



AGENDA – March 1, 2011

INVOCATION ROLL CALL RECORDS

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APPOINTMENTS

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Pg. 18-22 Com. from Billie Johnican, 51 Porter St. – Requesting “No Parking Sign”

Pg. 23-24 Com. from Edward Annunziato, 160 Broadway – Voicing opinion on Snow removal

PETITIONS

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

Ordinance for a 1st reading to be passed to a second reading

SEWERS AND DRAINS

Sec. 19-1 Committee on department of public works
To have charge of main drains and common sewers;
Hearing on laying common sewers; Notices of Hearing

That Section 19.1 of the revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended is and
Hereby are further amended by adding the following: **(on file in the city clerks office)**

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,



**Rose Marie Blackwell
City Clerk**

City of Taunton
Office of the Mayor

Charles Crowley
Mayor

Gill E. Enos
Budget Director

Todd Castro
Assistant to the Mayor



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February 25, 2011

Council President Sherri Costa-Hanlon
Members of the Taunton Municipal Council

Dear Council President Costa-Hanlon,

The City Council voted to explore the possibility of a 'tax holiday' for the locally imposed meals tax. You have asked what the cost would be should the city council support such a plan. At the present time, the meals tax is collected by the state and the city is supplied its share of the monies via the annual Cherry Sheet.

We have estimated that the expected receipts for the locally imposed meals tax for Fiscal Year 2011 is \$ 471867.00. After the first six (6) months of the Fiscal Year, we have collected 50% of those funds, so we are right on schedule. If the city council had the ability to vote to create a 'tax holiday' for a weekend at a future date, we would anticipate that the impact to the city would be \$ 5,171 dollars or \$ 2,585.50 per day.

I have spoken with a legal representative from the Bureau of Municipal Finance Law for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and I was told that the Municipal Council does not have the ability to create a 'tax holiday' for the locally imposed meals tax.

Respectfully,


Charles Crowley

Mayor

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Board of Directors

- David DeSantis-President
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- Pat Murray-Treasurer
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February 24, 2011

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

Dear Mayor Crowley:

The Taunton Business Improvement District (BID) Board of Directors would like to voice its strong support for the proposed Mill River Park in Downtown Taunton. The park will not only be a beautiful public amenity allowing access to the mill river, but will also assist in improving the condition of the Mill River and provide an outdoor venue for downtown activities.

The BID would be willing to help the Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds Department on the maintenance of the Mill River Park. We are happy to provide ongoing cooperation and coordination with the City and its Departments to provide the best maintenance possible for the downtown to keep it clean, safe and attractive.

We will be excited to see the Mill River Park under construction this spring. Thank you and City Council for your commitment to Downtown Taunton and its revitalization. It is most appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David DeSantis".

David DeSantis, President
 Downtown Taunton Business Improvement District

Copy: Members of Taunton City Council



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February 23, 2011

Sherry Costa-Hanlon
President
City of Taunton
Municipal Council
141 Oak Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

Re: Mill River Park and Riverwalk Resolution

Dear Members of the Municipal Council:

Please find enclosed for your review and approval a resolution titled, "A Resolution of the Municipal Council of Taunton, Massachusetts to dedicate the Mill River Park and Riverwalk Area Permanently for park and recreational purposes."

The City of Taunton was awarded a Gateway City Parks grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Gateway City Parks Initiative is a grant program administered by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs that is designated to develop or restore public parks in urban neighborhoods in Gateway cities in Massachusetts. Landscape architects from the firm of Brown, Richardson and Rowe, through the Gateway City Parks program, have been working with the City of Taunton to develop a plan for transforming a portion of the municipal parking lot behind City Hall into a public park along the Mill River. Ultimately, the goal would be to continue the river walk along the Mill River throughout downtown Taunton.

The Mill River is a tributary of the Taunton River, which has been designated as a "Wild and Scenic River". A feasibility study conducted as part of the Taunton River Watershed Study's Urban Initiative concluded that the watershed is basically in good condition but future actions are required to bring the hydrology back into better balance by recharging groundwater, providing alternative waste water treatments, improving habitat and restoring river banks. Because of the storm water loading issues presented by the large parking lot behind City Hall and the quantities of sand and sediments draining off the parking lot into the Mill River in that location, the municipal parking lot site was selected as one of six demonstration project sites in the watershed to implement physical watershed management

recommendations and assist other communities in terms of understanding the required planning, site selection, design, permitting and implementation costs.

Planned improvements are the installation of a low impact development storm water treatment system, construction of a recreational trail, removal of invasive species and replacement with native plants, and creation of a public green space. No buildings will be constructed as part of the project.

Two public meetings, on May 12, 2010 and June 23, 2010, have been held at the Taunton Public Library. Recognizing that the project site is located within a historic district, proposed site features have been designed to fit in with the existing character and defining features of the district.

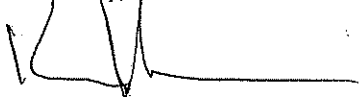
The project has received the required approvals from the Taunton Conservation Commission, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Taunton Historic District Commission.

As a condition of the Gateway City Parks grant, the City is required to dedicate and transfer the Mill River Park and Riverwalk land to the purposes of Chapter 45 Section 3 under the care, custody and control of the Park and Recreation Commission.

The land area which will become the Mill River Park and Riverwalk is shaded in blue on the enclosed "Existing Conditions Plan" prepared by Brown, Rowe and Richardson, Inc.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kevin J. Shea
Executive Director

- Cc: Mayor Charles Crowley
- Jane Estey, City Solicitor
- Marilyn Greene, Commissioner Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds

Attachments

CITY OF TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Voted: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE CITY OF TAUNTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL APPROVES THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TITLED **“A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS TO DEDICATE THE MILL RIVER PARK AND RIVERWALK AREA PERMANENTLY FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.”**

Whereas, City wishes to develop a portion of the municipal parking lot behind City Hall into a public park along the Mill River, a tributary of the Taunton River, which has been designated as a “Wild and Scenic River”;

Whereas, area will be known as the Mill River Park and Riverwalk and will be a public open space and recreational area within Downtown Taunton;

Whereas, the City has received a “Gateway City Parks” grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to construct the Mill River Park and Riverwalk along the Mill River to include the installation of a low impact development stormwater treatment system, construction of a recreational trail, removal of invasive species and replacement with native plants and creation of a public greenspace;

Whereas, the City will construct the Mill River Park and Riverwalk using state grant funds that require the area to be permanently dedicated to the public for park and recreational purposes;

Whereas, the Municipal Council, through this resolution, hereby votes to approve that the area that will be used for the Mill River Park and Riverwalk be preserved for park and recreational purposes in perpetuity;

Whereas, the City wishes to hereby dedicate and transfer the Mill River Park and Riverwalk to the purposes of Chapter 45 Section 3 under the care, custody, and control of the Park and Recreation Commission;

Whereas, the City acknowledges the receipt of a “Gateway City Parks” Grant and its obligations thereto by recording said agreement, this vote, and the plan in the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds indexed to and marginally noted on the deed into the City which is

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recorded at Book _____, Page _____ with the understanding that if the Mill River Park and Riverwalk ever ceases to be used for a park, or is ever used for other purposes, or disposed of, the City must first comply with Article 97 of the State Constitution and provide mitigation in the form of a similar park of at least the same size and economic value.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to take such action as is required to comply with the requirement of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Gateway City Parks Grant Program that the Mill River Park and Riverwalk become permanently dedicated to the public for park and recreation purposes and to transfer the care, custody, and control of the Mill River Park and Riverwalk to the Park and Recreation Commission.

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July 07, 2010 - For immediate release:

Patrick-Murray Administration Announces Five Grants for Gateway City Parks

BOSTON - July 7, 2010 - The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) today announced five grants totaling \$6 million for projects that will enhance parks and recreational facilities in cities across the Commonwealth.

The grants were funded through the Gateway City Parks program, which supports significant park projects for underserved urban populations. The five communities receiving Gateway City Parks grants announced today are **Chicopee, Fitchburg, Lawrence, Pittsfield and Taunton.**

"I know from growing up in Chicago that parks make a big difference in city life," said Governor Deval Patrick. "These Gateway City Parks projects will invigorate neighborhoods and improve the lives of our residents."

"Through the Gateway City Parks grant program, our administration is making investments to create clean and improved facilities so urban communities can enjoy recreational opportunities within their own neighborhoods," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray.

"Demonstrating Governor Patrick's commitment to improving the quality of life for Massachusetts residents, these grants help urban communities preserve and improve outdoor recreational space for children, families and individuals to enjoy for years to come," said EEA Secretary Ian Bowles.

In recognition of the vital role that public parks play in maintaining the health and economic wellbeing of urban areas, the Gateway City Parks initiative is a hallmark of Governor Patrick's unprecedented commitment of state support for urban parks, habitat protection and preservation of working landscapes. Twenty-two Massachusetts cities are eligible for the program, which targets communities with populations greater than 35,000 and median household incomes, per capita incomes and educational attainment levels below the state average.

Gateway Cities is a flexible program, providing municipal officials with a menu of funding options for all phases of park development. Funding can be used for activities and costs, such as brownfield assessment and cleanup, park planning and recreational needs assessments - including the development of Open Space and Recreation Plans - activities not previously eligible for state parks funding. Cities can also use the grants for acquisition, design and construction of parks, greenways and other recreational facilities.

Funding for this grant program comes from the Energy and Environment Bond Bill signed by Governor Patrick in August 2008.

"I greatly appreciate the Patrick Administration's commitment to improving the quality of life in our Gateway Cities. The Pittsfield Common was once a site of much activity and with these improvements, it will be again," said Sen. Benjamin B. Downing.

"This is great news for Lawrence. Groundwork has a solid track record of creating parks and green spaces that add so much to the quality of life in the city," stated Sen. Sue Tucker.

"This is going to be a great project for the city of Fitchburg," said Sen. Jennifer L. Flanagan. "I am thrilled that the Administration has again looked beyond Boston and has chosen to fund this worthy undertaking in North Central Massachusetts. This will certainly improve the quality of life for the residents and I look forward to seeing the completed project."

"I am excited that the City of Lawrence will be receiving these funds to pay for work on the Spicket River Greenway,

said Rep. Barry Finegold. "This grant will continue to help with regional growth and prosperity in Lawrence, and improve the lives and futures of its residents."

"Szot Park is Chicopee's premier flagship park and the opportunity to make this a green facility to conserve energy and water bodes well for the city's future," said Chicopee Mayor Michael Bissonnette.

"I am excited to be able to work once again with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs as well as other local environmental and economic groups to create an attractive corridor along the Mill River," said Taunton Mayor Charles Crowley.

"This project will open the doors to community recreation and neighborhood revitalization. The Riverway is a true asset and, with this partnership, all will soon realize Lawrence's gem," said Lawrence Mayor William Lantigua.

"The First Street Common park rehabilitation is a critical project in the renewal of our downtown. When completed, this park will be a destination for families and will offer enjoyment and recreational opportunities in all seasons," said Pittsfield Mayor James Ruberto.

"I am pleased that the Patrick Administration has demonstrated time and time again a commitment to smart growth in our state's Gateway Cities. The investment by the Commonwealth in Fitchburg to build the Gateway Park will unlock private investment in the surrounding mills and provide a tremendous recreational asset for the city residents," said Fitchburg Mayor Lisa Wong.

"We are thrilled to be part of the Gateway Park project in Fitchburg. Assisting the city and its partners in integrating the river into the fabric of a vibrant downtown epitomizes what we hope to achieve through our community conservation efforts," said Andy Kendall, president of The Trustees of Reservations. "Parks and open space are an integral part of the social, economic, and environmental health of Massachusetts' communities. It's important to The Trustees that people across the Commonwealth – from urban centers, to small towns, to rural areas – have access to parks and outdoor recreation areas."

"The Mill River is a hidden gem running through Taunton," said Robb Johnson, program director for The Nature Conservancy. "This beautiful park will help protect it by reducing impacts from untreated storm water, while also anchoring the City's long-envisioned riverwalk. It's a win-win for the environment and the people of Taunton, and demonstrates what we hope can be repeated elsewhere along the river."

"We have thousands of ardent stewards who have been working with us for nearly a decade to clean the river banks and streambed. These same residents and youth are the best assurance for long-term care of the Greenway and will provide stewardship for the Spicket River Greenway for decades to come," said Groundwork Lawrence Executive Director Heather McMann.

"This project was a partnership from the beginning," said Janet Morrison, executive director of the North County Land Trust. "In addition to the named partners, due credit must be given to the seller's of the park land, Wachusett Development and Construction Company, for their patience in working with us and their generous donation of \$18,000 for the park, and to the Fitchburg Greenway Committee, whose support and advocacy for the park was invaluable."

The following cities received grants through the Gateway City Parks initiative:

Lawrence - A \$2.6 million grant to design and construct the Spicket River Greenway, 2.5 miles of riverfront paths. The Greenway will connect neighborhoods and six existing parks - including the recently completed Manchester Street and Dr. Nina Scarito Parks. The project is a partnership with the city of Lawrence and Groundwork Lawrence.

Fitchburg - A \$1.1 million grant for construction of a new city park. The project includes the creation of a trail network, construction of a small parking lot, installation of picnic tables, benches, lighting and trash receptacles, and the planting of trees, shrubs and grass. Work is expected to begin this fall and be completed by the end of June 2011. The project is a partnership among the city of Fitchburg, The Trustees of Reservations, the North County Land Trust and the Nashua River Watershed Association.

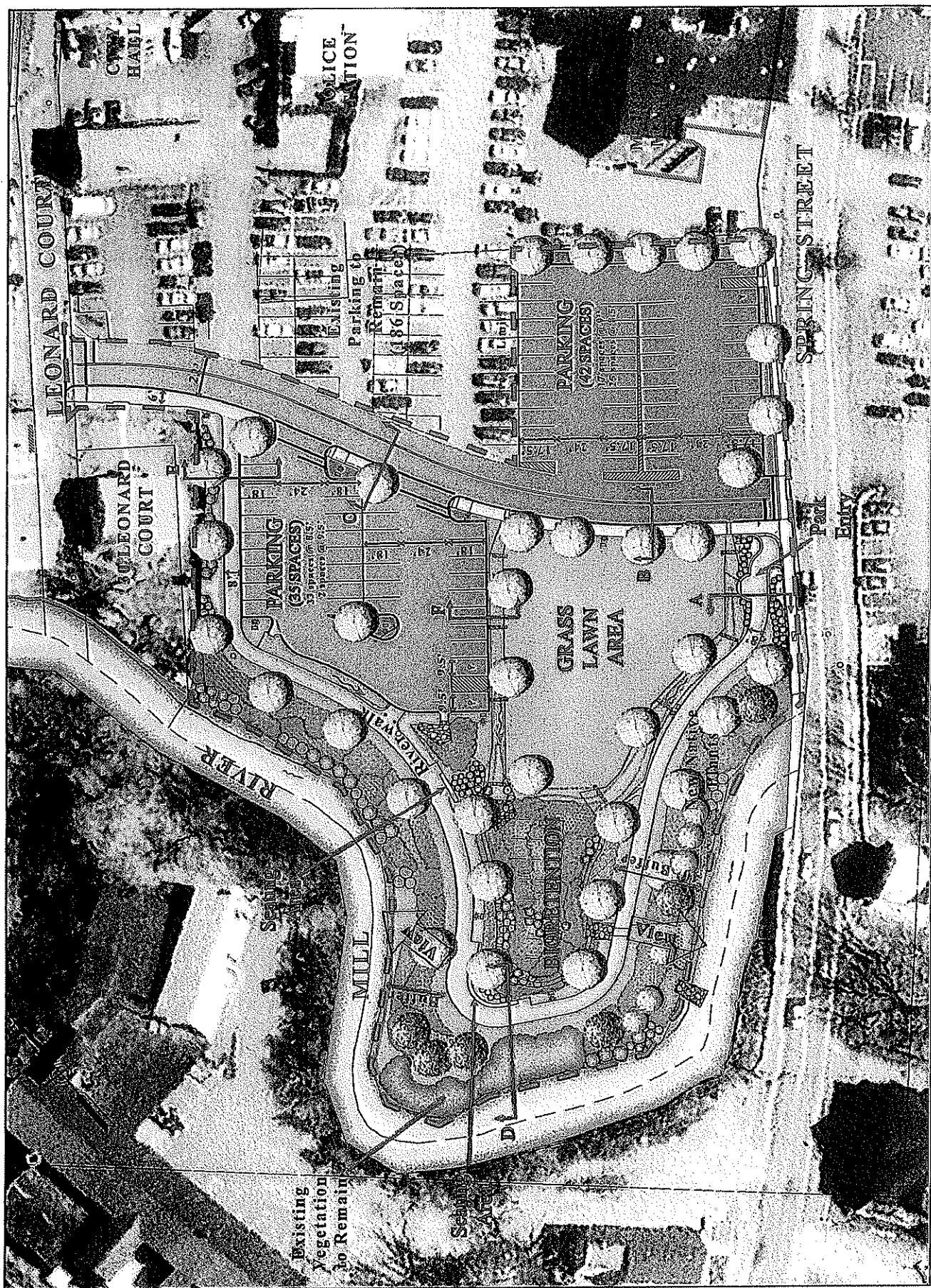
Taunton - A \$942,000 construction grant to convert a portion of an existing parking lot into a public park along the Mill River in downtown Taunton. The project includes the installation of plants to treat storm water, construction of a recreational trail and creation of a green space. The design includes a state-of-the-art low impact development system to treat storm water, which was previously flowing from the large parking lot directly into the Mill River. Plans also include a wider unpaved buffer to the river and replacing invasive species with native plants. Construction is expected to begin in October and finish by the end of June 2011.

Pittsfield - An \$885,000 construction grant to fund the First Street Common rehabilitation project, which is expected to begin in October and finish by the end of June 2011. Pittsfield's First Street Common park project is a multi-phase endeavor to rehabilitate this downtown open space. Phase one of the project includes the demolition of the existing playground/picnic area and skate park along the northern boundary of the park. A new playground area will be constructed in the northeast corner, along with improvements to the park entrance at Wallace Place.

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Chicopee - A \$332,500 construction grant for the rehabilitation of Szot Park Stadium. The project includes the installation of new energy efficient stadium lighting and an irrigation system designed to reduce water consumption and improvements to address field drainage issues.

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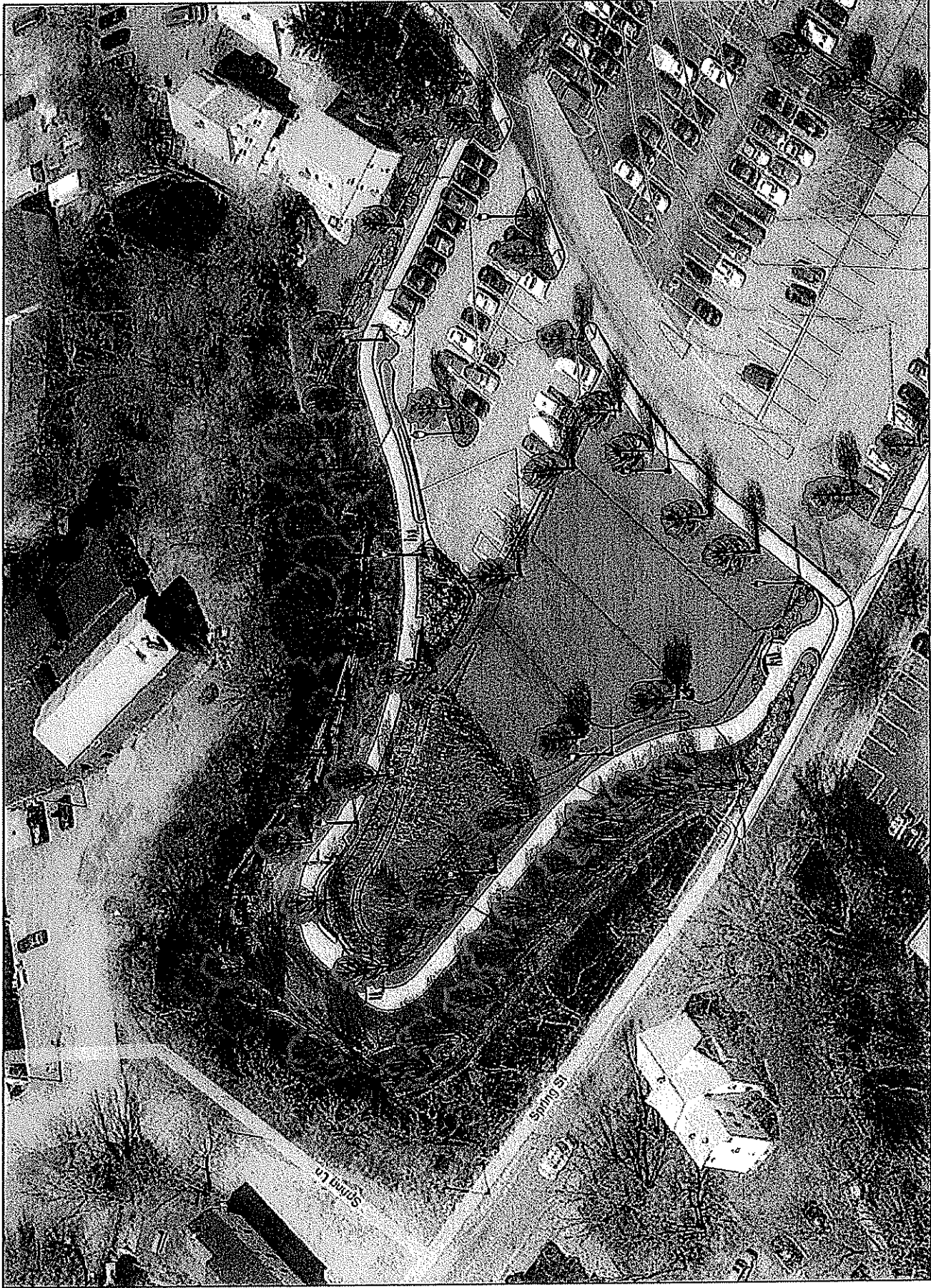
MILL RIVER PARK

Taunton, Massachusetts

FUTURE PROGRAM AND DESIGN PLAN

Gateway Cities Parks Program
 Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
 February 3, 2011



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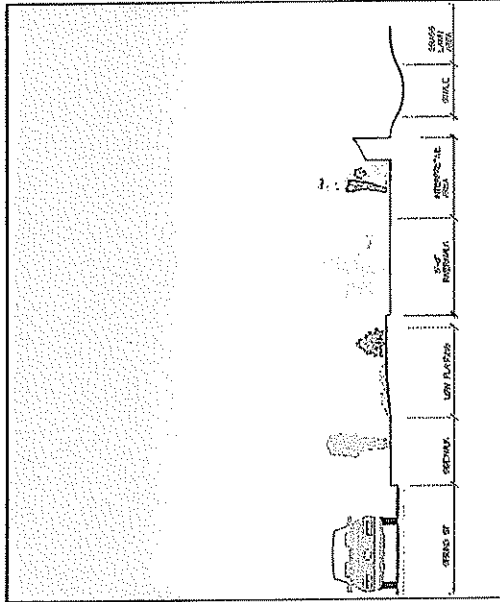
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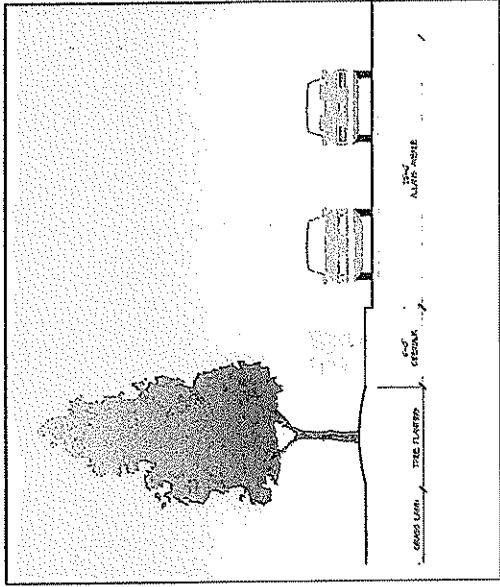
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Gateway Cities Parks Program
Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs

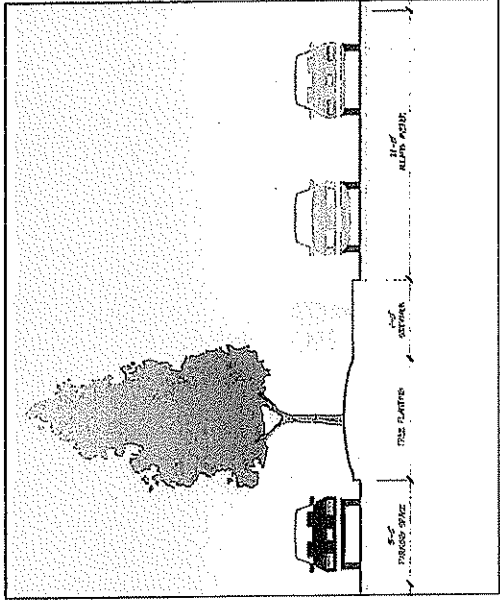
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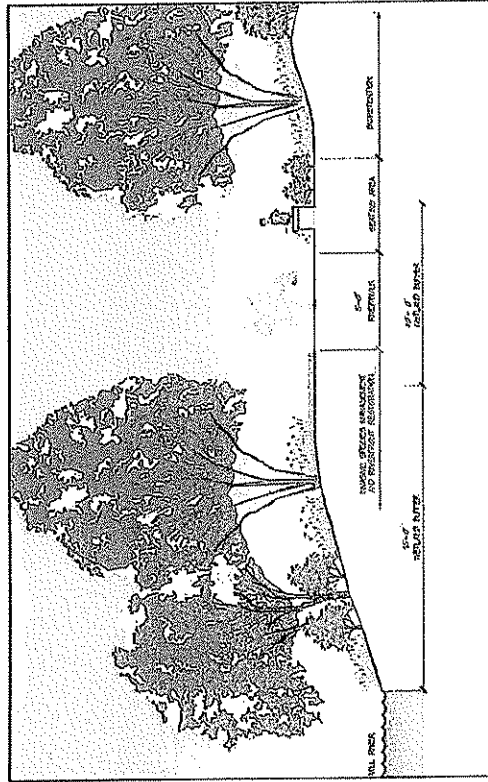
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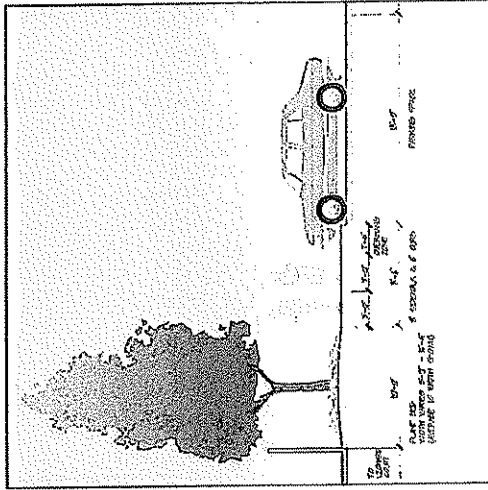
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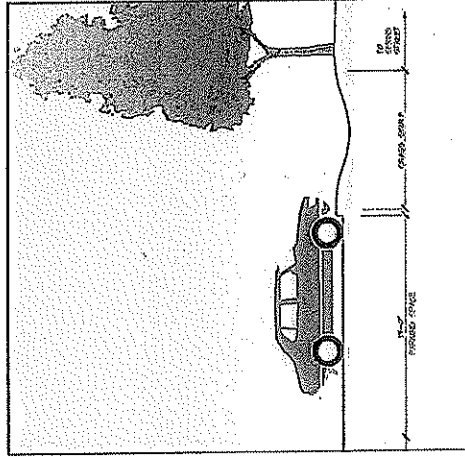
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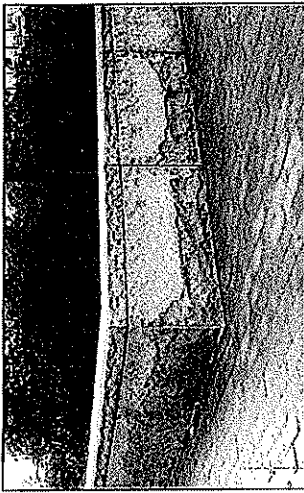
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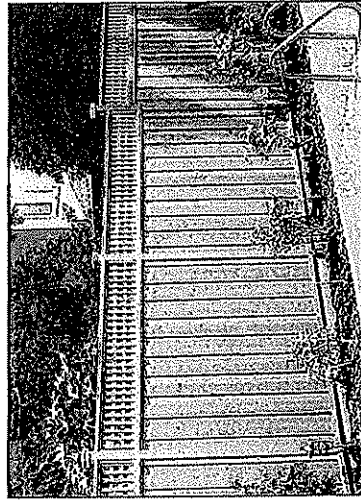
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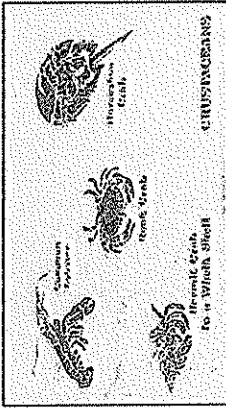
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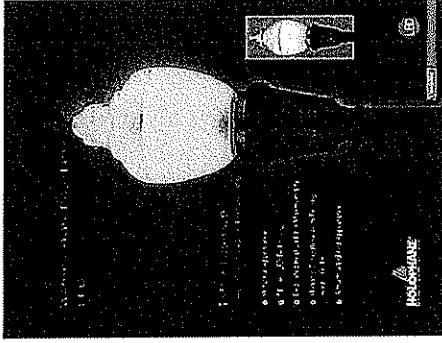
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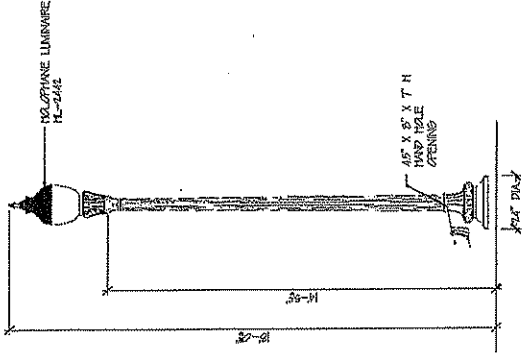
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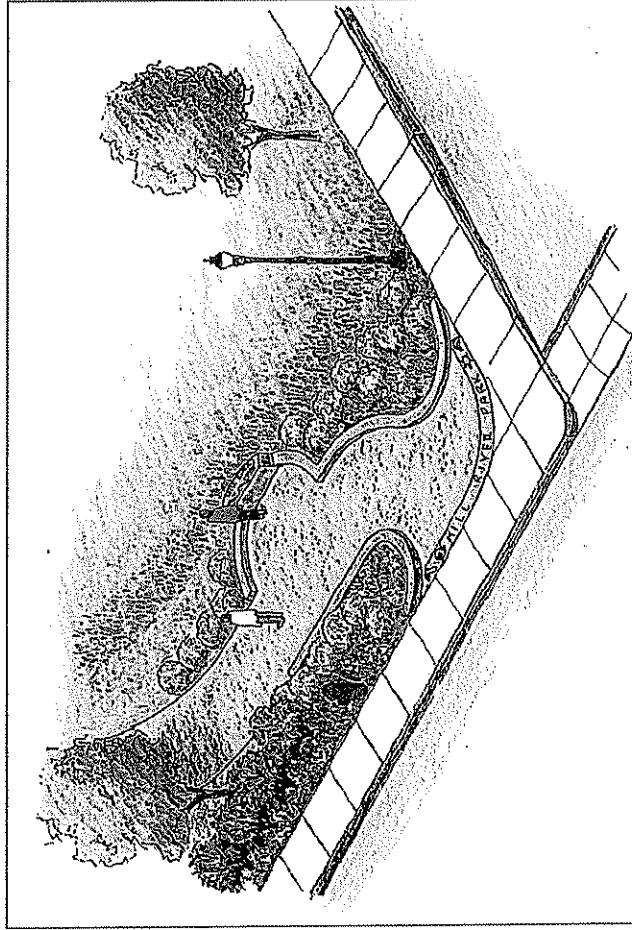
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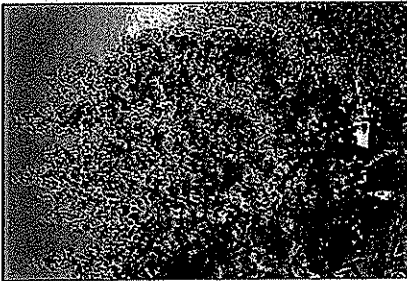
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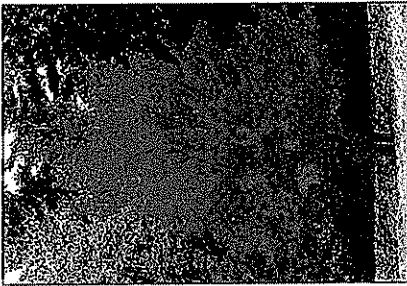
MILL RIVER PARK ENTRY



SWAMP WHITE OAK TREE



RED OAK TREE



RED MAPLE TREE



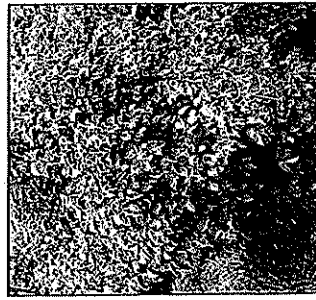
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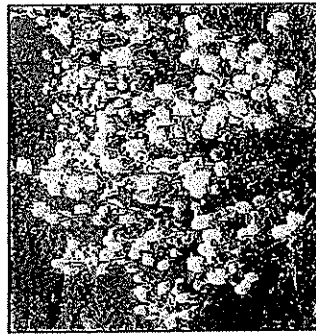
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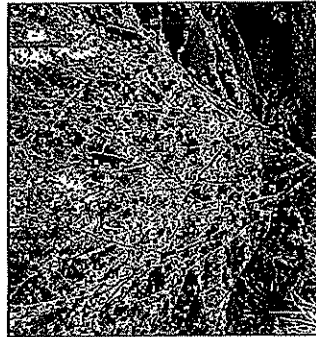
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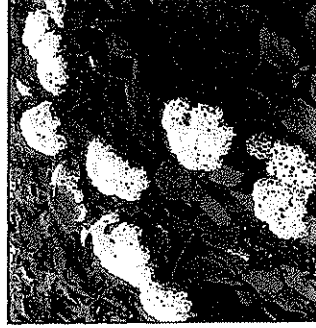
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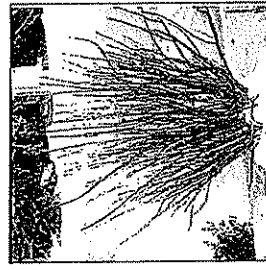
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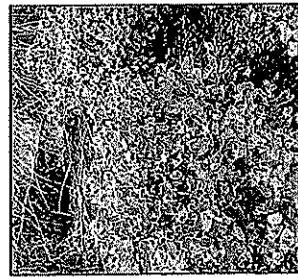
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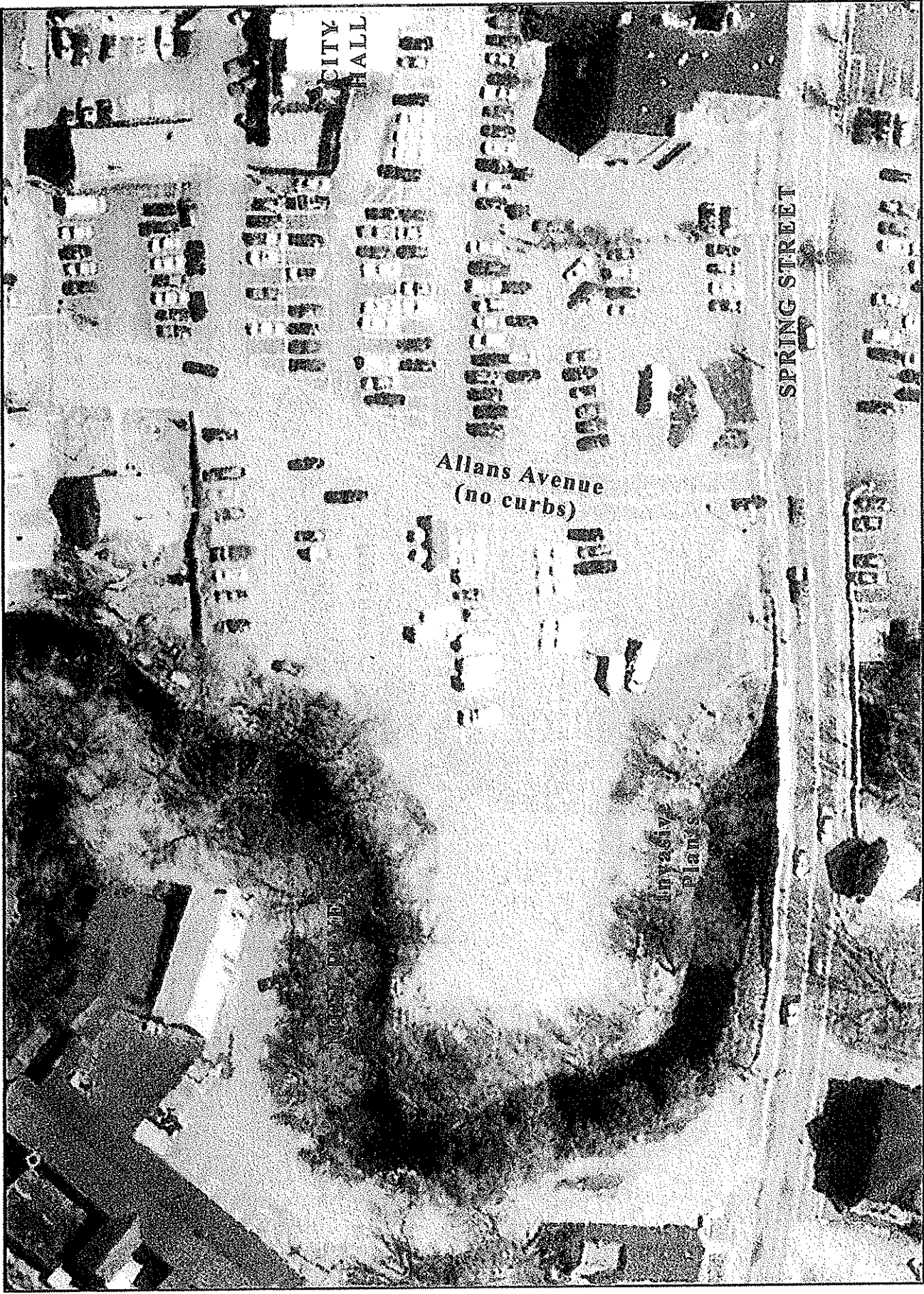


BUTTON BUSH SHRUB

MILL RIVER PARK

Taunton, Massachusetts

PROPOSED NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Mill River Park
and
Riverwalk
Taunton, MA



No.	Revisions	Date

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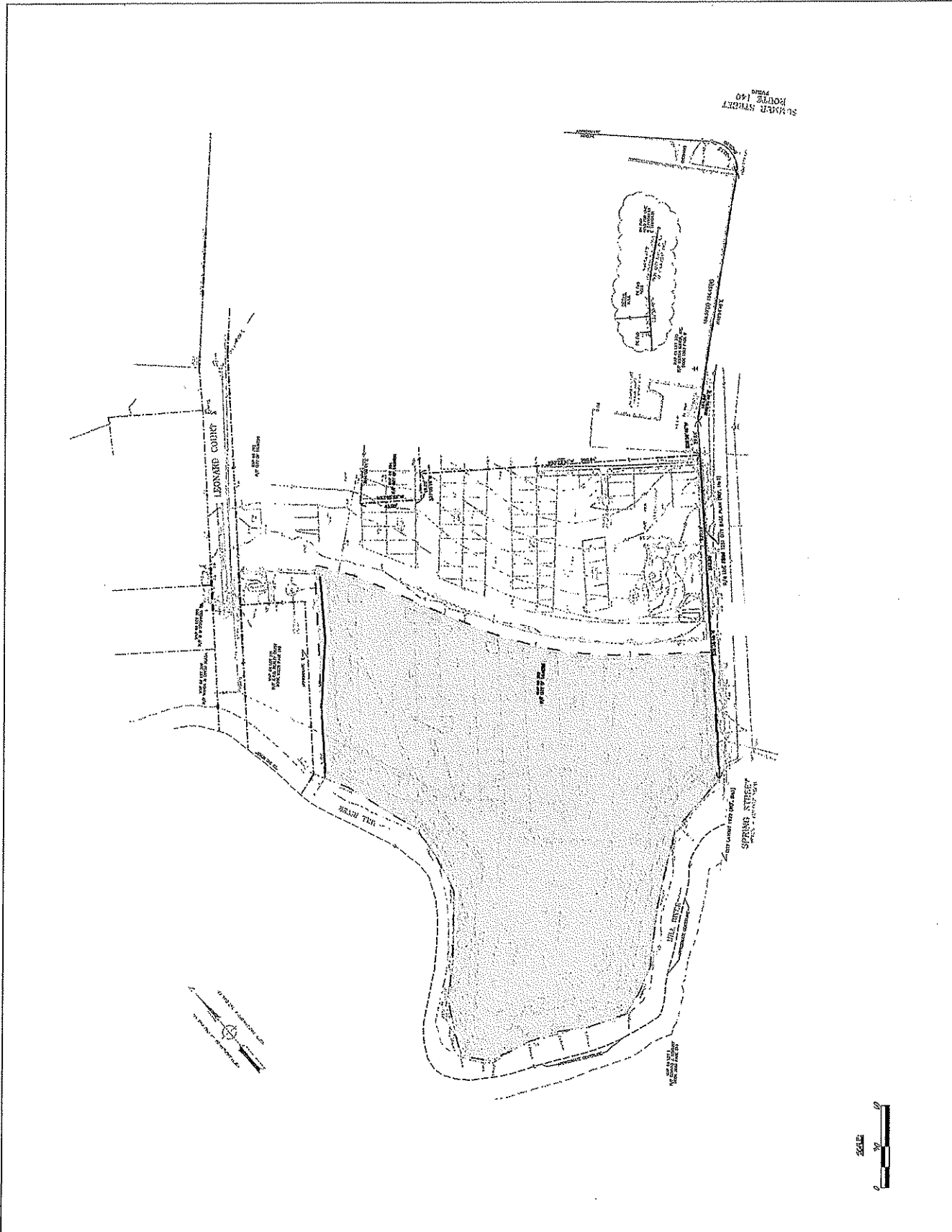
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**EXISTING
CONDITIONS
PLAN**

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Taunton Nursing Home

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February 24, 2011

To: Taunton Committee on Public Property

From: John A. Brennan Administrator TNH

Subject: Construction at TNH

CC: Board of Directors TNH
Mayor Charles Crowley
City Clerk Rose Marie Blackwell

In a communication from the Municipal Council dated February 17th it was suggested that you meet with me to discuss construction at TNH.

I welcome the visit and discussion.

The construction projects underway are:

Kitchen Renovation	\$ 292,000	HRSA Grant
Dining Room Renovations	\$ 196,000.00	HUD Grant
Infrastructure Project	\$ 643,000.00	HRSA Grant

- a. Air Conditioning
- b. Main Entrance
- c. Old Entrance

The next projects we are seeking funding for:

1. New Windows	\$ 150,000.00
2. Refrigeration for Kitchen	\$ 100,000.00
3. Roof Heating Units	\$ 150,000.00
4. Nurse Call System	\$ 100,000.00

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**CITY OF TAUNTON
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
CITY HALL**

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**Barry Cooperstein, Chr.
Scott DeSantis
Kathy Grein**

February 22, 2011

Mayor Charles Crowley
Members of the Municipal Council

The Board of Assessors requests the transfer of \$15,000.00 from its Revaluation Services Contract account to the Payroll account, in order to cover previous and present contractual obligations.

Attached is the "Council Order Transfer Request" form.

Thank you.


Barry Cooperstein

CC: City Clerk
Clerk of Council Committees
Auditor

COUNCIL ORDER TRANSFER REQUEST

DATE: February 22, 2011
DEPARTMENT REQUESTING: Board of Assessors
AMOUNT REQUESTING: _____
REASON FOR REQUEST: _____

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

If requesting monies from AVAILABLE FUNDS check here: _____

Amounts shown below are as of March 1, 2011.

TRANSFER FROM: 5.3.2.0
NAME: Revaluation Services Contracts
BEGINNING BALANCE: \$ 88,910.00
AMOUNT: \$ - 15,000.00
BALANCE REMAINING: \$ 73,910.00

TRANSFER TO: .2.0.1
NAME: Payroll
BEGINNING BALANCE: \$ 73,739.37
AMOUNT: \$ + 15,000.00
NEW BALANCE: \$ 88,739.37

TRANSFER FROM: _____
NAME: _____
BEGINNING BALANCE: \$ _____
AMOUNT: \$ _____
BALANCE REMAINING: \$ _____

TRANSFER TO: _____
NAME: _____
BEGINNING BALANCE: \$ _____
AMOUNT: \$ _____
NEW BALANCE: \$ _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE: [Signature]
TITLE: Chairman, Board of Assessors

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 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

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Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Billie Johnnican C/O Morris L Henderson
51 Porter Street
Taunton, Ma 02780
Phone: 508-967-7267
Email: billiejohnnican@yahoo.com
Disabled Persons Parking Identification Placard # PO1884433

RE: No Parking Sign
For 51 Porter Street, Taunton, Ma 02780

TO: The Mayor and the City Council

I am Billie Johnnican the Power of Attorney for my brother Morris L Henderson. My brother Morris L Henderson is handicapped and we are homeowners and are having bad problems with persons parking right in front of our door. This is major problem and disadvantage for my brother as he leaves his house every morning to attend his Day Care Program. The van that picks him up each morning can't get up in front of our house because the next-door apartment dwellers and their company take our parking in front of our house. I have repeatedly tried asking them to park in their own apartment residential parking area and they refuse by saying it is more convenient for them to park in front of my door rather than having to back up into their designated area. We have been having problems since we brought our home in 2006.

I am requesting a No Parking Sign for our residence at 51 Porter Street, Taunton, Ma 02780.

Sincerely,

Billie Johnnican

Billie Johnnican P.O.A.

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Expires:

05-04-14

**Disabled Persons
Parking Identification Placard**



Rachel Kaprielian
REGISTRAR

HENDERSON

MORRIS

L

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts**



POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents: that I, MORRIS L. HENDERSON, of 840 County Street, Apt. E105, Taunton, MA 02780, hereby make, constitute and appoint my sister, BILLIE JOHNICAN, of 20 Oak Ct., Taunton, MA 02780, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact (hereinafter referred as "ATTORNEY") for me, and in my name, place and stead to act in relation to my Graybar Electric Company Common Stock, and any and all other assets or benefits of mine, and to exercise the powers set forth below. I hereby revoke any and all Powers of Attorney relating to the aforementioned property which I may have heretofore executed.

ARTICLE I

This Power of Attorney shall become effective upon the date of our execution of this instrument, and shall remain in effect until my revocation of this power.

ARTICLE II

My ATTORNEY is authorized in my ATTORNEY's sole and absolute discretion while this Power of Attorney remains in effect, with respect to Graybar Electric Company Common Stock, and any and all other assets or benefits of Morris L. Henderson, to act as follows:

1. To exercise or perform any act, power, duty, right or obligation whatsoever that I now have, or may hereafter acquire the legal right, power or capacity to exercise or perform, in connection with, arising from, or relating to the aforementioned assets or benefits; including, but not limited to, to redirect and/or deposit any such assets or benefits of mine to the Morris L. Henderson (d)(4)(A) Special Needs Trust.

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ARTICLE III

The powers conferred on my ATTORNEY by this instrument may be exercised by my ATTORNEY alone and my ATTORNEY's signature or act under the authority granted in this instrument may be accepted by persons as fully authorized by me and with the same force and effect as if I were personally present and competent to act on my own behalf.

ARTICLE IV

My ATTORNEY shall be entitled to reimbursement for all reasonable costs and expenses actually incurred and paid by my ATTORNEY on my behalf under any provision of this instrument and to reasonable compensation in connection herewith.

ARTICLE V

My ATTORNEY and my ATTORNEY's heirs, successors and assigns are hereby released and forever discharged from any and all liability upon any claim or demand of any nature whatsoever by me or my heirs and assigns arising out of the act or omissions of my ATTORNEY except for my ATTORNEY's willful misconduct or gross negligence. My ATTORNEY shall have no responsibility to make the aforementioned real property productive of income, or to increase the value of the aforementioned real property. My ATTORNEY shall have no liability for entering into transactions authorized by this instrument with my ATTORNEY in my ATTORNEY's individual capacity, so long as my ATTORNEY believes in good faith that such transactions are in my best interests.

ARTICLE VI

This instrument is to be construed and interpreted as a durable power of attorney. The enumeration of specific items, rights, acts, or powers herein is not intended to, nor shall they be deemed to limit or restrict, and is not to be construed or interpreted as limiting or restricting, the general powers herein granted to my said ATTORNEY.

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ARTICLE VII

This instrument shall be governed by the law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in all respects, including its validity, construction, interpretation and termination.

Throughout this instrument the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine and the singular the plural and vice versa, where the context so requires.

ARTICLE VIII

This instrument may be amended or revoked by me, and my ATTORNEY and any alternate ATTORNEY may be removed by me at any time by the execution by me of a written instrument of revocation, amendment, or removal delivered to my ATTORNEY and to all alternate ATTORNEYS. My ATTORNEY and any alternate ATTORNEY may resign by the execution of a written resignation delivered to me, or, if I am incapacitated, by delivery to any person with whom I am residing or who has the care and custody of me or in the case of an alternate ATTORNEY by delivery to my ATTORNEY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 9 day of ^{SEPT} August, 2006.

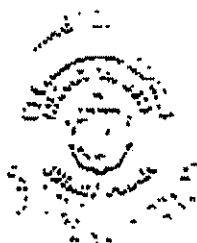
Morris L. Henderson
MORRIS L. HENDERSON

BRISTOL
Suffolk, ss.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SEP 9, 2006

Then personally appeared the above-named MORRIS L. HENDERSON, to me known and known to me to be the individual who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that she executed the same as his free act and deed before me,

Thomas C. Hilde
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: *8-16-2013*



Mayor & Municipal Council
141 Oak st.
Taunton , Ma.

Edward Amunziato
160 Broadway
Taunton, Ma.

Re; sidewalk shoveling

Dear Mayor & Council,

I have lived on Broadway since 1982 and, at first, I tried to shovel the sidewalk only to have city plows put more snow up on it. One foot of snow on a 50 or 60 foot wide street like this packs 25 to 30 feet on each side into a condensed area, usually with salt, sand, and ice making removal impossible. The plow trucks come at a faster rate of speed due to highway conditions and throw snow higher and farther than on side streets. As the city owns both the street and the sidewalk, if they want to dump their snow on their land it's their business, until they consider forcing me to clean it with the threat of "fines and leims on property" (as was reported in the Taunton Daily Gazette on 2-16-11). I'm sure all of Route 138, 44, and 140 have a similar situation, and slowing the plows down to truck the snow out (like we do around the Green) would greatly increase the cost of snow removal. We should do the streets right before concentrating on sidewalks and 3 problems are widespread in this city.

- #1. Enforce parking bans and tow all vehicles from city streets before they are plowed.
- #2. Fine plow trucks that push snow from driveways across cleared streets to the opposite sidewalk (adding snow to the street & sidewalk).
- #3. Fine homeowners that shovel or snow-blow into the street.

With cleaner streets drivers and pedestrians will be safer, but there is no magic barrier between the sidewalk and the road (a 4 inch curb would feel like a bump in the road). In my neighborhood the working lights at the corner sidewalk by Purchase st. & Broadway were hit so many times, they were moved 10 feet down Purchase st. leaving a private chain link fence as the only barrier between vehicles and houses. A plate with the "TMLP" logo marks the original location of these lights. I have witnessed many accidents in this area, but can't remember one with snow on the ground (most are in warm, dry weather).

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The green blinking light at the corner of East Broadway & Broadway is also confusing and dangerous. The flashing red light facing East Broadway turns into solid red on a walk signal, which looks the same to a driver, who could mistake traffic stopping for a pedestrian as a chance to dart out across the walkway. This light might be safer if it were moved from intersections.

Getting back to sidewalks, if this is about safety of children walking to school in winter, a better solution might be to combine the 3 one week school breaks (fall, winter, and spring), then add one week to close all schools for the month of January. This would not only make the students safe from snow covered streets, but also save the cost of plowing school parking lots and heating these large buildings in the coldest month.

Could this money saved be used by the city to clear it's own sidewalks rather than forcing residents to do it for them?

It's a nice thought.

Sincerely,
Edward Annunziato
160 Broadway





MARCH 1, 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, MARCH 1, 2011 AT 5:30 P.M.** IN THE
TEMPORARY CITY HALL AT MAXHAM SCHOOL, 141 OAK
STREET, TAUNTON, MA.

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 WITH THE BUDGET DIRECTOR, CITY AUDITOR AND D.P.W. COMMISSIONER TO DISCUSS PAYMENTS TO A.R.I.
4. MEET WITH THE BUDGET DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES TO DISCUSS REQUEST FOR \$250,000.00 FOR VETERANS BENEFITS
5. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

1. MEET WITH THE TAUNTON NURSING HOME DIRECTOR TO DISCUSS CONSTRUCTION AT THE NURSING HOME
2. MEET WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS, CEMETERIES & PUBLIC GROUNDS TO DISCUSS CONCERNS WITH GOING OUT TO BID ON LAWN MOWING FOR NUMEROUS CEMETERIES IN THE CITY
3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

1. MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS UNION GRIEVANCES
2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

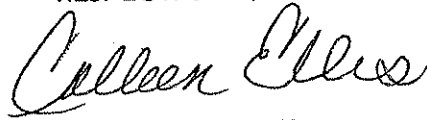
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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE AGENDA

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

1. MEET WITH THE MAYOR, CITY SOLICITOR AND HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR AN UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH 1144 D.P.W. AND THE POLICE PATROLMEN
2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

RESPECTFULLY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen Ellis".

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES