NEW BUSINESS

3-18-13

Trustees u/w/o Thomas S. Peirce

P.O. Box 332
Middleborough, MA 02346

March 8, 2013

Board of Selectmen
Nickerson Avenue
Middleborough, MA 02346

Honorable Board:

I am writing on behalf of the Peirce Trustees to request that you place the following article on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. We realize it is late in the warrant process, but the Probate Court only notified the Trust this past week that it had acted favorably on the nomination. This is the language that has traditionally been used for this purpose:

> "To see if the Town will vote to assent to the appointment of Robert M. Desrosiers as Trustee under the will of Thomas S. Peirce for the benefit of the Public Library of the Town of Middleborough and as Trustee under the will of Thomas S. Peirce for the benefit of the Town of Middleborough without furnishing a surety or sureties on his official bond as Trustee under wither of said Trusts."

If you have any questions, or if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 508-947-9033.

Very truly yours,

Donald K. Atkins

Cc: Charles Cristello, Town Manager

Town of Middleborough

Massachusetts

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 12, 2013

William H. Fuller
President
The Bartending Service of New England, LLC
P.O. Box 425
Middleboro, MA 02346

Dear Bill,

At the end of its meeting held on 3/11/13, the Board of Selectmen was asked by the Braga family to approve a One-day **All Alcoholic** beverages liquor license for The Bartending Service of New England, LLC for Saturday, **March 16, 2013 from 1 PM to 6 PM** at the Town Hall, 10 Nickerson Avenue, for the gathering following funeral services planned for Mr. Braga.

Under the circumstances, the Board agreed to the license, and to take a formal "retroactive" vote on Monday, March 18, 2013.

The license may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office, 20 Centre Street, Middleborough. Please bring a check payable to the Town of Middleborough. The fee for a One-day All Alcoholic beverages liquor license is $50.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

xc: Town Clerk

TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH
Massachusetts

ENHANCED 9-1-1

March 12, 2013

Board of Selectmen
Middleboro, MA 02346

Re: New Access Path

Honorable Board:

Last month I submitted the name "Reedy Way" for a new access path located at 121 Wood Street, Map 64, Lot 4019, which was approved by the board. The name should be "Reedy Path" to conform to our standards for identifying access paths in town. I am requesting that the Board approve "Reedy Path" in place of "Reedy Way".

Kindly advise if the above name meets Board approval.

Please call if you should have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Amy Dowler

Amy Dowler
E-911 Database Coordinator

Middleborough Agricultural Commission
Eastern Bank Building
20 Centre St.
Middleborough, MA 02346
March 7, 2013

Middleborough Board of Selectmen
c/o Jacqueline Shanley
Town Hall
10 Nickerson Ave.
Middleborough, Ma 02346

Dear Board of Selectmen,

The Middleborough Agricultural Commission would like you to re-appoint Constance (Connie) Miller as a full member to the Commission for a term of 3 years. I would consider it a privilege to continue to serve and participate as a member.

Presently I have a garden and 3 horses on 10 acres in Middleborough. I grew up on a working dairy farm New Hampshire. I continue to be very interested in farm issues and in encouraging agriculture even if it is on a small scale.

Yours truly,

Connie Miller

Connie Miller
Secretary
Middleborough Agricultural Commission

DRAFT

Dear Senator Pacheco and Representatives Calter, Gifford, and Orrall,

The Board of Selectmen asks that you support a limited revenue package dedicated exclusively to maintain and repair our current transportation infrastructure.

Like many municipalities, the Town of Middleborough relies entirely on Chapter 90 funds to repair its local roads. The current Chapter 90 funding levels are insufficient to keep up with the repair of 174 miles of roads. Many of our roads are in deplorable condition. The proposal to increase Chapter 90 funding to $300 million would add more than $800,000 to our road budget and allow us to immediately improve a number of important local roads.

As you know, we have long advocated for improvements to the Middleborough Rotary and the widening of Route 44 from Carver to the Rotary. While these projects are extremely important to the economic development of the Town and the entire region, we are also aware that they are very expensive. TIP funding alone will not be sufficient to finance these important projects.

Our support for an additional revenue source to maintain and improve our existing transportation infrastructure is with the understanding that this new revenue be dedicated solely for that purpose, and that the Middleborough Rotary improvements designed by McMahon and Associates will be funded within the next five years.

Thank you for you continued advocacy on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Board of Selectmen

Charles Cristello

From: mma-alert@mma.org
Sent: Thursday, March 07, 2013 5:04 PM
To: Charles Cristello
Subject: TRANSPORTATION FINANCE LEGISLATION COMING SOON

One Winthrop Square| Boston | MA | 02110 | 617-426-7272

March 7, 2013

HOUSE SPEAKER ANNOUNCES TRANSPORTATION FINANCE LEGISLATION COMING SOON PLEASE

CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TODAY AND TELL THEM YOU NEED $300 MILLION FOR CHAPTER 90

Earlier this morning, House Speaker Robert DeLeo announced that the House of Representatives will be drafting its own transportation finance package by the end of March, and will be debating it as separate legislation by the first week in April, before the House considers the state budget. The Speaker announced that the revenue package would be substantially smaller than the Governor's $1.9 billion tax plan, and would be dedicated exclusively to transportation. He stated that his priorities are: maintaining and repairing our current transportation system, ending the practice of borrowing money to pay MassDOT's operating budget, solving the MBTA's finance crisis, and funding regional transit authorities.

• PLEASE CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TODAY AND SECURE THEIR COMMITMENT TO PASS A 5-YEAR BOND BILL THAT FUNDS CHAPTER 90 AT $300 MILLION A YEAR.

• LET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES KNOW THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION FINANCE PACKAGE THAT FIXES TODAY'S FUNDING CRISIS, AND YOU WILL SUPPORT THE TAX REVENUES NECESSARY TO FUND IT.

• STRESS THAT INCREASING CHAPTER 90 FUNDING IS THE BEST, MOST EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT WAY TO ENSURE REGIONAL EQUITY, AND GUARANTEE THAT EVERY CITY AND

TOWN WILL BENEFIT FROM THE LEGISLATION.

• AND REMIND YOUR LAWMAKERS THAT CITIES AND TOWNS MAINTAIN 90% OF THE ROADS IN MASSACHUSETTS, AND FUNDING CHAPTER 90 IS THE BEST WAY TO REPAIR THE CRUMBLING ROADWAYS THAT TAXPAYERS DRIVE ON EVERY DAY.

HERE ARE MORE DETAILS TO DISCUSS WHEN YOU SPEAK WITH HOUSE MEMBERS:

• Cities and towns are responsible for 30,000 miles of roads in Massachusetts, and Chapter 90 funding must be increased to prevent these roads from deteriorating and crumbling. Economists and transportation experts all agree – cities and towns must have enough funds to maintain and rebuild local roads so that we can build a stronger economy, create jobs, ensure safe roadways, and enhance our quality of life;

• Funding for local roads across the state is dangerously low, and now is the time to invest – the more we delay, the more this will cost taxpayers in the long run. The MMA and local officials across the state are calling for a $100 million increase in annual Chapter 90 funding, asking state leaders to commit to $300 million a year over the next 5 years to help close the gap and get local roadways in Massachusetts much closer to the good repair standard;

• Chapter 90 funding is the most reliable, appropriate and effective way to close the local transportation funding gap and invest in improved roadways in all communities across the state;

• The state created the Chapter 90 program in 1973 to share a portion of gas tax revenues with communities to ensure adequate resources for local road construction needs. But 40 years later, funding for the Chapter 90 program is far short of the actual need, because construction costs have escalated sharply, in great part due to significant increases in the cost of fossil fuels, which drives up the price of construction materials such as asphalt and steel;

• Investing more in Chapter 90 funding to improve the quality of local roads will actually save taxpayers millions of dollars a year. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, once a local road is in a state of good repair, every $1 dollar invested to keep it properly maintained will save $6 to $10 dollars in avoided repair costs that become necessary to rebuild the road when it fails;

• Under Proposition 2½, cities and towns are unable to increase the amount of local funds to supplement Chapter 90 unless they cut other important services such as public safety or education, or pass a tax override, increasing local reliance on the already overburdened property tax; and

• The MMA and local officials across the state are also members of the broad coalition of stakeholders calling for a comprehensive state and local transportation finance plan, recognizing that the entire Commonwealth will benefit greatly from increased revenues to invest in local and state roadways and highways, and regional and mass transit systems.

PLEASE CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TODAY AND SECURE THEIR COMMITMENT FOR $300 MILLION A YEAR FOR CHAPTER 90. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!