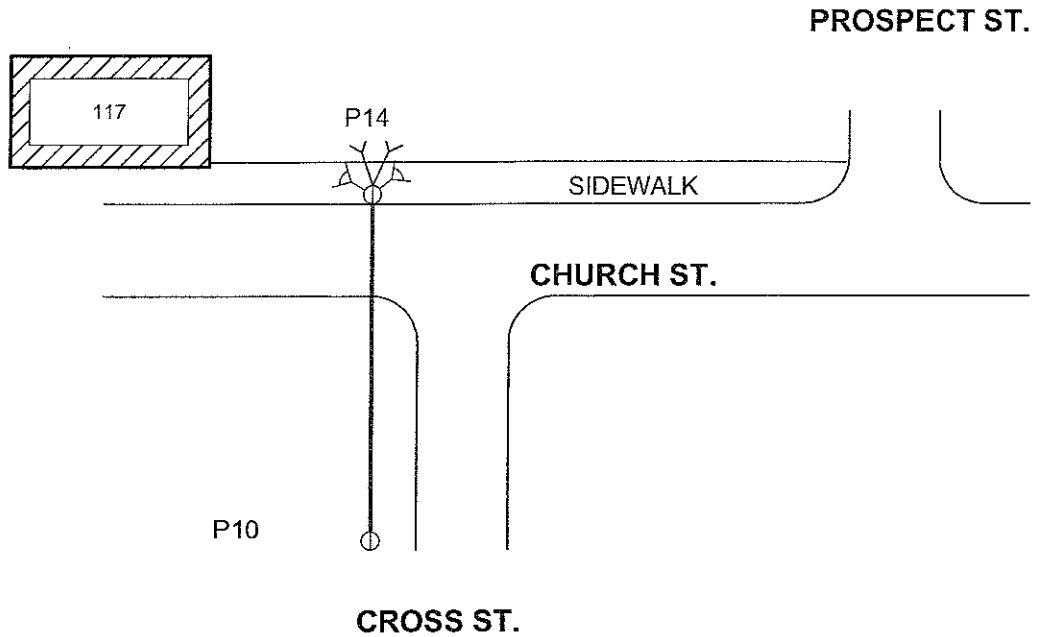
**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a location order and certificate of hearing with notice adopted by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Town of \_\_\_\_\_, Massachusetts, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, and recorded with the records of location orders of provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto or amendments thereof.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk



NATIONAL GRID TO REMOVE 2 GUYS AND ANCHORS OFF CUSTOMER'S PRIVATE PROPERTY IN PARKING LOT OF 117 CHURCH STREET AND TO INSTALL 2 SIDEWALK ANCHORS TO GUY THE SPACER CABLE FROM CROSS STREET TO P14 CHURCH STREET.



<b>POLE PETITION</b>	<b>nationalgrid</b>
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DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE	

**NOTICE**

August 29, 2014

To: Abutters  
Massachusetts Electric Company/Eric Widman, Manager of Distribution Design

In conformity with the requirements of Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) you are hereby notified that a **Public Hearing** has been scheduled for **Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:05 PM**, at the Northbridge Town Hall, Selectmen's Room, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA based upon the petition of National Grid, Plan No. 17183556, dated August 21, 2014, for permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said company may deem necessary, in the following public way or ways:

**Church Street Pole 14**

**Petition to remove 2 guys and anchors off customer's private property in parking lot of 117 Church Street and to install 2 sidewalk anchors to guy the spacer cable from Cross Street to Pole 14 Church Street [Plan #17183556, dated 8/21/2014].**

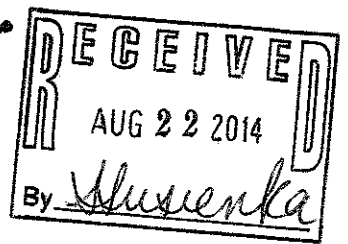
Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked--Massachusetts Electric Company.

**Plan No. 17183556**

**Dated August 21, 2014**

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

D.1



TALENT BANK APPLICATION

please return to:

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

C: Plan Bd  
8/22/14

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

Date: 8/22/14

Name Pamela L. Ferrara

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

Home Address 306 Jessica Way, Northbridge, MA 01534

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone 508-234-7314 Cell 508-282-1691

Business \_\_\_\_\_

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

Current Occupation/Title Mortgage Assistant

Education B.S., M.Ed., Framingham State University

Governmental, Civic & Community Activities Voting Polls in Northbridge  
Senior Volunteer - Town Manager's Office  
Northboro Assessors Office - Assistant - 2004-2009

Charitable & Educational Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Town Committees or Offices Secretary to B.P.C.C. in Northbridge  
2007-2010

I am interested in the following Committees: Planning

Please indicate whether the applicant and/or any family members are employed by the Town of Northbridge. N/A

NAME:

Piamenta L. Ferrara

PRECINCT# 4

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

COMMITTEE INTEREST (Indicate Committee preference)

- 1. Planning 4.
- 2. Disability 5.
- 3. 6.

Present Interest or business affiliation (dates, places)

Advocacy for mentally ill and developmentally disabled - Advocates Inc., ARC., Legal Guardian

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

Helped seniors with financial assistance while employed at Northborough Assessors office, 2004-2009. Secretary for Elderly and Disabled Committee in Northborough 2004-2009.

Special skills and education (be specific)

Assessor Classes during Northboro employment  
Statistics classes, <sup>was</sup> licensed real estate broker

How experience relates to particular committee interest

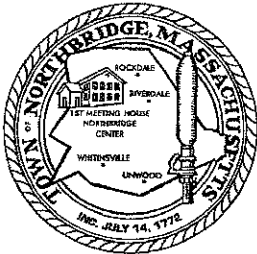
Town Government employment in real estate areas has a connection to Town Planning. I had a lot of involvement with mapping street numbering of <sup>apartments</sup> the Northboro Assessor's Office.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: I thoroughly enjoy Town Government activities, would love more involvement. Town Planning would be the perfect avenue to continue this. I enjoy volunteer work! want to give back to the community.

Mail completed form to:

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

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

Theodore D. Kozak  
Town Manager

Via Certified Mail # 7010 3090 0000 0698 1792

September 3, 2014

Mr. John Brown  
2210C Providence Road  
Northbridge, MA 01534

Re: Removal from Conservation Commission

Dear John:

In accordance with Section 8-6 [Removals and Suspensions] of the Northbridge Town Charter, on August 5, 2014, you received a Certified Return Receipt letter from the Northbridge Conservation Commission advising you of their intention to remove you from the Commission due to the inability to contact you as well as your lack of attendance at Commission meetings.

Those two issues have created a difficult situation for the Commission as they have been forced to cancel many meetings (due to the lack of a quorum). That in turn caused many a delay in the Commission's ability to act on issues that require their attention.

Due to the above, if you wish to attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014, to offer a response to the Commission's request for your removal you are invited.

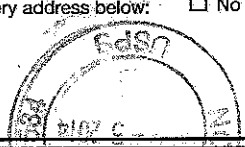
Sincerely,

Theodore D. Kozak  
Town Manager

TDK/sls

c: Conservation Commission } 9/4/14

9/18/14 BOS Agenda

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION	COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY
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1. Article Addressed to: <u>John Brown</u> <u>2210C Providence Rd.</u> <u>Northbridge, MA</u> <u>01534</u>	B. Received by (Printed Name) <u>JOHN BROWN</u> C. Date of Delivery
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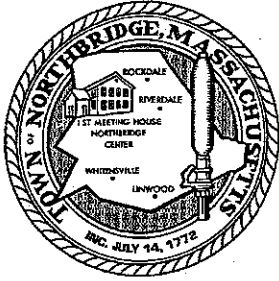
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Sent To: JOHN BROWN  
 Street, Apt. No., or PO Box No.: 2210C Providence Rd.  
 City, State, ZIP+4: Northbridge, MA 01534

PS Form 3800, May 2000 See Reverse for Instructions

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**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**7 MAIN STREET  
WHITINSVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS 01588  
Telephone: (508) 234-0817  
FAX: (508) 234-0814**

**COPY**

Certified Mail #: 7000 1670 001 5153 5498

July 30, 2014

John Brown  
2210C Providence Road  
Northbridge, MA 01534

Re: Conservation Commission Membership

Dear John:

Since January 2014, you have only attended 4 meetings out of the 13 meetings that have been held to date. Also, the last meeting you attended was on February 26, 2014. Due to this absence, the NCC has been having trouble getting a quorum for a number of its scheduled meetings; causing extensive delays in reviewing and permitting applications. Several emails were sent to you requesting your intentions and there were many phone calls that all went to voice mail. Your unavailability to attend meetings and the question of your current address has led the other NCC members to request that you be removed from the NCC. Please make arrangements to drop off the keys to the building.

Applicants and residents alike have become more and more frustrated with the NCC's inability to act as a result of continued cancellations of meetings due to a lack of a quorum and delays with signatures on documents, etc. that should be signed by the Chair. To alleviate some of these delays the NCC reorganized and I have been named the new Chair.

If there comes a time when you can devote the time needed to the NCC and there is a vacancy, we would love to have you return.

We hope you are feeling better.

Sincerely,

Justin Arbuckle  
Conservation Commission Chair

## Barbara Kinney

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**From:** Barbara Kinney <bkinney@northbridgemass.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 11:20 AM  
**To:** Brown John (littlejohnny61@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Conservation Membership

**Importance:** High

John:

I hope you are feeling better.

Because of your unavailability lately, I just wanted to update you that the NCC reorganized and Justin is the new Chair.

As you likely know, the NCC has also been having trouble getting a quorum for a number of its scheduled meetings; causing extensive delays in reviewing and permitting applications. You have missed all meetings over the last several months due to medical reasons and we have had to postpone one for several meetings and finally had to call a special meeting for it to be heard this coming Monday. Applicants and residents alike have become more and more frustrated with the Commission's inability to act as a result of continued cancellations of meetings due to a lack of a quorum.

The concern for a meeting quorum is not specific to you as other members have also not been able to commit to the schedule required for a position on the Commission. Since we last spoke Terry Bradley has resigned and his position will be filled by a Gerry Ouillette. He will be appointed at the next BOS meeting. Bill's scheduled has been worked out so he should not have to miss any more meetings.

I have been asked to contact you to see if you are willing to voluntarily resign from the NCC; the Board of Selectmen would appoint a new commission member for this vacancy. If there comes a time when you are medically able, living in town and can devote the time needed to the Commission and there is a vacancy, we would love to have you return.

Arrangements have been made for the NCC to review this matter at its meeting on July 28th. The NCC will discuss its options at that time, which may include requesting the Board of Selectmen remove you from the Commission.

Please reply to this Email or call me indicating your intentions.

Barbara Kinney  
Planning / Conservation Administrative Assistant



## Barbara Kinney

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**From:** Barbara Kinney <bkinney@northbridgemass.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2014 11:41 AM  
**To:** Brown John (littlejohnny61@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** Andrew Chagnon (achagnon@parecorp.com)  
**Subject:** Conservation Membership

John:

I hope you are feeling better and I hope your plans for moving are going well.

I have been trying to reach you and haven't heard from you since May 28, 2014. The Conservation Commission (NCC) will be implementing some changes to address several issues that have become a problem lately. One is we will be reorganizing the Commission at our meeting on June 25, 2014. We will be electing a new Chair because you have not been available lately.

As you likely know, the NCC has also been having trouble getting a quorum for a number of its scheduled meetings; causing extensive delays in reviewing and permitting applications. Since January 2014, I believe you have only attended 3 or 4 meetings; missing about 8 meetings.

Applicants and residents alike have become more and more frustrated with the Commission's inability to act as a result of continued cancellations of meetings due to a lack of a quorum and delays with signatures on documents, etc. that should be signed by the Chair.

The concern for a meeting quorum is not specific to you as other members have also not been able to commit to the schedule required for a position on the Commission. I have been asked to contact you (and Terry Bradley) to see if you are willing to voluntarily resign from the NCC; the Board of Selectmen would appoint a new commission member for this vacancy. If there comes a time when you can devote the time needed to the Commission and there is a vacancy, we would love to have you return.

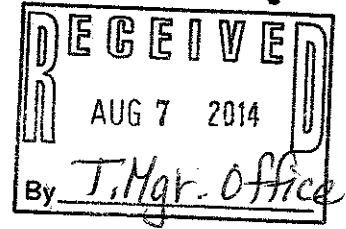
Arrangements have been made for the NCC to review this matter at its meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The NCC will discuss its options at that time, which may include requesting the Board of Selectmen remove the member(s) that cannot make the meetings.

Please reply to this Email noting your intentions.

Barbara Kinney  
Planning / Conservation Administrative Assistant

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**nationalgrid**

8/11/14 } c: DPW Dir

July 29, 2014

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

To Whom It May Concern:

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

If you have any questions regarding this permit please contact:

Paula Fox: (781) 907 - 3475

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Eric Widman".

Eric Widman, Engineering  
Name: Distribution Design Supervisor  
Supervisor, Distribution Design

Enclosures

Board of Selectmen  
Copy  
RECEIVED  
AUG 7 2014  
By: [Signature]

**PETITION FOR JOINT POLE RE-LOCATIONS**

Hopedale, MA 01747

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

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

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

**Douglas Road Pole#26**

**National Grid to relocoate pole 26 twenty feet east to clear new driveway  
for large trucks @ Tom Berkowitz Trucking Inc.**

Wherefore they ask that they be granted a joint relocation for and permission to erect and maintain poles, wires, cables and fixtures to be placed thereon, together with anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they must find necessary, said poles to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked: Plan No. 17397772 Dated: 07/29/2014

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

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

**MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY**

By: Eric Widman  
Manager of Distribution Design

**VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.**

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

**ORDER FOR JOINT POLE RELOCATION**

Hopedale, MA 01747

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

that **MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.**  
be and they are hereby granted a joint relocation for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires  
to be replaced thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem  
necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Companies dated  
the **29th day of July, 2014**

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:-  
Poles shall be sound and timber, and reasonably straight, and shall be set substantially at the points  
indicated upon the plan marked:

Plan No. **17397772** Dated: **07/29/2014** filed with said petition.

There may be attached to said poles by said **MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY** necessary wires,  
cables and fixtures and by said **VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.** not to exceed **40** wires and **4** cables and  
all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than **18** feet from the ground at highway  
crossings, and not less than 16 feet from the ground elsewhere.

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

**Douglas Road Pole#26**  
**National Grid to relcoate pole 26 twenty feet east to clear new driveway**  
**for large trucks @ Tom Berkowitz Trucking Inc.**

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen  
of the Town of Northbridge, Massachusetts held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014

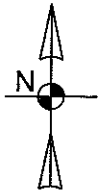
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Clerk of Selectmen James Athanas

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen  
of the Town of Northbridge, Massachusetts held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2014  
recorded with the records of location orders of said Town,  
Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.

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

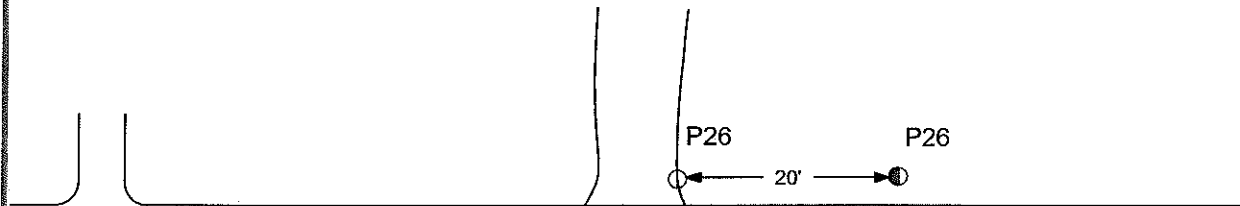
Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk



NationalGrid to relocate P26 twenty feet East to clear new driveway for large trucks @ Tom Berkowitz Trucking, Inc.



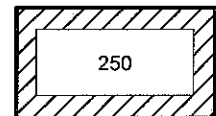
TOM BERKOWITZ TRUCKING



DOUGLAS RD



HUTCHINSON CORPORATION



COGLEY CONSTRUCTION

<b>JOINT OWNED POLE PETITION</b>	<b>nationalgrid</b> And <b>Verizon New England, Inc.</b>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Proposed NGRID Pole Locations	Date:
<input type="radio"/> Existing NGRID Pole Locations	Plan Number: 17397772
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Proposed J.O. Pole Locations	To Accompany Petition Dated:
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<input checked="" type="radio"/> Existing Telephone Co. Pole Locations	For Proposed: 1      Pole: JO      Location: DOUGLAS RD
<input type="radio"/> Existing NGRID Pole Location To Be Made J.O.	Date Of Original Grant:
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DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE	

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

- 1) **U.S. House Bill HB 1840** – The Town of Mendon is requesting our support for a proposed law to waive federal income taxes for participants of the Senior Tax Work-Off Program.
- 2) **Road & Bridge/Updates** – The Town Manager will provide an update on the progress of Hill Street and Douglas Road paving projects, along with Ross Rajotte & Douglas Road bridges.
- 3) **MassWorks Grant Application** – The application has been submitted to the state for \$1,720,000.00 dollars for the reconstruction of Church Street Extension, between Route 122 and Quaker Street.
- 4) **Proposed Regulation on Tobacco Use - Board of Health Meeting on 9/16/14 @ 7:00 P.M.** – There will be a meeting to discuss the issue of having an ordinance to raise the age limit to 21 for purchasing tobacco products.
- 5) **Proposed 10% Reduction of Town Department Budgets** – Town Manager Kozak will provide an overview of the budget items to be reduced if a 10% cut was required.

9/8/14 } T. McGr report  
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August 28, 2014

Ashland BOS	<a href="mailto:boardofselectman@ashlandma.com">boardofselectman@ashlandma.com</a>
Bellingham BOS	<a href="mailto:selectman@bellinghamma.org">selectman@bellinghamma.org</a>
Blackstone BOS	15 Saint Paul Street, Blackstone, MA 01504
Douglas BOS	<a href="mailto:skane@douglasma.org">skane@douglasma.org</a>
Franklin Town Council	<a href="mailto:jnutting@franklin.ma.us">jnutting@franklin.ma.us</a>
Grafton BOS	Town of Grafton, c/o BOS Office, 30 Providence Road, Grafton, MA 01519
Holliston BOS	<a href="mailto:lebeaup@holliston.k12.ma.us">lebeaup@holliston.k12.ma.us</a>
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Upton BOS	<a href="mailto:brobinson@uptonma.gov">brobinson@uptonma.gov</a>
Uxbridge BOS	<a href="mailto:tante@uxbridge-ma.gov">tante@uxbridge-ma.gov</a>

I am writing this memo in the hope that you too will support US House of Representatives HB 1840 by writing to your US House Representative and indicating your support.

The background. Mendon has a tax abatement program that is designed to encourage seniors to volunteer their time, energy and wealth of experience in support of Town needs such as office coverage for 1 person offices during vacations, sick days or peak workloads, providing help for library, landscaping, painting, food pantry at Senior Center, website work, teaching computer courses, work at schools – office and classroom, and / or recording and broadcasting cable TV coverage of meetings, etc., in return for a partial abatement of their taxes. We know that many other towns have similar programs.

Unfortunately, the IRS has said that this tax abatement is equivalent to income and is taxing this as “equivalent income.” We feel that seniors are being unjustly taxed for helping the Town and by being taxed are in fact being discouraged from providing all the volunteer support the Town needs. As an interesting note, the State of Massachusetts does not agree with the Federal Government and is not taxing this “equivalent income.”

If you have a similar tax abatement program, we invite you to support US House bill HB 1840 “Seniors and Retired Volunteers Act of 2013 – Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow individuals who have attained age 60 or are disabled an exemption from income and employment taxes for real property tax abatements received under a state or local program in which such individuals have provided services in exchange for such abatements.”

I am very interested in gaining support for and passing this piece of legislation because I feel that our seniors and our towns deserve our support. Will you please tell me what action you take, if any. And, please feel free to encourage other towns to support this piece of legislation also.

Dick Skinner  
Mendon

Attached: Letter from the Mendon BOS to Representative McGovern supporting HB 1840



## TOWN OF MENDON

Mendon Town Hall  
20 Main Street  
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756  
Telephone: (508) 473-2312  
Fax: (508) 478-8241  
BOS@mendonma.gov

**Board of Selectmen:**  
Michael Goddard, Chair  
Mark Reil  
Rich Schofield

Honorable Representative McGovern  
12 East Worcester Street, Suite 1  
Worcester, MA 01604

July 9, 2014

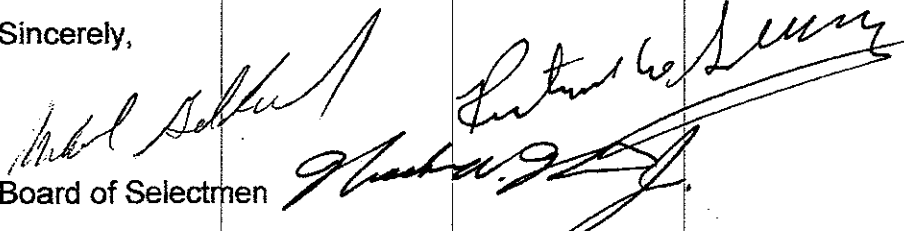
Dear Representative McGovern:

Currently, Massachusetts state law permits towns to opt to absolve up to \$1,000 in property taxes for senior citizens who work a certain number of community service hours. However, the Internal Revenue Service counts this benefit as taxable income, requiring seniors to pay for helping out in their community. Towns are then required to go through a lengthy paperwork process and as a result it makes it a costly decision for us to participate.

As a town in Massachusetts that participates in the Mass work-off abatement program for senior volunteers we write to ask for your support for H.B. 1840, the Senior and Retired Volunteers Act. This bill would waive the property tax benefit from counting for federal tax purposes, providing tax relief for seniors who want to give back to their communities. Additionally, it would relieve towns from staff hours and the burdens of unnecessary paperwork.

We thank you for your consideration on this important bill.

Sincerely,

  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Mendon, Massachusetts