

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA TEMPORARY CITY HALL 141 OAK STREET, TAUNTON, MA 02780

MARCH 22, 2016 - 7:00 PM

INVOCATION ROLL CALL RECORDS

HEARING:

NONE

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APPOINTMENTS

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PETITIONS

Old Gold License

Petition submitted by Robert Rose, 222 New St., Rehoboth requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Old Gold License for Hometown Collectibles, Inc. located at 2 Galleria Mall Dr., Taunton.

New Class II License Application

Petition submitted by Fadi Fadlallah, 91-93 Green Street, Rockland requesting a NEW Class II License for Rt. 138 Auto Center, Inc. to be located at 182 Broadway, Taunton.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance for a third reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

AN ORDINANCE Chapter 13 Motor Vehicles and Traffic

Article III STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

Section 13-89.1 Handicapped parking generally

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton and by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Delete paragraph (c) of Section 13-89.1 and replace with: "(c) Any and all fines collected from handicap parking violations in the City of Taunton shall be disposed of pursuant to Section 2-279 of these ordinances.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Ordinance for a third reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

AN ORDINANCE Chapter 2 Administration

Article IX COMMISSION ON THE AFFAIRS OF THE HANDICAPPED

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton and by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

- a) Strike the title of Article IX of Chapter 2 "COMMISSION ON THE AFFAIRS OF THE HANDICAPPED" and replace with "COMMISSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES".
- b) Delete Section 2-276 and replace with:2-276 Function and Purpose

The Taunton Commission for Individuals with Disabilities, hereinafter called the commission, shall, in accordance with General Laws chapter 40 section 8J, (1) research local problems of people with disabilities; (2) advise and assist municipal officials and employees in ensuring compliance with state and federal laws and regulations that affect people with disabilities; (3) coordinate or carry out programs designed to meet the problems of people with disabilities in coordination with programs of the Massachusetts office on disability; (4) review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services, activities and facilities of departments, boards and agencies of the City of Taunton as they affect people with disabilities; (5) provide information, referrals, guidance and technical assistance to individuals, public agencies, businesses and organizations in all matters pertaining to disability; and, (6) coordinate activities of other local groups organized for similar purposes. (Reference: G.L. c. 40 §8J)

c) Delete Section 2-277 and replace with:2-277 Obligations and Structure

The commission shall keep records of its meetings and actions and shall file an annual report with the Municipal Council. In any year in which the City prints an annual report, the annual report of the commission shall be contained therein. The commission shall have at least ten meetings annually. The commission shall consist of not less than five nor more than nine members. The members shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to the provisions of the city charter. A majority of commission members shall consist of people with disabilities, one member shall be a member of the immediate family of a person with a disability and one member of said commission shall be either an elected or appointed official of the City of Taunton. The terms of the first members of the commission shall be for one, two or three years, and so arranged so that the term of one-third of the members expires each year, and their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years each. Any member of said commission may, after a public hearing, if so requested, be removed for cause by the appointing authority. A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment. The chairperson and other officers shall be chosen by a majority vote of said commission members.

Said commission may receive gifts of property, both real and personal, in the name of the City of Taunton, subject to approval by the Municipal Council, such gifts to be managed and controlled by said commission for the purposes of Section 2-276 in accordance with G.L. c. 40 §8J. (Reference: G.L. c. 40 §8J)

d) Delete Section 2-278 and replace with:

2-278 Administration

The Committee on Disabilities of the Municipal Council shall oversee the commission and serve as the point of contact between the commission and the Municipal Council. Commission members shall serve without compensation. The commission may from time to time as it deems prudent or necessary in the discharge of its duties request that it, or one or more designated representatives, meet with the Committee on Disabilities, which request may be accommodated in the reasonable discretion of the chairperson of said committee. A meeting with the commission may also be initiated by the chairperson of said committee. Any recommendations by the commission for the expenditure of funds derived from collected handicapped parking fines shall be made in writing to the chairperson of the Committee on Disabilities.

e) Delete Section 2-279 and replace with:

2-279 Handicap Parking Fines

In accordance with General Laws chapter 40 section 22G, all funds received from fines assessed for violations of handicap parking in the City of Taunton shall be deposited by the Treasurer in a separate account and shall be used solely for the benefit of persons with disabilities in accordance with this section. Said account shall be kept separate and apart from all other monies. Said account was established prior to the enactment of this ordinance (see Sec. 13-89.1) and all funds presently in said account may be expended as provided herein. Expenditures from said account, including accrued interest, if any, shall be made upon recommendation of the commission on disabilities in accordance with the accepted procedures of the City of Taunton for the disbursement of funds, including approval of the mayor and municipal council. The City Auditor is designated as the City Accountant for the purposes of this section and shall submit annually a report of said account to the mayor and municipal council for review and a copy of said report shall be forwarded to the bureau of accounts. (Reference c. 40 §22G)

All funds from said account may be expended solely for the benefit of persons with disabilities to the extent permitted by Massachusetts General Laws c. 40 §22G, as same may be amended from time to time. The commission shall make recommendations for expenditure in writing to the chairperson of the Committee on Disabilities. The Committee on Disabilities shall consider all said recommendations and report any approved recommendation to the municipal council for approval.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Ordinance for a third reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

AN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 9 HEALTH AND SANITATION

ARTICLE VI. TAUNTON NURSING HOME Sec. 9-100 AND Sec. 9-100.1

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton and by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Article VI of Chapter 9 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

- a.) In Section 9-100, Appointment and qualifications of directors, strike "a member of the clergy" and replace with "an attorney, preferably with experience in elder law, or, in the alternative, a professional with elder law experience";
- b.) In Section 9-100, Appointment and qualifications of directors, after the word "nurse", insert "with nursing home experience";
- c.) In Section 9-100.1, Directors, terms of office, appointment of administrator, strike "clergyman" and replace with "attorney or professional with elder law experience".

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Blackwell City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON

MASSACHUSETTS

WAYNE E. WALKDEN, MCPPO, CBO SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS



TEMPORARY
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March 17, 2016

Honorable Mayor Thomas C. Hoye Jr. Council President Jeanne Quinn And Members of the Municipal Council

Re: 5-7 NICKERSON AVENUE – FUNDING REQUEST FOR LSP SERVICES

Dear Mayor and Councilors:

On September 2, 2015, a release of petroleum was identified in an excavation to cap a sewer line subsequent to the demolition of a partially collapsed commercial building located at 5-7 Nickerson Avenue. The BETA Group was contacted by my office. After arriving on site, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) was notified, and at their request, an Immediate Response Action was initiated. In January, 2016, BETA submitted an Immediate Response Action Status report to MassDEP, documenting the initial response actions and a plan for additional response actions.

The attached BETA Group Amendment in the amount of \$115,200 covers the implementation of additional Immediate Response Actions at the site which include: an indoor air assessment of an adjacent residential property, soil and concrete disposal of contaminated materials currently stockpiled at the site, additional soil borings and groundwater well installation, monitoring well development, groundwater well sampling, surveying, and analysis, product gauging and recovery, and Immediate Response Action Completion. If the above investigative activities indicate migration of contamination beyond the site which may impact nearby residences, triggering additional response actions, an amendment to the scope of work as described above will be required.

Since the site contamination includes petroleum based products, I have been informed by the Office of Economic Development that grant funding is not available for cleanup of the site.

Please note that failure by the City to complete the required response actions may result in enforcement action against the City by MassDEP.

After having consulted with the BETA Group, City Solicitor, Mayor, and DPW Commissioners, it is my recommendation to the Municipal Council and Mayor that we proceed with the scope of work, as defined in BETA Group Amendment 1, contingent upon your approval to do so by funding BETA Group Amendment 1 in the amount of \$115,200.

Thank you, as always.

Respectfully, Wayne & Walket

Wayne E. Walkden Superintendent of Buildings

On-Call AGREEMENT Between BETA Group and Taunton, Massachusetts

AUTHORIZATION FORM

LSP SERVICES – IMMEDIATE RESPONSE ACTION
5-7 Nickerson Avenue
RTN: 4-25768
AMENDMENT #1

This work shall be performed under the AGREEMENT made by and between the City of Taunton, Massachusetts (CLIENT) and BETA Group, Inc., (ENGINEER) for On-Call Public Works Engineering Services. This ASSIGNMENT AUTHORIZATION made this ____ day of _______, 2016.

WHEREAS, CLIENT and ENGINEER have mutually agreed to proceed with the services of this ASSIGNMENT in accordance with ARTICLES 2 and 4 of the AGREEMENT;

NOW THEREFORE, ENGINEER is authorized to commence with the services of this Assignment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

On September 2, 2015, a release of petroleum was identified in an excavation to cap a sewer service at the Site. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) was notified and, at their request, an Immediate Response Action was initiated. In January 2016, BETA submitted an Immediate Response Action Status report that documented the initial response actions and a plan for additional response actions. This amendment covers the implementation of additional Immediate Response Actions at the Site. Please note that failure to complete the required response actions may results in enforcement actions by the MassDEP.

ARTICLE 2 - SERVICES OF ENGINEER

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The services to be provided under the ENGINEER include providing implementation of the additional Immediate Response Actions, and subsurface investigation activities to conduct further assessment of the release. The services are further defined in Attachment A.

SCHEDULE

The time for completion of this ASSIGNMENT is July 30, 2016.

ARTICLE 4 - COMPENSATION & PAYMENT

Compensation to the ENGINEER will be made based upon time and expenses incurred. Labor shall be charged using hourly rates for various personnel classifications involved. The budget for this ASSIGNMENT is One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand and Two Hundred Dollars (\$115,200).

All terms and conditions of the AGREEMENT remain in full force except as specifically modified by this ASSIGNMENT AUTHORIZATION.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this AUTHORIZATION, the day and year first written above.

APPROVED BY CLIENT:	APPROVED BY ENGINEER:
CITY OF TAUNTON, MA By it's Building Superintendent	BETA GROUP, INC. By it's Vice President
	Date: 3/4/16
Date:	Date: 3/4/16
<u>CERTIFIC</u>	CATION OF APPROPRIATION
	an appropriation of the amount of this ASSIGNMENT re and that \$115,200 has been authorized to execute said
Thomas C. Hoye, Jr., Mayor	Date:
Jason D. Buffington, City Solicitor	Date:
	Date:

Ann Hebert, City Auditor

Attachment A

Background

In January 2016, BETA submitted an Immediate Response Action Status report to MassDEP that documented completed response actions and a plan for additional response actions. Additionally, we met on January 21, 2016 at which time the City requested indoor air sampling of an adjacent downgradient residence. The following scope provides details on the proposed response actions at the Site.

Scope of Services

BETA has prepared the following Scope of Services in accordance with the requirements for an Immediate Response Action in the MassDEP's Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0000 et seq).

Task 1 - Indoor Air Assessment

As discussed at our January 21, 2016 meeting, BETA will conduct indoor air testing in the basements of the two-family residential building at 8 and 10 Highland Street. This location was selected as it constitutes the closest occupied downgradient residential dwelling. BETA will deploy a Summa canister with an 8-hour regulator in each basement area. The canisters will be submitted to a state-certified laboratory for analysis of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) by EPA Method TO-15. BETA will assess the results of this testing to determine if Site contaminants have migrated into the indoor air of these structures.

Task 2 - Soil and Concrete Disposal

During the September excavation work, approximately 100 cubic yards of soil was stockpiled. Laboratory analysis of the soil identified petroleum, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the soil. Additionally, during the excavation work, several loads of concrete from the demolition of the former buildings floor were returned from the disposal facility due to odors in the debris. Sampling of the concrete identified petroleum, PAHs, VOCs, and lead. The presence of high concentrations of VOCs from historic Site operations in the concrete debris caused this material to be classified as hazardous waste. Please note that MassDEP allows storage of remediation waste for up to 120 days. Since the timeframe has passed, this material should be removed from the Site as soon as possible.

BETA requested price quotes from three firms and received two prices. The lowest bidder, W.L. French, has been selected to perform the loading and off-site disposal of the soil and concrete. W.L. French will provide loading, trucking, and off-site disposal of the material. BETA will oversee the activities and provide Bills of Lading for the tracking of the material.

Task 3 - Immediate Response Action Assessment

As outlined in the January 2016 "Immediate Response Action Status Report," BETA will implement the following additional Immediate Response Actions as follows:

> Soil Borings and Groundwater Well Installation

BETA will retain the services of a drilling subcontractor and oversee the advancement of five (5) soil borings and the installation of groundwater monitoring wells in each of the borings. The borings will be located downgradient of MW-2 (north of the currently unoccupied residence), northeast and southwest of MW-6, northeast of MW-1, and east of MW-5. The location of the borings may be modified based on areas of environmental concern, the location of utilities, and/or Site access.

Based on existing Site conditions, a track-mounted Geoprobe Drilling unit will be used to complete all subsurface drilling activities. During the advancement of each boring soil samples will be collected continuously from existing grade to borings end. Each of the borings will be completed as groundwater monitoring wells to a depth of five (5) feet below the water table. It is anticipated that groundwater will be encountered from approximately 4 to 6 feet below grade. Soil samples will be screened in the field for the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOC) using headspace testing with a photoionization detector.

One soil sample from each boring (a total of five (5) soil samples) will be submitted to a state-certified environmental testing laboratory for analysis of extractable petroleum hydrocarbons with target polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons via the MassDEP methodology, volatile petroleum hydrocarbons by the MassDEP methodology, volatile organic compounds via EPA Method 8260, and nine metals (the eight RCRA metals and nickel). These analyses have been determined based on the potential sources of contamination at the Site.

Given the nature of the Site, BETA anticipates that the drilling activities will be completed in one day.

> Monitoring Well Development

In accordance with the MassDEP practices each of the new monitoring wells will be developed appropriately to remove fine silt and sand from the well and to establish a proper connection between the well and the surrounding aquifer prior to the collection of groundwater samples.

> Groundwater Well Sampling, Surveying and Analysis

The location and the depth to groundwater will be measured for the five new and six existing wells on the Site and the groundwater flow direction will be surveyed. After the wells are developed and allowed to come to equilibrium, groundwater samples will be collected from each well (the five new and five of the existing) using EPA's low flow sampling protocol. MW-1 will not be sampled as it currently contains petroleum product. Groundwater samples will be submitted to a state-certified environmental testing laboratory for analysis of extractable petroleum hydrocarbons with target polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons via the MassDEP methodology, volatile petroleum hydrocarbons by the MassDEP methodology, volatile organic compounds via EPA Method 8260, and nine metals (the eight RCRA metals and nickel).

> Product Gauging and Recovery

BETA will conduct several rounds of product gauging at MW-1 and will attempt to recover product from this well. If the product recovery is successful, an IRA Plan Modification will be prepared and submitted to MassDEP.

Task 4 - Immediate Response Action Completion or Status Report

If the above investigation activities <u>do not</u> indicate off-site migration of contamination or the potential for impact to the nearby residences, BETA will prepare an Immediate Response Action Completion report to close out the Immediate Response Action. On-site response actions will likely need to continue under a Phase report and/or a Release Abatement Measure. If the Immediate Response Action cannot be completed and within 6 months of the submittal of the first Immediate Response Action Status Report (on or before July 14, 2016), BETA will prepare an Immediate Response Action Status report for submittal to MassDEP.

The report (completion or status) will document the activities completed and, for the status report, recommend further response actions that will be needed (if any) based on the results of the above investigatory activities. BETA's Licensed Site Professional will prepare and authorize the electronic submittal for the Immediate Response Action completion or status report on MassDEP's electronic filing system.

Please note that if additional response actions are indicated after the completion of this scope, an amendment to this scope will be required.

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Fee Schedule Table

	Labor	Direct Costs	Total
Task 1 – Indoor Air Sampling	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$3,500
Task 2 – Soil and Concrete Disposal	\$2,500	\$78,000	\$80,500
Task 3 – Immediate Response Action Implementation	\$12,000	\$14,200	\$26,200
Task 4 – Immediate Response Action Completion or Status Report	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Total	\$22,000	\$93,200	\$115,200

Please note this estimated fee does not include any fees imposed by MassDEP. Also, BETA will not markup W.L. French's fee for their part of the work.



Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

TAUNTON PLANNING BOARD

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March 17, 2016

Honorable Thomas Hoye, Mayor Members of the Municipal Council 141 Oak St., Maxham School Taunton, Ma. 02780

C/O Rose Marie Blackwell, City Clerk

RE: Form J - Woodbine Street - Rose-Nixon

Dear Mayor Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council:

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The Taunton Planning Board has received a Form J Plan – Waiver of Frontage _- to create 10 lots – for property located on Woodbine Street known as Assessor's Reference Map 64 Lots 142 – 146, 148-150, 152-155, Map 65 Lots 480-488 on Woodbine Street, Taunton, Ma – submitted by Cathy Rose-Nixon.

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this proposal on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 5:30 PM in the Chester R Martin Municipal Council Chambers, 141 Oak St., Taunton, Ma.

Respectfully yours,

Robert P. Campbell, Chairman Taunton Planning Board

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Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

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March 17, 2016

Honorable Thomas Hoye, Mayor Members of the Municipal Council 141 Oak St., Maxham School Taunton, Ma. 02780

C/O Rose Marie Blackwell, City Clerk

RE: Roadway Improvement Plan - Woodbine Street - Rose-Nixon

Dear Mayor Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council:

The Taunton Planning Board has received a Roadway Improvement Plan for property located on Woodbine Street known as Assessor's Reference Map 64 Lots 142 – 146, 148-150, 152-155, Map 65 Lots 480-488 – submitted by Cathy Rose-Nixon. The improvements are for a 24 foot wide road for a distance 530 feet with an emergency vehicle turnaround to create 10 residential lots.

The Planning Board will hold a public meeting on this proposal on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 5:30 PM in the Chester R Martin Municipal Council Chambers, 141 Oak St., Taunton, Ma.

Respectfully yours,

Robert P. Campbell, Chairman Taunton Planning Board

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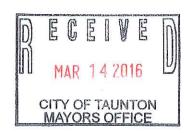
Taunton Business Improvement District & Downtown Taunton Foundation

8 Trescott Street, Suite 1 Taunton MA 02780 508.824.0484

WWW.DOWNTOWNTAUNTON.ORG

March 9, 2016

Mayor Thomas Hoye Jr. Taunton City Councilors 141 Oak Street Taunton, MA 02780



Dear Mayor Hoye and City Councilors:

On behalf of the Downtown Taunton Foundation (DTF), I am writing to request the use of the **Portable Stage** for our spring and summer events. The first is the 6th Annual Taunton Creates, a participatory public arts festival, scheduled for Saturday, May 14th from 12-4pm. The other events is a series of three summer concerts. The first, a Beatles Night, scheduled from 6pm-8pm on Thursday, June 23rd. The second is a Downtown Country Night, scheduled for Thursday, July 7th, and lastly, an Oldies Night with Car Show, scheduled on Thursday, July 28th, from 6-8pm.

The events will be held on the Taunton Green. We have initiated the process for use of the Taunton Green through the city's Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds. Upon official approval to use the park, we will need the portable stage to allow better view of the musical acts scheduled to perform during the concerts. The goal of these events is to celebrate our city's culture while promoting the economic revitalization of our own downtown. All events will be free and open the public.

As a non-profit organization with a mission to revitalize downtown Taunton, we are working on a limited budget. We are requesting a waiver of the fee to utilize the portable stage. The fee expense would be a hardship for us and reduce the quality of activities offered during the event.

If granted the use of the portable stage for this event, we will be happy to work with the city to ensure that we are in compliance with all regulations regarding its use. Please contact me at 508-824-0484 or csimmons@downtowntaunton.org if you have any questions or would like additional information. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Colleen Simmons

Director



MARIA FARIA 50 Dean Street Taunton MA 02780 Cell phone number 508-930-6148

March 10, 2016

Honorable Thomas Hoye, Mayor Jeann Quinn, Esq. Council President c/o Taunton City Clerk 141 Oak Street Taunton MA 02780

Re: Request for Approval of parade route and police escort
Our Lady of Lourdes School to Annunciation of the Lord Church and return
Sunday May 15, 2016 10:00am – 12:30 pm

Mayor Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council:

On behalf of the Holy Ghost Society of the Annunciation of the Lord Church, please accept this request for the Mayor and Council to approve the parade route for our procession to be held Sunday May 15, 2016 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The parade route is as follows:

Approximately 10:30 am leaving Our Lady of Lourdes School on First Street to
Annunciation of the Lord Church on First Street for Mass at 11:00 am
Approximately 12:15 pm leaving Annunciation of the Lord Church to OLOL School

We are asking for assistance from the Taunton Police Department to ensure safe passage for the procession on First Street and especially as we cross Somerset Avenue (Rte 138)

I can be reached at the phone number listed above.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Maria Faria

On behalf of the Annunciation of the Lord Holy Ghost Society

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TAUNTON AREA VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 436 RAYNHAM CTR, MA. 02768

Dear Mayor Hoye and the City Council,

The Taunton Area Vietnam Veterans Association will be holding their annual POW/MIA Day on March 27th on Church Green at 12 noon.

Latest count on those still missing in South East Asia is 1624 and 39 from our State. This hasn't changed in a very long time, too long. Thankfully many from WWII and Korea have been returned.

This year for our main speaker we have invited Cappy Capozzoli from Rolling Thunder Boston Chapter I. They are very active with the POW/MIA issue.

We would like to invite all to our Ceremony! We realize it is Easter Sunday, but we hope that people can take an hour of their time to remember those that haven't come back home!

Sincerely
Dennis Proulx
Vice President
Taunton Area Vietnam Veterans Association.

Mary Lou Almeida 215 School Street Taunton MA 02780 508-821-7758

March 14, 2016

Jon R. Chase, Water Division Supervisor VIA IN HAND DELIVERY Department of Public Works
90 Ingell Street
Taunton MA 02780

Deborah Carr, Chair VIA IN HAND DELIVERY
Taunton City Council DPW Committee c/o Taunton City Clerk
141 Oak Street
Taunton MA 02780

RE: Dispute of Water/Sewer Bill 215 School Street Meter #19883701; Account #1711; Bill# 30525

Dear Mr. Chase and Councilwoman Carr:

Please accept this letter as follow up to my letter sent March 10, 2016 to the DPW and my numerous contact with Mayor Hoye and his office, Councilors Borges and McCaul as well as Mr. Chase and the DPW office. I appreciate the fact that the city reduced my initial water/sewer bill after my discussions with the DPW office and City Hall. My water/sewer bill has more than doubled from 2014 to 2015 since I installed an irrigation system June 6, 2015. Of course, I anticipated an increase but this was extreme. After researching the issue I was told about the reduction metering system.

After review of the reduction metering process with legal counsel it has come to my attention that the City of Taunton DPW has been improperly metering water service that does not return flow back into the system. Specifically, ALL outside water sources such as outside water faucets, irrigation systems, pools, etc. which do not return back to the system are charged as if they are being processed through the system. It is the responsibility of the city to properly meter water and sewer service for city homeowners. Chapter 22 Section 22-10 (1) which shifts the burden of the cost of a reduction meter to the homeowner is unfair and possibly unlawful. Further, the city allows only one DPW approved contractor to install the reduction meters. This appears to be a monopoly and again, unfair and possibly unlawful.

Please accept this letter as a formal dispute of my bill #30525 billing period 4/29/2015 – 10/29/2015(copies of which are attached) which is due 3/15/2016. In accordance with my right to dispute my bill, I am also requesting a full investigation and review of the reduction metering process by the DPW and the DPW Committee of the City Council. Specifically, I would like the DPW and the Council to discuss the legality of forcing homeowners to pay for the proper metering of their water use. I believe it is the responsibility of the City to properly meter water use that does not return to the system and is discharged into the soil. Because the water/sewer is an enterprise system, the cost to the city of properly metering water use could be done and paid by water/sewer users.

I am requesting the DPW Committee hold a meeting with Mr. Chase and myself to discuss the issue of reduction metering. I am further requesting the City Council as authority for the DPW place a hold on my requirement to pay the 2^{nd} quarter bill of \$1155.33 which is due 3/15/2016 until the formal investigation for the process of reduction metering has been completed and written finding filed. I have taken the time to request this review in writing. I am asking the Chair of the DPW Committee and Mr. Chase respond to this letter with findings of your investigation in writing.

Sincerely yours, Mary Lou almerda

Mary Lou Almeida

All in-person payments of water/sewer bills must be made at 141 Oak Street between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Mon., Wed., and Thurs., 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tues., and 8:00 AM to Noon on Friday. All in-person requests must be made at 90 Ingell Street (Craig Sherman Operation Center)

Bill Number: 30525 Account Number: 1711 City of Taunton





WATER DIVISION

Phone: (508) 821-1045

"PAY ON-LINE http://www.taunton-ma.gov"

Billing questions email: waterinfo@taunton-ma.gov

ALMEIDA, MARY LOU 215 SCHOOL ST TAUNTON, MA 02780-1912	Date Billed: Billing Period: Location:	02/12/2016 07/23/2015 TO 10/29/2015 215 SCHOOL ST
ÿ	Meter #:	19883701

	WATE	ER RATES		
1st step	(1 to 30hcf quarterly)	(1 to 10hcf monthly)	\$4.07	
	(31 to 250hcf quarterly)	(11 to 83hcf monthly)	\$6.03	
3rd step	(over 250hcf quarterly)	(over 83hcf monthly)	\$7.20	

SEWER RATES (Based on water consumption)
1st STEP (1 to 30hcf quarterly) (1 to 10hcf monthly) \$1.52
2nd STEP (over 30 hcf quarterly) (over 10 hcf monthly) \$5.41

TO AVOID INTEREST AT 14% PER ANNUM ON UNPAID BALANCE PLEASE PAY BY DUE & PAYABLE DATE SHOWN IN LOWER RIGHT CORNER

Parcel ID:	47-298	Comm. #: 15		
Acct. #:	1711	Bill #:30525		
Previous Readings 585	Present Readings 692	Consumptions 107 -		
Actual	Actual			
Arrears -		\$0.00		
Interest		\$0.00		
Arrears — Penaltie	\$0.00			
Current — WATE	\$602.16			
Current — SEWEI	√ \$553.17			
Elderly Discount	\$0.00			
Pay This Amour	nt:	\$1,155.33		
Due & Payable	03/15/2016			



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ALMEIDA, MARY LOU 215 SCHOOL ST TAUNTON, MA 02780-1912

Date Billed:

02/12/2016

Billing Period:

07/23/2015 TO 10/29/2015

Location:

215 SCHOOL ST

Meter #:

19883701

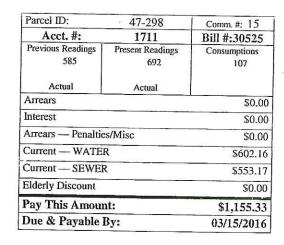
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TO AVOID INTEREST AT 14% PER ANNUM ON UNPAID BALANCE
PLEASE PAY BY DUE & PAYABLE DATE SHOWN IN LOWER RIGHT
CORNER

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

TAUNTON WATER DIVISION

MAIL PAYMENTS AND MAKE PAYABLE TO: TAUNTON WATER DIVISION PO BOX 844508 BOSTON, MA 02284-4508





Customer

SCH 5-DIGIT 02780 ALMEIDA, MARY LOU 215 SCHOOL ST

TAUNTON, MA 02780-1912

All in-person payments of water/sewer bills must be made at 141 Oak Street between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Mon., Wed., and Thurs., 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tues., and 8:00 AM to Noon on Friday. All in-person requests must be made at 90 Ingell Street (Craig Sherman Operation Center)

Bill Number: 30525 Account Number: 1711

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City of Taunton

WATER DIVISION

Phone: (508) 821-1045

"PAY ON-LINE http://www.taunton-ma.gov"

ALMEIDA, MARY LOU 215 SCHOOL ST TAUNTON, MA 02780-1912

1st step

Date Billed: 11/13/2015 Billing Period: 04/29/2015 TO 07/23/2015 Location: 215 SCHOOL ST

Meter #: (1 to 30hcf quarterly)

19883701 (1 to 10hcf monthly) \$4.07 \$6.03

(31 to 250hcf quarterly) 2nd step (over 250hcf quarterly) 3rd step

(11 to 83hcf monthly) (over 83hcf monthly) \$7.20

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Parcel ID:	47-298	Comm. #: 09		
Acet. #: 1711		Bill #:30525		
Previous Readings 501	Present Readings 585	Consumptions 84		
Actual	Actual			
Arrears - Water/Se	wer	\$0.00		
Interest		\$0.00		
Arrears — Penaltie	\$0.00			
Current — WATE	\$463.47			
Current — SEWEI	?	\$428.74		
Elderly Discount	\$0.00			
Pay This Amoun	nt:	\$892.21		
Due & Payable	12/15/2015			



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ALMEIDA, MARY LOU 215 SCHOOL ST TAUNTON, MA 02780-1912

Date Billed: Billing Period: 11/13/2015

Location:

04/29/2015 TO 07/23/2015 215 SCHOOL ST

Meter #:

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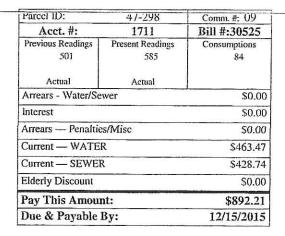
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CITY OF TAUNTON WATER DIVISION

15 Summer Street TAUNTON, MA 02780 (508) 821-1045

ALMEIDA, MARY LOU 215 SCHOOL ST TAUNTON, MA 02780-0000 DEVIS

Acc	ount Number	B	ill Number	Parcel ID	E	Book-Page	Bill Date	
	1711		30525 47-298		020-02320		11/13/2015	
Service Location					Wa	ater Service	Average Usage	
		215 SCHOOL ST				W&S	40.00	
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MARCH 22, 2016

HONORABLE THOMAS C. HOYE, JR., MAYOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT JEANNE M. QUINN AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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PLEASE NOTE:

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016 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

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THIS COMMITTEE MEETING

THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- 1. MEET WITH THE DPW COMMISSIONER TO DISCUSS COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM
- 2. MEET WITH THE DPW COMMISSIONER TO DISCUSS HIS LETTER REGARDING HIGHLAND STREET ROAD OPENING
- MEET FOR AN UPDATE ON THE EPA HEARING IN WASHINGTON
- 4. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

- 1. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS REQUEST OF RICHARD CONTE, 49 LAKEVIEW PLACE TO PURCHASE PARCEL #25-52 ON LAKEVIEW AVE.
- 2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

- 1. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS HOME RULE PETITION FOR SPECIAL OFFICERS
- 2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

- 1. MEET FOR A PRESENTATION ON THE NEW ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM
- 2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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RESPECTFULLY,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS

CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES