

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL  
7 MAIN STREET - WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588  
September 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
REVISED**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A. 1) July 19, 2021                      2) August 10, 2021 [Special Meeting]  
3) September 13, 2021 (Executive Session)**

**II. PUBLIC HEARING**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/ B. By the Board of Selectmen: 1) Lt. John Ouillette, Safety Committee [Alternate]  
2) Linda Lermond, Board of Health/Present: Lani Criasia, BOH Chair 3) Robert Burrows, Northbridge Housing  
Authority, Tenant Rep.**

**IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT**

**V. DECISIONS:**

**C. Women's Success Network-Hope Garden/Request to install a flower bed and plant yellow tulips in Memorial  
Park at the corner of Linwood Avenue and Church Street/Present: Heather Elster, Executive Director, Whitin  
Community Center**

**D. Blackstone Valley Veterans Association/Request to hang a banner across Church Street from Sunday, October  
31, 2021 to Sunday, November 14, 2021 to advertise their Veteran's Day Spaghetti Supper to be held on  
Saturday, November 13, 2021 at the Knights of Columbus/Present: Patick McGowan, BVVA  
Secretary/Treasurer**

**E. Safety Committee Meeting Minutes [September 22, 2021]/Vote to accept recommendations/Present: James  
Shuris, DPW Director, Safety Committee Chairman**

**F. Roosevelt Drive (Presidential Farms Subdivision)/Vote to layout the remaining portion of Roosevelt Drive as a  
public way**

**G. Pine Grove Cemetery/Stella Pileggi [Lot No. 29, one full burial grave, Walnut Ave South]**

**VI. DISCUSSIONS**

**VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS**

**IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

**X. CORRESPONDENCE**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 19, 2021

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. Board Members Present: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia. James Athanas and Adam D. Gaudette, Town Manager were absent, and it is duly noted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A. 1) April 12, 2021.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Collins to approve the April 12, 2021 meeting minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia. **2) July 6, 2021 [Special Meeting].** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to approve the July 6, 2021 Special meeting minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins, and Melia. **3) July 6, 2021 [Executive Session].** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to approve but not release the July 6, 2021, executive session meeting minutes as presented with the reading omitted. Vote yes/Board members: Cannon, Collins and Melia. Abstain: Chairman Ampagoomian.

**PUBLIC HEARING/B. 7:05 pm - Robert Garrigan / Application for a Class II (Used Car Dealers License) [Robert Garrigan, Mgr.], 909 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588/Present: Robert Garrigan.** Chairman Ampagoomian read aloud the public hearing notice. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to open the public hearing. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia. Mr. Garrigan explained that he is working with Matt at Valley transmission do mechanical work for him and is looking to buy and sell cars from space on his lot where his repair shop is. Chairman Ampagoomian asked how many vehicles he intends to have. Mr. Garrigan replied that he was told he can only have a max of six cars at one time. Selectman Melia clarified that the Building Inspector signoff notes that the maximum is six vehicles. No abutters were present. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Collins to close the public hearing. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Cannon, to approve the request for a Class II – Used Car Dealers License to Robert Garrigan at 909 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA with the restriction of six (6) car maximum. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**APPOINTMENTS/ C. By the Board of Selectmen: 1) Chloe Mawn, Conservation Commission.** Ms. McNamee explained that there were two openings on the Conservation Commission, one of which was filled at the previous meeting and tonight we have Ms. Mawn. Ms. McNamee explained that Ms. Mawn's background is very unique and feels that her knowledge and skill will add something good to this Commission and the community. Ms. Mawn added that she is very grateful for the opportunity to serve the Town of Northbridge. A motion/Mrs. Cannon, seconded/Mr. Melia to appoint Chloe Mawn to the Conservation Commission. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**2) Wendy Timmons, Historical Commission (Reappointment).** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to reappoint Wendy Timmons to the Historical Commission. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia. **3) David Potty, Zoning Board of Appeals.** Mr. Potty stated that semi-retired and was looking to volunteer to his time to the Town. A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mr. Melia to appoint David Potty to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia. **4) Election Officers (Democrat, Republican, and Unenrolled).** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Collins to appoint the Election Officers (Democrat, Republican, and Unenrolled) as provided in the agenda packet. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

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

**~~Donation of 3 framed paintings of Northbridge/Whitinsville. Present: Mr. James Whitin and Mr. Itsuo Kiritani.~~** This item was passed over and moved to a future agenda as the attendees were unable to attend.

**Northbridge Firefighters (IAFF Local 3338) / Application for a one-day weekday Entertainment License for the Fireworks event to be held at 6 PM on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Lasell Field (Middle School) / Present: Anthony Genga, President Local 3338 and Event Organizer.** Mr. Genga stated that this will be the same event this year as it was last year, they plan to have food trucks and vendors and a stage with live bands. Mr. Genga explained that they had to postpone it from the usual time at the end of June since they were not sure of the covid restrictions. With restrictions lifted they are looking to hold it in August. Mr. Genga added that they will not have carnival rides this year. Mrs. Cannon asked if there were any concerns about the turf field. Mr. Genga replied that he has been in contact with Superintendent McKinstry and the only request was no food or drink allowed on the field, which the logistics are still being worked out and they may just close the field off. Selectman Melia asked if there was any concern of fireworks ruining the field. Mr. Genga explained that when the fireworks are lit, they are angled up and towards the cemetery and there is a 300-foot boundary, which typically no debris goes past. A motion/Mrs. Cannon, seconded/Mr. Collins to approve the request for a one-day weekday entertainment license for the Fireworks Event to be held at 6 PM on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at Lasell Field (Middle School). Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church/Request for a One-Day Weekday Entertainment License for a Drive-in Movie event on Friday, September 17, 2021 at 7:30 PM [Rain date: Friday, September 24]/Present: Brandon Hehn.** Mr. Hehn explained that they are looking to host a drive-in movie again this year as last years event turned out great. Selectman Melia asked how big the crowd was last year. Mr. Hehn replied they had about fifty people show up. Mr. Hehn stated the Chief Labrie provided vests for safety, and it worked out great. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to approve request for a One-Day Weekday Entertainment License for a Drive-in Movie event on Friday, September 17, 2021 at 7:30 PM [Rain date: Friday, September 24] Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health/1) Vote to sign and approve an Intermunicipal Agreement for Regional Public Health Services, and 2) Vote to accept the Intermunicipal Agreements for Regional Public Health Services from the Towns of Uxbridge, Mendon, Millville, Hopedale, Blackstone, Douglas, and Upton. Present: Jeanne Gniadek, Board of Health Administrator and Connor Robichaud, CMRPC.** Mrs. Robichaud explained that CMRPC on behalf to eight towns is receiving a three-year grant with an annual award of two hundred seventy-seven thousand dollars from the Department of Public Health, as a part of the newly expanded public health excellence shared services grant program. The IMA before the Board tonight was drafted in cooperation with representatives from each towns Board of Health and has been under legal review from the Mass Association of Health Boards, who provides level support for DPH. The IMA lays out the shared governance for the shared public health services with Northbridge as the host agency. The IMA serves as the participating towns contract with Northbridge for the new services and would establish an oversight board with representative from each town. Mr. Robichaud explained that the grant funding would include all costs associated with one and a half full time-shared Public Health Inspectors and a part time community health coordinator. The inspector would provide routine public health inspectional services to participating towns and the community health coordinators would draft public health educational and messaging materials to write grants for community health programs and help connect individuals with resources at the direction of each Board of Health. The regional coordinator will help fill gaps and enhance public health programs to better serve residents moving forward. Mr. Robichaud stated the other 7 towns would be voting and singing at their meetings and tonight they would be looking for a blanket approval. Selectman Melia asked if the Northbridge Board of Health

has backed it. Mrs. Gniadek replies they have, but they have not yet voted on the IMA but it is on the next agenda, but they did sign the letter of commitment. Selectman Collins thanks Mrs. Gniadek for all her hard work put in over the last year and stated it is greatly appreciated. A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mr. Melia to sign and approve an Intermunicipal Agreement for Regional Public Health Services. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia. A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to accept the Intermunicipal Agreements for Regional Public Health Services from the Towns of Uxbridge, Mendon, Millville, Hopedale, Blackstone, Douglas, and Upton. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Safety Committee Minutes of June 16, 2021 / Shining Rock Jersey Barrier Issue/Present: Ken Marino, Resident.** Mr. Marino stated that it was his understanding that the Safety Committees recommendation would be presented to the Board. Selectman Melia stated that it has not been and asked Mr. Shuris if the minutes have been approved. Mr. Shuris stated that one of the items the Safety committee discussed was the replacement of the Jersey Barrier. The Safety Committee voted in favor of removing the concrete barriers and reopening the parking lot. Selectman Melia, who was present at the June 16, 2021 Safety Committee Meeting for a different reason, added that the Conservation Commission and David Pickart, Conservation Agent both wrote letters supporting the parking area be reopened as it was designed for conservation use. As a result, there has been a lot of conversation and two issues 1) whether or not to open it 2) and the safety issue of no parking signs in the area. Selectman Melia noted that the safety committee and Highway Department should work together on the signage. Selectman Melia asked that Ms. McNamee come forward to discuss. Ms. McNamee explained that the Conservation Commission was preparing to come forward to the Board of Selectmen to request the lot be reopened, which opened the conversation. She added that they are mindful of the neighbors and understand the concerns but feel there are ways to manage it to make it safe. Ms. McNamee noted that they would like to see the area cleaned up and kept in a decent looking a condition. Another concern is the streetlight has been out of order. Ms. McNamee indicated that they would like to put up signage with regulations, possibility of a security camera to act as a deterrent. Selectman Cannon asked if there has been any follow up on the previous discussion of the possibility of the DPW installing a gate. Mr. Shuris replied that the Safety Committee felt that it should be open with out a gate for public use. Selectman Melia pointed out that the Fire Chief had commented on the importance of the lot being accessible for safety reasons and asked that Chief White elaborate on that. Chief White explained that if someone gets hurt on the trail the stones prevent them from getting into the trail. And they need to go through the golf course, he also added that if there is a brush fire, they would need to block the road. Mr. Shuris noted that the DPW plans to treat it as a pocket park, trimming and cutting the grass, providing trash receptacles, and keeping clean. They are working on getting the streetlight repaired. Mr. Marino urged the Board to vote against the Safety Committee's recommendation for reopening the pocket park. Mr. Marino explained that two years ago sixty-three residents signed a petition to close the lot, and the police did their best to resolve the problems, but it was decided it was best to shut the lot down. Mr. Marino added that two months ago he requested the barriers be replaced with something more aesthetically appealing and now the Police Department, Conservation Commission and Fire Department have all raised concerns with the lot being closed and questioned why these entities did not raise their concerns before. Mr. Marino added that one of their main concerns is cars parking on the street, which was a problem when the lot was open. Mr. Marino went on to say that there was a brush fire there years ago and they chose to come in through the golf course as opposed to the lot, which was open. Mr. Marino stated that if the lot is reopened it will require a proactive approach that would require valuable Police resources needed elsewhere in town, shining rock is on the Upton line and responding to emergency calls would increase the response time. Mr. William Labarge of 402 Shining Rock agreed with Mr. Marino and mentioned that he has had hikers in his back yard. Mr. Raymond Albert of 362 Shining Rock Drive noted that he knows how challenging a situation like this can be and added that he has reported individuals to the Police Department. Mr. Albert added that it is very disconcerting to have young kids stumbling through the woods and into his property at all hours of the night, especially if something were to happen. Mr. Albert noted that the key problems come down to the enforcement, and the hours were enforced it

should eliminate any issues and individuals could still enjoy the park, but there is no enforcement. Until that enforcement is in place it is going to circle back to the same issues time and time again. Mr. Albert noted that he is happy to help in coming up with a plan to resolve the issue. Selectman Melia questioned if it would be better to not have cars parking on the on the curve. Selectman Melia added that when the properties were purchased it would have been known that the property that the developer had to give to the town of Northbridge for conservation purposes. Mr. Albert and Mr. Marino were in agreeance with that comment. Mr. Marino made a comment that was inaudible, as he was not seated at the microphone. Selectman Melia asked Police Chief Labrie if there were many arrests at this location prior to it closing. Mr. Labrie replied no and added that there were some calls. Mr. Marino added that the last thing they want is retaliation from the kids leaving the residents with no recourse. Selectman Melia reasoned that if this conservation area is closed than they should all be closed. Mr. Albert requested he answer some questions that were asked by Selectman Melia, continuing discussion about the roads being too narrow, but doesn't believe it is wise to comingle problems. Selectman Collins expressed that people are still going to use the path whether the parking lot is open or not. In response, Chief Labrie explained that the safety of parking on the street is an issue and is unsafe and believes the lot should be opened to eliminate people from creating an unsafe situation by parking in the street. Chief Labrie addressed the concern of kids drinking in the lot and using the trails after hours, if the Police Department gets a call their job is to find the problem and handle the situation. Chief Labrie added that in speaking with a neighbor the option to close the lot could be made just as easy as it is to open it if problems persist, and problems cannot be addressed. Selectman Cannon agreed with opening the lot but expressed her concern for the lack of a plan, from the lighting, lack of signs and feels those items should be addressed prior to reopening the lot. Chairman Ampagoomian addressed Ms. McNamme asking if when the Shining Rock development conveyed that land to Conservation were there any restrictions as far as the used or non-use of the property. Ms. McNamme was not able to answer the questions for sure but there were none that she was aware of. Chairman Ampagoomian stated he feels that is something else that should be investigated. Ms. McNamme added that they are ready to move forward with signage for that lot and would like to consult with other departments. Mr. Albert objected that if the lot is opened it does not stop people from parking in the street when the lot is full. Mr. Albert proposed the possibility of adding a parking area at the other end of the trail. Ms. McNamme notes that there is parking for one car and the remainder of that area is proposed to be a farm stand. Mr. Marino proposed a phased approach by adding signage for no parking along the street to see if the police can control and enforce that and from their open the lot for the police to enforce those issues. Mr. Bedigian, resident of Shining Rock and a member of the Safety Committee, explained that the Safety Committee identified the safety concerns and address those concerns. He continued, the thought they had was to remove the barriers, clean the area, and see what happens in the next six months. He added that this also gives a lot to park a cruiser to monitor speed and other issues on the street. After the six months reassess the situation and act on those issues. Selectman Melia closed the discussion by reminding everyone that his was something the Town voted for when the Shining Rock development came to be, and it was given to the Town for Conservation use. Selectman Melia agreed with opening it for six months with a plan in place to have signage up with the regulations and hours and the streetlight repaired. A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded, Mr. Melia to remove the barriers for six months, have it cleared and cleaned, the light repaired and the no parking signage. Selectman Cannon supported the opening of the lot but not as presented and would prefer to see a plan in place with timelines. Selectman Collins amended the motion to open the lot once the streetlight is on, the area is cleaned, and the internal signs are available. Mr. Shuris replied that they will add these topics to the next Safety Committee for approval. Vote yes/Board members Mr. Collins, Mr. Melia and Mr. Ampagoomian. Abstain: Selectman Cannon.

**REPM [Stone Hill Condominiums]/Vote to accept monetary donations in the amount of 1) \$50,000 to be designated for design/construction of a pocket-park (parklet/community garden) for the site of the former Rockdale Youth Center (2217 Providence Road).** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Collins to accept the monetary donation 50,000 to be designated for design/construction of a pocket-park (parklet/community garden) for the site of the former Rockdale Youth Center (2217 Providence Road).

Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia. **2) \$50,000 to be designated for roadway and/or sidewalk improvements along Church Street, within the vicinity of the project development and the Senior Center located off Highland Street and expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Collins the monetary donation in the amount of \$50,000 to be designated for roadway and/or sidewalk improvements along Church Street, within the vicinity of the project development and the Senior Center located off Highland Street and expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Historical Commission/Request approval of proposed signage for National Park Service Interpretive Signs/Present: Leonard Smith.** Mr. Smith explained that the National Park Services created these Interpretive Signs, which are included in the Selectmen's packet and they wanted to confirm and have the Board approve the location of the signs to be installed. Mr. Smith added that the Historical Commission voted and approved the locations of the signs as well. Mr. Smith advised the Board that it will be done in parts as sign number four, which is in Memorial Park located on the Church Street side, was created by BVT, and they will be doing a replica, but with school out they are unable to complete it. The hope of the National Park Services is to have the signs up by August 25<sup>th</sup>, which is the anniversary of the NPS. The sign labeled number one in the packet will go in front of the Alrich building off Hill Street, sign number two will go near the forge after the bridge in front of the Fletcher Forge off Douglas Road, and sign three will be the one replaced in Memorial Park on the Linwood Ave side. Mr. Smith reiterated that there is no cost to the town. A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to approve the request of the proposed signage and locations for National Park Service Interpretive Signs. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Town of Northbridge's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Vote to create a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee/ Present: Leonard Smith.** Mr. Smith acknowledged the importance of have a 250<sup>th</sup> celebration of the town for those in town to have a chance to celebrate and to be able to do it safely now with the pandemic slowing. Mr. Warchol added that if we wait to celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary an entire generation will miss out and likely not continue the tradition. Mr. Warchol outlined the various options and lengths you could have, whether it's a parade, a ball and that would be up to the committee. Mr. Warchol reiterated the importance of the celebration as it would be nice for the older population as it would be the last one for them. Mr. Smith proposed the makeup of the committee be 7 members, being 1 of the Board of Selectmen, 1 member of the Historical Commission, 1 member of the Historical Society, 4 members at large for all to serve for a term that will expire at the conclusion of the anniversary celebration in 2022. Mr. Warchol added that Unibank would also like to get involved as this is their 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A motion/Mrs. Cannon, seconded/Mr. Melia to create a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee as presented. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Tri-Valley Front Runners, Inc. [Matthew Kellogg]/Request permission to hold the "Frank Nealon Boston Tune-Up 15K" Road Race on Sunday, September 26, 2021, subject to the safety requirements of the Police Department.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Collins to approve the request to hold the "Frank Nealon Boston Tune-Up 15K" Road Race on Sunday, September 26, 2021, subject to the safety requirements of the Police Department. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Clean Earth Presentation/Present: Attorney Henry Lane.** Mr. Lane introduced Nicholas Mousey, Scott Miller and Kip Foley who are proposing to redo the Quaker Street landfill. Mr. Lane explained the landfill has some issues and funds have been spent to provide upgrades, and some rather large upgrades will need to be completed in the near future. Mr. Lane expressed that he felt this was a good opportunity for the town to take advantage of the program to take the town out of that process and create a permanent solution. Mr. Lane further explained that there is no need to make a decision tonight as they will still need to go to the

Planning Board, Board of Health and will be some months before the official approval, which will be required for the State requirements. Mr. Foley indicated that he was approached by the owner of the Quaker Street property, who inquired about working with the Town and a contractor to come up with a plan that is acceptable to the Town. In speaking with the Town Manager, he was directed to speak with the Planning Board and from there they met with Conservation, Board of Health and Building Inspector, and the conclusion was that it is an unfunded liability and now there is an opportunity for remediation and post closure uses of the site. Mr. Miller, Regional General Manager of Clean Earth, explained the purpose of the Clean Earth Company as a beneficial reuse company. Mr. Miller summarized that the project would consist of relocating the solid waste that is in the floodplain currently, working with the Conservation Commission for permitting, and restore the floodplain with vegetation and provide access to the community. Proper grades would need to be established, a cap system would be installed to reduce future ground water impacts and establish a thirty-year fund for the maintenance and monitoring. Benefits to the town would be eliminating the unfunded liability and environmental monitoring, adding green space, a host community fund, and reducing the impacts of ground water. Mr. Miller reiterated that this presentation tonight is informational only and down the road they would have approvals for the Board to approve. Mr. Miller reviewed the existing conditions as laid out in the packet. Selectman Collins questioned where the funding comes from. Mr. Miller replied that the grading and shaping material is extra from construction sites which they are required to properly dispose of, and the tipping fee covers the prep work, placing of the material, the host community fee as well as consultants and lawyer fees. Selectman Cannon asked what the typical timeline is for a project like this. Mr. Miller answered under the Administrative Consent order, the State will make sure it is closed within a certain period of time, and a project of this size will probably be completed within three years. Selectman Melia asked what type of areas would replace a landfill. Mr. Miller replied that it would be open space and community access to the Blackstone River, and he added that there is a parcel in between the State Park that they would try to create access to that park. Chairman Ampagoomian questioned if registered soil samples would be provided per truck to the Board of Health. Mr. Miller advised that they do have specific quality controls for those disposing of the soils has acceptance criteria, which requires a sample based off tons, depending on what the permit requires. The soil scientists will check the test against the criteria to be sure it meets what is needed. Chairman Ampagoomian asked if the membrane liner would be heat sealed. Mr. Miller replied yes, and most are, the sealing will be created in the design and specs which will go to a sub-contractor. Chairman Ampagoomian asked if the testing results from the monitor wells would be sent to the Board of Health. Mr. Miller explained that it is public record, and they would be happy to supply them with that information. Chairman Ampagoomian asked who would oversee the maintenance of the site. Mr. Miller advised that it would either be a subcontractor through the property owner, which the funds would be available and withdrawn. Mr. Foley added that there would be two bonds, which would be built into the consent order with the DEP, one to cover the cost of capping and is not released until a post closure bond, once the landfill is completed, to monitor and maintain, and will be accessible to the DEP. Mr. McKeon, Board of Health member acknowledged that DEP is not going to release the Town from the landfill until 2027, and was capped by DEP rules years ago. Mr. McKeon reasoned that he is not sure why they are looking to move forward with this now. Mr. McKeon pointed out that the previous landfill across from Osterman gas, was not capped correctly and he personally went back and forth with the DEP. Mr. Miller advised that there is a distinction between non-hazardous soil and hazardous soil, and low grade can be hazardous component, which water could be at some point. Mr. Miller further advised that the obligation to 2027 would end with the capping of the landfill, and there would be no further obligation to maintain the landfill. Chief Labrie mentioned the possibility of a radio tower going in depending on the elevation. Mr. Miller replied that they absolutely could do something like that, and they would be looking to collaborate with the Town on any opportunities to improve and make use of the area.

**Fall Annual Town Meeting (October 26, 2021) / Vote to close the warrant on Friday, August 27, 2021 at Noon.** A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mr. Melia to close the warrant on Friday, August 27, 2021 at Noon. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Pine Grove Cemetery Deed/Leonard Sampson [ No. 302 & No. 303, two cremation lots, Yew Ave., South].** A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to approve the sale of lot No. 302 & No. 303, two cremation lots, Yew Ave., South. Vote yes/ Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.

**Board of Health Appointments/Present: Lani Criasia, Board of Health, Chair & Paul McKeon, member.** Ms. Criasia and Mr. McKeon were asked to attend the meeting due to a members attendance record. Mr. McKeon explained that the member had a medical issue and that was the reason for the lack of attendance. Selectman Melia informed Mr. McKeon and Ms. Criasia that every year the attendance records are sent to the Board of Selectmen for the Board and Committee members to be reappointed, and the two members attendance records for the Board of Health were red flags, one of which withdrew. Selectman Melia pointed out the issues he has are with attendance at the meetings and the support from the Health Board at Town Meeting, especially when the Board has an article. Per the Charter, if any Board of Committee have an article on the Spring or Fall Town Meeting, the chairperson is to be in attendance, and if they are unable then a member of the Board or Committee in their place. Mr. McKeon explained that the last Town Meeting was during the pandemic and being high risk, he chose not to attend. Selectman Melia questioned why he didn't designate someone else to go in his place. Ms. Criasia advised that going forward they will have a better plan to make sure someone is in attendance at the meetings. Ms. Criasia queried that since they are down two members what happens now. Chairman Ampagoomian reported that the position is open to the public for residents to apply, and to be appointed. Selectman Melia mentioned that the Charter also states that if a member is not able to attend meetings as a result of medical issues it is not to be held against their attendance record for the member to be removed from the Board or Committee. Selectman Melia requested that the member attend a future meeting if he is interested in still being on the Board.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None**

**SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS: Selectman Melia 1)** reminded the Board that the Elementary School tour will be Wednesday at 4 PM.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**

**CORRESPONDENCE/None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**

**A motion/Mr. Collins, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to adjourn the public meeting. Vote yes/Board Members Ampagoomian, Cannon, Collins and Melia.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:18 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Russell D. Collins, Clerk**

**/mjc**



## LIST OF DOCUMENTATION

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

July 19, 2021

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A. 1) April 12, 2021**  
-Copy of April 12, 2021 meeting minutes
- 2) July 6, 2021 [Special Meeting]**  
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- 3) July 6, 2021 [Executive Session]**  
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- II. PUBLIC HEARING/B. 7:05 pm - Robert Garrigan / Application for a Class II (Used Car Dealers License) [Robert Garrigan, Mgr.], 909 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588/Present: Robert Garrigan**  
-Copy of public hearing notice  
-Copy of Class II used car dealers' application  
-Copy of Revenue Enforcement and Protection Attestation  
-Copy of Workers' Compensation Affidavit  
-Copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance  
-Copy of Surety bond  
-Copy of map/layout  
-Copy of emergency contact information  
-Copy of business certificate application  
-Copy of lease agreement  
-Copy of sign off memo from the Chief of Police  
-Copy of sign off memo from the Building Inspector  
-Copy of abutters list request  
-Copy of license routing slip
- III. APPOINTMENTS/ C. By the Board of Selectmen: 1) Chloe Mawn, Conservation Commission**  
-Copy of talent bank application of Chloe Mawn  
-Copy of resume of Chloe Mawn
- 2) Wendy Timmons, Historical Commission (Reappointment)/No documentation**
- 3) David Potty, Zoning Board of Appeals**  
-Copy of talent bank form of David Potty
- 4) Election Officers (Democrat, Republican, and Unenrolled)**  
-Copy of memo and list of election officers
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT**  
~~**D. Donation of 3 framed paintings of Northbridge/Whitinsville. Present: Mr. James Whitin and Mr. Itsuo Kiritani**~~
- V. DECISIONS:**

**E. Northbridge Firefighters (IAFF Local 3338) / Application for a one-day weekday Entertainment License for the Fireworks event to be held at 6 PM on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Lasell Field (Middle School) / Present: Anthony Genga, President Local 3338 and Event Organizer**

- Copy of application for a one-day entertainment license
- Copy of Revenue Enforcement and Protection Attestation
- Copy of Workers' Compensation Affidavit
- Copy of License routing Slip

**F. Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church/Request for a One-Day Weekday Entertainment License for a Drive-in Movie event on Friday, September 17, 2021 at 7:30 PM [Rain date: Friday, September 24]/Present: Brandon Hehn**

- Copy of application for a one-day entertainment license
- Copy of Revenue Enforcement and Protection Attestation
- Copy of Workers' Compensation Affidavit
- Copy Workers' Compensation
- Copy of License routing Slip

**G. Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health/1) Vote to sign and approve an Intermunicipal Agreement for Regional Public Health Services, and 2) Vote to accept the Intermunicipal Agreements for Regional Public Health Services from the Towns of Uxbridge, Mendon, Millville, Hopedale, Blackstone, Douglas, and Upton. Present: Jeanne Gniadek, Board of Health Administrator and Connor Robichaud, CMRPC**

- Copy of Inter-Municipal Agreement for Local Public Health Services

**H. Safety Committee Minutes of June 16, 2021 / Shining Rock Jersey Barrier Issue/Present: Ken Marino, Resident**

- Copy of letter from Chief of Police regarding Shining Rock Drive – Parking Concerns
- Copy of Images
- Copy of email from Barbara McNamee of the Conservation Commission addressing the Shining Rock parking area
- Copy of email from David Pickart, Conservation Agent addressing the Shining Rock parking area

**I. REPM [Stone Hill Condominiums]/Vote to accept monetary donations in the amount of 1) \$50,000 to be designated for design/construction of a pocket-park (parklet/community garden) for the site of the former Rockdale Youth Center (2217 Providence Road)**

- Copy of memo from R. Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner in regard details of the monetary donation

**2) \$50,000 to be designated for roadway and/or sidewalk improvements along Church Street, within the vicinity of the project development and the Senior Center located off Highland Street and expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works**

- Copy of memo from R. Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner in regard details of the monetary donation

**J. Historical Commission/Request approval of proposed signage for National Park Service Interpretive Signs/Present: Leonard Smith**

- Copy of map showing locations of signs

- Copy of sign number one
- Copy of sign number two
- Copy of sign number three
- Copy of sign number four

**K. Town of Northbridge's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Vote to create a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee/ Present: Leonard Smith**

- Copy of memo requesting the formation of a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and the makeup of the committee

**L. Tri-Valley Front Runners, Inc. [Matthew Kellogg]/Request permission to hold the "Frank Nealon Boston Tune-Up 15K" Road Race on Sunday, September 26, 2021, subject to the safety requirements of the Police Department**

- Copy of email requesting to hold a road race
- Copy of Hold Harmless Agreement
- Copy of Map
- Copy of certificate of insurance

**M. Clean Earth Presentation/Present: Attorney Henry Lane**

- Copy of email from the Board of Health regarding the Clean Earth Presentation
- Copy of powerpoint presentation

**N. Fall Annual Town Meeting (October 26, 2021) / Vote to close the warrant on Friday, August 27, 2021 at Noon/No documentation**

**O. Pine Grove Cemetery Deed/Leonard Sampson [ No. 302 & No. 303, two cremation lots, Yew Ave., South]**

- Copy of Pine Grove Cemetery Deed

**VI. DISCUSSIONS:**

**P. Board of Health Appointments/Present: Lani Criasia, Board of Health, Chair & Paul McKeon, member/No documentation**

**VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None**

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

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

**X. CORRESPONDENCE/No documentation**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING August 10, 2021 Special Meeting

A virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Ampagoomian at 7:00 PM, using Zoom Video Communication (Video Conferencing App). Board Members Present: Cannon, Melia, Ampagoomian, and Athanas. Selectman Collins and Town Manager Gaudette was absent and it is duly noted.

Chairman Ampagoomian asked all attendees to mute their microphones unless they are speaking or wish to speak. Inappropriate comments and/or disruptive behavior will result in immediate dismissal.

**Chairman Ampagoomian read the following aloud:** Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings of the Northbridge Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1) April 26, 2021.** A motion/Mrs. Cannon, second/Mr. Melia to approve the April 26, 2021 meeting minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Board members: Ampagoomian, Athanas, Cannon and Melia. **2) May 10, 2021.** A motion/Mr. Athanas, second/Mr. Melia to approve the May 10, 2021 meeting minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Board members: Ampagoomian, Athanas, Cannon and Melia. **3) May 24, 2021.** A motion/Mr. Melia, second/Mrs. Cannon to approve the May 24, 2021 meeting minutes as presented with the readings omitted. Vote yes/Board members: Ampagoomian, Cannon and Melia. Abstain: Selectman Athanas.

**PUBLIC HEARING: 6:05 PM: Armenian Apostolic Church, 315 Church Street, Whitinsville (Present: Joanne Khoury) 1) Request to obtain a One-day Wines and Malt Beverages License for the Annual Picnic to be held Sunday, August 15, 2021, from 12 PM – 6 PM; and 2) Request to obtain a One-day Sunday Outdoor Entertainment license for the Annual Picnic to be held Sunday, August 15, 2021, from 12 PM – 6 PM.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve the request to obtain a One-day Wines and Malt Beverages License for the Annual Picnic to be held Sunday, August 15, 2021, from 12 PM – 6 PM. Vote yes/Board members: Ampagoomian, Athanas, Cannon and Melia. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to approve the request to obtain a One-day Sunday Outdoor Entertainment license for the Annual Picnic to be held Sunday, August 15, 2021, from 12 PM – 6 PM. Vote yes/Board members: Ampagoomian, Athanas, Cannon and Melia

**APPOINTMENTS/By the Board of Selectmen [Vote to Appoint]: C. Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission – 1) 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate and 2) Alternate.** Chairman Ampagoomian volunteered to be appointed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Athanas to appoint Chairman Ampagoomian as the 2<sup>nd</sup> delegate, and Selectman Collins as the Alternate. Vote yes/Board members: Ampagoomian, Athanas, Cannon and Melia

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None**

**George Marston Whitin Memorial Community Association dba Whitin Community Center, 60 Main Street, Whitinsville (Present: Heather Elster, Exec. Dir.). 1) Request to obtain a One-day Wines and Malt Beverages License for the Cars in the Park event to be held Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 10 AM to 4 PM in Whitin Park; and A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to approve the request to**

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**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None**  
**SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/None**  
**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**  
**CORRESPONDENCE/None**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**

Discussion on the outline of the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was had on the Pinning Ceremony that is scheduled and the Board agreed to hold the ceremony prior to the meeting items and hold the meeting a little earlier.

**A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mrs. Cannon to adjourn the public meeting. Vote yes/Board Members Ampagoomian, Athanas, Cannon, and Melia.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:11 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Russell D. Collins, Clerk**

/mjc

## LIST OF DOCUMENTATION

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August 10, 2021

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- VI. DISCUSSIONS/None**
- VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None**
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- X. CORRESPONDENCE/None**
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**

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TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
Aldrich School Town Hall Annex - 14 Hill Street  
Whitinsville, MA 01588  
Phone# (508) 234-3272 Fax# (508) 234-0821

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BOS Agenda  
9.27.21 ✓

## MEMORANDUM

September 15, 2021

To: Adam Gaudette, Town Manager

From: Lani Criasia, Chairman, Board of Health LC/jmg

Subject: **Board of Health Member – Review of Talent Bank Forms**

The Board met with **Linda Lermond** and **Mary Potty**, the two applicants for the open seat on the Board of Health, at a meeting held September 14, 2021.

The Board, after careful consideration, recommends that the Board of Selectmen appoint Ms. Lermond to the Board of Health at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact me.

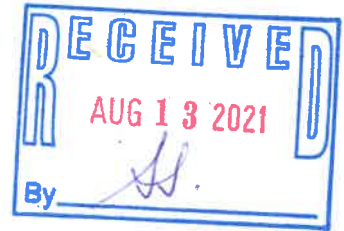
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**TALENT BANK APPLICATION**

*please return to:*

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



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

*yes, per Town Clerk  
8.13.21*

Date: 8/12/21

Name Linda Hermond

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

Home Address XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Northbridge, MA 01534

Email Address XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Telephone XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Cell XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Business —

Address — Tel. —

Current Occupation/Title Retired B.N.

UMHHC - level I trauma ctr. - Emergency Room B.N.

Education Quinsigamond CC - B.N.

Assumption College - B.S.

Governmental, Civic & Community Activities HHS/FEMA - DMAT-MA2

(Disaster Medical Assistance Team) training officer (1994-2010)

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

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

I am interested in the following Committees: Board of Health

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

NAME: Linda Fermond PRECINCT# 4

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

**COMMITTEE INTEREST** (Indicate Committee preference)

- |                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| 1. Board of Health | 4. |
| 2.                 | 5. |
| 3.                 | 6. |

**Present Interest or business affiliation (dates, places)**

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

DMA-MA2: multiple natural disaster (hurricane, flooding)  
WTC 9/11/01 2wk. deployment  
NYC 10/01 Anthrax triage/treatment postal workers  
(mass event + 3000 workers)

**Special skills and education (be specific)**

- HHS/FEMA training
  - 20+ yrs. disaster preparedness + response
    - natural disaster
    - pandemic preparedness
    - community support at mass events
- DNC  
B. Marathon  
Boy Scout  
Nat'l. event

**How experience relates to particular committee interest**

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

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

## Citizens' Comments/Input

September 21, 2021

To whom it should concern:

I am writing this letter to outline the repeating damage to my house and surrounding property at 17/19 Leland Road, Whitinsville, Ma. caused primarily by the horrendous waterflow coming off the 2 projects behind my house, namely the Syncarpha Solar LLC and the Stone Hill Condominiums.

During the last 2 storm events on September 1 and 2 and August 19, 2021, to mention a few, my backyard, driveway, and basement were inundated with flood waters that brought brownish silt to all areas previously mentioned. Still visible on my water logged driveway this silt caused damage to my sump pump and has since been replaced at considerable expense to me. I am also forced to replace my 2 furnaces that no longer function in my now damp basement and I am awaiting costs from my heating and plumbing expert. The 2-3 feet of water in the basement was pumped out with the 3 sump pumps obtained to save my basement.

In 2017 due to similar flooding conditions I paid to replace 2 ruined water heaters at the cost of over \$2000.

I anticipated these problems as soon as I learned of the deforestation in 2016 and notified the state agency in charge. The agent assigned came to my house, listened to my concerns, walked up to the said area of deforestation, and came back to tell me there would not be a problem, showing no genuine concern on his part. He was wrong.

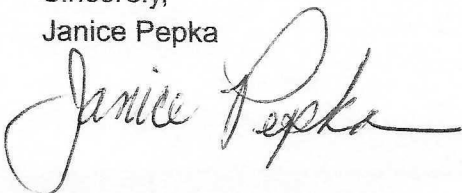
I have attended meetings of the selectmen and conservation for years expressing my foreseen plight and was continuously assured that the proper drains would be installed to take care of this additional water flow. This obviously did not happen. The town of Northbridge to whom I have paid continuously rising taxes has failed to protect and support this property owner.

I have lived in this house as a tenant and now landlord for nearly 40 years without such severe flooding and damages until the deforestation and installation of both the solar and condominium projects began. I feel that my property has depreciated in value with everything damaged by the sitting waters and silt in my backyard, on my driveway and in my cellar.

Besides the high cost inflicted by the floodwaters, my tenants and I have suffered insurmountable anxiety, frustration, and aggravation each time such an occurrence happens.

I need financial help and assurances from all parties, particularly the Syncarpha Solar, Stone Hill Condominiums and the town of Northbridge that these conditions are being addressed and rectified now. I am expecting a response from all aforementioned parties.

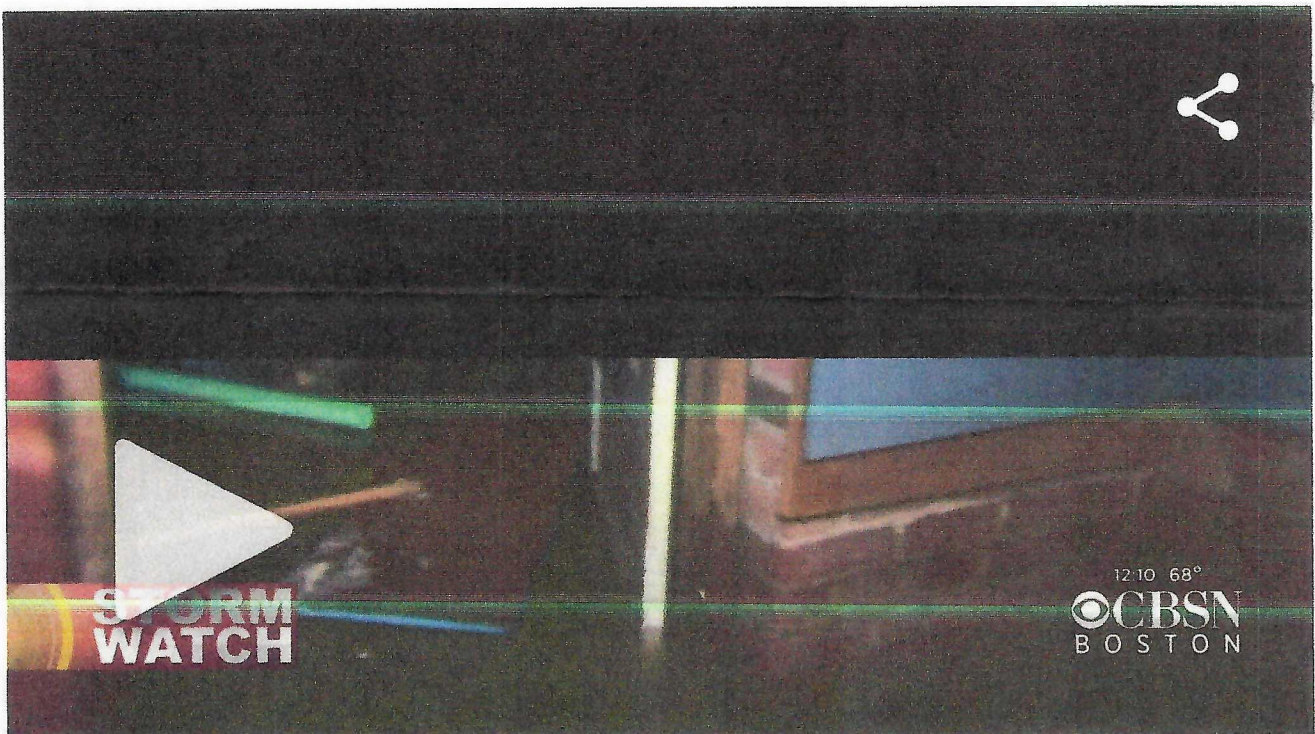
Sincerely,  
Janice Pepka



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By Lisa Gresci

Posted by  CBS Boston 6 days ago



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Back in Whitinsville, Pepka is frustrated because she feels the root of the problem is beyond her control.

“Ever since they did the deforestation up there, I’ve had this issue,” said Pepka. “Everybody is passing the buck. I don’t know if anybody can help me.”

And in the 40 years she’s lived here, she’s never seen anything like this.

“It’s just, I don’t know what we can do about it, but I can’t live like this,” said Pepka.

The Fire Department is helping some of these neighbors get the water out of their homes. What’s next to figure out is how to prevent this from happening again.

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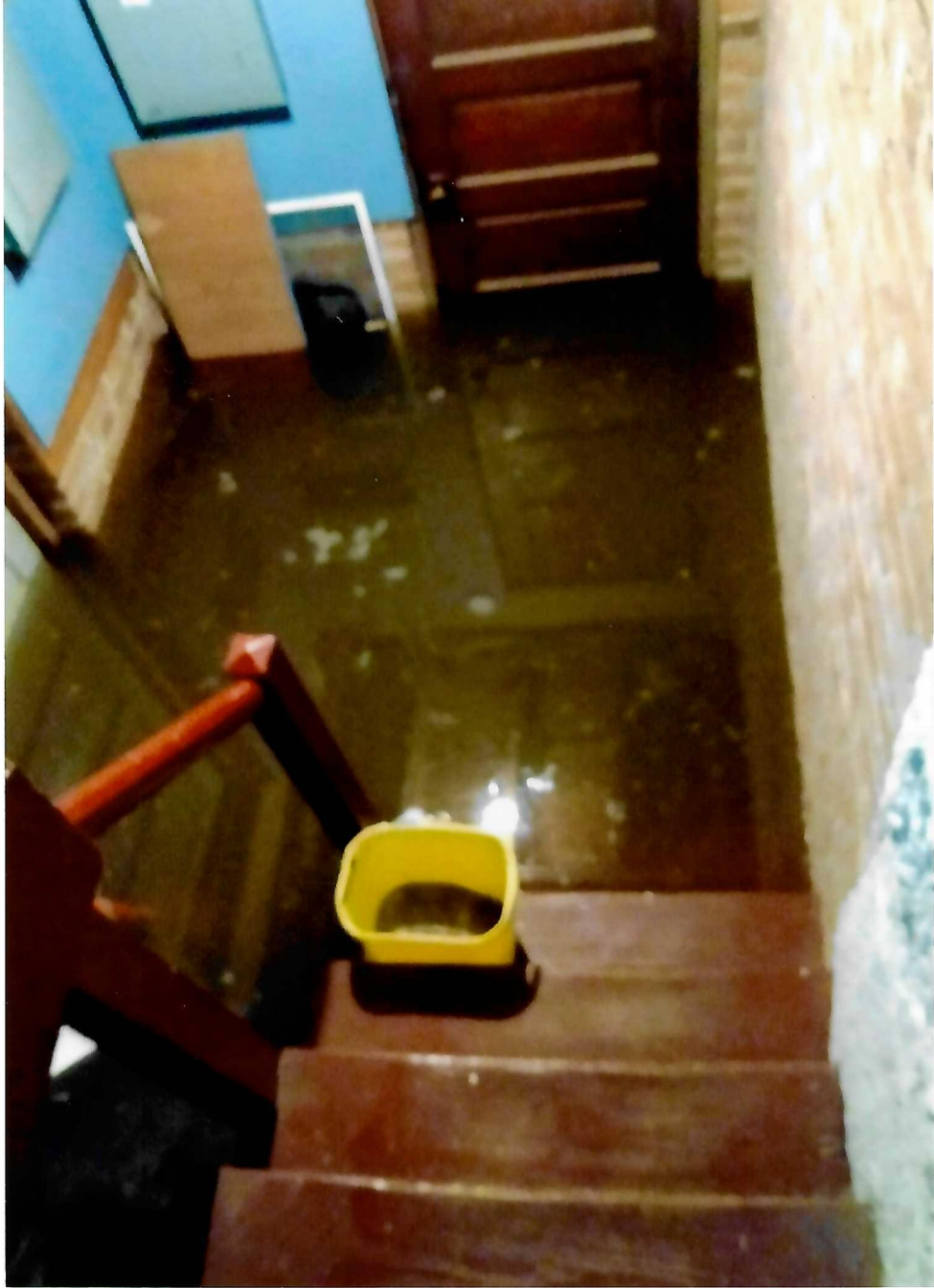
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Outside my backdoor at  
17/19 Seland Road, Wintonville, Mo.  
on Sept 2, 2021



Basement of 17/19 Leland Road  
Watersville, Ma. 01588

Sept. 2, 2021



## **TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

#### **Memo**

**To:** Gary Bechtholdt, /Adam Gaudette, Town of Northbridge

**cc:** Jeff Walsh, GEI

**From:** Dave Pickart, Conservation Agent

**Re:** Post Ida Observations: Leland Road, Syncarpha I and Stone Hill Condominiums

**Date:** 9/5/21

On 9/2/21, I examined areas within the above-referenced neighborhood and project sites to assess the extent of flooding and erosion that occurred during the remnants of Hurricane Ida. I began my inspection shortly after the rain had ended. According to data available from the NWS, 6.62 inches of rainfall was recorded at the Northbridge 2 COOP station between the noon on 9/1/21 and 7 AM of 9/2/21. This amount of rainfall is slightly below values generated during a 100-year storm event. Jeff Walsh, Jamie Luchini, David White, and Jim Sheehan were present during portions of the visit.

#### **General Findings**

Flooding in the Leland Road neighborhood was wider spread and deeper than in prior recent storms. The NFD was in the process of pumping out the basements of several residences located on the east side of Leland Road. In general, the water appeared to contain significantly less sediment than the most recent storm.

#### **Area Specific Observations**

The attached graphic (Page 2) identifies locations that were examined in greater detail. A summary of observations made at each of these areas is presented below. Photos of some of these areas are included herein. Video recordings were made at all areas but are not appended to this memo.

#### **Area 1 – Leland Residences Flooding:**

Overflow from Area 2 flowed around the south side of the apartment garage structure into the bowl-like depression located along the east side of the Leland Road residences. All of the catch basins located in this area were submerged. The impounded water was slightly turbid but much clearer than in prior storms. See photos on Page 3 of this memo.





View of impounded water behind 9-11 Leland Road



View of same location taken on 9/1/21 just as the rain was starting



Close up of slightly-turbid impounded water

**Area 2 – Former Pond/Wetland Near Apartments:**

Water discharging from the Syncarpha I site (which is partially fed by runoff from Stone Hill Condominiums) collected in a wetland/pond complex located east of the detached garage for the apartment complex on Leland Road. The pond was recently drained as a result of repairs to the drainage system behind the Leland Road residences and (during normal conditions) now functions as a shallow marsh. The newly-installed 12" discharge pipe from the pond/wetland became overwhelmed and water began flowing over the berm. The berm was breached and water flowed around the garage and collected in Area 1.



View of impounded water in the former pond/wetland





View of same area taken on 9/1/21 before rainfall.



View of water flowing through breach in berm around garage towards Area 1

### **Area 3 – Leland Road Drainage Outfall:**

The 24” diameter outfall of the drainage system that collects and conveys runoff generated from the roadway surface and the surrounding residences is located near a stream/wetland system located southeast of the junction of Leland Road and East Street. The pipe was flowing freely and was approximately one-half full on the morning of 9/2/21.

### **Area 4 - Stone Hill Lower Infiltration Basin:**

A trickle of water was discharging from the pipe that enters into the basin. This pipe is fed by an undetermined number of catch basins along the access drive to Stone Hill. Once discharged, the water dissipated into the rock that lines the sediment forebay. The floor of the lower basin was dry and no evidence of standing water was noted. No water was exiting from the outlet pipes for the lower basin.



View of Stone Hill lower basin on 9/2/21

### **Area 5 – Emergency Spillway of Stone Hill Lower Basin:**

A trickle of flow was discharging from the lower edge of the riprap pad that functions as the emergency spillway for the lower basin. Evidence of shallow concentrated flow was noted on the Syncarpha I access road across (downgradient) from the spillway. The edge of the access roadway had slumped and sediment has collected in the swale along the west side of the Syncarpha I access drive.



Water discharging from the base of the emergency spillway from the Stone Hill infiltration basin and flowing across the Syncarpha 1 access drive.

**Area 6 – Flow/Breakout Along Syncarpha I Access Drive:**

Breakout and some shallow flow were noted in the flatter slopes located south of the Stone Hill lower basin. Evidence of shallow concentrated flow was noted on the Syncarpha I access road across from this area.



Breakout/shallow flow emanating from graded areas on Stone Hill site.

The edge of the access roadway had slumped and sediment collected in the swale along the west side of the Syncarpha I access drive.



Scouring across the Syncarpha I access road from Area 6 and slumping of the edge into the drainage swale.

**Area 7 – Stone Hill Upper Infiltration Basin:**

A significant amount of impounded water was observed in the upper basin. Water was discharging from the outlet pipe and dissipated throughout the riprap slope; ultimately flowing into the Syncarpha I drainage system (at Area 9). No evidence of scouring or channelization was observed downslope of the riprap in this area.



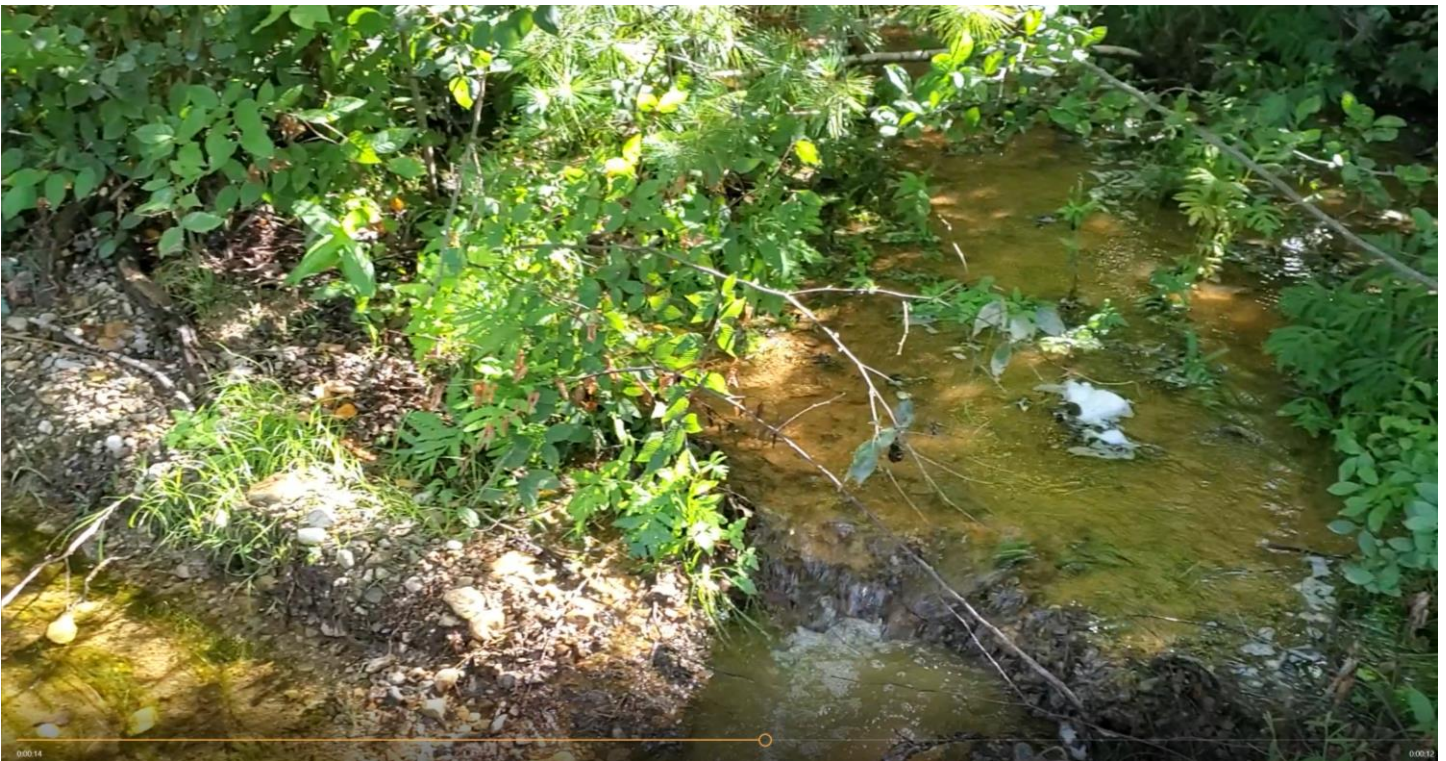
Water flowing out of the outlet from the Upper Infiltration Basin at Stone Hill.

### Area 8 – Base of Riprap Slope:

Water was breaking out at several locations along the base of the riprap slope on the northern side of the Upper Infiltration Basin at Stone Hill. This breakout does not appear to be related to flow discharged from the outlet pipe (Area 7). The breakout becomes highly concentrated and has carved several channels that extend down the wooded slope below the riprap. As noted in the following photographs below, the concentrated flow is highly turbid. These channels flow into the recently constructed drainage swale on the Stone Hill property that discharges into the Syncarpha I drainage system (at Area 9).



Photos of concentrated flow emanating from the base of the riprap slope on the north side of upper infiltration basin.



Flow from one of the channels that originates at base of riprap slope (right/top) discharging into the recently constructed drainage channel (bottom/left).

**Area 9 – Plunge Pool/Culverts at Syncarpha I:**

The recently constructed drainage swale (at Stone Hill), swale along the east side of the Syncarpha I access road and flow from the outlet of the Stone Hill upper infiltration basin collect in a plunge pool/small basin located at the lowest point of access road. Water in this pool/basin is conveyed beneath the access drive via twin culverts (one of which was significantly blocked during a prior storm event) to a level spreader outlet (Area 11).

Very little discharge from the outlet of the Stone Hill upper basin appeared to be discharged into the pool/basin. Steady flow was entering into the pool/basin from the drainage swale along the west side of the Syncarpha I access road. The most flow (at least two times more) entering this area was being discharged from the recently constructed drainage swale on the Stone Hill site. Further head-cutting had occurred on the steep slope where the swale ends.



Flow from the access road drainage swale entering into Area 9



Flow entering Area 9 from the end of the drainage swale on the Stone Hill site

**Area 10 – Syncarpha I Lower Basin:**

This basin collects runoff generated from the northern portion of the Syncarpha I access drive and also overflow at Areas 5 and 6 on the Stone Hill site. The basin did not appear to overflow during the storm and the outlet control structure appeared to have functioned properly. A lot of suspended sediment (likely generated from scouring across the access drive and slumping of its edge) was noted in the basin.



View of turbid water in the basin

### **Area 11 – Level Spreader Outlet:**

Water collecting in Area 9 is conveyed via twin culvers to a level spreader outlet located on the west side of the Syncarpha I access drive. The water did not appear to be turbid and no erosion of areas downslope of the outlet were noted.



Clean water flowing through the riprap pad located at the end of the level spreader outlet.

### **Area 12 – Syncarpha I Upper Basin:**

This basin (which receives runoff the western side of the access drive) appears to have functioned properly. No concentrated/channelized flow was noted downslope of the outlet of this basin.

### **General Findings/Potential Solutions**

1. Significant flooding in the areas west of the Leland Road residences occurred during the 9/1 through 9/2 rainstorm (remnants of Hurricane Ida).
2. Unlike the past few storms, less sediment collected in this area. Sedimentation from the prior storms may have resulted from resuspension of silt that had been deposited in the former pond/wetland (Area 2).
3. Repairs of damaged components and removal of accumulated sediment from the drainage system on both project sites is recommended.
4. Overwhelming of the drainage system for the Leland Road residences could be significantly lessened by enlarging the 12" pipe that collects overflow from Area 2 and the catch basins.
5. Measures to lessen the amount of breakout from the north side of the Stone Hill upper basin and the east side of the Syncarpha I access drive could significantly limit flows into the downgradient areas.

The findings/solutions enumerated above are derived from qualitative observations made during multiple storm events (some of which were made before the start of construction of the Syncarpha/Stone Hill projects). Review of these findings/solutions by a Professional Engineer is highly recommended. A hydrogeologist/geotechnical engineer should be engaged to assess the situation noted in Item 5.



September 16, 2021

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

**Subject: Leland Road (Municipal) Drainage, Stone Hill Development and Northbridge I (Church Street) Solar Project  
Leland Road "Flooding" (September 1 – 2, 2021 Rain Event)**

Dear Planning Board Members:

Graves Engineering, Inc. (GEI) visited the Stone Hill Condominiums project and the Northbridge I (Church Street) solar project on the morning of September 2, 2021 to observe conditions at each project following heavy rainfall the previous night from the remnants of Hurricane Ida. Site visit reports containing my observations at those sites are being issued under separate cover. As part of those site visits, I also visited the Leland Road area where flooding had been previously reported in the backyards of #11 to #19 Leland Road. This letter addresses my observations at the Leland Road area.

This letter represents a preliminary assessment consisting of conditions observed, discussions and findings. This preliminary assessment is based upon limited information and as such my findings should be confirmed by additional research, data, observations and engineering calculations before efforts are undertaken to address the flooding behind #11 – #19 Leland Road. This preliminary assessment does not represent a detailed engineering study and as such does not contain recommendations for corrective action.

### **Executive Summary**

I observed flooding in the backyards of #11 to #19 Leland Road the morning of September 2, 2021 following heavy rainfall the night of September 1 – 2, 2021. Two of the catch basins in these backyards were submerged in the water, but the frame of catch basin between #19 and #21 was not submerged. I had discussions with staff members of the Northbridge Conservation Commission, Northbridge DPW and Northbridge Fire Department. I observed the discharge of pumped water to the catch basin between #19 and #21 Leland Road. I also observed the outfall of the Leland Road drainage system near the intersection of Leland Road and East Street.

Based upon my discussions and observations, it is my belief that during heavy rainfall the drainage system in Leland Road to which the drainage system behind #11 - #19 is connected operates in surcharged conditions. As such, it is my belief that the water level in the Leland Road drainage system and the pressure which it is under (caused by water in the drainage system at higher elevations) does not allow the drainage system behind #11 - #19 to flow freely into the Leland Road drainage system until the surcharge conditions in Leland Road's drainage system have subsided.

The morning of September 2, 2021 it did not appear that the catch basin inlet grates behind #11 - #19 were blocked nor did there appear to be blockage in the drainage system leading from the backyards to the Leland Road drainage system. It was reported to me that a few hours after my site visit the flooding in the backyards subsided by way of the water entering the catch basins of the drainage system behind #11 - #19 Leland Road.

It is my opinion that the surcharge conditions in the Leland Road drainage system are a major cause of flooding in the backyards of #11 - #19 Leland Road, and that efforts to address the flooding in the backyards of #11 - #19 Leland Road should initially focus on confirming that surcharged conditions in the Leland Road drainage system are occurring, then formulating an approach to reducing or eliminating the surcharge conditions or to routing the drainage system from the backyards to a discharge point other than the existing Leland Road drainage system.

It is also my opinion that until the Stone Hill Condominiums project is fully constructed and stabilized with permanent groundcover (e.g., grass and landscaping where proposed), temporary construction phase best management practices and devices (e.g., temporary impoundments, modified orifices in the outlet control structures, check dams of stone or stump grindings) should be employed to reduce peak rates of runoff from the site and delay the timing of those peaks to the extent possible so the peaks don't coincide with the surcharging of the Leland Road drainage system.

### **Background**

I do not know the extent of the Leland Road drainage system but based upon my observation of manhole cover locations and review of topography mapped by the United States Geological Survey (USGS), it appears that the Leland Road drainage system extends up-gradient to Woodland Street and to Church Street. Woodland Street is roughly at the same elevations as Leland Road, and Church Street is higher than Leland Road.

I estimated the approximate tributary area to the Leland Road drainage system, the lowest inlets being at the intersection of Leland Road and Woodland Street. The tributary area appears to extend westerly to a hill north of Colonial Drive, easterly to the top of Plummers Hill on the Stone Hill Condominiums site, northerly to a hill behind #415 - #485 Church Street and southerly to the intersection of Leland Road and Woodland Street. Based upon USGS topography, the tributary area to the Leland Road drainage appears to consist of approximately 21 acres of land, of which approximately nine acres is also tributary area to the backyards of #11 - #19. The actual tributary areas could be more or less due to manmade diversions of stormwater caused by the construction of drainage systems, roads and grading changes that may have occurred since the map was published.

Flooding reports were passed on to me in the summer of 2020 during my involvement with the start of construction at the Stone Hill Condominiums project. I participated in at least one site meeting with Town staff, the team from Stone Hill Condominiums and the team from the Northbridge I solar project after a report of sedimentation and flooding at a Church Street property down-gradient of those two sites. I understand that after that meeting, efforts were made to clear one or more inlets to the drainage system in the backyards of #11 - #19 Leland Road, and the pipes were checked and/or cleaned. I also understand there was another round of pipe cleaning within a few days before September 2, 2021.

Rainfall the night of September 1 – 2, 2021 was reported to be 4.43 inches at the Worcester Airport and 6.62 inches at the Northbridge 2 COOP weather station. Overall rainfall during late summer 2021 had been above average.

Construction at the Northbridge I solar project was nearly complete. Most disturbed surfaces had been stabilized. The stormwater infrastructure has been constructed and was in operation.

Construction is underway at the Stone Hill Condominiums project. Disturbed surfaces near the Church Street entrance have been stabilized, but the majority of the site is still under construction and the ground surface is generally bare soil. The two stormwater basins nearest Church Street and Leland Road have been constructed and are in operation, the drainage system in the driveway off Church Street has been constructed and is in operation, and drainage system construction within the driveways continues as construction proceeds southwesterly toward the top of Plummers Hill.

### **Observations of September 2, 2021**

When I arrived at Leland Road about 7:30 AM the rainfall had ended, and I found the backyards of #11 - #19 flooded. At the side of the dwelling at #19 Leland Road, a small amount of leaf litter had been deposited on the lawn, indicating to me that the impounded water in the backyards had risen to the level that water flowed overland from the backyards to Leland Road. Please see Photos 1 and 2. The nearest catch basin grate down-gradient of #19 Leland Road had more accumulated leaf litter than the other nearby catch basins; that catch basin appeared to have captured at least some overland flow from the backyards.

I returned to Leland Road about an hour later and walked the area with David Pickart, Northbridge Conservation Agent. Two catch basin inlets in the backyards were submerged, and observations of no moving water initially indicated that perhaps the drainage system was clogged. Please see Photo 4. I also had discussions with staff from Northbridge DPW and Northbridge Fire Department. The Fire Department was pumping water from basements and began discharging water to the catch basin between #19 and #21 Leland Road. The catch basin accepted the water with no significant surcharge of the water level within the catch basin; water was flowing from this catch basin, presumably to the Leland Road drainage system. Finally, I was shown the Leland Road drainage system outfall, which was flowing a little deeper than half full, now a few hours after the heavy rain had ended. I did not open any manhole covers to measure the water level within the drainage system. On or about September 8, it was reported to me that a few hours after my site visit on September 2 the flooding in the backyards subsided by way of the water entering the catch basins of the drainage system behind #11 - #19 Leland Road, with the catch basin closest to Leland Road showing the water level subsiding first and the subsidence proceeding up-gradient to the catch basin farthest from the Leland Road drainage system.

### **Findings**

In my opinion it is plausible, even likely, that the drainage system along Leland Road becomes surcharged whereby water within the pipes completely fills the pipes then becomes pressurized by pipes at higher elevations filled with water. The water's potential energy within the drainage system is referred to as the hydraulic grade line - the sum of the water surface elevation (in feet) plus the water pressure expressed in feet of head. When a pipe is flowing partially full (under open channel flow conditions), the hydraulic grade line is at the water surface. If water in a pipe fills the pipe and pressure is exerted on the water, the hydraulic grade line is above the water surface and the water is under pressure. With enough pressure exerted on the water, the water can lift a manhole cover and flow out of a manhole, which is not unusual on hilly terrain.

The drainage system could have been designed to operate under open channel flow conditions or under pressure flow conditions. Nevertheless, the Leland Road drainage system seems to be operating under pressure flow conditions during periods of heavy rainfall and the water surface in the backyards doesn't seem to have a high enough hydraulic grade line to cause water to flow into the Leland Road drainage system fast enough. In short, the water level in the backyards is not much higher than the hydraulic grade line in the Leland Road drainage system and therefore flow from the backyards to the Leland Road drainage system is impeded until the hydraulic grade line in Leland Road is lowered by a reduction in flow from higher elevations such as the Church Street drainage system. Also, a restriction(s) farther downstream such as sediment deposition in the channel downstream of the outfall or within the drainage system could be causing water to back up in the Leland Road drainage system.

We trust this letter addresses your review requirements. Feel free to contact this office if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,  
**Graves Engineering, Inc.**



Jeffrey M. Walsh, P.E.  
Principal

cc: David Pickart, Northbridge Conservation Agent  
Adam Gaudette, Town Manager  
James Shuris, Northbridge DPW Director  
Jamie Luchini, Northbridge Highway Superintendent  
David White, Northbridge Fire Chief  
Stephen O'Connell; Turning Point Engineering  
Rusfid Haroon; CS Energy  
Prateek Tare; CS Energy  
Devin Howe; Beals Associates

**Photographs**



**Photo 1:** Flooding in the backyards of #15 and #17 Leland Road.



**Photo 2:** Flooding in the backyard of #19 Leland Road. The arrow points to evidence (leaf litter) that the water level rose to the point that water flowed overland from the backyard.



**Photo 3:** Catch basin near #21 Leland Road that received overland flow from the backyards.



**Photo 4:** Submerged catch basin grate behind #11 Leland Road.



**Photo 5:** Catch basin between #19 and #21 Leland Road.



**Photo 6:** Outlet of the Leland Road drainage system near the intersection of East Street.

**Melissa Ciaramitaro**

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**From:** Adam Gaudette  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 11:24 AM  
**To:** Jim Shuris; Jamie Luchini; Sharon Susienka; Melissa Ciaramitaro  
**Subject:** FW: Request

Sharon/Melissa, please add to the agenda for the 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks

Jim/Jamie, I will discuss next time I see you. Thanks

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**From:** Adam Gaudette  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 11:23 AM  
**To:** Heather Elster <[heather.elster@ourgym.org](mailto:heather.elster@ourgym.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request

Heather, thanks for sending this along.

We will put you on the Selectmen Agenda for Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7pm.

See you then!

Adam

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**From:** Heather Elster <[heather.elster@ourgym.org](mailto:heather.elster@ourgym.org)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 12, 2021 2:56 PM  
**To:** Adam Gaudette <[agaudette@northbridgemaass.org](mailto:agaudette@northbridgemaass.org)>  
**Subject:** Request

Adam,

Thank you for meeting with me on Thursday.

As I mentioned, I am part of the Women's Success Network (WSN), a professional group of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce. The mission of the WSN is to unite women to achieve their vision of success by creating a community of support and inspiration in their personal and professional lives.

The WSN Community Support Subcommittee, which I chair, is focused on meeting this mission through service projects, community outreach, and mentoring.

On October 16th, we are doing our first community project - a Hope Garden as inspired by the Yellow Tulip Project. The mission of this non-profit organization based in Maine is to smash the stigma surrounding mental illness and to build a community of people who realize that hope happens when youth and community leaders work together. They hope that someday mental illness will be as normal to talk about as any physical illness and are fiercely dedicated to making this goal a reality.



The purpose of a planting a Yellow Tulip Hope Garden is to instill hope and happiness. Hope Gardens bring a community together to collectively smash the stigma associated with mental illness. After a long winter, tulips remind us of perseverance and the renewal of spring.

On Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 9am, the WSN Community Support Subcommittee will plant a Yellow Tulip Hope Garden on the corner of Hill Street and Main Street on the Whitin Community Center property. We would like to do a second Hope Garden on Memorial Square at the corner of Linwood Avenue and Church Street on the Whitinsville Town Common. The group will dig the flower bed location (after review with DPW) and provide the bulbs, soil, and mulch needed for the project. We will plant, with our partners, 500 yellow tulip bulbs on the site. The site will require minimal maintenance by DPW on an annual basis - trim back the bulbs after they bloom (not required) and address any weeds that may develop.

For this project, the WSN will partner with young girls from the Worcester County Girls on the Run program and the 4H Club.

I am happy to address any questions and meet with the Board of Selectman on September 27th to review this project for approval.

Thank you,  
Heather

Heather Elster  
**Whitin Community Center**  
**Executive Director**  
60 Main Street, Whitinsville MA 01588  
508.234.8184 ext. 112  
[www.WhitinCommunityCenter.com](http://www.WhitinCommunityCenter.com)



**Benefit Golf Tournament - September 13, 2021** [Register 1 Golfer Here!](#) [Register a Foursome Here!](#)

**Greenway Challenge - September 25, 2021** [Register Yourself Or Team Here!](#) [Volunteer Here!](#)

**Family Reunion Membership Drive - September 20-26, 2021**

*This Fall we are excited to welcome back so many of our members & guests. We are offering a WCC Family Reunion Membership Drive with 25% OFF the 2021 membership rates and no joining fee, for all new and renewed memberships! Be part of our WCC Family Reunion! The only thing missing is...you!*

**9th Annual Roller Skating Costume Party - October 22, 2021, 5:30pm-7:00pm & 7:15pm - 8:45pm**

**Halloween Haunted Swim - October 22, 2021, 5:30pm-7:00pm & 7:15pm - 8:45pm**

**Fabulous 50's Homecoming Gala - November 13, 2021** [Buy Your Tickets Here!](#)

**Black Friday Blowout! - November 26, 2021** *(Big reveal coming soon!)*

**Santa's Coming! - December 11, 2021, 10:00am-1:00pm**

*Get Connected!*



**Melissa Ciaramitaro**

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**From:** Adam Gaudette  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 11:46 AM  
**To:** Melissa Ciaramitaro  
**Cc:** Sharon Susienka  
**Subject:** FW: [Northbridge MA] Veterans Day Spaghetti Supper November 13th Banner (Sent by Patrick McGowan, pmcgowan@partners.org)

Please add to the agenda for 9/27.

I asked him to come to the meeting.

Thanks

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**From:** Contact form at Northbridge MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 8:30 PM  
**To:** Adam Gaudette <agaudette@northbridgemass.org>  
**Subject:** [Northbridge MA] Veterans Day Spaghetti Supper November 13th Banner (Sent by Patrick McGowan, pmcgowan@partners.org)

Hello Adam Gaudette,

Patrick McGowan ([pmcgowan@partners.org](mailto:pmcgowan@partners.org)) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.northbridgemass.org/users/adam-gaudette/contact>) at Northbridge MA.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.northbridgemass.org/user/2446/edit>.

Message:

Dear Town Manager Adam Gaudette,

The Blackstone Valley Veterans Association is seeking permission to hang a banner across Church St to publicize our Veterans Day Spaghetti Supper to be held on November 13th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Last time as well as the first time that we made this request was in 2019. I believe that you had allowed the banner to be up for 2 weeks. Please let me know what steps we need to take to reserve this spot if available.

Sincerely,

Patrick McGowan  
BVVA Secretary/Treasurer



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**NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
10:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2021**

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**10:00 a.m. – Northbridge Police Station (Conference Room), 1 Hope Street**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 31 August 2021 Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**
- II. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**
- III. STATUS OF ACTION: 31 August 2021 Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**
- IV. Next Safety Committee Meeting Date – TBD**
- V. ADJOURNMENT**

cc: Town Clerk  
Town Manager/BOS  
Safety Committee Members

File



## NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE

James Shuris, P.E., MBA - Chairman/Director of Public Works & Town Engineer  
7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588  
(508) 234-3581 [jshuris@northbridgemass.org](mailto:jshuris@northbridgemass.org)

August 31, 2021

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

Dear Board of Selectmen:

The Northbridge Safety Committee met **TUESDAY AUGUST 31, 2021** at the Shining Rock Trailhead parking lot. The following members were present: Chairman James Shuris, R. Gary Bechtholdt, George Murray, Peter Bedigian, Police Chief Tim Labrie, Fire Chief David White, and Jamie Luchini (Alternate) George Simmons and James Sheehan (Alternate) were absent.

The following members of the public were in attendance:  
None

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Shuris called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

#### I. SAFETY COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

G. Murray nominated J. Shuris to be Chairman of the Safety Committee

*Upon motion duly made (G. Murray) and seconded (Chief White) the Safety Committee voted (7-0) to ACCEPT the nomination of Jim Shuris as Chairman*

J. Shuris nominated Chief Tim Labrie to be Vice Chairman of the Safety Committee

*Upon motion duly made (J. Shuris) and seconded (Chief White) the Safety Committee voted (7-0) to ACCEPT the nomination of Chief Tim Labrie as Vice Chairman*

#### II. SHINING ROCK TRAILHEAD PARKING AREA DISCUSSION

J. Shuris discussed an email from David Pickart describing the signage that the Conservation Committee is purchasing for placement in the Shining Rock Trailhead parking area. J. Shuris also stated the DPW will be installing those signs when they get delivered.

Chief Labrie gave a detailed presentation of where “no parking” signs should be placed in the vicinity of the Trailhead parking area due to the curvature of the road, as well as the narrow width of Shining Rock Drive. Both of these factors lead to an unsafe situation if any vehicles park on Shining Rock Drive in this area. Chief Labrie conducted a line of site study on this stretch of road with another member of his staff.

*Upon motion duly made (G. Murray) and seconded (Chief White) the Safety Committee voted (6-0) with P. Bedigian abstaining, to ACCEPT the creation of a no parking zone, with signage, on both the northbound and southbound lanes of Shining Rock Drive as described and laid out by Chief Labrie*

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Upon motion duly made (G. Bechtholdt) and seconded (G. Murray) the Safety Committee voted (6-0) to ACCEPT the meeting minutes of July 28, 2021. J. Luchini abstained from the vote.*

### IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

### V. STATUS OF ACTION: 28 July 2021 Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

None

### VI. NEXT SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

TBD

### VII. ADJOURNMENT

Having no additional business, the Safety Committee adjourned its meeting Tuesday August 31, 2021 at or about 10:18AM.

Respectfully yours,



James Shurtis, P.E., MBA  
Director of Public Works & Town Engineer  
**CHAIRMAN, NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE**

-JCL

Cc: Northbridge Town Clerk  
/File

Northbridge Town Manager

Lt. Timothy Labrie



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
**PLANNING BOARD**  
7 MAIN STREET  
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September 16, 2021

Charlie Ampagoomian, Chair  
NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Town of Northbridge  
7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588

**RE: STREET ACCEPTANCE –ROOSEVELT DRIVE (remaining portion of)**  
Recommendation –Vote to Layout

Board of Selectmen:

Please be advised, at its meeting of Tuesday, September 14, 2021, the Planning Board, upon motion duly made and seconded voted (5-0) **TO RECOMMEND THE LAYOUT OF ROOSEVELT DRIVE** (remaining portion of) in conjunction with street acceptance considerations at the 2021 Fall Annual Town Meeting.

In making its determination the Planning Board reviewed overall status of the Presidential Farms subdivision with the Developer, taking input from the Planning Board Consultant, Department of Public Works and others. The Planning Board shall offer its recommendation on the Street Acceptance Article (Article #5) at its meeting of September 28, 2021. Based upon discussions had and reports received, Planning does not anticipate any issues with the Planning Board offering a positive recommendation for street acceptance at this time.

Arrangements have been made for the Board of Selectmen to LAYOUT ROOSEVELT DRIVE at its meeting of Monday, September 27, 2021. In accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen shall vote to layout Roosevelt Drive (remaining portion of). Public meeting notice attached hereto.

**SUGGESTED MOTION/VOTE:**

*Motion to Layout Roosevelt Drive (remaining portion of) as recommended by the Planning Board and shown on plan entitled "Layout Plan of Roosevelt Drive -Presidential Farms Northbridge, MA" dated July 12, 2021, prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc.*

Should you require additional information or have any questions please contact the Planning Office.

Sincerely,

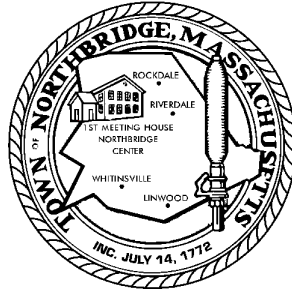
R. Gary Bechtholdt II  
Northbridge Town Planner

Cc: Town Clerk  
J. Shuris, DPW Director

Town Manager  
Conservation Commission

Applicant/Engineer  
Town Counsel

/File



## NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### -PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE-

The Board of Selectmen, as part of its scheduled meeting of **Monday, September 27, 2021**, shall consider its Vote to Layout Roosevelt Drive (remaining portion of) /Presidential Farms subdivision, in conjunction with street acceptance considerations at the 2021 Fall Annual Town Meeting (October 26, 2021).

Copy of Layout/Street Acceptance Plan (& legal description) is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, 7 Main Street (Northbridge Memorial Town Hall) and with Planning, 14 Hill Street (Aldrich School -Town Hall Annex) and may be reviewed during posted office hours or via online at [northbridgema.org/planning-board](http://northbridgema.org/planning-board).

The purpose of this meeting is to provide opportunity for public comment; anyone wishing to be heard may submit comments directly to Community Planning & Development at [planning@northbridgema.org](mailto:planning@northbridgema.org) in advance of the meeting or participate during the scheduled public meeting.

Adam D. Gaudette  
Northbridge Town Manager

Cc: Town Clerk  
DPW Director  
/File

Town Manager/BOS  
DPW-Highway

Property Owners/Abutters  
DPW-Sewer

Developer/Engineer  
WWC

NFD

**EXHIBIT A**

**LEGAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

A certain parcel of land depicted on a plan entitled "Layout Plan of Roosevelt Drive "Presidential Farms" Northbridge, Mass. Scale: 1"=40' Date: July 12, 2021", prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., Milford, MA, recorded in Plan Book \_\_\_\_\_ Plan \_\_\_\_\_ at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a concrete bound at the intersection of the Southerly line of Lincoln Circle and the Easterly line of Roosevelt drive as depicted on the aforementioned plan;

Thence Southerly following a curve to the left having a radius of 25.00 feet for a distance of 39.27 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence South 43 degrees 30 minutes 57 seconds West 200.09 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence Southerly following a curve to the left having a radius of 175.00 feet for a distance of 142.39 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence South 03 degrees 06 minutes 12 seconds East 263.09 feet to a concrete bound:

Thence Southerly following a curve to the left having a radius of 420.00 feet for a distance of 164.28 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence Southerly following a curve to the left having a radius of 25.00 feet for a distance of 23.55 feet to a concrete bound at a cul-de-sac;

Thence along said cul-de-sac Southerly, Westerly and Northerly following a curve to the right having a radius of 60.00 feet for a distance of 301.53 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence Northerly following a curve to the left having a radius of 25.00 feet for a distance of 23.55 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence North 03 degrees 06 minutes 12 seconds West 263.09 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence Northerly following a curve to the right having a radius of 225.00 feet for a distance of 183.07 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence North 43 degrees 30 minutes 57 seconds East 200.09 feet to a concrete bound;

Thence Northerly following a curve to the left having a radius of 25.00 feet for a distance of 39.27 feet to a concrete bound at said Lincoln Circle;

Thence along said Lincoln Circle South 46 degrees 29 minutes 03 seconds East 100.00 feet to said concrete bound marking the point and place of beginning.

The herein described Layout of Roosevelt Drive consists of 44,708 square feet (1.03 acres) and is a portion of the property conveyed to Presidential Farms, Inc. by deed recorded in Book 28351 Page 20 at said Worcester District Registry of Deeds.



APPROVAL UNDER THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL LAW NOT REQUIRED  
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE PLANNING BOARD

SIGNATURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
BEING A MAJORITY

LAYOUT APPROVED:  
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
APPROVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
BEING A MAJORITY

ROOSEVELT DRIVE  
ACCEPTED AT A TOWN MEETING HELD ON:

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN CLERK: \_\_\_\_\_

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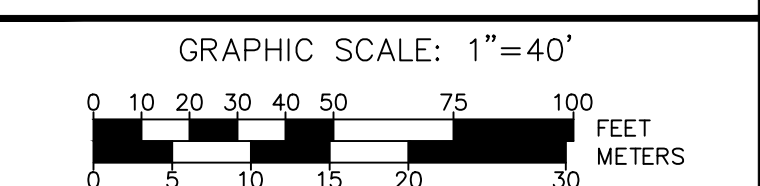
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PLAN BOOK 855 PLAN 51 APRIL 2007  
PLAN BOOK 772 PLAN 96 SEPTEMBER 2001
- THIS PLAN REFERS TO NORTHBRIDGE TAX MAP 19 PARCEL 19.
- ZONING CLASSIFICATION:  
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R1)  
FLEXIBLE DEVELOPMENT  
SETBACKS-FRONT 20' SIDE 7.5' REAR 25'
- THE AREA OF ROOSEVELT DRIVE DEPICTED HEREON IS 44,708 SQUARE FEET (1.03 ACRES).
- ROAD BOUNDS SET ON MAY 27 2021 BY GUERRIERE & HALNON ENGINEERING INC.

LEGEND

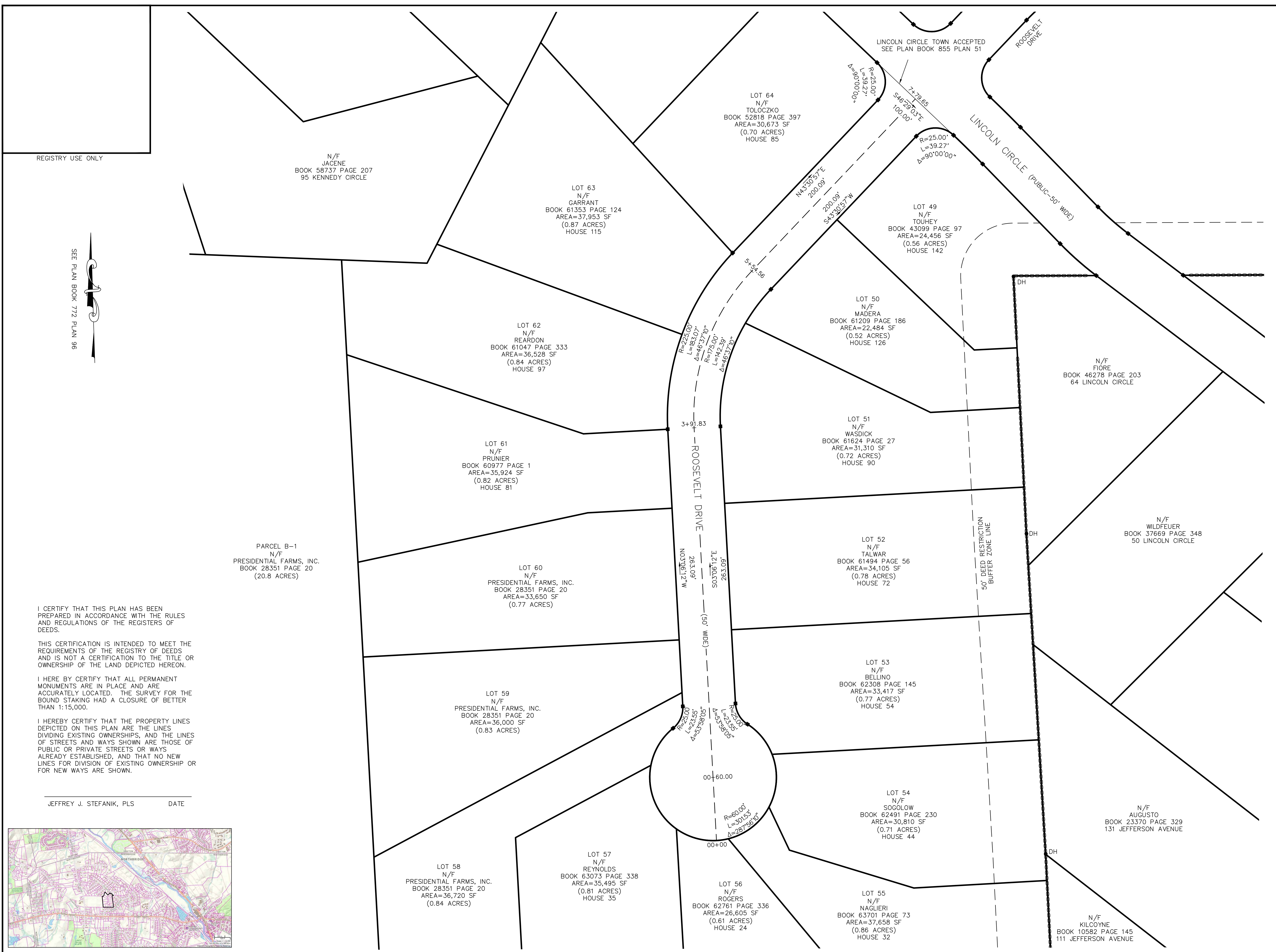
- CONCRETE BOUND
- DH DRILL HOLE
- IRON PIN
- ⊞ STONEWALL

OWNER:  
PRESIDENTIAL FARMS, INC.  
15 JUNIPER LANE  
GRAFTON MA 01519  
DEED BOOK 28351 PAGE 20

LAYOUT PLAN OF  
ROOSEVELT DRIVE  
"PRESIDENTIAL FARMS"  
NORTHBRIDGE, MASS.  
SCALE: 1"=40'  
DATE: JULY 12, 2021



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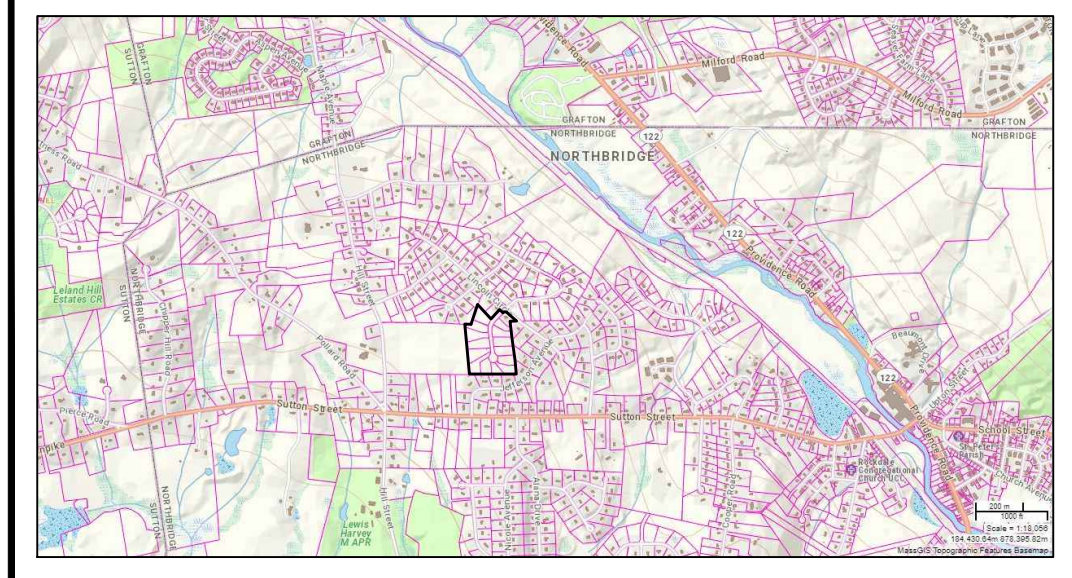
I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTERS OF DEEDS.

THIS CERTIFICATION IS INTENDED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS AND IS NOT A CERTIFICATION TO THE TITLE OR OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND DEPICTED HEREON.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL PERMANENT MONUMENTS ARE IN PLACE AND ARE ACCURATELY LOCATED. THE SURVEY FOR THE BOUND STAKING HAD A CLOSURE OF BETTER THAN 1:15,000.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PROPERTY LINES DEPICTED ON THIS PLAN ARE THE LINES DIVIDING EXISTING OWNERSHIPS, AND THE LINES OF STREETS AND WAYS SHOWN ARE THOSE OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE STREETS OR WAYS ALREADY ESTABLISHED, AND THAT NO NEW LINES FOR DIVISION OF EXISTING OWNERSHIP OR FOR NEW WAYS ARE SHOWN.

JEFFREY J. STEFANIK, PLS DATE



*Know all Men by These Presents,*

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That the Town of Northbridge, in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars, paid by **Stella R. Pileggi, of 65 Evergreen Circle, Northbridge (Whitinsville) MA**, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does sell and convey to said Stella Pileggi that certain cemetery **Lot No. 29, one full burial grave situated on the way called Walnut Ave South, in the Pine Grove Cemetery**, and the sole and exclusive right of burial of the dead therein, subject to the following rules and restrictions for the regulation and government of said Cemetery; viz:

1<sup>st</sup>. That the said Lot shall not be used for any other purpose than as a place of burial for the dead, and proper Cemetery uses, such as the Town may approve; and no trees within the Lot or the Cemetery shall be cut down or destroyed without consent of the Town.

2<sup>nd</sup>. That if any trees or shrubs in said Lot shall become in any way detrimental to the adjacent lots or avenues, or dangerous or inconvenient, the Town shall have the right to enter into said Lot and remove said trees or shrubs, or such parts thereof as are dangerous, detrimental or inconvenient.

3<sup>rd</sup>. That if any monument or other structure whatever, or any inscription, be placed in the said Lot which shall be determined by the Town to be offensive, the Town shall have the right to enter upon said Lot and remove said offensive or improper object or objects.

4<sup>th</sup>. If a fence shall at any time be erected or placed in or around said Lot, the materials or design of which shall not be approved by the Town, it must be forthwith removed upon direction of the Town, and if not so removed the Town shall have the right to enter upon said Lot and remove said fence.

5<sup>th</sup>. The said lot shall be holden subject to all by-laws, rules and regulations made and to be made by the Town.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Town of Northbridge has caused these presents to be signed and sealed by its Board of Selectmen, this 27th day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One.

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## **Town Manager's Report for the Period of September 13, 2021 – September 24, 2021**

### **1. Key Meetings Attended:**

- Monday, September 13, 2021 – Met with Senior Center Director Kelly Bol.
- Monday, September 13, 2021 – Virtual Meeting with Balmer Project Team.
- Monday, September 13, 2021 – Attended the Board of Selectmen's Meeting.
- Tuesday, September 14, 2021 – Met with Town Clerk Linda Zwyein.
- September 16 – 20, 2021 – Vacation Leave
- Tuesday, September 21, 2021 – Phone discussions with neighbors on Leland Road regarding flooding.
- Wednesday, September 22, 2021 – Met with Heather Elster, Executive Director of Whitin Community Center.
- Wednesday, September 22, 2021 – Attended the Finance Committee Meeting/Public Hearing to prepare for the Fall Annual Town Meeting.
- Thursday, September 23, 2021 – Held a virtual meeting with the Insurance Advisory Committee (Labor Reps) regarding potential Health Insurance Coverage changes.

2. **Balmer School Building Project:** The Building Inspector provided a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy allowing the school to be opened on this September 1<sup>st</sup>. The GC Fontaine is working on punch list items to complete the project. Chief White and Chief Labrie have been working with NPS staff to safely address parking, access, and routing issues. The grand opening ceremony occurred this past Saturday, September 18, 2021.
3. **Lasell Field Turf Project:** The BPCC met last week on September 15, 2021 and voted to close-out the project and release the final retainage to Green Acres in the amount of \$56,000. The next step will be to reconcile the payments/budget for the project to see what funds remain for the purposes of making final purchases or improvements by the Town.
4. **Fire Station Project:** The BPCC met last week on September 15, 2021. The design team has been working on the schematic design now that the field survey has been completed. The architect TGAS had been directed to provide a Schedule of Values and Project Timeline which was discussed with the BPCC. The design team is working on schematic Budget #1 which is to be discussed at the October 13<sup>th</sup> BPCC Meeting. The Town Manager is working to get the design team to do a presentation of the project status at the BOS Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Other:** The Town Manager is working with our Health Insurance Broker NFP to prepare for a transition away from Fallon who is getting out of the municipal insurance market. A meeting with the Union Representatives/IAC was held this week on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. An RFP for new providers has been advertised.