



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

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**SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 – 7:00 PM**

**INVOCATION  
ROLL CALL  
RECORDS**

**HEARING: NONE**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

- Pg. 1 Com. from Assistant Director of Retirement – Notifying of a retirement
- Pg. 2 Com. from Superintendent of Buildings – Golf course invoices
- Pg. 3 Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board – Notifying of a public meeting
- Pg. 4 Com. from Fire Chief – SAFE Trailer usage
- Pg. 5 Com. from Police Chief – Status report of Leonard Street Parking Garage
- Pg. 6 Com. from Police Chief – Response on private detail request
- Pg. 7-11 Com. from Police Chief – Submitting input on Resident Parking Program
- Pg. 12 Com. from Executive Director, Pro-Home, Inc. – Providing an update on Pro-Home’s HOME program for FY2014
- Pg. 13-14 Com. from Paul Boudreau, Episcopal Church of St. Thomas – Requesting permission to host a “Historical Hayride”
- Pg. 15 Com. from Alanna MacDonald 78 Acorn Drive, Taunton – Requesting installation of a yellow handicap sign

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CITY CLERK

TAUNTON, MA

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RECEIVED  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

- Pg. 16-20 Com. from David Hewett, Associate, Epsilon Associates, Inc. 3 Clock Tower Place, Suite 250, Maynard – Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Fee-to-Trust Acquisition Mashpee and Taunton
- Pg. 21 Com. from City Solicitor – Successful Collective Bargaining Negotiations with Fire Fighters Unions (**SEPARATE PACKET**)
- Pg. 22-23 Com. from Administrator, Taunton Nursing Home – Requesting a grant
- Pg. 24 Com. from Dennis Proulx, Vice President Taunton Area Vietnam Veterans Association, PO Box 436, Raynham Center – Extending an invitation
- Pg. 25-29 Com. from Executive Director of Retirement – Retirement benefit change(s)

## **PETITIONS**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Continued from September 2, 2014:**  
Executive Session – Meet with the Law Department to discuss personnel requests from COTMA

## **ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Rose Marie Blackwell  
City Clerk**



**CITY OF TAUNTON**  
***Contributory Retirement System***

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DIRECTOR**

Kathy A. Maki

September 8, 2014

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 Russell A. Laine, an employee of the Fire Department on October 18, 2014 under the provisions set forth in Section #5 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Please pay regular compensation and accumulated benefits up to and including the date of retirement.

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

Respectfully yours,

Kathy Maki  
Assistant Director

cc: R. Laine  
T. Bradshaw, Fire Chief  
K. Gover, Fire Dept.  
City Treasurer  
City Auditor  
Human Resources  
City Clerk  
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# CITY OF TAUNTON

MASSACHUSETTS

WAYNE E. WALKDEN,  
CBO  
SUPERINTENDENT OF  
BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS



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September 8, 2014

Dr. Gerald A. Croteau, Chairman and  
Members of the Municipal Council  
Committee on Finance and Salary

Dear Councilors:

At a recent Finance and Salary subcommittee meeting a motion was made for the Building Department to provide information as to why the Golf Course invoices with reference to the fuel tank project appear on the Encumbrance List.

Please be advised that the Building Department administers various construction projects throughout the year. Contract terms dictate payment schedules according to deliverables which may not flow precisely with the close of the municipal fiscal year. In the case of the Golf Course project, the contractor submitted his invoice after the June 30<sup>th</sup> fiscal year close date. Had he submitted his invoice earlier, I would not have authorized payment as his work was not complete.

Unless construction projects can be exempted from the current municipal payment protocol, we can expect an occasional invoice to appear on future Encumbrance Lists. I trust this letter provides an adequate explanation for your concern.

Respectfully,

*Wayne E. Walkden*

Wayne E. Walkden  
Superintendent of Buildings



# TAUNTON PLANNING BOARD

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September 8, 2014

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: Site Plan Review – 630 John Hancock Road – Pinnacle Realty Services  
(Gordon Freezer Services Perkins Facility)**

Dear Mayor Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council:

Please be advised the Taunton Planning Board received a Site Plan Review for property at 630 John Hancock Road and an adjacent lot (Prop. I.D. 30-2) for the addition of a freezer and construction of a parking lot submitted by Pinnacle Realty Services (Gordon Food Services Perkins Facility)

The next scheduled meeting for this petition will be on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 9:30 AM in the Taunton Planning Board Office, 15 Summer St., Annex Bldg., at which time the application shall be reviewed by the DIRB and again on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 5:30 PM at Chester R Martin Municipal Council Chambers, 141 Oak St., Taunton, Ma. at which this petition will be reviewed by the Planning Board.

Respectfully yours,

Daniel P. Dermody, Chairman  
Taunton Planning Board

DPD/djp



# CITY OF TAUNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**Timothy J. Bradshaw**  
*Chief of Department*

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**Kate Gover**  
*Administrative Assistant*

September 9, 2014

Taunton City Council  
Taunton City Hall  
141 Oak Street  
Taunton, MA 02780

**RE: Safe Trailer Usage**

Honorable Members of the Municipal Council:

On Saturday June 14, 2014 the Taunton Fire Department provided the SAFE Trailer for an event at Lewis Park on Harvey Street. The SAFE Trailer was a gift to the Fire Department by the Taunton Federal Credit Union. The trailer was staffed by 4 Taunton Firefighters qualified by SAFE Coordinator Larry Gantz to teach school children kitchen, electrical and home fire safety, as well as instructing these children on the proper ways to exit a burning structure. Per standard practice the firefighters working that day were paid their regular overtime rate for the time of the event.

The Department has provided and staffed this educational tool for a variety of events throughout the City. The trailer has also been loaned to area fire departments in order to benefit the children of other communities. The Department has never charged anyone for the use of the SAFE Trailer nor the firefighters educating the public.

It is my intention to continue to promote fire safety to area children. Any overtime spent is viewed as a supplement to the Department's SAFE Program as it executes the curriculum set forth by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TJ Bradshaw", written over a horizontal line.

Timothy Bradshaw  
Chief of Department



# CITY OF TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CHIEF  
EDWARD JAMES WALSH

23 SUMMER STREET  
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September 9, 2014

The Honorable Thomas Hoye, Mayor,  
And Members of the Municipal Council  
Temporary City Hall  
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I am responding to the Municipal Council's request for a status report on the Leonard Street Parking Garage. This response serves as both mine and the Parking Commission's.

On August 26, 2014, the Parking Commission met with BETA to review the 90% plans. Based upon that meeting the following are anticipated key events:

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|-----------------|---|
| September 2014: | Final plan approval.<br>Drafting of proposed RFP by BETA.   |
| December 2014:  | Advertising in the Central Register.<br>Selection of Sub-Contractors.<br>Selection of General Contractor. |
| January 2015:   | Completion and approval of contracts.   |
| April 2015:     | Start of construction.  |
| May-June 2015:  | Completion of Work.   |

BETA recommends advertising in December because of reduce construction costs. They also recommend work in April because of the need for warmer weather for the pouring of concrete.

Also be advised that the general timeline is contingent on environmental abatement at the Fire Department. Part of the plan for the deck is the scraping and replacement of the asphalt on the first level. The extent of the contamination at the fire department, and whether it has seeped to the onto the Leonard Street site, will directly impact our options for the repair of the surface on the first level and whether any environmental abatement will be necessary.

Respectfully,

Edward James Walsh  
Chief of Police



# CITY OF TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF  
EDWARD JAMES WALSH

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September 4, 2014

The Honorable Thomas Hoye, Mayor,  
And Members of the Municipal Council  
Temporary City Hall  
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Taunton, MA 02780

I am providing the following information relative to your request about police services at private details on June 17, 2014. Please be advised that the Taunton Police Department was hired by the following entities:

Columbia Gas  
On the Barre Dance Studio  
Dever Security  
Susan Winter School of Dance  
PJ Keating  
Silver City Galleria  
Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant  
Waste Management

All of these details were billed to the appropriate vendors.

I believe however that the actual question being presented is whether the police department participated in the safety day conducted at the Taunton Boys and Girls Club at Lewis Park. The answer to that question is yes. Several officers from this department on a paid status provided different educational and community relations functions during this event. The controversy seems centered upon the fact that an elected official was one of the sponsors of the event. From my perspective this event was no different than the various events in the community in which the Taunton Police Department is asked to participate. The police department participates in events sponsored by the sheriff, district attorney, mayor and other elected officials. As long as the event is open to the public, providing a legitimate community function, and funds are not being solicited for political campaigns, I do not see a conflict regardless of the fact that an elected official is a sponsor. If the Municipal Council feels that it is inappropriate for the police department to participate in community events in which an elected official is a sponsor, please inform me of this decision so that I may make the appropriate notifications to members of this department and to groups and organizations requesting our presence or assistance.

Respectfully,

Edward James Walsh  
Chief of Police





# CITY OF TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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23 SUMMER STREET  
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September 4, 2014

The Honorable Thomas Hoye, Mayor,  
And Members of the Municipal Council  
Temporary City Hall  
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As I stated at a recent meeting of Police and License, I am not sure Taunton is ready to implement a Resident Parking Program. However, since the Municipal Council has asked for input on the issue, I am providing the following information to assist in a discussion on the issue.

I have had an opportunity to review Residential Parking Programs within various communities in the Commonwealth. As a starting point, the following issues need to be discussed to provide a framework for implementation:

1. What are the criteria that will be used to designate a particular street or area as a Residential Permit Parking area?
  - a. It is my recommendation that if the Council opts to implement residential parking, that it be limited to those areas zoned as "urban residential" only. Generally residential parking is not an issue in areas zoned suburban residential and I think residential parking within the business districts will create greater parking problems in those areas.
  - b. The granting body needs to specifically identify the boundaries for the residential parking area. This may be a single street, block or area. For example in recent discussions, Fayette Place was discussed as a possible location for residential parking. However, the same issues that confront the residents of Fayette Place also confront the residents of Presbrey Avenue. So rather than just one street, the entire area could be designated as resident parking only.
  - c. How do we decide which streets to include? The smart approach seems to be to allow the residents themselves decided whether or not they want to designate the area as resident parking only. Boston, Brookline and Somerville all require 51% of the residents in the designated area to affirmatively select resident parking only. This way a few vocal individuals do not create a situation where resident parking is being forced on residents who do not want it. The other issue is impact on the neighborhood of multi-family units. For example, a street may have ten houses. Of those ten, nine are single family and one is an eleven unit multi-family. That one multi-family may have more than 51% of the residents of that street living in it. As a result that one unit by its mere numbers could dictate whether residential parking occurs on the street despite what the rest of the street wants.
2. Who gets the parking permits?
  - a. Obviously residents but communities vary in what they require for documentation and the number of permits issued. Some communities limit the number of permits issued with the entire community. Quincy

requires that the residence have no driveway to issue a permit. Some allow commercial vehicles while others do not. 8

b. All of the communities require documentation to show that the individual and the vehicle belong within the designated parking location. At a minimum this is a driver's license and vehicle registration showing a residential address within the designated zone. Many communities require additional documentation to include a lease and/or utility bill. My recommendation would be that a person applying for a resident parking permit would need to have a valid Massachusetts Driver's License and Vehicle Registration showing a residential address for the listed residential parking location.

3. How much are we going to charge?

a. The range is from free to \$80, with most of the communities in the \$10 to \$25 range. Realistically the fee should offset the cost of the program to include signs, stickers and processing. My recommendation would be a fee of \$25 per year per vehicle.

4. Who is going to administer the program?

a. There is no consistency across the communities. In larger communities with a staffed parking department, that agency handles it. In some communities it is the clerk's office. Others use the Department of Public Works, Collector or the police department. My initial recommendation would be the police department because it already supervises parking operations to include the issuance of municipal parking passes. At the point Parking Operations can support a full time administrator; I would suggest that the resident parking program be moved there.

5. Are we going to allow visitor passes?

a. Many communities will also issue a visitor placard so the resident may have a visitor and the visitor can park near the residence. Most communities limit the number of passes and have a fee associated with them. Some communities limited the pass to a few day or week while others issue it yearly with the resident parking permit. The fees vary. My recommendation is contained in the model ordinance.

The following is a model ordinance for consideration. It provides a frame work for the designation of a residential parking area and the procedures for the issuance of the passes.

#### **Section 13-94 Residential Permit Parking Program Approval Procedures**

(a) Residential Permit Parking will only be designated in areas that are zoned urban residential.

(b) In order for a street or streets in the City of Taunton to become a Residential Permit Parking Program Street, 51% or more of the residents of that street or area must approve/support a petition for the request. The petition must be submitted to the Municipal Council on the approved "Application for Designation Resident Permit Parking" by the residents in accordance with the instructions on the form.

(c) Once a petition is submitted meeting the requirements stated on the form, the Police Department will investigate the number of residential units on the petitioned street or area in order to verify signatures. In calculating the percentage of the residents who approve of the petition, the following criteria will apply:

1. One signature per household.
2. Only legal residents of legal units may sign the petition.
3. Corner lots with addresses on an intersecting street will be included in the calculation and may sign the petition.

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- (d) The Municipal Council, by a majority vote, approves the petition if the requisite number of signatures are submitted on the petition and verified by the Police Department.
  - (e) The City Clerk advertises the proposed traffic regulations for three weeks in the newspaper.
  - (f) After advertising, signs are installed for enforcement.

### **13-95. Residents Parking Program**

(a) No person shall park any vehicle in any area posted "resident parking only" without a properly displayed, valid and current resident parking sticker issued under the provisions of this section. Anyone found in violation of this section shall be subject to a fine of \$30.00.

(b) The (issuing authority) shall issue a resident parking sticker upon payment of a fee of \$25.00, to the nonresident owner of property which is located within the resident only parking zone and to any resident, owner/user of motor vehicles who meet the qualifications of this ordinance. Only vehicles containing a resident parking sticker under this ordinance shall be authorized to park in the appropriate zone of the city posted "parking by resident permit only". The resident parking sticker shall not be construed so as to waive or annul any other parking ordinances or regulations of the city. No resident parking sticker shall be issued unless the vehicle is registered in the commonwealth under General Laws, chapter 90, § 2, in the city, with a registered gross weight of under one ton and owned or used by a person residing in the city at the address on the registration within the designated Resident Permit Parking Area.

(c) No resident sticker shall be valid unless it is located on the rear window, driver's side, lower left corner of the vehicle. On station wagons and convertibles, the resident sticker shall not be valid unless it is located on the glass on the left side of the vehicle, as far back towards the rear as possible.

(d) No resident sticker shall be issued unless the owner presents proof of residency in the designated Resident Parking Area in the form of the following:

1. A valid Massachusetts Driver's License issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles showing a residential address within the Residential Permit Parking Area.
2. A current registration certificate issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles showing a residential address within the Residential Permit Parking Area.
3. A current paid Taunton excise tax bill.

(e) A photocopy of a registration will be accepted provided it can be verified by the (issuing authority) through the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The (issuing authority) may rely upon such other information and documentation as is reasonable to establish the lawful residency of the applicant. In all cases, the (issuing authority's) decision as to the residency of the applicant shall be final.

(f) The (issuing authority) shall issue one visitor permit upon payment of an additional fee of \$20.00 to any resident who meets one of the following qualifications.

1. The resident owns a vehicle which qualifies for a parking sticker under subsection (d) providing no other person in the same household has been issued a visitors permit; or
2. In a household where the resident do not have a motor vehicle, a current utility or phone bill or a lease inclusive of utilities (valid for at least one year), provided no other person in the same household has been issued a visitor permit; or
3. A household in which the resident owns or control a motor vehicle which is not registered as specified in subsection (b), may be issued one visitor permit for use on their visitor's vehicle only. All motor vehicle registrations must be shown before visitor permits will be issued.

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(g) Visitor permits shall not be issued to anyone residing in any building owned by a college or university or other educational institution and used for residential purposes by students and affiliates of any such university or college.

(h) Additional visitor permits of a number specified by the (issuing authority) may be issued to doctors of medicine, dentists and funeral directors, or any other home occupation or business use authorized as an accessory use in a residential zone under the Zoning Ordinance, upon written application, providing the practice is conducted in an area posted "parking by resident permit only", and the traffic engineer determines that no parking is available in this area. The holder of such additional visitor permits shall not allow employees or anyone other than clients and patients to use the permits. Applications shall be sent to the (issuing authority) on the applicant's professional letterhead. The (issuing authority) may require additional information verifying the legality of the use from the building commissioner.

(i) Parking stickers shall automatically expire when a car ceases to qualify, if affixed to a car other than the one so designated at the time of application, or if the registration number on the resident sticker is different than the one of the vehicle. Any vehicle bearing a revoked parking sticker and parked on a posted street will be subject to the same penalty as a vehicle without a parking sticker or a visitor permit.

(j) Visitor permits and parking stickers will expire on December 31 of each year. Any vehicle bearing an expired visitor permit or parking sticker and parked on a posted street will be subject to the same penalty as a vehicle parked without a parking sticker or visitor's permit.

(k) Visitors permit regulations: One visitor permit shall be issued per household for use by visitors only, while visitors are actually visiting the household to which they were issued. The visitor permits shall be displayed on the front dashboard, above the steering wheel, and shall be fully readable from the exterior of the vehicle. Any extended use (more than 10 days) of a visitor permit must have prior approval of the (issuing authority). Visitor permits must be returned to the resident at the conclusion of the visit. No replacement visitor permits shall be issued by the (issuing authority). In the event a resident of Taunton moves from one section of the city to another, the issued visitor permit shall be returned to the (issuing authority) along with the proof of the new address as required in subsection (c) in order to obtain a new sticker or permit.

(l) Visitor permits shall expire and be revoked by the (issuing authority) under the following circumstances:

1. It is used on any vehicle owned or controlled by a resident.
2. It is used on an employee's car.
3. It is used for more than ten days by a visitor without prior approval of the (issuing authority).

(m) Temporary Parking Permits: Temporary parking permits shall be issued by the (issuing authority) to residents upon payment of a fee and under the following circumstances:

1. A resident with a resident sticker whose vehicle was stolen or is being repaired, and has a rental car. The (issuing authority) shall issue a temporary permit at no charge for the length of the rental agreement.
2. A resident with a vehicle who is transferring a registration shall be issued a temporary permit for seven days to allow time to change over. This will be valid only in the area in which he/she resides. A valid registration along with a proof of residency shall be required in order to obtain a permit.
3. A resident, who owns no vehicle and is renting or leasing one, must submit proof of residency along with a rental or lease agreement. A temporary permit shall be issued for the length of the rental or lease agreement.

(n) No permit under this ordinance shall be issued unless all parking fines and/ or penalties and all excise taxes and/ or penalties due to the city on all vehicles registered to household members have been paid in full prior to issuance of any stickers or permits to household members.

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(o) The (issuing authority) may issue city-wide temporary parking permits in a number specified by the (issuing authority) after payment of a \$20.00 fee for each permit to non-profit social service agencies for use by employees of such agencies providing medical or other services to elderly or disabled residents in the homes of such residents. Such permits shall expire on June 30 of each year and may be renewed by the non-profit social service agency for additional periods after payment of the appropriate fee. Applications shall be provided to the (issuing authority) on the applicant's professional letterhead. Such permit shall only be used when the employee of the non-profit social service agency is actually providing services to an elderly or disabled resident and shall be displayed on the front dashboard above the steering wheel and shall be fully readable from the exterior of the vehicle.

**13-95A. Misuse of Resident Parking Stickers**

(a) No person shall sell, offer for sale, give, trade or otherwise transfer any resident parking sticker issued under these Revised Ordinances to another person or affix said sticker to a motor vehicle other than the designated vehicle, or alter said sticker in any manner.

(b) No person shall sell, offer for sale, give, trade or otherwise transfer a resident visitor permit issued under said chapter to anyone, or in any manner alter said permit.

(c) No person shall use any residents parking permit, visitor's permit, temporary permit, or medical/ social service agency permit in violation of the provisions of the residents parking ordinance.

(d) Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars for each offense and any permit used in violation of the terms of the residents parking permit ordinance shall be subject to revocation and confiscation.

Respectfully,



**Edward James Walsh**  
Chief of Police

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# Pro-Home, Inc.

Dedicated to the production and protection of affordable housing.

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JOSEPH R. PACHECO  
Executive Director  
Selectman, Town of Taunton

August 28, 2014

City of Taunton  
141 Oak Street  
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Community Official:

In an effort to bring greater awareness to the programs and services Pro-Home provides to your community, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you a brief update on Pro-Home's HOME program for fiscal year 2014.


For fiscal year 2014, Pro-Home was awarded \$90,000 to be allocated to eligible first-time homebuyers within our 13-community service area.

During FY14, **four** clients of Pro-Home purchased their first home in Taunton and were awarded a total of **\$29,342.50** in grant assistance towards down-payment and closing costs using HOME Funds. And also, since we have partnered with Taunton Housing Authority, **twelve** additional clients purchased their first home utilizing the HOPE VI funds for a total of **\$237,128.00**.

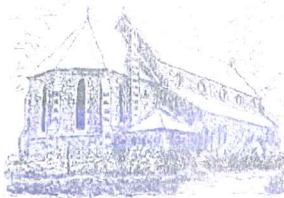
Also, during FY14 we have counseled **82** clients in foreclosure, in an effort to bring their mortgage current.

For more information on Pro-Home we encourage your residents to visit us on the web at [www.ProHomeInc.org](http://www.ProHomeInc.org) or by calling us at 508-821-2514.

Sincerely,

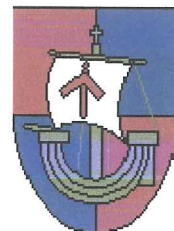


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Executive Director



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September 8, 2014

The Honorable Mayor Thomas Hoye Jr.,  
& Municipal Council Members  
141 Oak Street  
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Hoye Jr., and  
Municipal Council Members,

On Saturday November 15, 2014 the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, located at 111 High St. Taunton Ma, would like to host a "Historical Hayride" in the downtown area of Taunton as part of our annual Church Fair.

The 30ft trailer with hay bales will be towed by a seven passenger van. The tour will be guided by former Mayor, Charlie Crowley.

We propose doing three, 35-45 minute tours (10:00am, 12:00pm & 2:00pm) which will follow the route attached with this letter.

This information has been given to Chief Walsh for his initial input and approval.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul S. Boudreau  
Episcopal Church of  
St Thomas

# Taunton road map & Taunton street view

City:

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### Taunton Geographical data

City Name: **Taunton**  
State/County: Massachusetts  
Bristol County  
Country: United States  
Capital: Washington

Population: 57,160

### Geographic coordinates:

Latitude: 41.9° N  
Longitude: -71.09°W  
Elevation: 15 m

### Taunton Weather Forecast

Date/Time: [Click to Update!](#)

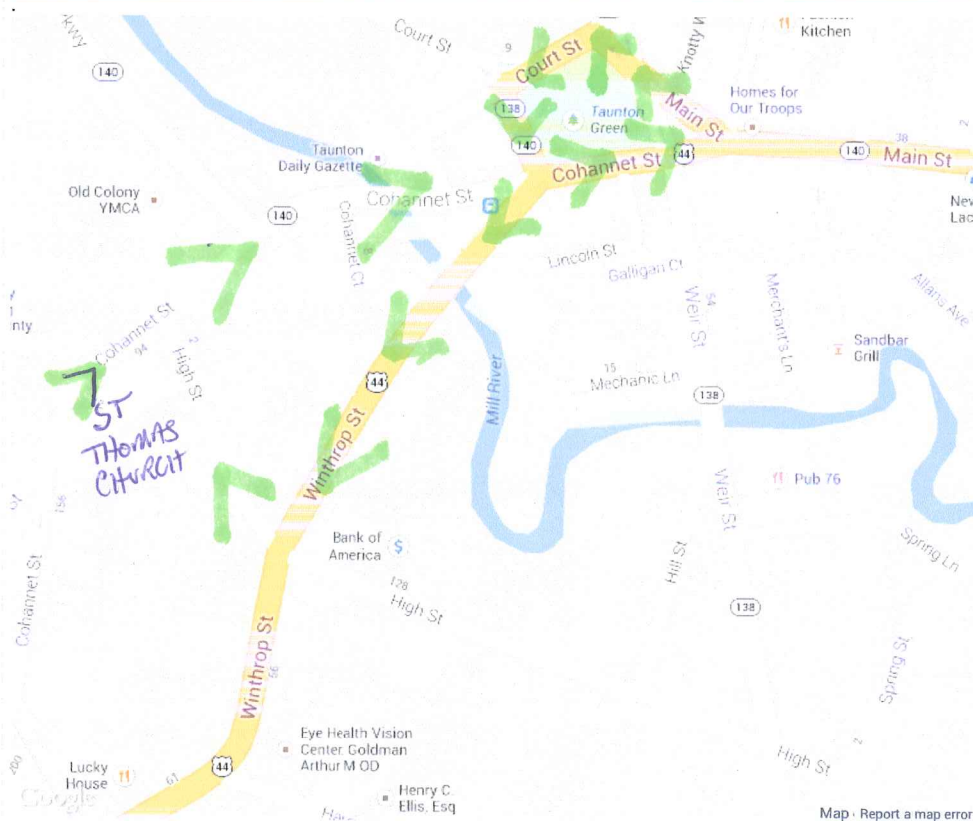
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Temperature:  
Wind (speed & direction)  
Humidity: (%)  
Atmospheric pressure: (hPa)  
Cloudiness: (%)

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Taunton Massachusetts road map & Taunton street view - view streets, roads, routes, places, buildings...



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| <p><b>Comfort Inn &amp; Suites Fall River</b><br/>360 Airport Road, Fall River, , United States &gt;&gt;</p> | <p><b>Extended Stay America Hotel Foxboro Norton (Massachusetts)</b><br/>280 S. Washington Street, Norton (Massachusetts), , United States &gt;&gt;</p> | <p><b>Quality Inn Raynham</b><br/>164 New State Hwy, Raynham, , United States &gt;&gt;</p>                                    | <p><b>Super 8 Somerset/Fall River Area</b><br/>537 Riverside Avenue, Somerset (Massachusetts), , United States &gt;&gt;</p> |                             |
| <p><b>Residence Inn Boston Brockton</b><br/>124 Liberty Street, Brockton, , United States &gt;&gt;</p>       | <p><b>Quality Inn Brockton</b><br/>1005 BELMONT STREET, Brockton, , United States &gt;&gt;</p>  | <p><b>Super 8 Motel Brockton</b><br/>385 Westgate Dr., Brockton, , United States &gt;&gt;</p>                                 |   |                             |
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| <p><b>Hampton Inn Raynham-Taunton</b></p>  | <p><b>Holiday Inn Express</b></p>   |   |   |                             |



Sep 9, 2014  
City Council  
City of Taunton  
141 Oak St.  
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear City Council,

I am petitioning the city to install an yellow handicap sign on Acorn Drive. My five year old daughter Mary MacDonald was born with a rare neuromuscular condition known as Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita. Her condition has left her wheel chair bound. Despite being in a wheelchair Mary is extremely active. She rides a hand pedal bike throughout the neighborhood, plays basketball and enjoys going with her family for walks.

Recently we installed a handicap ramp. I am always supervising her while she is outside. Even though I am always with her I would like to have a handicap sign to be displayed making motor vehicle operators aware that a handicap child is present and to proceed with caution.

Sincerely yours,



Alanna MacDonald

78 Acorn Drive

Taunton, Ma 02780

508-813-2423

alanna27@me.com

CC: Mayor Hoye, Melissa Caron



September 5, 2014

PRINCIPALS

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**Subject: Department of the Interior  
 Bureau of Indian Affairs  
 Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement  
 Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Fee-to-Trust Acquisition  
 Mashpee and Taunton, Massachusetts**

Dear Interested Party:

On behalf of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Epsilon Associates is pleased to send you the enclosed Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) published on today and concerning the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's (the Tribe) proposed Fee to Trust Acquisition. You are receiving the NOA because you expressed an interest during the Scoping process conducted for the EIS and/or the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) comment period.

The BIA has now completed its FEIS and is making it publicly available for review and comment. The FEIS describes the environmental impacts associated with the proposed conveyance into trust of approximately 170 acres of land in the Town of Mashpee, Massachusetts, and approximately 151 acres of land in the City of Taunton, Massachusetts on behalf of the Tribe.

The Tribe is requesting that the Secretary of Interior exercise her authority to take title to the subject lands in trust in order to establish the Tribe's initial reservation and provide the Tribe with opportunities for long term, stable economic development and self-determination. The proposed action described in the FEIS includes the Tribe's proposal to develop a resort casino on the Taunton lands comprising a gaming facility, hotels, an events center, restaurants, retail space, a water park, a parking garage, and surface parking. The FEIS also examines two less intensive development scenarios in Taunton and compares all of the alternatives to a future no-build condition.

The FEIS addresses areas of environmental concerns identified by the public during the BIA's Scoping process in 2012, which included two public meetings and the receipt of over 75 written comment letters, and during the BIA's DEIS comment period in 2013, which included two public hearings and the receipt of 45 written

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comment letters. The FEIS describes the impacts of the proposed action and alternatives on transportation, wetlands, stormwater, geology, rare species, hazardous materials, water supply, wastewater, utilities, solid waste, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, cultural resources, noise, visibility, socioeconomic conditions, and environmental justice.

**How to Read or Request a Copy of the FEIS**

The FEIS will be available for public review at the Taunton and Mashpee libraries and planning offices at the addresses and times below.

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| <p>Taunton Public Library<br/>12 Pleasant Street Taunton, MA<br/>02780</p> <p>Monday through Friday<br/>9:00AM to 8:00PM<br/>Saturday<br/>9:00AM to 6:00PM</p>   | <p>Mashpee Public Library<br/>64 Steeple Street<br/>Mashpee, MA 02649</p> <p>Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday<br/>10:00AM to 5:00PM<br/>Tuesday and Thursday<br/>10:00AM to 7:00PM</p> |
| <p>Taunton City Hall<br/>Planning Office<br/>City Hall Annex<br/>15 Summer Street<br/>Taunton, MA 02780</p> <p>Monday, Wednesday and Thursday<br/>8:00AM to 4:00PM<br/>Tuesday<br/>8:00AM to 7:00PM<br/>Friday<br/>8:00AM to 12:00PM</p> | <p>Mashpee Town Hall<br/>Planning Office<br/>16 Great Neck Road North<br/>Mashpee, MA 02649</p> <p>Monday through Friday<br/>8:30AM to 4:30PM</p>  |

The FEIS is hundreds of pages long and includes several thousand pages of appendix materials. It can be downloaded free of charge at [www.mwteis.com](http://www.mwteis.com). To view the

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document, you will need the software required to open PDF documents (available for free at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>).

You may also request a copy of the FEIS in PDF format on compact disk or a hardcopy by calling Epsilon Associates at (978) 897-7100 or via email at [csnowdon@epsilonassociates.com](mailto:csnowdon@epsilonassociates.com).

**How to Submit Comments on the FEIS**

You may mail, hand carry, or telefax written comments to:

Mr. Chet L. McGhee, Regional Environmental Protection Specialist  
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office  
545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700  
Nashville, Tennessee 37214

Telefax (615) 564-6571

If you have any questions or need further information, please telephone Mr. McGhee at (615) 564-6500.

Sincerely,

EPSILON ASSOCIATES, INC.



David E. Hewett  
Associate

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Status: Excess  
 Comments: documented deficiencies:  
 exterior walls cracking; concrete  
 foundation crumbling; structural damage;  
 clear threat to personal physical safety.  
 Reasons: Extensive deterioration

#### South Carolina

16464  
 165 Bates Street  
 Joint Base Charleston SC 29404  
 Landholding Agency: Air Force  
 Property Number: 18201430040  
 Status: Unutilized  
 Comments: public access denied & no  
 alternative without compromising National  
 Security.

Reasons: Secured Area

165  
 165 Bates Avenue  
 Joint Base Charleston SC 29402  
 Landholding Agency: Air Force  
 Property Number: 18201430041  
 Status: Unutilized  
 Comments: public access denied & no  
 alternative without compromising National  
 Security.

Reasons: Secured Area

1994  
 110 Lawson Drive  
 Joint Base Charleston SC 29404  
 Landholding Agency: Air Force  
 Property Number: 18201430042  
 Status: Underutilized  
 Comments: public access denied & no  
 alternative without compromising National  
 Security.

Reasons: Secured Area

#### Texas

932  
 Lackland AFB  
 San Antonio TX 78236  
 Landholding Agency: Air Force  
 Property Number: 18201430049  
 Status: Unutilized  
 Directions: 932  
 Comments: public access denied and no  
 alternative without compromising national  
 security.

Reasons: Secured Area

#### West Virginia

Facility #115, Troop Camp  
 222 Sabre Jet Blvd.  
 Martinsburg WV 25405  
 Landholding Agency: Air Force  
 Property Number: 18201430039  
 Status: Excess  
 Comments: public access denied and no  
 alternative without compromising national  
 security.

Reasons: Secured Area

Facility #122, Res Forces Opl  
 Training  
 222 Sabre Jet Blvd.  
 Martinsburg WV 25405  
 Landholding Agency: Air Force  
 Property Number: 18201430045  
 Status: Excess  
 Comments: public access denied & no  
 alternative without compromising National  
 Security.

Reasons: Secured Area

Facility #103, BE Grand Fclty.  
 222 Sabre Jet Blvd.

Martinsburg WV 25405  
 Landholding Agency: Air Force  
 Property Number: 18201430046  
 Status: Excess  
 Comments: public access denied & no  
 alternative without compromising National  
 Security.

Reasons: Secured Area

Fac. #133, Shed Sup & Equip Base  
 222 Sabre Jet Blvd.  
 Martinsburg WV 25405  
 Landholding Agency: Air Force  
 Property Number: 18201430050  
 Status: Excess  
 Comments: public access denied and no  
 alternative without compromising national  
 security.

Reasons: Secured Area

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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#### Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Fee-to-Trust Transfer of Property and Subsequent Development of a Resort/Hotel and Ancillary Facilities in the City of Taunton, MA and Tribal Government Facilities in the Town of Mashpee, MA by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
 Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead agency, with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (Tribe) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers serving as cooperating agencies, is making available for public review the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) regarding the Tribe's application for the conveyance into trust of 170 acres ± located in Mashpee, Massachusetts, and 151 acres ± located in Taunton, Massachusetts, for the benefit of the Tribe.

**DATES:** The Record of Decision on the proposed action will be issued on or after 30 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. Any comments on the FEIS must arrive on or before 30 days following the date the EPA publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail, hand carry or telefax written comments to Mr. Chet L. McGhee, Regional Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office, 545

Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, Tennessee 37214; Telefax (615) 564-6571. Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for directions for submitting comments and locations where copies of the FEIS are available.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Chet L. McGhee at (615) 564-6500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The federal actions under consideration consist of:

(1) The acquisition in trust of 170 acres ± in Mashpee, Massachusetts, and 151 acres ± in Taunton, Massachusetts, in accordance with section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA), 25 USC 465, and the procedures set forth in 25 CFR part 151; and

(2) The issuance of a reservation proclamation in accordance with section 7 of the IRA, 25 U.S.C. 467.

The Tribe proposes to construct a resort/hotel and gaming facility within the project site in Taunton, Massachusetts, and to develop Tribal Government facilities located on the lands in Mashpee, Massachusetts.

At full build-out, the Tribe's proposed resort/hotel and gaming facility would have approximately 132,000 square feet of gaming floor. Access to the Taunton site would be via O'Connell Way, off of Stevens Street, near the intersection of Stevens Street and Route 140 in Taunton, Massachusetts. The following alternatives are considered in the FEIS:

- (A) The development as proposed;
- (B) Reduced Intensity I Alternative;
- (C) Reduced Intensity II Alternative; and
- (D) No Action Alternative.

Issues addressed in the FEIS include: transportation; wetlands and other waters of the United States; stormwater; geology and soils; rare species and wildlife habitat; hazardous materials; water supply; wastewater; utilities; solid waste; air quality; greenhouse gas; cultural resources; noise, visual impacts; socio-economics; environmental justice; cumulative effects, and indirect and growth inducing effects.

The resort/hotel alternative has been selected as the Tribe's Preferred Alternative as discussed in the FEIS. The information and analysis contained in the FEIS, as well as its evaluation and assessment of the Tribe's Preferred Alternative, are intended to assist the Department of the Interior (Department) in its review of the issues presented in the Tribe's application. The Preferred Alternative does not necessarily reflect the Department's final decision because the Department must further evaluate all of the criteria listed in 25 CFR part 151.

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In addition, the Department must further evaluate the criteria listed in 25 CFR part 292 in making a final determination that the Mashpee and Taunton sites may be considered the "initial reservation" of the Tribe pursuant to section 20(b)(1)(B)(ii) of IGRA. The Department's consideration and analysis of the applicable regulations may lead to a final decision that selects an alternative other than the Preferred Alternative, including no action, a variant of the Preferred Alternative, or another one of the alternatives analyzed in the FEIS.

The BIA has afforded other government agencies and the public extensive opportunity to participate in the preparation of this EIS. The BIA published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the EIS for the proposed action in the **Federal Register** on May 31, 2012 (77 FR 32132). The BIA held public scoping meetings on June 20, 2012, at Taunton High School in Taunton, Massachusetts, and on June 21, 2012, at Mashpee High School in Mashpee, Massachusetts. A Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS (DEIS) was published in the **Federal Register** on November 15, 2013 (78 FR 68860), and the EPA published its Notice in the **Federal Register** on November 22, 2013 (78 FR 70041). The BIA held public hearings on December 2, 2013, at Mashpee High School in Mashpee, Massachusetts, and on December 3, 2013, at Taunton High School in Taunton, Massachusetts. Comments on the DEIS received from the public and based on internal BIA review were considered and incorporated as appropriate into the FEIS.

Locations Where the FEIS is Available for Review: The FEIS will be available for review at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Taunton Public Library, 12 Pleasant Street, Taunton, Massachusetts 02780;
- Mashpee Public Library, 64 Steeple Street, Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649; and
- Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Headquarters at 483 Great Neck Road—South, Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649. The FEIS is also available online at: <http://www.mwteis.com>. To obtain a compact disc copy of the FEIS, please provide your name and address in writing or by voicemail to Mr. Chet L. McGhee, Regional Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office. Contact information is listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Individual paper copies of the FEIS will be provided only upon payment of applicable printing expenses

by the requestor for the number of copies requested.

**Public Comment Availability:** Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may request us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1500 et seq.) and the Department of the Interior Regulations (43 CFR part 46) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM 1–6), and is in accordance with the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by part 209 DM 8.1.

Dated: August 25, 2014.

**Kevin K. Washburn,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[MMAA 104000]

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Gulf of Mexico (GOM), Oil and Gas Lease Sales, Western Planning Area (WPA) Lease Sales 246 and 248

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability (NOA) and Announcement of Public Meetings and Comment Period for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Proposed GOM Oil and Gas WPA Lease Sales 246 and 248.

**SUMMARY:** Consistent with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) (NEPA), BOEM has prepared a Draft Supplemental EIS for proposed WPA oil and gas Lease Sales 246 and 248 in the GOM (WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS). Proposed Lease Sales 246 and 248 are tentatively scheduled to be held in August 2015 and 2016, respectively, in the WPA offshore the States of Texas and Louisiana. The WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS updates the environmental and socioeconomic analyses in the *Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil*

*and Gas Lease Sales: 2012–2017; Western Planning Area Lease Sales 229, 233, 238, 246, and 248; Central Planning Area Lease Sales 227, 231, 235, 241, and 247, Final Environmental Impact Statement (OCS EIS/EA BOEM 2012–019) (2012–2017 WPA/CPA Multisale EIS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2013–2014; Western Planning Area Lease Sale 233; Central Planning Area Lease Sale 231, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (OCS EIS/EA BOEM 2013–0118) (WPA 233/CPA 231 Supplemental EIS), and Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2014–2016; Western Planning Area Lease Sales 238, 246, and 248, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (OCS EIS/EA BOEM 2014–009) (WPA 238/246/248 Supplemental EIS).*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information on the WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS, you may contact Mr. Gary D. Goeke, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Office of Environment (GM 623E), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394 or by email at [wpa246@boem.gov](mailto:wpa246@boem.gov). You may also contact Mr. Goeke by telephone at (504) 736–3233.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** BOEM developed the WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS to consider new information made available since completion of the 2012–2017 WPA/CPA Multisale EIS, WPA 233/CPA 231 Supplemental EIS, and WPA 238/246/248 Supplemental EIS, and to consider new information related to the *Deepwater Horizon* explosion, oil spill, and response. The WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS provides updates on the baseline conditions and potential environmental effects of oil and natural gas leasing, exploration, development, and production in the WPA. BOEM conducted an extensive search for new information, reviewing scientific journals and available scientific data and information from academic institutions and Federal, State, and local agencies; and interviewing personnel from academic institutions and Federal, State, and local agencies. BOEM examined the potential impacts of routine activities and accidental events and the proposed lease sales' incremental contribution to the cumulative impacts on environmental and socioeconomic resources. The oil and gas resource estimates and scenario information for the WPA 246/248 Draft Supplemental EIS are presented as a range that would encompass the



# City of Taunton

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Thomas C. Hoye, Jr.  
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Daniel F. de Abreu  
ASST. CITY SOLICITOR

September 12, 2014

Honorable Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr.  
Members of the Taunton Municipal Council  
141 Oak Street  
Taunton MA 02780

**RE: Successful Collective Bargaining Negotiations with Fire Fighters Union**

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Dear Mayor Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council:

I am pleased to announce that the administration has reached a successor collective bargaining agreement with Taunton Fire Fighters, Local 1391 of the International Association of Fire Fighters. This agreement is for the three-year period beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2017. A copy of the memorandum of agreement is submitted to you herewith (see separate packet).

It is my belief that this agreement is fair and reasonable to both the City and the Union. I have been informed that the Union has already voted to ratify this agreement. Pursuant to G.L. c. 150E, §7, I am herewith submitting this agreement to the Municipal Council for approval of the cost items necessary to implement this agreement.

Very truly yours,

  
Jason D. Buffington, Esq.  
City Solicitor



# Taunton Nursing Home

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350 Norton Avenue • Taunton, Massachusetts 02780  
Tel. (508) 822-1132 • Fax (508) 880-8663

**September 2, 2014**

**To: City of Taunton Committee on Solid Waste**

**David W. Pottier Chairman**

**Jeanne M. Quinn Andrew J. Marshall**

**Deborah A. Carr Sherry Costa-Hanlon**

**From: John A. Brennan**

**Administrator TNH**

**Subject: Garden Shed**

**CC: The Honorable Thomas C. Hoyer, Jr.**

**Mayor of the City of Taunton**

**Board of Directors TNH**

**Wayne Walkden Superintendent of Buildings**

**Fred Cornaglia Commissioner DPW**

**The Taunton Nursing Home has been owned and operated by the City of Taunton since our origination as the Taunton Poor Farm in 1823.**

**We are in need of a replacement garden shed for our tractors and assorted lawn and facility equipment.**



The current shed has been deemed not repairable by Mr. Walkden; I concur. It must be removed as soon as a replacement shed is obtained as it is a safety hazard. I believe the DPW can remove the current shed safely and at minimum expense.

I am requesting a grant of \$ 10,000.00 to replace the shed.

A new garden shed will serve TNH into our third century of providing to the citizens of the City of Taunton.

Thank you.

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

Taunton City Council  
141 Oak St  
Taunton, Ma. 02780

9/10/14

Dear Council Members,

The Taunton Area Vietnam Veterans Association cordially invites the City Council and the citizens of Taunton to join us for our 32<sup>nd</sup> annual POW/MIA Vigil. This is being held on Church Green at the Vietnam Memorial from noontime, Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> to noontime Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Presently there are still 1641 POW/MIA's unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, along with over 80,000 from America's previous wars. Our Vigil will honor and remember all those that have not returned home. Highlights of the vigil will be the reading of the names of all the MIA's of the Vietnam War from our state. A name will be read each half hour throughout the day and night. A large dog tag will be placed on a parachute cord that is attached to a bamboo fence that circles the memorial fountain. All are welcome to join us and take a turn. Along with the dog tag an American flag will be placed. A lot feeling goes along with doing this, to those that help, a lasting memory!

At the closing ceremony at noon on Sunday, Mayor Thomas Hoye will give the greetings of the city. Speakers include, Leslie Duclos, from the office of Congressman Joe Kennedy, State Senator Marc Pacheco, State Rep Shauna O'Connell, and State Rep Keiko Orrall. Jane Van Gyzen will recite a poem. Michaela Gordon will sing the National Anthem. Our keynote speaker will be Joe D'Entremont, President of Rolling Thunder Boston Chapter, Joe is a diligent worker for the POW/MIA issue, he and his group's goal is to get a POW/MIA chair in every city council in every City in Massachusetts!

We have heard from the National League of Families of POW/MIA's that there are many problems within JPAC (Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command). Field operations have been cancelled because of complications relating to timely funding, not with the shortages of funds but with internal mishandling of contractual authorities by some in JPAC with no mission experience, bottom line, no field operations, no search for remains. This has to be corrected as soon as possible. Many of us have dedicated many years to this issue we can't let it be stalled now.

Again, all are welcome to join us, to remember those who have yet to come home!

Sincerely

Dennis Proulx  
Vice President TAVVA  
774-218-6676



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**CITY OF TAUNTON**  
**Contributory Retirement System**  
Address: 40 Dean St., Unit 3  
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780  
Tel (508) 821-1052 Fax (508) 821-1063  
[www.tauntonretirement.com](http://www.tauntonretirement.com)

**BOARD OF  
RETIREMENT**

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Ann Marie Hebert, City Auditor

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**Director:**

Paul J. Slivinski

**Assistant**

**Director:**

Kathy A. Maki

September 5, 2014

Andrew J. Marshall, President  
Taunton Municipal Council  
141 Oak St., Temporary City Hall  
Taunton, MA 02780

Re: retirement benefit change(s)

Dear Council President Marshall and Councilors:

The Taunton Retirement Board (The "Board") recently voted on August 27, 2014 to approve an increase in the Cost-of-Living allowance (COLA) base from \$14,000 to \$15,000 pursuant to G.L. c. 32, §103(j). This means that a pensioner could receive a COLA up to the first \$15,000 of their retirement allowance – an increase of \$2.50/month for anyone earning \$15,000 or greater.

The Board also voted 08/27/14 to increase the survivor allowance for certain survivors under G.L. c. 32, §101 from \$750 to \$1,000 per month. There are currently thirty (30) survivors eligible for this benefit. Anyone retiring on or after 11/07/1996 is not eligible. Therefore this benefit will eventually be eliminated as pensioners/survivors are deceased.

Pursuant to both statutes, G.L. c. 32, §103(j) and §101, the above increases are subject to approval of the legislative body – the Taunton Municipal Council.

The cost to implement these changes would not be reflected in the retirement system's funding schedule until FY2017 at the earliest and are calculated as follows:

- 1) COLA Base increase \$14K to \$15K  
Accrued Liability = +\$1,493,268 overall increase in pension liability  
FY17 appropriation = +\$190,645 annual increase in appropriation
- 2) Section 101 Survivor increase \$750 to \$1,000/month  
Accrued Liability = +\$588,105 overall increase in pension liability  
FY17 appropriation = +\$58,994 annual increase in appropriation

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We recently conducted an actuarial valuation of the retirement system as of 01/01/2014 that measured the actuarial experience of the retirement plan, investment results, etc. Our investment returns have been superior over the last few years and this has resulted in a *decrease* in the new funding schedule versus the prior schedule resulting in a (\$269,939) savings starting in FY2016. Therefore the aforementioned retirement benefit increases could be offset by these savings.

The retirement board respectfully requests the Council's approval of the COLA Base & Survivor benefit increases. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,



Paul J. Slivinski, CPP  
Executive Director

Encl.

**Taunton Contributory Retirement System  
2014 Actuarial Valuation and Study**

|                           | <u>2012</u>        | <u>2014</u>        |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Accrued Liability         | 339,006,864        | 364,926,837        |
| Actuarial Value of Assets | 209,808,060        | 239,531,317        |
| Unfunded Liability        | <u>129,198,804</u> | <u>125,395,520</u> |
| Funded Ratio              | 61.89%             | 65.64%             |
| <br>                      |                    |                    |
| Market Value of Assets    | 197,003,279        | 256,078,649        |
| <br>                      |                    |                    |
| FYE15 Appropriation*      | 14,753,156         | 14,753,156         |
| FYE16 Appropriation*      | 15,213,845         | 14,943,906         |
| FYE17 Appropriation*      |                    | 15,365,065         |

**Study - Increase COLA Base from \$14,000 to \$15,000**

|                           | <u>\$14,000</u>    | <u>\$15,000</u>    | <u>Difference</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Accrued Liability         | 364,926,837        | 366,420,105        |                   |
| Actuarial Value of Assets | 239,531,317        | 239,531,317        |                   |
| Unfunded Liability        | <u>125,395,520</u> | <u>126,888,788</u> | 1,493,268         |
| Funded Ratio              | 65.64%             | 65.37%             | -0.27%            |
| <br>                      |                    |                    |                   |
| FYE16 Appropriation*      | 14,943,906         | 14,943,906         |                   |
| FYE17 Appropriation*      | 15,365,065         | 15,555,710         | 190,645           |

**Study - Increase the Section 101 Minimum Death Benefit from \$750 to \$1000**

|                           | <u>\$750</u>       | <u>\$1,000</u>     | <u>Difference</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Accrued Liability         | 364,926,837        | 365,514,942        |                   |
| Actuarial Value of Assets | 239,531,317        | 239,531,317        |                   |
| Unfunded Liability        | <u>125,395,520</u> | <u>125,983,625</u> | 588,105           |
| Funded Ratio              | 65.64%             | 65.53%             | -0.11%            |
| <br>                      |                    |                    |                   |
| FYE16 Appropriation*      | 14,943,906         | 14,943,906         |                   |
| FYE17 Appropriation*      | 15,365,065         | 15,424,059         | 58,994            |

\* Amortization of the Unfunded Liability completed in 2030.



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(c) If a schedule established under this section would result in an appropriation in the first fiscal year of the schedule that is greater than 8 per cent more than the appropriation in the previous fiscal year, the requirement of clause (2) of subsection (a) may be adjusted with the approval of the public employee retirement administration commission.

(d) Systems may establish a schedule under this section that provides for an increase in the maximum base amount on which the cost-of-living adjustment is calculated pursuant to section 103, in multiples of \$1,000. Acceptance of this subsection shall be in accordance with paragraph (j) of section 103.

**SECTION 19.** Section 103 of said chapter 32, as so appearing is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: -

(j) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the board of any system that establishes a schedule pursuant to section 22D or 22F, may increase the maximum base amount on which the cost-of-living adjustment is calculated, in multiples of \$1,000. Each increase in the maximum base amount shall be accepted by a majority vote of the board of such system, subject to the approval of the legislative body. For the purpose of this section, "legislative body" shall mean, in the case of a city, the city council in accordance with its charter, in the case of a town, the town meeting, in the case of a district, the district members, and, in the case of an authority, the governing body. In the case of a county or region, acceptance shall be by the county or regional retirement board advisory council at a meeting called for that purpose by the county or regional retirement board that shall notify council members at least 60 days before the meeting. Upon receiving notice, the treasurer of a town belonging to the county or regional retirement system shall make a presentation to the town's chief executive officer, as defined in paragraph (c) of subdivision (8) of section 22, regarding the impact of the increase in the cost-of-living adjustment base, the failure of which by a treasurer shall not impede or otherwise nullify the vote by the advisory council. Acceptance of an increase in the maximum base amount shall be deemed to have occurred upon the filing of the certification of such vote with the commission. A decision to accept an increase in the maximum base amount may not be revoked.

**SECTION 71.** The first actuarial valuation to be conducted pursuant to the second paragraph of paragraph (f) of subdivision (3) of section 21 chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 16, shall be completed by January 1, 2011, or by January 1 of the third year following the last actuarial valuation of the system, whichever first occurs.

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**MEMORANDUM #43, 2012**

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards

FROM: Joseph E. Connarton, Executive Director

RE: Local Option Increase to Benefits Payable to Widows and Widowers of Disabled Public Employees under § 101 (Chapter 139 of the Acts of 2012)

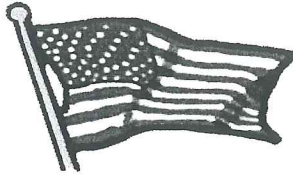
DATE: August 1, 2012

The recently enacted FY13 State Budget (Chapter 139 of the Acts of 2012) contained Sections 63, 64 and 65, all addressing the benefits payable to certain surviving spouses of disabled employees pursuant to G.L. c. 32, § 101. A local option is now available to raise this benefit to \$12,000. (Chapter 32, § 101 now contains the statutory \$6,000 benefit as well as a \$9,000 supplemental allowance summarized in PERAC Memo #28 / 2010).

The new \$12,000 local option must be adopted by the local board and approved by the legislative body. Acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred upon the filing of a certification of such votes with the Commission. Upon acceptance, the allowances of all individuals receiving an allowance pursuant to G.L. c. 32, § 101 will be increased to \$12,000. This provision can be accepted at any time. If the acceptances do not take place, the allowance remains payable at either \$6,000 per year or \$9,000 if the 2010 local option was properly implemented.

The State Teachers' and State Employees Retirement Systems shall be deemed to have accepted the new local option, effective July 1, 2012.

We trust the foregoing will be of some assistance to you.



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SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

HONORABLE THOMAS C. HOYE, JR., MAYOR  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANDREW J. MARSHALL  
AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 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

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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**THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE**

1. MEET WITH THE SAFETY OFFICER TO REVISIT THE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA OF LEDDY SCHOOL AND TO DISCUSS NO PARKING ON CHARLES STREET.
2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE
3. PUBLIC INPUT

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**THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS**

1. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO FURTHER DISCUSS ORDINANCE MODERNIZING THE PARKING COMMISSION.
2. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS ADDING THE TRASH ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO CHAPTER 8-28 SECTION F
3. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR TO REVIEW DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR TAG DAYS
4. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR TO REVIEW DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES.
5. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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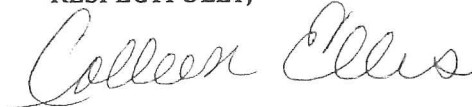
**THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

1. MEET TO SELECT COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE COUNCIL ON THE TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM PROJECT
2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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RESPECTFULLY,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES