



AGENDA – JUNE 14, 2011

INVOCATION ROLL CALL RECORDS

HEARING: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPOINTMENTS

- Reappointment of Robert B. Adams, 7 Poole Street, Taunton to serve on the Airport Commission for a term of three (3) years, expiring in April 2014

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- Pg. 1 Com. from City Clerk – Appointment of one (1) Permanent Full-time Fire Captain
- Pg. 2 Com. from City Clerk – Appointment of one (1) Permanent Full-time Fire Lieutenant
- Pg. 3 Com. from William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth and Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission – Notifying of the award of an emergency grant
- Pg. 4 Com. from Director, Human Services – Requesting permission to destroy Items
- Pg. 5 Com. from Police Chief – Concerning police traffic island at Main and Weir Streets
- Pg. 6-8 Com. from Police Chief – Responding on Field Street speed limit
- 9-10 Com. from Police Chief – Requesting a transfer of funds
- Pg. 11-13 Com. from Taunton Highlands Area Neighborhood Association – Expressing concern for 272 and 274 Winthrop Street

PETITIONS

Billiard Table License

Petition submitted by Denise Asack requesting a **RENEWAL** of her Billiard Table License for Bobby's Place Inc. –DBA- Bobby's Place located at 62 Weir St. **(2 Tables)**

News Rack License

Petition submitted by William Hazeldine requesting a **RENEWAL** of the News Rack License located in front of the Post Office on Taunton Green for the Seventh Day Adventist Church. **(1 Box)**

Temporary Fixed Vendor

Petition submitted by Edward Martins requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Temporary Fixed Vendor License –DBA- Court Street Grille located at 12 Court Street, Taunton.

Second Hand Article License

Petition submitted by Raymond Beauvais requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Second Hand Article License –DBA- Beauvais Bicycle Shop located at 181 Whittenton Street, Taunton.

Petition submitted by Michael Ventura requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Second Hand Article License –DBA- Collector's Corner located at 1 St. Mary's Square, Taunton.

Petition submitted by Josh Muir, General Manager, Best Buy requesting a **RENEWAL** of the Second Hand Article License –DBA- Best Buy Stores, LP located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Executive Session** – Meet to discuss the Star Theater litigation and an update on Operation Cleanup
- **Executive Session** – Meet to discuss union negotiations

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,



Rose Marie Blackwell
City Clerk

City of Taunton Office of the Mayor

Charles Crowley
Mayor

Todd J. Castro
Assistant to the Mayor

Gill E. Enos
Budget Director



15 Summer Street
Taunton, MA 02780
Tel. (508) 821-1000
Fax. (508) 821-1005

June 10, 2011

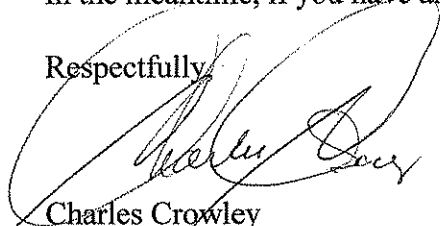
Council President Sherry Costa-Hanlon
Members of the Municipal Council
141 Oak Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Council President Costa-Hanlon:

Please be advised that I am re-appointing Robert B. Adams of 7 Poole Street, Taunton, MA to serve on the Airport Commission for a term of (3) years. His term will expire April 2014.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



Charles Crowley
Mayor

A City of Firsts
First Woman Town Proprietor- First Female Entrepreneur
First to Fly Liberty & Union Flag- First Major Silver Manufacturing Center

TAUNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

DATE: June 7, 2011

LOCATION: Taunton

Rose Marie Blackwell, City Clerk
City of Taunton
15 Summer St.
Taunton, MA 02780


One Permanent Full Time Fire Captain


Applicant Status

Name and Address of Applicant Notified to Report for Interview

Willing to Accept	Declined Appointment	Applicant Signature
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Keith E. Hartung <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I WILL Accept the Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> I will NOT Accept the Appointment	✓	
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Patrick J. O'Brien <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I WILL Accept the Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> I will NOT Accept the Appointment	✓	
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Mathew J. Arruda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I WILL Accept the Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> I will NOT Accept the Appointment	✓	
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Kevin C. Farrar

I WILL Accept the Appointment I will NOT Accept the Appointment

X		<i>Kevin C. Farrar</i>
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Jason P. Boiros

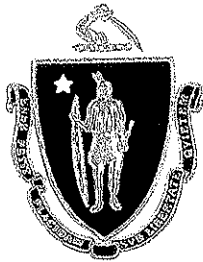
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X		<i>J. Boiros</i>
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Giuseppe Grasso

I WILL Accept the Appointment I will NOT Accept the Appointment

✓		<i>Giuseppe Grasso</i>
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Secretary of the Commonwealth
State House, Boston, Massachusetts 02133

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William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

June 6, 2011

The Honorable Charles Crowley
Mayor of Taunton
City of Taunton
15 Summer Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley:

Under 950 CMR section 73.08 of the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund regulations, I am pleased to award the **City of Taunton** an emergency grant in the amount of **\$35,000** towards the preparation of construction documents including both architectural plans and specifications which fully describe the interior restoration of Taunton City Hall.

The Taunton City Hall was built in 1848 and resides in the Taunton Historic District and the Church Green National Register District. The Town Hall was added to the list of properties on the National Register of Historic Places on December 16, 1977. Your commitment to historic preservation will ensure that the Taunton City Hall will continue to serve the residents of Taunton.

In order to expedite the emergency grant process, please have the appropriate person contact Brona Simon, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Historical Commission at (617) 727-8470 to answer any questions and to make arrangements to sign the required documents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Galvin', written over the typed name and title.

William F. Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman of the Massachusetts
Historical Commission

cc: Michael A. Maresco, Assistant Secretary of the Commonwealth
Brona Simon, Executive Director
Marc R. Pacheco, State Senator



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City of Taunton
Department of Human Services

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
30 OLNEY STREET
TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02780
Telephone (508) 821-1420
Fax (508) 821-1444

ANNE C. BISSON
DIRECTOR

COUNCIL ON AGING
30 OLNEY STREET
TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02780
Telephone (508) 821-1425
Fax (508) 821-1444

June 2, 2011

Mayor Charles Crowley and
Members of the City Council
City Hall
15 Summer Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley and City Councilors:

The Department of Human Services has the following items that are in disrepair and/or irreparable and need to be destroyed:

- 11 Round Tables
- 6 Task Chairs
- 1 Executive Chair
- 5 Stacking Chairs
- 2 Padded Metal Chairs
- 2 Dry Erase Boards
- 3 Floor Mats
- 2 Computer Monitors

At this time I respectfully request that I be allowed to destroy the above items. If you should have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Anne C. Bisson
Director



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CITY OF TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF
EDWARD JAMES WALSH

23 SUMMER STREET
TAUNTON, MA 02780
(508) 821-1471
June 7, 2011


Honorable Charles Crowley and
Members of the Municipal Council
15 Summer Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley and Members of Council:

It has been brought to my attention that there may be some action ongoing relative to elimination or restructuring of the police traffic island located at the intersection of Main and Weir Streets. This department has not been contacted or involved in any discussions relative to this and I would hope that we would be included in the process before any actions are taken.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



Edward James Walsh
Chief of Police



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June 7, 2011

Honorable Charles Crowley and
Members of the Municipal Council
15 Summer Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley and Members of Council:

At a recent meeting of the Municipal Council it was requested that I review why the speed limit sign transitions for 30 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour on Field Street when entering Taunton. After review of the matter it appears that the City performed a speed study in 2008 with a recommendation of 40 miles per hour that was adopted by the Council, Massachusetts DPW and Registry of Motor Vehicles. Because the study was only done for the City of Taunton and not Raynham, Raynham did not change its speed limit and has maintained its original 30 miles per hour speed limit.

Relative to the request for a blind driveway sign on Field Street, that requested has been forwarded to the Department of Public works for action and placement.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,


Edward James Walsh
Chief of Police

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
CITY OF TAUNTON
SPECIAL SPEED REGULATION # 7887

Highway Location: TAUNTON
Authority In Control: CITY OF TAUNTON
Name of Highway (s): FIELD STREET

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 18, of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) as amended, the following Special Speed Regulation is

Hereby Adopted

by the Municipal Council

of the City of Taunton

That the following speed limits are established at which motor vehicles may be operated in the areas described:

FIELD STREET - EASTBOUND

Beginning at the junction of Bay Street, thence easterly on Field Street
1.76 miles at 40 miles per hour ending at the Taunton/Raynham Town Line; the total distance being 1.76 miles.

FIELD STREET - WESTBOUND

Beginning at the Raynham/Taunton City line, thence westerly on Field Street
1.76 miles at 40 miles per hour ending at the junction of Bay Street; the total distance being 1.76 miles.

Operation of a motor vehicle at a rate of speed in excess of these limits shall be prima facie evidence that such speed is greater than is reasonable and proper.

The provisions of this regulation shall not, however, abrogate in any sense Chapter 90, Section 14, of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.).

Date of Passage:

Daniel Mansour Barber
Andy Marshall
Dilmy Look-truly
Jan D. Ruffen
 Attest Rose Marie Blackwell
 TOWN CLERK

[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]
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 MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL SPEED REGULATION NO.7887

The Highway Department and the Registry of Motor Vehicles, acting jointly, do hereby certify that this regulation is consistent with the public interest.

Standard signs must be erected at the beginning of each zone.

DATE: APR 30 2008

FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

BY: [Signature]
Traffic Engineer

FOR THE REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES

BY: [Signature]
Registrar

[Signature]
Deputy Registrar



The City of Taunton Police Department

23 Summer Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

Telephone: (508)821-1471

Facsimile: (508) 828-9315

www.tauntonpd.com

Edward J. Walsh
Chief of Police

Mayor Charles Crowley
Members of the Municipal Council

June 9, 2011

Dear Mayor Crowley and Councilors,

I respectfully request to transfer funds in the amount of: \$30,000.00

Please refer to the attached form(s).

If you should have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to call this office.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Walsh, Chief of Police

Council Order Transfer Request

Date: 6/7/11

Department Requesting: Police

Amount Requesting: \$30,000.00

Reason for Request: to pay for the remaining FY11 Bills

Please list below the account number/name for the requested transfer.

If requesting monies from AVAILABLE funds check here:

Transfer From: 1-210-201-5197
Name: Unused Vacation BuyBack
Beginning Balance: \$ 90,000.00
Amount: \$ 60,000.00
Balance Remaining: \$ 60,000.00

Transfer To: 1-210-202
Name: General Fund
Beginning Balance: \$ 0
Amount: \$ 30,000.00
New Balance: \$ 30,000.00

Transfer From:
Name: _____
Beginning Balance: _____
Amount: _____
Balance Remaining: _____

Transfer To:
Name:
Beginning Balance:
Amount:
New Balance:

Department Head Signature:

Title: Chief of Police

TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

Date Referred to Committee on Finance & Salaries:

The above request is hereby: Approved Denied

Available funds to be used (if requested):

If denied, reason for denial:

Council Order Number Assigned:

FOR THE COUNCIL ORDER TRANSFERS PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM WITH A FORMAL COVER LETTER REQUESTING THE TRANSFER AND SEND A COPY OF BOTH THE LETTER AND THIS FORM TO THE FOLLOWING:

City Clerk-Original
Mayor's Office

Clerk of Council Committee
City Auditor

June 8, 2011

Mayor Charles Crowley
Members of the Taunton Municipal Council
City Hall
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley and Councilors,

It is with frustration and disappointment that we contact you again regarding the illegal actions taking place at 272 and 274 Winthrop Street and the apparent lack of action in enforcing Taunton's ordinances and laws. Development at the 272 Winthrop St. property is progressing as if the owners have received a carte blanche to do whatever they choose, on their own time schedule. They boldly continue without the slightest regard to your influence and the law. The value of the hours spent by various department heads, neighbors, the community, the press, the City Council, the City Solicitor, the Mayor and others far exceeds the total of **\$13,650** in fines which should be collected for blatant violations on these properties. Financial constraints have precipitated proposed layoffs in our Police and Fire Depts., yet it seems as though there is no effort to collect this substantial revenue to add to the city's lean budget.

Members of the *Taunton Highlands Area Neighborhood Association* and all voting citizens of Taunton entrusted you with the safety of our community and the future of our city when we elected you. We are appalled that you would even consider balancing the city budget by cutting our Police and Fire Depts. when there is one violation left unaddressed or one cent of revenue left uncollected from outstanding debts to the city. All methods of revenue enhancement must be explored as well as cuts made in other areas before those who answer our 911 calls, who risk their lives by facing criminal activity or by rescuing life and property in a fire, are removed from our employment.

The owners and operators of this questionable business are an affront to all of the law-abiding citizens of our city. The majority of us pay for building permits, pay our library fines, pay our taxes, obey ordinances, abide by zoning regulation, respect the civility of our neighbors, and expect that our city will be protected by Police and Fire professionals. It is a sad lesson for us and our children that if the laws and ordinances of the city are ignored long enough, some people can get away with almost anything.

Shame on you for allowing this to happen in our city. Shame on all of us for allowing this to continue without consequence. We urge you—as the elected officials who can make and enforce laws—to make sure that problems like this will **not** continue. It is sad that all of us have had to devote so much time and energy without resolution or hope of justice.

Don't just talk about problems on Tuesday night. Become **impassioned activists** in restoring our safety and our law enforcement. Do something! You have the opportunity and authority to see that situations like this are properly resolved and will never happen again.

With great concern,

Members of the Taunton Highlands Area Neighborhood Association (*Signatures Attached*)

***The Taunton Highlands Area Neighborhood Association is dedicated to
"protect, preserve, and improve our neighborhood"
tauntonhighlands@gmail.com***

We, the undersigned, as members of the Taunton Highlands Area Neighborhood Association, sign and send the attached letter, dated June 8, 2011, to Mayor Charles Crowley and the Members of the Taunton Municipal Council.

Maureen P. Boies 597 Cohannet St., Taunton

Rachel Farias 574 Cohannet St. Taunton

John G. Briggs 597 COHANNET ST. TAUNTON

Stanley Briggs 194 Winthrop St. Taunton

Nicole B. Briggs 194 Winthrop St Taunton

Danielle & Jeff Briggs 268 Winthrop St. Taunton (e-mail)

Eleanor Doherty 24 Fairview Ave. Taunton (e-mail)

We, the undersigned, as members of the Taunton Highlands Area Neighborhood Association, sign and send the attached letter, dated June 8, 2011, to Mayor Charles Crowley and the Members of the Taunton Municipal Council.

Carolyn Mulhearn 30 Davenport St. Taunton

PETE Krawczyk 30 HIGHLAND TERRACE Taunton MA

Jeffrey O'Don 29R Highland Terrace Taunton Ma.

Joe Xonigan - 80 Davenport St

Lois Macdonald 140 Davenport St.

William Z Jones 140 DAVENPORT STREET

Carol Doherty 148 Highland St.

Cheryl Kay 22 Fairview Ave

William Gay 22 Fairview Ave

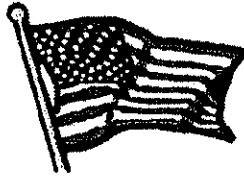
Karen Grierson 178 Oak St. (e-mail)

Todd Grierson 178 Oak St (e-mail)

John & Ann Fuller 55 Davenport St Taunton

June Gray 6 Davenport T. Taunton

Rebecca & Richard Shefer 6 Davenport St. Taunton



REVISED

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011

**HONORABLE CHARLES CROWLEY, MAYOR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHERRY COSTA-HANLON
AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

PLEASE NOTE:

**THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TEMPORARY CITY HALL
AT MAXHAM SCHOOL, 141 OAK STREET, TAUNTON, MA. IN THE
CHESTER R. MARTIN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

7:00 P.M.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

BUDGET HEARINGS

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. FIRE #220

EDUCATION

1. SCHOOLS #300
2. B-P REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL #390

HEALTH & CITIZEN SERVICES

1. HUMAN SERVICES #500
2. BOARD OF HEALTH #510
3. TAUNTON NURSING HOME #520
4. HEAD START #542
5. VETERANS SERVICE #543
6. COMMISSION OF HANDICAPPED AFFAIRS #548
7. PERSONNEL/TRAINING #549

MISCELLANEOUS

1. SRPEDD #840

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE AGENDA – BUDGET HEARINGS - CONTINUED

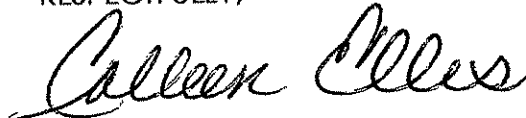
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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| 1. NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSION | #909 |
| 2. PENSION FUND | #910 |
| 3. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION | #912 |
| 4. DISABILITY RETIREMENT | #916 |
| 5. RISK MANAGEMENT | #945 |
| 6. CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES | #946 |

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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| 1. LAW | #151 |
| 2. LICENSE COMMISSION | #165 |
| 3. MAINTENANCE OF TAX POSSESSION | #193 |

RESPECTFULLY,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REVISED

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011

**HONORABLE CHARLES CROWLEY, MAYOR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHERRY COSTA-HANLON
AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

PLEASE NOTE:

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR
**TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TEMPORARY CITY HALL
AT MAXHAM SCHOOL, 141 OAK STREET, TAUNTON, MA, IN THE
CHESTER R. MARTIN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

5:30 P.M.

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS
FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
2. MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING
3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

6:00 P.M.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

BUDGET HEARING

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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| 1. CITY CLERK | #161 |
| 2. ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATION | #196 |

PUBLIC SAFETY

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| 1. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES | #244 |
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PUBLIC WORKS/FACILITIES

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| 1. DPW COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE | #400 |
| 2. ENGINEERING | #410 |
| 3. OIL AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION | #421 |
| 4. STREETS & DRAINS | #422 |
| 5. SNOW REMOVAL | #423 |
| 6. STREET LIGHTING | #424 |
| 7. TRASH PICKUP | #433 |
| 8. WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY | #442 |

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE AGENDA – BUDGET HEARINGS - CONTINUED

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| 9. SEWER MAINTENANCE | #443 |
| 10. WATER | #450 |
| 11. VEHICULAR MAINTENANCE | #480 |

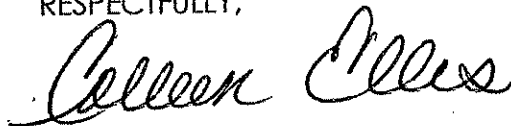
CULTURE AND RECREATION

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| 1. LIBRARY | #610 |
| 2. RECREATION, CEMETERY & PUBLIC
GROUNDS | #630 |
| 3. GOLF COURSE | #640 |
| 4. AIRPORT | #650 |
| 5. HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION | #690 |
| 6. CABLE COMMISSION | #695 |

EDUCATION

- | | |
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| 1. BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL | #380 |
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RESPECTFULLY,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES