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**SELECT BOARD
AGENDA
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
7:00pm**

Rich Maiore, Erin McBee, Kara McGuire Minar, Don Ludwig, Charles Oliver

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Topic: Select Board

Time: Jun 21, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Call meeting to order – Chair Rich Maiore
- 2) Meet with Water Commissioners to discuss and act on water project (7:00)
- 3) Discuss and act on Council on Aging building project funding (7:20)
- 4) Act on annual appointments and meet new volunteers (7:40)
- 5) Public Communication (8:20)
- 6) Approve minutes 6/7 (8:25)
- 7) Staff Report/Updates (8:30)
- 8) Action/Discussion items: (8:45)
 - a) Discuss next steps on Cell Tower
 - b) Act on Ayer Road project design
 - c) Act on Town Clerk request for out of state travel
 - d) Act on Eagle Scout proclamations
 - e) Act on letter to the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development regarding Devens
- 9) Select Board Reports
- 10) **Executive Session:** per MGL Ch. 30A, s. 21(a)2: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. The Select Board will reconvene into open session only to adjourn.

*Next Regular Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
7:00pm*

COA Project Budget

	<u>TOWN MEETING BUDGET</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET - Choice C</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET Choice D</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET Choice E</u>
		<u>GC Bids with Alternates</u>	<u>As Bid with Alternates</u>	<u>As Bid without Alternates</u>
		<u>15% Contingency</u>	<u>10% Contingency</u>	<u>10% Contingency</u>
Construction	\$1,185,218.00	\$1,488,000.00	\$1,488,000.00	
Alternate - Patch Driveway Cracks		\$5,160.00	\$5,160.00	
Atlernate - Paint Building		\$12,350.00	\$12,350.00	
Total Construction		\$1,505,510.00	\$1,505,510.00	\$1,488,000.00
Tel-Data Services	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Signage	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Architect	\$118,522.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00
Architect Contingency	\$11,852.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Legal/Bonding	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Moving/Storage	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Owner Contingency	\$93,540.00	\$225,826.50	\$150,551.00	\$148,800.00
Total	\$1,429,832.00	\$1,884,036.50	\$1,808,761.00	\$1,789,500.00
Shortfall		\$454,204.50 31.77%	\$378,929.00 26.50%	\$359,668.00 25.15%

Introduction of new volunteers being considered for appointment

Committee/Board	Name	Term
Bare Hill Pond Committee	Joe Petrossi	3 year
Bare Hill Pond Committee	Rainer Park	3 year
Conservation Commission	John Iacomini	3 year
Conservation Commission	Daniel Tracey	3 year
Council on Aging	Beth Williams	3 year
Council on Aging	Wade Holtzman	3 year
Council on Aging	Kelene Blumstein	1 year (Alternate)
Cultural Council	Kathryn Costello	3 year
Cultural Council	Lisa Aciukewicz	3 year
MAHT	Lisa McAteer	2 year
Park & Rec	Sam Levine	3 year
Planning Board	John McCormack	3 year or 1 year
Planning Board	Arielle Jennings	3 year of 1 year
Zoning Board of Appeals	Barbara Romero	1 year (Associate)

Committee/Board/Commission recommendations:

- The ZBA voted to recommend the appointment of Barbara Romero to the open associate member, re-appointment of Steve Moeser to the 3-year position and Ted Maxant to the additional associate seat. This will make a full ZBA board.
- The Pond Committee voted to recommend Joe Pettrossi to fill vacancy left by Brian McLain and Rainer Park as associate member.
- MAHT recommends the appointment of Lisa McAteer.
- CoA recommends the appointment of Beth Williams and Wade Holtzman.
- The Cultural Council voted to recommend Lisa Aciukewicz and Kathryn Costello.
- Conservation Commission recommendation enclosed.
- Park & Recreation Commission recommends the appointment of Sam Levine.

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DATE: June 13, 2022

TO: Rich Maiore, Chair Harvard Select Board

FROM: Don Ritchie, Chair Harvard Conservation Commission

RE: Fiscal Year 2023 Conservation Commission Recommendations for
Appointments

At the June 2, 2022 meeting of the Harvard Conservation Commission the members voted to recommend to the Select Board the appointments of Eve Wittenberg to the 3-year term being vacated by Wendy Sisson and John Iacomini to the Associate Member, 1-year term for Fiscal Year 2023. On behalf of the Commission, I thank you for providing the opportunity to provide this recommendation.

Annual Appointment List

FY2023

Board/Committee/Commission	Current Member	Term	Current appointment expires	New appointment through to
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION	Robert Traver	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
BARE HILL POND WATERSHED MGMT COM	Pablo Carbonell	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
BARE HILL POND WATERSHED MGMT COM	Kerry Shrives	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
BOARD OF HEALTH	Libby Levison	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
CEMETERY COMMISSION	Bruce R. Dolimount	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	Davida J. Bagatelle	2 year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2024
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	Toni Spacciapoli	2 year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2024
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	Susan A Tokay	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
COMMUNITY CABLE ACCESS COMMITTEE	Robert Curran	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Donald Ritchie	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
CONSERVATION COMMISSION, Associate	Eve Wittenberg	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
COUNCIL ON AGING	Chester Hooper	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
CULTURAL COUNCIL, 1st term	Maria Day	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
DEVENS JURISDICTION FRAMEWORK COM				
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ELDERLY & DISABLED TAXATION AID COM	Barbara Kemp	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
ELDERLY & DISABLED TAXATION AID COM	Marie Sobalvarro	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
ELM COMMISSION	Mario Cardenas	2 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2024
ELM COMMISSION	Bill Calderwood	2 Year	Jun 23, 2022	June 30, 2024
ELM COMMISSION, Tree Warden	JC Ferguson	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE	Anne Hentz	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE	Christopher Chalifoux	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE	Chris Connors	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
HARBORMASTER	Bob O'Shea	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
HARVARD ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Brian Smith	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
HARVARD ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE	David Fay	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
HARVARD ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Forrest Hodgkins	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
HARVARD ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Ellen Sachs Leicher	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
HARVARD ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Peter Kelly-Joseph	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
HISTORICAL COMMISSION, Bd Realtors	Steve Nigzus	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
HISTORICAL COMMISSION, Con Com.	George Triantaris	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
MBTA ADVISORY BOARD	Bruce Leicher	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	Paul Cohen	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	Linda Dwight	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	JoAnn Crystoff	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	Franklyn Carlson	2 Year	Jun 23, 2022	June 30, 2024
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	Peter Dorward	2 Year	Jun 23, 2022	June 30, 2024
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	Dan Daly	2 Year	Jun 23, 2022	June 30, 2024
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	Brian Cook	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	Jim Lee	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	Rich Maiore	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION	Robert O'Shea	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023

Annual Appointment List

FY2023

Board/Committee/Commission	Current Member	Term	Current appointment expires	New appointment through to
PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE	Richard Maiore	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE	Guy Hermann	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
PERSONNEL BOARD	Diana Harte	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
SEWER & WATER COMMISSION	Cindy Russo	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
TREE WARDEN	JC Ferguson	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, Alternate	Orville Dodson	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	Steve Moeser	3 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2025
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, Alternate	Ted Maxant	1 Year	Jun 30, 2022	June 30, 2023



Select Board Minutes
Tuesday, June 7, 2022
7:00pm

The Select Board Regular Meeting was held virtually in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A. S.20.

Select Board participants:

Rich Maiore, Erin McBee, Kara Minar, Don Ludwig, Charles Oliver

Town Department attendees:

Town Administrator Tim Bragan, Assistant Town Administrator Marie Sobalvarro, Executive Assistant Julie Doucet, Land Use Administrator/Personnel Board Employee Rep. Liz Allard

Additional participants:

Personnel Board & Harvard Devens Jurisdiction Chair Victor Normand, HCIC/HEAC members Ellen Leicher, Jefferson Burson, David Fay, Brian Smith

Board reorganization

Don Ludwig was willing to serve as clerk. Erin McBee nominated Don Ludwig for clerk which was seconded by Rich Maiore, unanimously voted. Rich Maiore nominated Erin McBee for Vice Chair. Don Ludwig seconded the nomination, unanimously voted. Don Ludwig nominated Rich Maiore for Chair. Erin McBee seconded the nomination, unanimously voted.

Meet with Personnel Board

Juneteenth Holiday

Chair Victor Normand and Employee Rep. Liz Allard were present. Allard explained Governor Charlie Baker declared Juneteenth as a state holiday in 2020 to be observed on June 19th. If the 19th falls on a Sunday it must be observed on Monday and Saturday holidays are observed on Saturday. In addition, Allard noted municipal offices are required to be closed. She reported the Personnel Board voted unanimously to ask the Select Board to add this as a non-union holiday. Don Ludwig served as the Finance Committee representative on the Personnel Board when this was discussed. He said the evidence provided supports adding this holiday as the appropriate direction to take. They discussed how the holiday would be observed (floating) and if it would be a paid holiday or not. Allard said this was not discussed in detail by the Personnel Board. Erin McBee serves as the Select Board Rep. on the Personnel Board. She agreed with Ludwig's statement that this is the right direction to take. By a roll call vote, Ludwig – aye, McBee – aye, Maiore – aye, Minar – aye, Oliver – aye, the board voted unanimously to approve Juneteenth as a paid holiday for benefit eligible town employees effective this year.

Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day

Assistant Town Administrator added this item for discussion due to the non-binding vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting in May. The change was initiated by a citizen's petition. The board members decided to take no action at this time and may revisit in the future.

Select Board Rep. to the Personnel Board

By a roll call vote, McBee – aye, Maiore – aye, Ludwig – aye, Minar -aye, Oliver – aye, the board voted unanimously to appoint Don Ludwig as their rep to the Personnel Board.

Harvard Devens Jurisdiction Committee (HDJC) Plan Summary

Committee Chair Victor Normand described the plan as an anchor document used to secure a place in time in anticipation of what is to come. He gave an overview of the plan which represents the future vision for a combined Devens-Harvard community many details still need to be addressed. He admitted the current

efforts of the larger Devens Jurisdiction Framework Committee (DJFC) are progressing slowly and it will likely take years for the DJFC to reach a consensus. He highlighted taxation and municipal finance as major elements for attention. Normand also pointed out Harvard has a large portion of historic lands making us a major stakeholder in the future of Devens. The committee will hold a public hearing to present the plan and as a way to engage other stakeholders in the process. Don Ludwig appreciated the efforts thus far. Charles Oliver asked about long/short term debts. Normand will share the financials the committee has gathered. Kara Minar serves a Select Board rep. on the HDJC. She expressed the committee's frustration with the lack of response from MassDevelopment and the state with the final straw being MassDevelopment's decision to not participate in the process. Normand shared a draft letter for the Select Board to consider sending to the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. Rich Maiore thanked Normand and the committee for their efforts. A draft letter will be available for consideration at the next meeting.

Minutes

By a roll call vote, Ludwig – aye, McBee – aye, Oliver – aye, Minar – aye, Maiore – aye, the board voted unanimously to approve minutes of 5/17, as presented.

Staff Report/Updates (Attachment A)

Harvard Climate Initiative Committee (HCIC)/Energy Advisory Committee (HEAC) update

Committee members Ellen Leicher, Brian Smith and Jefferson Burson gave a presentation on the development status of the HCIC Climate Action Plan and the HEAC municipal decarbonization plan. They included their plans for education and outreach on their initiatives. Leicher explained the biggest challenge they have encountered is the need for staff support to organize and attain grant funding opportunities. She noted the importance of the Select Board and relevant committees/boards/departments support to the design and implementation of an environmental assessment process. They decided to have the HCIC/HEAC develop a template for the Select Board to consider on how best to approach initial discussions and gain support in the plan. In addition, they will begin organizing all grant opportunities that are available. Rich Maiore thanked those involved for all their work thus far.

Recognize resignation of Didi Chadran

The Select Board recognized the resignation of Didi Chadran from the CPC and MAHT admitting this is a huge loss especially to the CPC. A letter of thanks will be sent.

Strategic Planning Session date

A doodle poll will be shared to determine the best date to hold this annual meeting.

Summer schedule

Marie Sobalvarro shared a potential summer schedule. Any issues will be directed to the Town Administration office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Documents referenced:

Juneteenth – 2022 MA Holiday Calendar & community survey

HDJC Plan Summary – dated 4.7.2022 & draft letter to Secretary Kennealy – dated 4.7.2022

HCIC/HEAC presentation – dated 5.17.2022

Decarbonization Plan – dated 4.11.2022

Chadran resignation letter – dated 5.16.2022

Staff Report June 7, 2022

1. First, Marie, Julie and I welcome the new Board members (Don Ludwig and Charles Oliver) to the board and we all look forward to working with the both of you in your new roles.
2. General contractor bids for the COA project came in and were over budget by more than \$300,000+ due to the HVAC sub-contractor bids. All other sub-contractor bids were aligned with the 50% cost estimate, give or take 5%. The architects' assessment is that the limited supply and increased price of heat pumps is the primary driver. (50% cost estimate from DAI, sub-contractor bids from projectdog.com, and summarized GC bids attached).

General contractor bids hold for 30 days. In collaboration with the Permanent Building Committee chair, we generated a list of options (attached), which were narrowed down to four viable options (#s 1, 5, 7, and 8); the others were discarded due to legal and/or timeline issues.

We'd like to pursue using the Green Community's funds to offset the overall cost. The only option which does not lead to a special town meeting this month is #5, using ARPA monies. The downside is that this reduces what is available from ARPA for the water project (for which you will be receiving a recommendation at your next meeting).

3. Old Library Roof expected completion (pending decorative molded copper) is mid-July. Copper gutter install (starting at the rear of the building) will be completed first, prior to re-slating the roof. (photo attached).
4. Legal Counsel along with Select Board Member Ms. McBee have been trying to get the courts to move on the Bromfield House amendment to allow a temporary lease of the building for Afghani refugees. Unfortunately, this has been stalled as the issue has to go to a hearing due to the fact that the Bromfield Trustees would not sign/file a consent decree. We were hoping to have this resolved before June and now it lingers on because of the Trust. All efforts are being made to shorten the waiting time on this issue but without the consent decree we are forced to wait.
5. The Town Hall lift is out of order and until the parts come in there are no public meetings by boards or committees in Town Hall. The Cable group recently fixed the speaker system in the meeting room which had failed a while back. Also, the Senate has included a remote meeting extension in their version of the State budget (see attached), which the Senate passed. If this does not pass then we are looking at July 15, 2022 as the last day to have a remote/zoom meeting.

6. Police updates:

- a. The Chief and his staff have completed all of their requirements for POST certification. This includes the implementation of all mandatory policies regarding use of force, bias, reporting, juvenile, mental health and other required action items. Policies were mandatory in order for the department to be certified. Part 2 of the certification process was to re-certify officers for their police powers and certification. Every officer last name A-H completed their attestation forms and the final spreadsheet is being submitted to POST for all officers A-H to be re-certified. This certification process is new and will have to be done every three years.
- b. The PD completed its annual in-service requirements which included the last portion of firearms qualifications. Every officer passed their annual in-service which is 40 hours of various classes including law updates, CPR and First responder, AED, defensive tactics and Taser Re-Certification as well as firearms qualifications with pistol, long gun and shotgun. They also completed numerous training classes in various areas the last month.
- c. The PD completed their application for Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration for Municipalities for Use of Naloxone (Narcan). If approved we will be receiving our Narcan doses which will be issued to every officer to administer to victims of opioid overdoses. The Narcan will be fully funded through a state grant under Department of Public Health.
- d. The new radar trailers and hardware for conversions were ordered from Central Equipment after passage of the article at town meeting. They are estimating a delivery time between 6-8 weeks. Hopefully they will be in and deployed by the end of July.
- e. Traffic citations continue to be given out (warnings and fines). The last period had 42 offenses with 6 citations. Those 6 citations totaled \$1,120. in fines
- f. The Chief is applying for a state grant that will fully fund electronic citation readers and printers in all of our police cruisers. The e-Citation method has several benefits over the traditional paper method:
 - Officers spend less time at the side of the road.
 - Violators are on their way faster.
 - Fewer citations are dismissed for transcription errors, illegible handwriting, incorrect location (e.g. a stop sign violation written to have occurred at Mass Ave and Prospect Hill Rd., when they don't actually cross), and mismatched ordinance/statute names and numbers are eliminated.
 - No need for clerks to manually enter information from paper tickets into a database.
 - Nearly instantaneous access to traffic violation and accident data.
 - Improved convenience for the violator, as there is no delay in processing the citation at the courthouse.
 - Less push-back from officers who are able to spend more time on both patrolling and enforcing traffic laws elsewhere.

7. State Updates: (See SHN articles attached)

Senate Updates:

- a. The Senate included Sports Betting in its proposed budget for the first time as they have normally opposed such a move. This could bring in over \$111 million to the state revenue coffers (see attached).
- b. The Senate had to contend with 1,178 filed budget amendments totaling \$3.5 billion dollars (see attached). They dealt with them and passed a budget that is different than the House budget and spends approximately \$38.4 million more. Both budgets push the state budget well past the \$55 billion mark (see attached).
- c. Budget negotiators were named by the House and Senate and they will be working out the final details of a budget to submit to the Governor by the end of the month (see attached).

General State Updates:

- a. The May revenue collections while below last year's numbers was \$186 million or 8% higher than the revised estimates for this year (see previously attached SHNS article).
 - b. The Governor submitted a new spending plan to the House and Senate for an additional \$1.7 billion in spending in the current year. As noticed earlier, the House and Senate have been reluctant but the current level of the State surplus is making things harder on them to hold the line (see attached).
8. The Massachusetts Taxpayer Foundation (MTF) will be seeing yet another change in the position of their President as Eileen McAnnenny has announced her retirement from the post at the end of this year (see attached).
 9. AG Maura Healy filed suit against the Firefighting Foam Makers claiming they hid the chemical dangers of the foam and PFAS (see attached). If the suit is successful then it is possible that communities could see funds in the future. This would be similar to the opioid settlement that we recently benefitted from.
 10. State surtax opponents have started their campaign to derail the Constitutional amendment move of having a surtax on household income over \$1 million dollars. This issue is on the statewide ballot next November (see attached).
 11. The House and Senate are actively working to further regulate Host Community Agreements (HCA) which could negatively impact the revenue the Town will see from its one and only marijuana establishment. The legislature is also going to allow

cities and towns to approve on-site cannabis consumption establishments within their borders (see attached).

12. Notice and Reminders:

- a. SB Appointments will happen on June 21, 2022 and we ask that you review the list you received and let us know if there are any issues you have with any of the pending appointments. The HR Director will be conducting voluntary exit interviews, for those individuals that are getting off boards and committees, to collect data and comments of what they enjoyed and what they disliked.**
- b. As of July 1, Notary services will again be offered at the Town Hall and the Police Station. This was halted due to change in insurance regulations and Ms. Sobalvarro was able to work this into our insurance portfolio at minimal cost.**
- c. The Board needs to finalize its decision on the Ayer Road roadway project at the next meeting so that the project can continue to move along in some fashion.**



Thinking outside the sphere

To Marie Sobalvarro

From David Maxson

Re Tower RFP

June 7, 2022

Isotrope proposes to assist the Town of Harvard with creating a request for proposals for the placement of a cell tower at the Hildreth House parcel. Isotrope has assisted towns and their counsel with what the Commonwealth calls a “disposition of property” in the form of cell site leases. Typically our services include support crafting a draft lease and an RFP, and supporting the process of prosecuting the RFP through to award and, if desired, final construction.

As a point of information, there are several aspects to consider, such as whether only wireless carriers should be involved (what we call the Dover model) or tower developers (wireless carriers or qualified third parties) should be invited. This relates to the final ownership and control of the tower itself, which has implications on both the revenue side and the town obligations side.

We propose to lay out the options with financial models and risk assessment. Once a model is chosen, we will provide draft language and/or collaborate with counsel on the language. If special counsel is desired, we can make recommendations. We can support the RFP process and final lease negotiations.

The costs of our and other professional services can typically be recovered in whole or in part from initial signing fees paid by the winning bidder(s).

We propose the foregoing as a general outline of scope, which the town can manage by requesting specific components of the services as the effort progresses. We suggest a \$10,000 budget for our services from start to finish and will bill against the budget as each approved task is performed.

Thank you.

From: Joanne Zobbi <jbzobbi@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 11:01 AM
To: Julie Doucet <jdoucet@harvard-ma.gov>
Cc: emcbee01451@gmail.com <emcbee01451@gmail.com>
Subject: Request for Eagle Scout Recognition

June 16, 2022
Town of Harvard Board of Selectmen

jdoucet@harvard-ma.gov
cc: emcbee01451@gmail.com

Dear Select Board,
The Boy Scouts, Troop Leaders, and Committee Members of the Town of Harvard Boy Scouts Troop 1 take great pleasure in announcing that, having completed the requirements for and having successfully passed an Eagle Scout Board of Review, the following scouts have achieved the rank of ***Eagle Scout***:
Jack Babcock on May 12, 2022 and
Michael Arata on June 8, 2022

We would appreciate a letter or certificate for each scout acknowledging his achievement. It will be compiled with acknowledgements from other national, state and community leaders in a scrapbook and presented publicly at the formal Eagle Ceremony to commemorate this special occasion.

Please send the acknowledgements to:

Joanne Zobbi
c/o Harvard Boy Scouts
P.O. Box 346
Harvard, MA 01451

Thank you for taking time from your extremely busy schedule to help our Troop recognize the achievement and service of our new Eagle Scouts.

Sincerely,

Joanne Zobbi
Troop Advancement Chair
Harvard Boy Scouts Troop 1

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June 21, 2022

Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
Secretary Mike Kennealy
1 Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Chairman Kennealy:

It is with surprise and regret that the Select Board in Harvard was informed that MassDevelopment was withdrawing its participation from the Devens Jurisdiction Framework Committee (DJFC). For more than two years the members of this committee have invested a great deal of time and effort planning for the future of permanent government at Devens.

I am writing to you because senior management at MassDevelopment has been unresponsive to the Harvard Select Board on matters relating to Devens. A letter to Mr. Rivera sent in May of last year has gone unanswered and other requests by the Town of Harvard from its staff and appointed volunteers on the matter of funding for the DJFC have been ignored, as have requests for engagement over the future of Vicksburg Square in the heart of Devens.

Despite the legislative requirement that MassDevelopment engage with all parties to the Devens Reuse Plan in planning for permanent government at Devens, your senior staff has now concluded on its own that such engagement should not begin until 2030, mistakenly interpreting the "not later than" language as a starting point rather than a deadline.

I have been informed that MassDevelopment will not provide any funding for this planning effort in its next Devens operating budget. Previously, MassDevelopment had made it a requirement that the three host communities of Ayer, Harvard and Shirley participate in this cost. These funding decisions appear to be a clear affront to the Towns. The Devens project presently holds over \$100 million in net assets, more than half of that in cash, on its balance sheet. Those funds belong to the Devens project which by many measures is coming to an end.

MassDevelopment has done a superior job implementing the Devens Reuse Plan as it was envisioned by the three towns and the Commonwealth. As the designated redevelopment authority for Devens it has coordinated the successful environmental cleanup efforts of the Army, MassDEP, and the EPA; replaced the neglected utility infrastructure completely, redesigned and built new roadways, demolished or repurposed abandoned buildings, and most importantly replaced all of the jobs lost when the military realigned away from Devens with a broad spectrum of mostly higher skilled jobs. It would be unfortunate to have its accomplishments diminished as it begins to exit the stage.

In addition to its role as a redevelopment authority, MassDevelopment was given the role as the interim government at Devens. As its redevelopment tasks diminish, its function as the local government has increased. As the residential portion of the Reuse Plan has been carried out and more residents arrive, the

need to know what permanent government will look like and when the residents will become fully enfranchised, takes on greater importance. While MassDevelopment's stewardship of Devens has been noteworthy, nonetheless, Devens residents have a right to fully participate in self-government.

Finally, it needs to be made clear that bringing about the end of MassDevelopment's role as the interim government does not mean that its responsibilities to complete the work of the Reuse Plan has also ended. Once its role as the interim government ends, MassDevelopment will continue to operate at Devens just as it does in every other community where it has projects.

By participating in the Devens Jurisdiction Framework Committee, MassDevelopment brings almost 30 years of experience and important professional expertise to the effort. By fully funding the same level of outside consultant services in community development and municipal finance as was committed to the crafting of the Devens Reuse Plan in 1991, the complete success of the project can be assured.

Your action to bring about the full engagement both professionally and financially will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rich Maiore, Chair
On behalf of the Harvard Select Board