



AGENDA –MARCH 13, 2012

INVOCATION ROLL CALL RECORDS

HEARING: Special Permit/Site Plan Review upon the petition submitted by Leonard Shani, 93 Silversmith Lane, Taunton to allow:

An auto repair use at 350 ½ Winthrop Street located in the Highway Business District.

- Com. from Taunton Planning Board – Submitting a positive recommendation with conditions
- Com. from DIRB – Submitting conditions
- Tax Status Paid in Full

HEARING: Special Permit/Site Plan Review upon the petition submitted by Attorney David T. Gay, Gay & Gay PC, 73 Washington St., Taunton on behalf of his client Robert J. Soares, 195 Thrasher Street, Taunton to allow:

A group home at 19 Kilton Street located in the Urban Residential District.

- Com. from Taunton Planning Board – Submitting a positive recommendation
- Com. from DIRB – Submitting conditions
- Com. from Michelle Mamberg, 8 Sheridan St., Taunton – Expressing opposition
- Tax Status – Tax Exempt

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPOINTMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

Pg. 1 Com. from Assistant Director of Retirement – Notifying of retirement

Pg. 2-5 Com. from Executive Director of Retirement – Requesting a vote of the Council

- Pg. 6-7 Com. from Daniel Raposa, Airport Manager, Taunton Municipal Airport – Requesting land assignment
- Pg. 8 Com. from TMLP General Manager – Updating on traffic signals at the East Britannia and Broadway intersection
- Pg. 9 Com. from City Solicitor – Proposed Mashpee Wampanoag Destination Resort Casino

PETITIONS

The following are RENEWALS for Class II Licenses:

1. De-Anth Motors located at 115 Broadway, Taunton

Claim

Claim submitted by Joanne Pinto, 114 School St., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a sunken storm drain/catch basin located in front of 991 Bay Street.

Miscellaneous

Special Permit/Site Plan Review submitted by Mark Allen, W.H. Riley & Son, Inc., 125 Winter St., Taunton for an additional 30,000 gallons of LP gas storage use at 125 Winter Street which is located in the Highway Business District. **(Public Hearing Required)**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Executive Session** – Meet to discuss the status of negotiations with all bargaining units of the City of Taunton, any outstanding issues with regard to negotiations, and progress made with regard to said issues

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,



Rose Marie Blackwell
City Clerk



Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

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March 2, 2012

Honorable Thomas Hoye and
Members of the Municipal Council
City Hall, 15 Summer Street
Taunton, MA 02780

C/O Rosemarie Blackwell, City Clerk

RE: Special Permit/Site Plan Review –Auto Repair - 350 ½ Winthrop Street

Dear Mayor Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council:

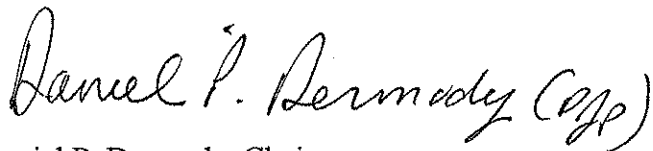
Please be advised that on March 1, 2012 the Taunton Planning Board reviewed the request for a Special Permit/Site Plan Review for auto repair at 350 ½ Winthrop Street, Taunton, Ma. submitted by Leo Shani, 93 Silversmith Way, Taunton, Ma.

The Taunton Planning voted to forward a positive recommendation to the Municipal Council for the proposed auto repair business with the following condition including the DIRB recommendations as follows:

1. That the plans dated November 12, 2011 shall govern with the following additional conditions:
2. A rubbish permit is required for all containers of 6 cubic yard or more.
3. Lighting shall not illuminate any portion of abutting properties and a lighting plan shall be approved prior to building permit..
4. The site shall be kept clean and clear of debris.
5. Two sets of As-Builts shall be submitted upon completion of all work on site and shall include certification notes and stamps by a Design Engineer (PE) and Land Surveyor (PLS) stating that the development has been built according to the approved plans. Plans shall show at least all of the information shown on the proposed plans referenced in condition # 1 above and all utility as-builts.
6. Storage shall be contained herein with the defined vehicle storage spaces only at all times.
7. Exterior storage of vehicle parts or other materials on the exterior shall be prohibited at all times.
8. Plus and minus notation on the acreage shall be removed.
9. Dumpster shall be kept clean at all times, emptied regularly, to be placed on a concrete pad.
10. A set of updated plans shall be submitted that conforms to all the requirements of this decision before any building permits will be issued. Two sets are required.
11. The easement referenced on the deed shall be clarified.
12. Waterlines shall be shown on the plan.
13. ADA/AAB approved surfaces shall be used on the handicap parking and access.

14. Proper backflow prevention on the water piping system may also be needed, if called for by the plumbing code.
15. All DPW specifications and permits will apply, and confirmation of compliance will be required prior to final approval of the DPW.
16. A dimension shall be added on the aisle width.
17. Compliance with ZBA Case # 3107 is required.
18. Back water valves will be required for all sanitary sewer connections, existing and new.
19. A hazardous materials permit is required from the Board of Health.
20. Vehicle storage spaces shall be marked.
21. Note #7 shall be corrected from a max 200 sq. ft sign to a max 64 sq. ft. sign.
22. Site is not to be paved unless interior drainage is designed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and properly constructed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel P. Dermody (cyp)".

Daniel P. Dermody, Chairperson
TAUNTON PLANNING BOARD

DPD/djp



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January 17, 2012

Honorable Thomas C Hoye, Jr, Mayor
Municipal Council
141 Oak Street
Taunton, Ma 02780

RE: 350 ½ Winthrop Street – Auto Repair

Dear Mayor Hoye and Council Members,

On January 17, 2012, the Development Impact Review Board met to review the application of Leonard Shani, 93 Silversmith Lane, Taunton, Ma 02780 for 350 ½ Winthrop Street, Taunton, Ma for an auto repair use in conjunction with a single family house which requires a Special Permit/ Site Plan Review from the Municipal Council. In considering the petition, the DIRB familiarized itself with the premises and examined the location, layout and other characteristics. After reviewing the petition, plans and testimony, the DIRB finds that the petition was formally sufficient and submitted and reviewed in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Zoning Ordinance and that proper notice was given

The DIRB hereby recommends that any approval of this petition by the Municipal Council contain the following conditions;

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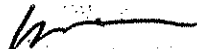
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Sincerely,


Kevin R Scanlon,
DIRB Chair AICP



350 ½ WINTHROP ST. HEARING
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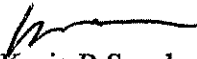
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DIRB Chair AICP



Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

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January 6, 2012

Honorable Thomas Hoye, and
Members of the Municipal Council
141 Oak St., Temp. City Hall
Taunton, MA 02780

C/O Rosemarie Blackwell, City Clerk


RE: Special Permit – 19 Kilton Street - Group Home (Sober house)

Dear Mayor Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council:

Please be advised that on January 5, 2012 the Taunton Planning Board review the application for the Special Permit for a Group Home (Sober House) to be located at 19 Kilton Street, Taunton, Ma.

The Taunton Planning voted unanimously to send the Municipal Council a positive recommendation for this proposal. .

Very truly yours,


Daniel P. Dermody, Chairperson
TAUNTON PLANNING BOARD

DPD/djp

CC: Atty. David Gay



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January 17, 2012

Honorable Thomas C Hoye, Jr, Mayor
Municipal Council
141 Oak Street
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RE: 19 Kilton Street – Group Home, Sober House

Dear Mayor Hoye and Council Members,

On January 17, 2012, the Development Impact Review Board met to review the application of Robert Soares, 195 Thrasher Street, Taunton, Ma 02780 for 19 Kilton Street, Taunton, Ma for a 24 bed group home which requires a Special Permit/ Site Plan Review from the Municipal Council. In considering the petition, the DIRB familiarized itself with the premises and examined the location, layout and other characteristics. After reviewing the petition, plans and testimony, the DIRB finds that the petition was formally sufficient and submitted and reviewed in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Zoning Ordinance and that proper notice was given

The DIRB hereby recommends that any approval of this petition by the Municipal Council contain the following conditions;

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Condition #6) Datum and benchmark shall be added to the plan

Condition #7) A rooming house permit is required by the Board of Health with full compliance with the state sanitary code.

Condition #8) Lock boxes shall be provided for each residents medications

Condition #9) Dumpster shall be kept closed at all times, emptied regularly, be placed on a concrete pad and enclosed with a stockade fence. The dumpster shall be located on space #6 and pickups shall be restricted to the hours of 9 am to 5 pm.

Condition #10) A set of updated plans shall be submitted that conforms to all of the requirements of this decision before any building permits will be issued. Two sets are required.

- Condition #11) Change chainlink fence to a six foot stockade fence**
- Condition #12) Sewer lines shall be shown on the plan**
- Condition #13) ADA/AAB approved surfaces shall be used on the handicap parking and access**
- Condition #13) Proper backflow prevention on the water piping system may also be needed, if called for by the plumbing code.**
- Condition #14) no signs**
- Condition #15) A buzzer system shall be installed on all doors to alert when opened**
- Condition #16) An accessible handicap ramp and ADA/AAB parking space shall be provided with the handicap space located on space #5 with the access aisle on space #4.**
- Condition #17) Back water valves will be required for all sanitary sewer connections, existing and new**
- Condition #18) a curfew shall be in affect from 11 pm to 8 am daily**
- Condition #19) no meetings shall be held at the house with outside individuals.**
- Condition #20) No transport vehicles will be provided by the operator at this time**
- Condition #21) There shall be no more than seven (7) vehicles owned by residents located on site at any one time**
- Condition #22) The westerly sideline shall have a berm to prevent runoff from running onto the abutting property at 23 Kilton Street and a raingarden shall be installed in the Southwest corner**
- Condition #23) a copy of the rules and regulations for the operation of the facility shall be provided to the Municipal Council for the public hearing. Cori checks and job descriptions shall be included in the rules and regulations**
- Condition #24) four parallel parking spaces shall be added on the easterly sideline and all parking shall be striped with a total of 19 parking spaces shown on the plan**
- Condition #25) no outside loitering of residents shall be permitted other than site maintenance, smoking and barbecuing. Smoking area shall be next to the rear door with suitable cigarette disposal containers.**
- Condition #26) the overflow parking area on the plan shall be constructed with pervious pavers**
- Condition #27) the applicant shall consult with the water department on service requirements for the facility including the possible requirement of a separate fire service**

Sincerely,


Kevin R Scanlon,
DIRB Chair AICP

ATTN: Kevin Scanlon

Rec'd
1-13-12

CITY OF TAUNTON
SITE PLAN REVIEW
ABUTTER NOTIFICATION

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SITE PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION a Special Permit/ Site Plan Review for a group home at 19 Kilton Street located in the Urban Residential District

EXISTING CONDITIONS AT THE SITE existing convent

EXPECTED SITE CHANGES WITH PROPOSED USE none

PLEASE WRITE ANY CONCERNS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED USE AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE SITE A group home of this nature is not compatible with surrounding properties nor is it in line with the character of community of the neighborhood. Public Safety is a serious concern given the demographics - predominantly elderly and young children. Increased traffic will pose a hazard for children walking to nearby elementary school. Area is already taxed with frequent power outages, frequent odor of gas outside proposed site, storm water backup at the site, flooding of both backyard and street. (contin below)

Your comments from this form will be read at the Development Impact Review Board (DIRB) meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 17, 2012 at 10:00 am in the Chester R Martin, Municipal Council Chambers at 141 Oak Street, Taunton Ma. The DIRB will take your responses from this form and address them at the meeting. If you have any further questions regarding this petition, please do not hesitate to call, Kevin Scanlon, Director of Planning and Conservation and Chairman of the DIRB, at 821-1051.

Increased trash production from 20+ units is a hefty increase for a small street. On-street parking is already an issue, especially during snow storms resulting in poor plowing and dangerous conditions for school children and school buses. Community is also concerned with the increased noise level that will result from 20+ people in one home as well as associated traffic. This is not the right location for such a home.

RE: Special Permit/Site Plan Review for a group home at 19 Kilton Street

Dear Development Impact Review Board:

A group home of this nature is not compatible with surrounding properties nor is it in line with the character or community of the neighborhood. Below are site specific concerns:

- Public Safety is a serious concern given neighborhood demographics – predominantly elderly and young children
- Increased traffic poses a hazard for children walking to the nearby elementary school
- Area already has frequent power outages from old wiring
- Frequent odor of gas outside proposed site, especially in the summer
- Storm drains are insufficient with frequent storm water backup and flooding in both the back yard and street during strong storms
- Increased trash production from adding 20+ residents in one home is a significant increase from current levels
- On-street parking is already an issue, especially during snow storms; resulting in poorly plowed streets and hazardous conditions for walking children and school buses
- Adding 20+ residents to one home will increase neighborhood noise levels from associated increased traffic and inadequate soundproofing in the old structure

There are serious concerns from the community about the impact of the proposed group home. This is not the right location for such a site. Thank you for your time and attention to our concerns.

Thank you.

January 15, 2012

Kevin Scanlon, City Planner
City of Taunton
City Hall
15 Summer Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Re: Special Permit for group home at 19 Kilton Street, Taunton, MA

Dear Mr. Scanlon:

My name is Janet F. Sheehan and I have lived at 20 Kilton Street, Taunton, MA since 1951. I certainly am not in favor of granting a Special Permit to Robert Soares of 195 Thrasher Street, Taunton, MA for the purpose of opening a sober living community at 19 Kilton Street which will, in my opinion, create an adverse effect by changing the character of the neighborhood. I live directly across the street from the proposed sober house. I am a 70 year old woman living alone and I will fear for my safety and security if this permit is granted.

A few years ago a permit was granted to open a Sober House on Maple Street just a few streets away and there was a murder committed there last year. I have a relative that lives around the corner from Maple Street. They have a 4 year old daughter and live with great trepidation as to what could happen to not only her young child, her husband and herself but her elderly parents.

I have also been told that there is a Sober House with sex offenders living directly across the street from St. Mary's Grammar School. If this is in fact the case, how in the world did the City of Taunton and the School Committee ever let this happen? It is a crime waiting to happen as I view it.

The people on Kilton Street are frightened. The Christopher Rogers family who live at 23 Kilton Street have a four year old daughter. The Jeffrey Hathaway family living at 9 Kilton Place have three young children ages 8years, 4 years and 11 months—and they are frightened to death to think of what could happen with recovering alcoholics and substance abusers with various and sundry personal problems roaming our neighborhood.

In addition to young children, there are many senior citizens on Kilton Street some who have resided there for over 50 years and who will now fear for their safety and security.

1/5/12

re:19 Kilton Place

Dear Mr. Scanlon,

I am writing to you on behalf of myself and my family in regards to the petition to build a group sober house on the property of 19 Kilton Place.

I have been living on 9 Kilton Place for the past 11 years.

There are many concerns in having this group home in my neighborhood.

I have 3 small children, one of which is 2nd grade student at Galligan School. The property of 19 Kilton Place is directly on the route from our house to the school. How are you to control the interaction between the 24 men and the hundreds of students that attend the Galligan School? This is a residential neighborhood with many young families. The purpose of the group home is to get them out into the neighborhood which makes me fear for the safety of my children.

I also have concerns for privacy as my house faces the back yard of 19 Kilton Street. There have been problems in the past when the property was used as a distribution center for St. Vincent DePaul Society. Various people would travel down Kilton Place thinking it was a shortcut to the back yard of 19 Kilton Street. Kilton Place is a dead end Street.

Late night disruptions have also awakened me and my family where we had to call the police. Our home as even been broken into causing us to purchase a home security system.

I listened to the presentation at the Planning Board Meeting and did not hear an adequate explanation on how the security of the building is going to be maintained. Do these residents wear monitoring devices and how will the the staff know if a resident goes missing?

I appreciate the needs of a facility of this nature in the greater Taunton area, however, this location is not appropriate for a residential zoned area.

I was born and raised in Taunton area and find that it is becoming a place that I don't want to continue to raise my family. I fear that if this group sober house is approved, I will be forced to sell my home and leave Taunton to find a safer place for my family to live

Sincerely,

Julie Hathaway

Jeffrey Hathaway

Corinne Hathaway (8years)

Joshua Hathaway (4 years)

Alexander Hathaway (10 months)

9 Kilton Place

Taunton

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There is a school around the corner as well. Small children walk by this residence daily some unattended
PLEASE WRITE ANY CONCERNS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED USE AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE SITE What improvements will be done to the building, landscaping and lighting? Traffic is also a concern. The building is in disrepair, an eyesore. Also, trash control. Cars are parked on both sides of the road - hazard x
Thank-You, Nancilee Lemaire, 12 Kilton St, Taunton, MA Disability Commissioner - TCI D. (retired) DIR manager

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* Currently, Kilton Street is hazardous due to cars being parked, on both sides of the road, daily, due to multi-family residences. Fire trucks will not be able to access if needed where ^{residence, need more than 3 spaces} will stall/park. Frequent visitors? Kilton cannot handle anymore traffic congestion. The street is too narrow. Also, needs to be repaired. Horrible condition. A sewer man was installed about 15-20 yrs. ago and was not paved correctly and each year =

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This is a residential area if your interested!! To put up with school traffic and drugies is more than enough problems and with little help or assistance we do not need another problem!!

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No Group Home!

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A change from convent to "group" home w/o site or building changes is OK providing the "group" poses no threat to children or would be detrimental to the current safety or quietness of the neighborhood. I will stand with the majority's interests
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Richard Parke, Jr.
8 Kilton street
Taunton, Ma.

current residence:
81 Tartan Lane
Williamsville, NY 14271

716-688-5961

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I am the owner the property (22 Kilton Street) which is directly across from the existing convent. I have serious concerns with this proposal as I am planning to move to that property with my wife and two small children (ages 5 and 8) as my current tenants are moving out.

In the past, I have worked part-time with several group homes and have found the under-paid workers to be especially unconcerned

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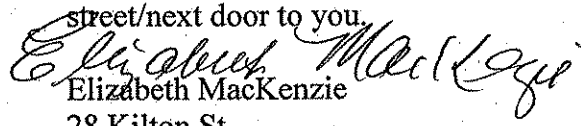
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City Planner
15 Summer St.
Taunton, Mass. 02780
January 9, 2011

I am responding to the correspondence I received on January 5th, 2012. I am **totally against** having a group home at 19 Kilton St. First of all there are families next door raising small children and a lot of children in the area. Secondly, there is a school around the corner on Sheridan St. with young children attending. Thirdly, I have worked with this type of clientele for over 40 years and certainly do not want to live in the same environment. All of us work hard keeping our properties nice and with these types of people it will be hard to do. From what I understand this house is for drunks (drunks are few and far between who recover). This neighborhood sees its share of drugs/drunks and does not need any more. There are package stores within walking distance and stores that sell liquor so it will be very easy for them to get. The value of our property will decline (but of course the taxes will still increase). There are plenty of other places for this type of thing – grounds of Taunton State Hospital, Paul A. Dever State School or better yet in one of your “fine” neighborhoods. I know none of you would want this across the street/next door to you.


Elizabeth MacKenzie
28 Kilton St.
Taunton, Mass. 02780

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We are opposed to the soles living community house. Security is a major issue. One full time person during the day and one at night. No understaffing. Mr. Lawrence is not a licensed and alcohol and substance abuse counselor. Major concern! Young children walking to and from Halligan School and the many elderly in this wonderful community.

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*Mary Ann O'Connell
3 Kilton Place
Taunton, Ma. 02780
508 8220226*

Kevin Scanlon

From: kimberly bewsher [kimbsh@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 8:58 AM
To: kscanlon@tmlp.net
Cc: dpaiva@tmlp.com
Subject: 19 Kilton Street
Attachments: 19 Kilton Street DIRB 1 17 12.doc

Kimberly & David Prosper

2 Kilton Place

Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Taunton Development Impact Review Board,

My husband and I are gravely concerned about the special permit that is being requested by Mr. Robert J. Soares and his associate Mr. Paul Gouveia to change the existing convent at 19 Kilton Street into a sober house for 25 men. The city of Taunton should not grant this special permit because the impacts of such a change would alter our community in negative ways.

This radical change from convent and Sunday school to a sober house would lead to 24 hours a day of multiple people coming on and off the property would lead to an uncomfortable situation for the neighbors and families living close to the sober house.

We need to stress to your committee that a housing unit for 25 men is very excessive for our neighborhood. Kilton Street already has problems with drug dealers because of the proximity to Paul Bunker. The street is a cut through for cars and foot traffic that are looking to creep to and from their destinations without having to use main roads. The temptations for the 25 men living in this proposed sober house could be detrimental to their progress.

We understand there would be screening and urinalysis testing prior to the men moving in but, what about criminal records (CORI) checks? A goal of the proposed program would be to get jobs for the residents so they can reestablish themselves. Let's be honest, there are not a lot of jobs to be had at this moment and most of the residents would not have a full schedule during the day and would most likely be hanging around outside. Cluster of men smoking and making noise is something no one wants to see every day. Perhaps, Mr. Soars will be employing all of the men at his local company, Soars Plumbing / Septic Company?

The main goal of this program is to slowly transition the men in the community back into the general community. Although the information sheet we were provided states that residents will not have cars. Who's to say that any person looking to transition themselves would not have a care towards the end of their stay and try to park it on the streets surrounding the building? Also, what about guests coming and going? 25 men can have potentially a lot of guests at one time.

We are also concerned about trash and what would happen to the drop off location for St. Vincent De Paul. People would simply drop their belongings with or without a drop off bin; they would just leave their unwanted items there anyway.

If this special permit is passed, the value of homes in the neighborhood would get down. Before the City of Taunton get excited about putting a property like this on their tax rolls I would suggest a fiscal study to see where the taxes would be depleted. If everyone in a 1 radius has the values of their homes dropped we will all fight to have our taxes lowered.

Mr. Soars and his associate Mr. Paul Gouveia may have good intentions to run a group home at the 19 Kilton Street location however, it is the wrong place. We look forward to an open dialog about this issue and we would like to be contacted about any further discussion.

Respectfully submitted that the special permit should be declined.

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I have been living on Kilton St. for 25 years and it has been a very nice quiet street. I think a home with problem residents will not be good for the neighborhood. Many children walk on Kilton St. going to + from a nearby school. I think this type of a home in our area will most likely spoil the neighborhood.

D. J. Rose, 34 Kilton St.

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WE oppose a 'group' home to be located @ 19 KILTON ST. This is a residential neighborhood with a school located nearby - Having lived here for many years - We feel a 'group home' will bring problems and concerns.

Respectfully -
Judith + George Costa - # 33 K. LTON ST
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✓ We object to the proposed use of the
Property at 19 Kilton St.
I we live in a very friendly neighborhood.
Don't change it, please
Mr & Mrs Joseph Matthews

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I am totally against this! I do not want any drugs given to in a group home in this neighborhood! Please refer to my letter of January 9th. Too many kids in neighborhood, school in neighborhood, etc. I work in this type of environment & do not want to live in it.

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KILTON STREET HEARING

Michelle H. Mamberg, Ph.D.
8 Sheridan Street
Taunton, MA 02780
mmamberg@bridgew.edu
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7 March, 2012

Honorable Thomas C. Hoye, Jr., Mayor
Members of the Council
City of Taunton Municipal Council
Temporary City Hall
141 Oak St.
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Hoye and members of the Taunton municipal council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal before the council which would grant a special permit allowing Robert Soares to open a for-profit Recovery House at 19 Kilton Street. I will be unable to attend the city council's meeting on 3/13/12, and hope you will include this letter in the record for that meeting. I am a homeowner around the corner from this residence, as well as a taxpayer and a registered voter.

Let me begin by saying that I am a clinical psychologist and professor of psychology. Over the course of my career I have directly worked with substance abusing clients in individual and group psychotherapy, both outpatient and inpatient. I currently teach and supervise graduate-level clinicians in the clinical psychology M.A. program at Bridgewater State University. My supervisees regularly treat clients in all stages of recovery, many here in the Taunton area. I therefore am extremely sympathetic to the needs of clients struggling with any form of addiction. I also understand quite a bit about the recovery process, as well as our state's mental health system. I fully support the many professional agencies in Taunton which provide mental health and substance abuse counseling (e.g., Community Counseling of Bristol County, Highpoint Treatment Center, etc.). I say this so that you understand that my concerns are *not* a product of the "Not In My Back Yard" syndrome. Rather, it has been my professional experience that 'sober homes' which are run for profit are poorly run and clinically ineffective. They do not provide treatment or any real support to the residents, and are instead driven by the bottom line where they make profits off of our most vulnerable citizens. The proposed facility may sound like it is a service organization, but it will merely be a boarding house which will have high turnover of unstable residents and does not belong in this neighborhood comprised of young families and long-time elderly residents. I believe I speak for them, as well as myself.

Specifically, it is my understanding that Mr. Soares' proposed rooming house is expected to have a single staff member on duty at a time to monitor and support up to 24 adult males in their efforts to maintain newly-achieved sobriety. This staff member is further

expected to have no more than a high school diploma. With no higher education and no clinical training, such staff will be ill-equipped to adequately maintain the facilities for so many adults on a daily basis, let alone monitor their behavior. Without training, Bachelors-level staff cannot be expected to defuse crises, prevent relapse, nor can they assess for and address risky behaviors taking place outside of the residence. This poses a real problem both for the safety and sense of community in our small neighborhood. While I understand there is some expectation that staff and clients will undergo CORI checks, it is not clear what choices will be made regarding accepting clients who are flagged as having a history of criminal activity. Further, during the vulnerable state of new recovery, residents who were not involved in criminal activity previously, may engage in problematic behavior for the first time, should they be one of the 50% who relapse. While I have not seen the rules this residence is to be governed by, rules without consequences and a clinically-trained staff to enforce them appropriately and consistently are meaningless. Of further concern is that there will be no oversight of staff or clients by anyone outside the facility. Some process of accountability both for the residents themselves and for the owner is needed but has not been provided.

Beyond concerns about public safety, my opposition to the granting of this special permit is related to preserving the sense of community which led me to purchase my first home in this particular street of Taunton. Such a facility is likely to increase noise levels and litter (from loitering residents, visitors, etc.) and traffic levels in this lovely little area just outside of town. Rather than encouraging urbanization of such a rare neighborhood, the council should be doing all they can to maintain the suburban feel of Taunton, so that professionals like me will want to make their homes here. The residents of the proposed boarding house will be transient and cannot be expected to respect the neighboring properties nor quality of life. Further, I can see no incentive for the non-resident owner, nor his staff member(s), to maintain the property as well as the previous owners and surrounding neighbors do. Should you grant this special permit, neighbors such as myself will have no recourse if Mr. Soares' promises to maintain the safety and appearance of this property fail to materialize.

Finally, I question the integrity of Mr. Soares and his lawyer who have reportedly told the council that they reached out to the neighboring homeowners. This is patently untrue. I have had no contact from anyone involved and I am literally around the corner from the address in question. This does not bode well for a person purportedly seeking to gain the trust of the local residents. PLEASE listen to the concerned citizens of the Kilton St. / Sheridan St. area and **do not grant this special permit.**

Respectfully,

Michelle H. Mamberg, Ph.D.

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March 1, 2012

Hon. Thomas Hoye, Mayor and Taunton Municipal Council
Maxham School
Oak Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Hoye and Councilors:

Please be advised of the retirement for Superannuation of Bruce A. Pontes, an employee of the Police Department on March 16, 2012 under the provisions set forth in Section #5 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Please pay accumulated benefits up to the date of retirement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully yours,

Kathy Maki
Assistant Director

cc: B. Pontes
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March 5, 2012

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Taunton Municipal Council
141 Oak St.
Taunton, MA. 02780

Dear Mayor Hoye and Councilors:

Please be advised that recent pension reform legislation – Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011 – created two local options of interest to the Taunton Retirement Board. Each of the following sections of Chapter 176 requires a majority vote of the local legislative body.

- 1) Chapter 176: Sections 29 & 30-Increases the minimum monthly survivor allowance contained in M.G.L. c. 32, §12(2)(d) from \$250 to \$500 per month. The last increase in the minimum survivors benefit was over 25 years ago.
- 2) Chapter 176: Section 34-re-wrote M.G.L. c. 32, §20(6) and allows the Retirement Board Member stipend to be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,500 per year. The current \$3,000 stipend was originally approved for board members in 1995 – over 16 years ago.

The Taunton Retirement Board respectfully requests acceptance by the Municipal Council of the minimum survivor increase to \$500/month and the stipend increase to \$4,500/year.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Paul J. Slivinski, CPP
Executive Director

Encl.

(2A) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) or (2) any member classified in Group 1, Group 2 or Group 4, who became a member on or after April 2, 2012, has completed 10 or more years of creditable service, and:

- (a) who fails of reappointment;
- (b) who is removed or discharged from the member's office or position without moral turpitude on the member's part;
- (c) who accepts, during or prior to the expiration of a term for which the member was elected, appointment to an office or position the acceptance of which requires under the constitution of the commonwealth resignation from the general court;
- (d) whose office or position is abolished; or
- (e) who resigns or voluntarily terminates the member's service, who leaves the member's accumulated total deductions in the annuity savings fund of the system of which the member is a member, shall have the right upon attaining the minimum retirement age for the member's Group, or at any time thereafter, to apply for a superannuation retirement allowance to become effective under subdivision (3).

Such allowance shall be determined under section 5 or any other section governing superannuation retirement applicable to such member upon the basis of the member's age on the date when the retirement allowance becomes effective, with an amount of creditable service equal to that with which the member was credited on the date of the member's termination of service.

SECTION 27. Said section 10 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 112 and 113, the words "or (2)" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- , (2) or (2A).

SECTION 28. Option (d) of subdivision (2) of section 12 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

If such member dies before attaining age 55 and before being retired, such nominated eligible beneficiary shall receive the Option (c) allowance to which such member would have been entitled had the member attained age 55 at the time of the member's death and had the member's retirement taken place on the date of the member's death. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if a member of Group 1 who became such a member on or after April 2, 2012 dies before attaining age 60 and before being retired, such nominated eligible beneficiary shall receive the Option (c) allowance to which such member would have been entitled had the member attained age 60 at the time of the member's death and had the member's retirement taken place on the date of the member's death.

SECTION 29. Said section 12 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 211 and 212, the words "two hundred and fifty dollars" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- \$250 or \$500 a month, whichever is applicable to such spouse.

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SECTION 30. Option (d) of said section 12 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the tenth paragraph the following paragraph:-

Beginning April 2, 2012, the normal monthly member-survivor allowance provided for under this option to a spouse of a deceased member shall not be less than \$500 for members of the state teachers' and state employees' retirement system. This paragraph shall take effect for the members of a retirement system of any other political subdivision by a majority vote of the board of such system and by the local legislative body. For the purpose of this paragraph, a vote of the legislative body shall take place in the following manner: in a city, by a vote of the city council subject to its charter; in a town, by a vote at a town meeting; in a county, by a vote of the county retirement board advisory council; in a region, by a vote of the regional retirement board advisory council; in a district, by a vote of the district members; and for an authority, by a vote of its governing body. Acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred upon the filing of a certification of such vote with the commission.

SECTION 31. Section 15 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following subdivision:-

(6) If a member's final conviction of an offense results in a forfeiture of rights under this chapter, the member shall forfeit, and the board shall require the member to repay, all benefits received after the date of the offense of which the member was convicted.

SECTION 32. Paragraph (b) of subdivision (1) of section 16 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:-

(1) Any member in service, classified in Group 1, Group 2 or Group 4 who has attained age 55 and completed 15 or more years of creditable service;

(ii) any member in service, classified in Group 1, Group 2 or Group 4 who has not attained age 55 but who has completed 20 or more years of creditable service;

(iii) any member in service, who entered such service on or after April 2, 2012, classified in Group 1 who has attained age 60 and completed 15 or more years of creditable service; or

(iv) any member in service, who entered such service on or after April 2, 2012, classified in Group 1 who has not attained age 60 but who has completed 20 or more years of creditable service, for whom an application for such member's retirement is filed by the head of such member's department under paragraph (a) of this subdivision, may, within 15 days of the receipt of such member's copy of such application, file with the board a written request for a private or public hearing upon such application.

SECTION 33. Section 20 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after subdivision (4 7/8D) the following subdivision:-

(A 7/8E) No employee, contractor, vendor or person receiving remuneration, financial benefit or consideration of any kind, other than a retirement benefit or the statutory stipend for serving on the retirement board, from a retirement board or from a person doing business with a retirement board shall be eligible to serve on a retirement board; provided, however, that an employee of a retirement board may serve on a retirement board other than the retirement board by which the person is employed; and provided further, this subdivision shall apply only to individuals who first become members of a retirement board on or after April 2, 2012.

Section 34

SECTION 34. Said section 20 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out subdivision (6) and inserting in place thereof the following subdivision:-

(6) Retirement Board Members Compensation.-The elected and appointed members of a city, town, county, regional, district or authority retirement board upon the acceptance of the appropriate legislative body shall receive a stipend; provided, however, that the stipend shall not be less than \$3,000 per year and not more than \$4,500 per year; provided, further, that the stipend shall be paid from funds under the control of the board as shall be determined by the commission; and provided, further, that an ex-officio member of a city, town, county, district or authority retirement board upon the acceptance of the appropriate legislative body shall receive a stipend of not more than \$4,500 per year in the aggregate for services rendered in the active administration of the retirement system.

SECTION 35. Said section 20 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following subdivision:-

(7) Retirement Board Member Training.- During each full term of service retirement board members shall undertake 18 hours of training; provided, however, that not less than 3 hours of such training shall take place each year and not more than 2 hours may take place in any single year; provided, however, that nothing in this subdivision shall prohibit such retirement board members from undertaking more than 18 hours of training.

Such training shall consist of 9 hours sponsored by the commission, which shall include, at a minimum, the topics of fiduciary responsibility, ethical conduct and conflict of interest and 9 hours of training on topics prescribed by the commission provided by the Massachusetts Association of Contributory Retirement Systems or other local, state, regional and national organizations recognized by the commission as having expertise in retirement issues of importance to retirement board members or other entities, as the commission may determine.

The commission shall arrange for at least 18 sessions during each year for members to complete this requirement. In addition, the commission shall schedule additional sessions or otherwise make accommodations to ensure that members are afforded the maximum opportunity to complete this requirement.

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Office of the Commission

March 1, 2012


Mayor Thomas Hoye and
Members of the Municipal Council
141 Oak Street
Taunton, Ma 02780

Dear Mayor Hoye and Council Members,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Taunton Municipal Airport Commission in regards to the Land Court decision [2005] awarding the city a tract of land adjacent to the Taunton Municipal Airport along the Bettsy Road and Caswell Street area. The Commission respectfully requests that this land [referred to as Ward 4, Block 53, Lot 511 Page 38 Parcel 9000-0696] that is landlocked, only accessible through airport property and is mostly designated as wetland, be assigned to the existing city property more commonly referred to as the Taunton Municipal Airport.

If you have any questions concerning this request or require additional information please contact me at 508-821-2973.

Thank you for your help.

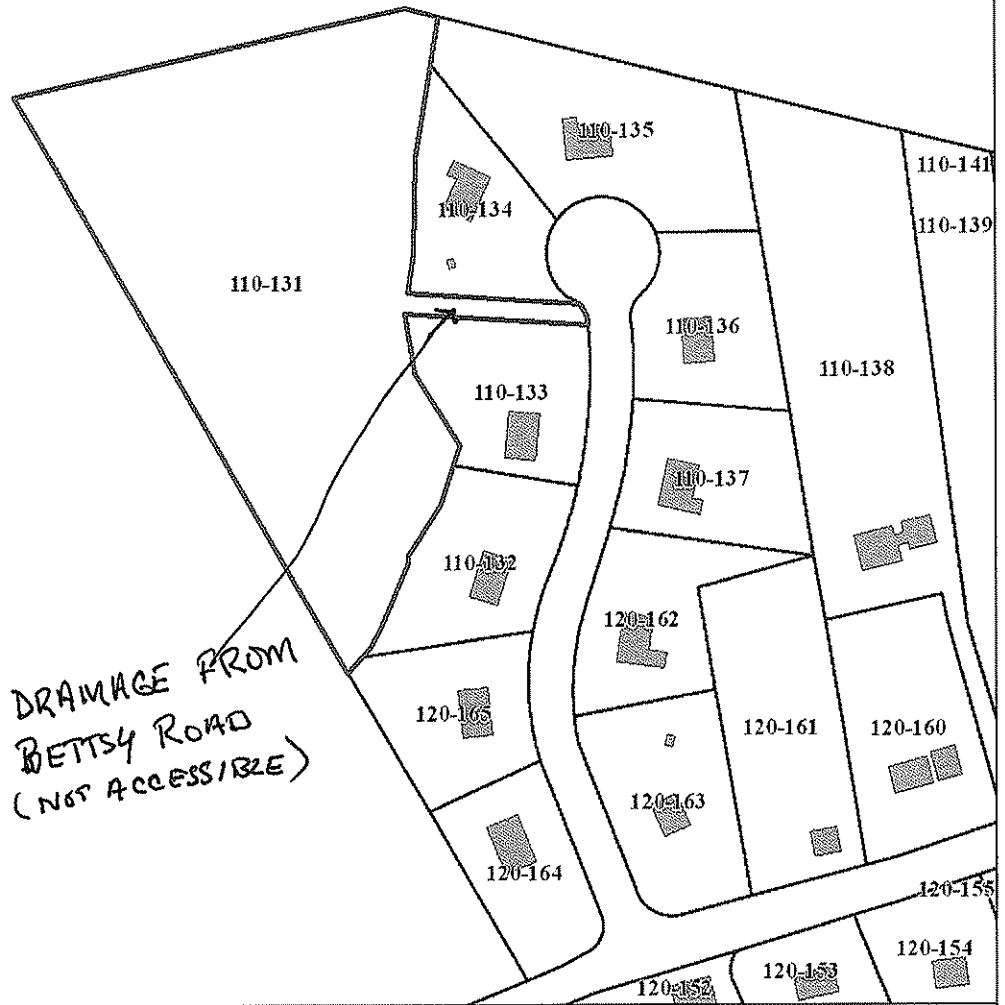
Sincerely,

Daniel J. Raposa
Airport Manager

City of Taunton Online GIS Viewer

AIRPORT PROPERTY

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PROPERTY
AIRPORT



Property Information
 Unit Id 110-131-0
 Address
 Owner name CITY OF TAUNTON

Legend
 Buildings
 Parcels



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Serving a Public Power Community

March 2, 2012

Rose Marie Blackwell
City Clerk
City of Taunton
City Hall
141 Oak St.
Taunton, MA. 02780

Re: Committee on Public Property

Dear Rose:

Please be advised that the traffic signals at the East Britannia and Broadway intersection have been reviewed and on February 23rd the signal operation issue was rectified.

After notification from the Municipal Council on January 23rd, TMLP started investigating the two intersections and found side streets operating incorrectly. After troubleshooting various pieces of equipment several times finding no problems, we found the issue in the programming of the controller. The programming now matches the permit which resides with the City Engineer.

If you have any questions or need any additional information please advise.

Very truly yours,

MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF TAUNTON


MICHAEL J. HORRIGAN
GENERAL MANAGER



City of Taunton

LAW DEPARTMENT

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Thomas C. Hoye, Jr.
MAYOR

Jason D. Buffington
CITY SOLICITOR

Daniel F. de Abreu
ASST. CITY SOLICITOR

March 9, 2012

The Honorable Thomas C. Hoye, Mayor
The Honorable Ryan C. Colton, President
Members of the Municipal Council
141 Oak Street
Taunton MA 02780

RE: Proposed Mashpee Wampanoag Destination Resort Casino

Dear Mayor Hoye, President Colton, and Members of the Municipal Council:

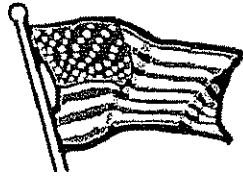
Based on my recent contact with representatives of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, it is my expectation that the City will receive in the very imminent future a request from the Tribe for the City to schedule an election for the approval of their proposed tribal gaming development. I wanted to alert you to this at the earliest possible moment and I therefore respectfully request that you place this matter on the agenda for your consideration at the March 13, 2012 meeting of the Municipal Council.

Please know that Mayor Hoye has instructed this office to enter into negotiations with the Tribe for a preliminary agreement. The purpose of such an agreement would be to ensure that the Tribe, and not the City, pays for the City's consultant and outside legal costs in assessing the impact of this proposal on our community and in negotiating an intergovernmental agreement with the Tribe to address those impacts and provide host community benefits. As of today, I am reasonably confident that we will be able to successfully negotiate such an agreement prior to any vote being taken to schedule an election.

Please feel free to contact this office at any time with any questions that you may have. Thank you, as always, for allowing our office to be of service to you and the people of Taunton.

Very truly yours,

Jason D. Buffington, Esq.
City Solicitor



MARCH 13, 2012

HONORABLE THOMAS C. HOYE, JR., MAYOR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT RYAN C. COLTON
AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

PLEASE NOTE: THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR **TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TEMPORARY CITY HALL AT MAXHAM SCHOOL, 141 OAK STREET, TAUNTON, MA. 02780, IN THE CHESTER R. MARTIN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

5:30 P.M.

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & 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

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

1. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND JEN BASTILLE OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE FOR AN UPDATE ON THEIR MEETINGS
2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

1. MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PARAGON MEADOWS.
2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

RESPECTFULLY,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES