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Design Co., Inc.

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Consulting Engineer
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September 29, 2016

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
Nickerson Avenue
Middleborough, MA 02346

Honorable Board:

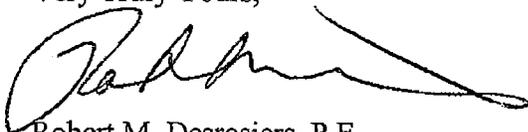
I understand that the Board of Selectmen would like the Survey Board for Unsafe Structures to inspect and comment upon the property at 88 River Street. I understand that there is considerable controversy regarding the condition and use of the property and that the Board of Selectmen are involved acting in the role of the Board of Health and the request for an inspection is based upon concerns expressed by residents who live in the area of the property.

I spoke with the Building Commissioner in order to familiarize myself with the building-related issues and to understand the underlying structural concerns. At the present time, the Building commissioner does not consider that there is a public safety issue. Further, the property owner is in compliance with building-related directives from the Building Commissioner.

The purpose of the Survey Board is to provide an independent opinion regarding the condition of private property in situations where the property owner is *non-responsive* to Building Commissioner directives to make the structure safe. This independent action ratifies the position of the Building Commissioner and allows the Town to step in and complete the required work and assess the property owner for the costs.

In my view, it would be inappropriate for the Survey Board to enter the property and conduct an inspection absent those conditions. Given that this situation between the property owner, neighbors, and various Town Boards is contentious and may turn litigious, I think it prudent not to appear to be overstepping with respect to inspections. I am concerned that a Survey Board inspection may, in the end, reflect badly on the Board of Selectmen and the Survey Board at this time. Therefore, after much consideration, I respectfully decline to participate.

Very Truly Yours,



Robert M. Desrosiers, P.E.

From: Benjamin Mackiewicz

Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 5:05 PM

To: Rob Desrosiers

Cc: Colleen Lieb; Selectman Diane C. Stewart; Lance Benjamino; Robert Whalen

Subject: Re: 88 River Street

Honorable Board Of Selectmen
Members of the Survey Board
Building Commissioner

In the matter of 88 River St. being deemed unsafe

Per the letter of response from Robert DesRosiers dated September 29, 2016, I concur with Mr. DesRosiers' opinion based upon his conversation with the Building Commissioner. It appears, that there is no issue of public safety and the property is in compliance per Mr. Desrosiers consultation with the Building Commissioner.

Therefor, I also respectfully decline to participate in this inspection.

Truly Yours,
Benjamin J. Mackiewicz, Jr.

#2



Charles D. Baker, Governor
Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant Governor
Stephanie Pollack, MassDOT Secretary & CEO

massDOT
Massachusetts Department of Transportation

October 4, 2016

Diane C. Stewart, Chairman
Middleborough Board of Selectmen
10 Nickerson Avenue
Middleborough, MA 02346

RE: South Coast Rail

Dear Chairman Stewart:

Thank you for your letter of September 27, 2016 conveying the Middleborough Board of Selectmen's thoughts on the South Coast Rail project. The comments contained in the letter, as well as the comments delivered by the individual Board members, other officials, and members of the public at our September 22, 2016 meeting at Middleborough High School, will be incorporated in our summary materials and shared with Secretary Pollack and the public.

During the month of September, MassDOT/MBTA conducted a series of six meetings throughout the region to update the public on the current design status of the preferred alternative route, the Stoughton Straight Electric, as well as to brief the public on another possible option, the New Middleborough Option. Our goal was to solicit commentary from the public that would aid MassDOT in determining a course of action.

In your letter, you state that because of the lack of concrete facts, the Middleborough Board of Selectmen is not in a position to "endorse either proposed route at this time due to the lack of information about the Middleborough alternative." MassDOT concurs that more information will be essential; therefore, we will be conducting a number of studies and analyses over the course of the fall and winter.

The South Coast Rail team has been tasked with examining a number of important factors as they relate to the New Middleborough Option. These will include schedule, projected cost to build, operate, and maintain, possible express service, infrastructure capacity and/or necessary upgrades, a detailed timeline for environmental review and permitting, ridership projections, and station sites, including a station to serve Taunton.

Because this work will be performed over the next several months, we do not have any new information to share with the Middleborough Board of Selectmen at this time. However, please be assured that we will be in touch with all of the municipalities interested in this project once additional data is prepared and ready to be shared with the Fiscal Management Control and MassDOT Boards.

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www.mass.gov/massdot

Finally, by way of clarification, the meetings held on September 21, 2016 in Wareham and Buzzards Bay were planned, conducted, and hosted by state elected officials and were not part of the MassDOT/MBTA series.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. C. Fox".

Jean C. Fox

cc: Robert Nunes

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TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH
Middleborough Agricultural Commission
Town Hall Annex
20 Centre St
Middleborough, MA 02346

October 3, 2016

Thomas S Pierce Trust Fbo
 Town of Middleborough
 PO Box 332
 Middleborough, MA 02346

Mr. Steve McKinnon
 Selectmen's Office
 10 Nickerson Avenue
 Middleborough, MA 02346

To All it May Concern:

The Middleborough Agricultural Commission would like to thank the Thomas S Pierce Trust for the generous donation towards the purchase of "Right to Farm" signs for Middleborough's incoming roads. The signs have been purchased. Soon they will be put into place for all to see that Middleborough is a farming community. This will encourage all the farmers, big and small, and let all who come to Middleborough know that food is being locally grown and that farm animals are part of our community.

Respectfully Yours,

The Middleborough Agricultural Commission

- Robert Mosley, Chairman
- Jaime Meserve, Vice-Chairman
- Patti Zimmerman, Treasurer
- Connie Miller, Secretary
- John Joyce
- Siobhan Joyce
- Jennifer Monsini
- Butch Bell, Alternate
- Nancy Parks, Alternate
- Denise Sisson, Alternate
- Robert Sisson, Alternate

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#4

24 Murdock Street

Middleborough, MA 02346

September 26, 2016

To the Selectmen and Town Manager,

I wanted to respectfully mention that Town Meeting next week falls on Rosh Hashanah, one of the holiest days in the Jewish calendar, which starts the High Holidays.

Although Jewish people are a minority in our town, I know several households, including mine, who religiously observe it.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in the fall and the first two nights of Passover in the spring are similar in their importance to Christmas, Christmas Eve, or Easter in the Christian calendar. Middleborough's current April and October Town Meeting schedule is fairly likely to conflict with one of these holidays.

I'd like to request that future scheduling be mindful of these holidays so all our citizens have a chance to participate.

Thanks for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly French". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kimberly French

Treasurer and At-Large Member, Community Preservation Committee

#5



Town of Middleborough

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 CENTRE STREET
MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 02346

PHONE: 1-508-946-2406
FAX: 1-508-946-2309

October 5, 2016

Robert Weaver
Sports Ltd.
539 Wareham Street
Middleborough, MA 02346

RE: Sports Ltd. – 539 Wareham Street (Map 94, Lot 5371)
DEP File # SE220-192 (Closed – Certificate of Compliance issued)
Removal of debris behind building

Dear Mr. Weaver:

I am just following up on an outstanding issue for the above-mentioned site concerning some debris that needed to be removed from behind the building. We are satisfied that the trailer was moved from behind the building but there was some debris still behind there when last inspected on June 4, 2015.

Please send documentation such as pictures etc... that this debris has been removed. If you would like we can also schedule a site inspection to confirm that the debris has been removed. You can contact me at the Conservation Department at 508-946-2406 or pcssdy@middleborough.com

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Cassidy, Agent

For the Middleborough Conservation Commission

Cc: Board of Selectmen
Robert Nunes, Town Manager
Robert Whalen, Building Inspector & Zoning Officer

#6

From: Nancy O'Rourke [mailto:norourke@plymouthcountyma.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2016 9:17 AM
Subject: Plymouth County Advisory Board Meeting-Thursday, October 20, 2016

Please join Chairman Allen for a meeting of the Plymouth County Advisory Board.

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2016

Time: Executive Board-6:30 p.m. and Main Meeting-7:00 p.m.

Place: County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA

Agenda:

- Call meeting to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Larry Dapsis: Tick Awareness Program
- Budget Transfers FY 2016
- Stabilization Vote
- Budget Transfers FY 2017
- Vote-Ch. 64D transfer of Deeds Excise to Plymouth County Retirement Board for Sheriff's unfunded pension liabilities

Please let me know as soon as possible whether you or an alternate member will be attending the meeting, as we must have a quorum.

Thank you,

Nancy

Nancy O'Rourke, Executive Assistant

Plymouth County Commissioners Office

44 Obery Street

Plymouth, MA 02360

(508) 830-9103

#7

Colleen Lieb

From: Christina Wiseman <cwiseman@massaudubon.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2016 2:55 PM
To: Christina Wiseman
Subject: Forests, Farmland, and the Future of Our Communities Workshop from Mass Audubon

Forests, Farmland, and the Future of Our Communities

Wednesday, October 19, 4:00 – 6:00 pm at Mass Audubon's Oak Knoll Wildlife Sanctuary, Attleboro, MA

The decisions we make about land use are complicated. Between "working" woodlands, farmlands, unmanaged "wildlands," and room for needed jobs and housing, it can be difficult to plan in a way that benefits everyone.

Join our Shaping the Future of Your Community program us at this workshop to explore regional visions and local goals; learn about tools to get us there; and ways to keep our landscape and waterways healthy!

Speakers will include Brian Donahue (Brandeis University & Harvard Forest) and Scott Millar (Grow Smart RI). This event is eligible for AICP CM|2.0. Co-hosted by the Narragansett Bay Research Reserve. [Sign up today!](#)

[Printable Workshop Flyer 490.15 kB](#)



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