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TOWN OF CHARLTON
Minutes of Regular Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday – October 2, 2012

Present: Chairman – Peter J. Boria, Vice-Chairman – Frederick C. Swensen, Clerk – Brent Sellew and Members – Kathleen W. Walker and David M. Singer. Also present: Town Administrator - Robin L. Craver.

NOTE: Some matters may have been taken out of agenda order but were typed up in agenda order for ease of locating information when necessary.

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Boria called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with the pledge to the flag and asked for a moment of silence for Jon Foskett, a long-time resident of Charlton.

II. Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 18, 2012. **Motion by Mr. Swensen to approve the minutes of September 18, 2012, seconded by Mr. Sellew, motion carries unanimously.**

III. Community Relations, Announcements and Open Forum:

- Chairman Boria read the announcements
- Ms. Walker would like to send out a word of appreciation and gratitude to Senator Brewer for moving our water/sewer legislation forward.

IV. Appointments/Resignations:

1. Appointment – Student Selectperson. Mrs. Craver stated that attached is a letter from Mary A. Pierangeli, Principal at Shepherd Hill Regional High School asking the Board to accept Grade 11 student, Michaela Carofaniello as a non-voting student representative for the year 2012-2013. Ms. Carofaniello was elected to the Student Advisory Council by students at Shepherd Hill in May of 2012. Should the Board accept Ms. Carofaniello as the Student Selectperson, her first meeting to attend will be on October 30, 2012. **Motion by Mr. Swensen to accept Michaela Carofaniello as a non voting student representative to the board, seconded by Mr. Sellew, motion carries unanimously.**
2. Appointment – Charlton Police Auxiliary. Mrs. Craver stated to please find attached a request for consideration to appoint several individuals to the Charlton Police Department – Auxiliary Police Unit from Chief Pervier. The compliment of officers who make up the Charlton Police Department's Auxiliary Police Unit is currently understaffed and additional personnel are needed to carry out the duties and functions of said organization. In an effort to fill the vacancies, Chief Pervier interviewed five Auxiliary Police Officer candidates. Three of the candidates were selected from the Charlton Police Department's current pool of Auxiliary Police Officer applicants and two are former Charlton Auxiliary Officers who are seeking to be reappointed to their former positions. All are fully qualified and hold current certifications which make them eligible to be considered to fill the open positions as requested. A thorough background check has been conducted on each of the finalists. The recommendation being given to the Board for consideration is to appoint the following five individuals contingent

upon each of them successfully completing a physical and firearms qualification with their duty weapon:

1. Bernard D. Ryan of 5 Edward Rd., Dudley MA
2. Michael V. Lovely of 70 Osgood Rd., Charlton MA
3. Thomas M. Wilk of 8 Nichols Ln, Charlton MA
4. Joshua E. Farrell of 46B Sutton Rd., Millbury MA and
5. Kevin A. O'Brien of 63 Prescott St., West Boylston MA

Motion by Mr. Swensen that we appoint Bernard D. Ryan, Michael V. Lovely, Thomas M. Wilk, Joshua E. Farrell and Kevin A. O'Brien as Auxiliary Police Officers, seconded by Ms. Walker, motion carries unanimously. Chief Pervier thanked the board and stated that this will help as October will be a very busy month.

3. Appointment – Assistant Treasurer. Mrs. Craver stated that she and Town Treasurer Keith Arsenault interviewed eleven candidates for the position of Assistant Town Treasurer. They are pleased to recommend the appointment of Monica Redmond of Charlton for this position. Ms. Redmond is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration. She exhibits many of the skills and traits that will ensure success in the Treasurer's office. **Motion by Ms. Walker that we approve the recommendation to hire Monica Redmond as the Assistant Town Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Sellew, motion carries unanimously.**
4. Resignation – Charlton Police Auxiliary. Mrs. Craver stated to please find attached a letter of resignation from Adam Lusignan as a Charlton Police Auxiliary Officer effective August 29, 2012. Due to Mr. Lusignan's schedule, he is not able to dedicate the required time for the Auxiliary. **Motion by Mr. Swensen that we accept Mr. Lusignan's resignation, seconded by Mr. Sellew, motion carries unanimously.**
5. Wiring Inspector. Mrs. Craver stated that five applications have been received for this position. After speaking with Chairman Boria, he would recommend that we close the time for accepting applications tonight and also suggested setting up a panel to interview the candidates and have them make the recommendation to the Board at your meeting on October 30, 2012. **Motion by Ms. Walker that we close the time for accepting applications as of tonight and that we set up a panel to do the interviews to provide a recommendation to the board at the meeting of October 30, 2012, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries unanimously.** Ms. Walker asked Mrs. Craver what she would recommend the panel be. Mrs. Craver would recommend one or two selectmen, the building commissioner and possibly a member of the Finance Committee. Ms. Walker would accept Mrs. Craver's recommendations to have the Building Commissioner, a BOS member and a member of the Finance Committee. Chairman Boria volunteered. It was also stated that Mrs. Craver should be part of the panel.

V. Scheduled Appointments:

6:40pm – Fire Department Members – recognition of years of service. Chief Cloutier came forward and thanked the Board for helping him recognize the members of his department that should be recognized for their many years of service. He would like to present these people with their years of service award pins. The members to be recognized are:

Firefighter Ron Rivett	20 years
Firefighter Mark Krukowski	20 years
Captain Ralph Harris, Jr.	20 years
Firefighter Kerry Mason	25 years
EMS Coordinator, Terri Gough	25 years
Asst. Chief, Mike Mahan	30 years
Asst. Chief, Curtis Meskus	30 years
EMT Douglas Adler	35 years

The Board congratulated all on a great job.

6:45pm - Charlton Housing Authority – water. Mrs. Craver stated that we have invited the Charlton Housing Authority and the Water/Sewer Commissioner's to tonight's meeting to discuss water for the Housing Authority. Mrs. Vincent, Director of the Housing Authority and Carol Smeltzer and Michael Sullivan, members of the Housing Authority came forward. Mr. Haebler from the Water/ Sewer Commission was also present. Ms. Walker stated that she invited them here and asked for information regarding the issues of not being able to get the water hooked up yet to the Housing Authority. Mrs. Vincent stated that the residents were all advised previously that they could get bottled water if they weren't comfortable with drinking the water because the contamination has been cleared. She has to check with the DEP for when the bottled water can be stopped and they are trying to find out when they can get hooked up to Southbridge Water. Mrs. Vincent stated that she had been working with Southbridge on an agreement and there were two issues that she questioned and Southbridge said those are two items that would be deal breakers. They have not come to an agreement yet. She has been working with someone that has been helping her with specific language dealing with all parties concerned. Ms. Walker thanked them for taking the time to come and to answer her questions. It was asked of Mrs. Vincent if the water line will also be for the development of the new area. Mrs. Vincent stated that the agreement would only be for the development currently there. When the rebuilding happens, they have to go back to Southbridge.

Ms. Walker left the meeting at 6:56pm.

VI. New Business:

1. Highway Department Bids:

* Winter Sand Bid – Mrs. Craver stated that on September 19, 2012 at 1:00pm, sealed bids marked "Winter Washed Sand" were opened and read in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. One bid was received from Hylka Construction, Co., Inc. in the amount of \$13.90 per ton delivered. The recommendation from her and Highway Superintendent Foskett would be to award the Winter Washed Sand Bid to Hylka Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$13.90 per ton delivered. Last year, Hylka Construction was awarded the bid in the amount of \$13.50/per ton delivered. **Motion by Mr. Swensen to award the Winter Washed Sand Bid to Hylka Construction, Co. in the amount of \$13.90 per ton delivered, seconded by Mr. Sellew, motion carries unanimously.**

* Guardrail Removal and Installation Bid – Mrs. Craver stated that on September 19, 2012 at 1:00pm, sealed bids marked Guardrail Removal and Installation were opened and read in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Four bids were received with the lowest bidder being Commonwealth Guardrail, Inc. in the amount of \$35,530.00 with an amount of \$19.90 per additional linear foot. The recommendation from her and Highway Superintendent Foskett would be to award the Guardrail Removal and Installation bid to Commonwealth Guardrail, Inc. in the amount of \$35,530.00 with an amount of \$19.90 per additional linear foot. **Motion by Mr. Sellew to award the Guardrail Removal and Installation Bid to Commonwealth Guardrail, Inc., in the amount of \$35,530.00 with an amount of \$19.90 per additional linear foot, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries unanimously.**

VII. Old Business:

1. TIF Policy. Mrs. Craver stated that at the Board's Goals & Objectives meeting, one of your goals was to review the TIF policy. She was asked to forward the policy to the Planning Board and ask them to review and share any concerns they may have relative to the Town's policy and suggestions for revisions. Attached is a letter received back from the Planning

Board. The Planning Board met jointly with the EDC (Economic Development Commission) and both boards jointly agreed to provide the following three comments to the Board:

- (1) Both Boards are satisfied with the policy and see no need for any revisions or changes to be made at this time,
- (2) They wish to remind the Board that the TIF policy was jointly established and supported via a working partnership in 2005-2006 among the Assessors, Economic Development Commission, Planning Board and Select Board and as such all four Boards have equal involvement, participation and interest in maintaining this policy as a group effort on behalf of the town government, and,
- (3) Given this multi Board interest, the Planning Board met with the EDC on September 19th in review of the Board's comment request. They understand that our office has not contacted the Assessors for review and comment and would recommend that we do for their input.

Mrs. Craver asked what is the Board's wishes? Mr. Swensen would ask the Town Administrator to send the TIF policy to the Assessors to get their feedback as well. The board agreed.

2. Hearing Testing. Mrs. Craver stated that the Board previously directed the Fire and Police Chiefs to provide hearing tests on all full time personnel, later including the dispatchers. Testing dates were set up and the Chiefs made sign-up sheets. We received an email from Dean Babineau, President of IAFF Local 4023 on behalf of the Fire Fighters asking for the hearing testing to be postponed as the Union members have concerns that they would like answers to first. We have been notified by Chief Pervier that the Police Union also had questions. Mrs. Craver asked both Chiefs to provide a list of questions that the unions have asked. Below are the questions Chief Pervier forwarded:

1. Are the hearing test mandatory and if they are, will I be paid a 4 hour minimum (My understanding is that the tests are voluntary)
2. If I do not elect to have my hearing tested, am I going to be compelled to sign a waiver?
3. If I refuse to sign a waiver, what impact does that have on my employment?
4. If I do take the hearing test, who receives the results of my tests and where will my test records be stored?
5. If the hearing test shows that I do have some level of hearing loss, how does that impact my employment?
6. If the hearing test shows that I do have some level of hearing loss, will I be compensated by the Town of Charlton?
7. If the hearing test shows that I do have some level of hearing loss, will the Town of Charlton provide me with hearing assistance devices?
8. If the Town of Charlton provides me with hearing assistance devices, will the Town continue to maintain said devices, provide batteries and replace said devices if they stop working and for what period will the Town provide said support?
9. If I do not take the hearing test and it is later determined that I have suffered some level of hearing loss that directly resulted from my employment, how will that impact my claim?

Mrs. Craver would ask the Board how they wish to handle the process now (cancel, impact bargain, set a meeting up to discuss?) Mr. Swensen stated that when this topic came up and discussions were held, he believed this was a benefit to the employees of the town to make sure they had some reassurance that everyone was healthy. His personal feeling is that it should not be mandatory. Chairman Boria doesn't think this is in our hands. It would fall in the Insurance Company's hands. Mr. Swensen stated that if in fact we are requiring

them to do this and it would require us to pay them a 4 hour minimum, then he would suggest this be done voluntarily. Mr. Sellew agreed with Mr. Swensen and stated that if it's going to start costing us money, then he would think it should be voluntary and not mandatory. **Motion by Mr. Swensen that any and all hearing testing should be voluntary by the employee, seconded by Mr. Singer. Mr. Swensen would amend his motion to include that any employee that chooses not to have the hearing testing done to sign a waiver, seconded by Mr. Singer.** Chairman Boria asked Mrs. Craver to check with the Insurance Company on what kind of waiver we need. He also stated that the rest of the questions will be on a case by case basis. The only other question would be "where would the records be stored" and he would ask the Town Administrator that. Mrs. Craver stated that employees have a separate medical file stored in a separate place from their personnel files. **Vote on motion: motion carries unanimously.** Mrs. Craver asked when the board would like to set the meeting up. It was discussed that it shouldn't be the whole board. Mr. Sellew and Chairman Boria volunteered. Mrs. Craver will be included as well. Chief Pervier would like to be provided with copies for his employees.

3. Mosquito Spraying. Mrs. Craver stated that at the Board's last meeting, she was asked to contact the School Department, Board of Health and Recreation regarding the possibility of mosquito spraying and to get their opinion. Attached is a memo from Sean M. Gilrein, Superintendent of Schools stating that the Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee voted to hold off on the Board's request to spray the district athletic fields to control mosquitos. The vote the School Committee took included an agreement to consider a mosquito control program next year. Mr. Gilrein stated that in their ongoing efforts to ensure student safety, Shepherd Hill Athletic Director Sean Burke has rescheduled several athletic contests to the afternoon when the mosquito population is not active. The School Committee agreed that it is too late into the season to consider spraying as the region has experienced cooler nighttime temperatures and frost warnings. In addition, according to the School Finance Director, William J. Trifone, state bid laws would delay hiring a contractor to conduct the spraying for several weeks and by that time there may be a killing frost. At the All Boards/Committees meeting held on September 25, 2012, the Board of Health Chairman thanked the board for being proactive and is fully in support of it. What direction would the board like to take at this time? Mr. Singer would ask that Mrs. Craver stay in touch with Mr. Gilrein to keep us apprised of the upcoming school year and where we are going with this. Chairman Boria would ask if Mrs. Craver could contact two private companies to have them price what areas we stated and also to advise what chemicals they would be using. Stefan Sage came forward and said that one other concern would be how long would the process be? Such as if it rains, do you have to spray again. Chief Pervier said that in Spencer they are going through the state and maybe the board would want to go that route. It was mentioned that it is quite costly and the Board would like to see the outcome of Mrs. Craver's discussions with two separate companies.
4. STM Warrant – Mrs. Craver provided the Board with the Special Town Meeting warrant as it's been posted with the Town Clerk. She reviewed the motions for the board .
Article 1. Appropriation of Funds for unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year. **Motion by Mr. Swensen to approve Article 1, seconded by Mr. Sellew, motion carries unanimously.**
Article 2. Inter/Intra Departmental Transfers and/or Appropriations for FY2013 Budget. **Motion by Mr. Swensen to approve Article 2, seconded by Mr. Sellew, motion carries unanimously.**
Article 3. Capital Items and Related Contracts. Mrs. Craver stated that as the board requested this article has been separated by department.

- (a) Fire Department requests - **Motion by Mr. Sellew to approve Article 3a, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries unanimously.**
- (b) Highway Department – **Motion by Mr. Sellew to approve Article 3b, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries unanimously.**
- (c) Police Department – **Motion by Mr. Swensen to approve Article 3c, seconded by Mr. Sellew, motion carries unanimously.**
- (d) Cemetery Department – **Motion by Mr. Swensen to approve Article 3d, seconded by Mr. Sellew, motion carries unanimously.**
- (e) Technology Committee – **Motion by Mr. Sellew to approve Article 3e, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries unanimously.**
- (f) Town Hall items – **Motion by Mr. Swensen to approve Article 3f, seconded by Mr. Sellew, motion carries unanimously.**
- (g) Town Radios – **Motion by Mr. Sellew to approve Article 3g, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries unanimously.**
- (h) Library – **Motion by Mr. Sellew to approve Article 3h, seconded by Mr. Swensen for discussion.** Cheryl Meskus came forward as the Library Trustee Chair and stated that they currently have a grant to place cameras inside the Library but they were also informed that they should be looking for outside cameras as well. Mr. Swensen stated that a couple of years ago a camera and items were donated to the Recreation Commission to be used for the skate park and he would ask the Library to check and work with the Recreation Commission to see if they could intermingle this with what they are doing. Mrs. Meskus stated that she would. **Vote on motion, motion carries unanimously.**
- (i) Municipal Building Expense – **Motion by Mr. Swensen to approve Article 3i, seconded by Mr. Sellew, motion carries unanimously.**

Article 4 - Additional Personnel. Mr. Swensen stated that while the town has done a great job with everyone involved through the financial difficulties, his concern is that we are not out of the woods yet and that we are spending money like we have it. He just wants to make sure that we take time to review because once we take this on, it's there. Mr. Singer feels that we should change the sponsor on this article to various departments. We are putting these items on here per their request. **Motion by Mr. Swensen that we hold off on this article until the pre town meeting, seconded by Mr. Sellew.** Mrs. Craver to gather the information on where the money is coming from and how we will fund these positions. **Mr. Singer would like to make an amendment to the motion to have the Town Administrator make another column to show the total cost to the taxpayer including the salary and benefit package and to change the sponsor to various boards, seconded by Mr. Sellew.** Chairman Boria recommended putting a foot note on what individual and family insurance would be. **Vote on motion to amend: unanimous.** Mr. Swensen stated that he is not questioning the need for these positions but to just make sure that we can take them on. **Vote on motion: motion carries unanimously.**

Article 5. Borrowing Authorization Reduction. **Motion by Mr. Swensen to approve Article 5, seconded by Mr. Sellew, motion carries unanimously.**

Article 6. Transfer to/From Stabilization funds. **Motion by Mr. Swensen to approve Article 6, seconded by Mr. Sellew, motion carries unanimously.**

Article 7. Amendment to Town Personnel Bylaw Classification Plan. **Motion by Mr. Sellew to approve Article 7, seconded by Mr. Swensen, motion carries unanimously.**

Article 8. Special Legislation to Elect Selectmen by Highest Votes Wins and to Repeal Earlier Bylaw, May 2003 Election and Action Taken Pursuant to Same. **Mr. Swensen** stated that not so many years ago, the town changed the system to the way it is now. **His motion**

would be to not accept this article, seconded by Mr. Singer. Mr. Sellew would like to hear what the Board of Health's feelings is on this maybe on town meeting floor. **Vote on motion: motion carries unanimously.**

Article 9. Accessory Apartment Zoning By-Law Revision. No action needed by the board.

VIII. Town Administrator Report: Mrs. Craver reviewed her report.

VIII. Other Business:

1. Mr. Singer asked if Mrs. Craver could check the casino letter because it was brought to his attention that one item was missing. Mrs. Craver stated that it wasn't omitted. The piece he is referencing is already in the legislation.
2. Mr. Sellew stated that he's received a few call from citizens regarding the transfer station that's being talked about. He explained that the transfer station that we are working on with Casella will not limit citizens to certain trash haulers.

X. Adjourn/Executive Session:

Adjourn: **Motion by Mr. Swensen to adjourn at 8:08pm, seconded by Mr. Sellew, motion carries unanimously.**

XI. Next Meeting Announcement:

- Special Town Meeting – October 16, 2012
- Next Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting – October 30, 2012

Submitted by:
Mary C. Devlin
Administrative Assistant

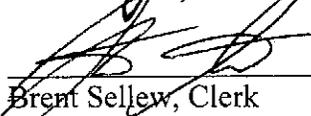
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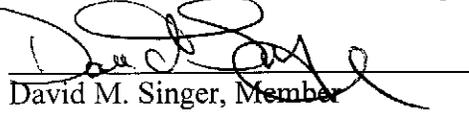
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

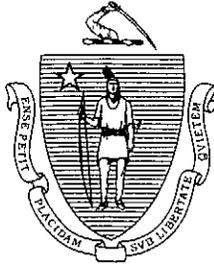
FROM: Robin L. Craver, Town Administrator

DATE: September 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Report – for Selectmen's meeting of 10/2/12

Casino letter update: As directed, letters were sent to all state representatives and senators. Attached is a letter we received from Senator Brewer who has forwarded our correspondence to Stephen Crosby, Chair of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission for his review. I would like to thank Senator Brewer for his assistance.

MCPPO – Kara Hmielowski, Administrative Assistant and myself, attended the MCPPO (Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official Program) for Design & Construction Contracting sponsored by the office of the Attorney General. .



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September 26, 2012

Peter J. Boria, Chair
Board of Selectmen
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Dear Chairman Boria:

I am writing in regard to your recent letter to the Legislature relative to the development of casinos in Massachusetts.

As you are aware, Governor Patrick signed **Chapter 194** of the *Acts of 2011*, "*An Act establishing gaming in the Commonwealth*," into law on November 22, 2011. The Legislature began its deliberations of this issue in 2007 and after nearly 5 years of thoroughly vetting this issue, the House of Representatives and the Senate approved a compromise bill. Therefore, the Town should not expect the Legislature to revisit this issue in the 2013-2014 Legislative Session.

The law is intentionally designed to exclude the Legislature from decisions regarding the siting of the facilities. I believe that this "firewall" between the Legislature and the Commission was one of the strongest provisions in the legislation, and will ensure that the Commission is free to utilize their expertise to make decisions that will maximize the potential of this new industry in the Commonwealth. Therefore, I have forwarded your correspondence to Stephen Crosby, Chair of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, for his review (see enclosure). I have asked Chairman Crosby to review the Town's concerns and to respond to you directly. If you do not hear from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission within a reasonable amount of time, please contact me so that I may make further inquiries on the Town's behalf.

Since the casino debate began in 2007, I have worked closely with several municipalities in my district to address concerns raised by residents, municipal officials, and law enforcement personnel as three towns within the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin district were identified as potential sites for casinos. Aware of the inevitable passage of the bill, I spent the majority of 2011 working diligently with

my colleagues to strengthen the community mitigation provisions so that if towns choose for themselves to host a casino, they will be protected. Under this law, a binding vote must be cast within a host community before a facility can be built. If a town chooses not to allow a gaming facility within its borders, a facility will not be built.

Any entity seeking a gaming license must pay a nonrefundable application fee of \$400,000, of which \$50,000 will be utilized to reimburse the host and surrounding municipalities for the cost of determining the impact of a proposed gaming establishment and for negotiating community mitigation impact agreements. If a license is filed identifying Charlton as the host site, monies will be available to the Town for negotiating an agreement with the gaming entity to mitigate any impacts such as traffic and other infrastructure. Following a complete review of a gaming license application by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, applicants will be required to enter into a memorandum of understanding with all surrounding communities, as identified by the Commission.

The law also ensures that 6.5% of revenues deposited in the Gaming Revenue Fund will be transferred to the Community Mitigation Fund. A municipality may apply for funding through the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of a gaming establishment, an issue I have long supported. In addition, the applicant will be required to submit studies and reports detailing the anticipated economic benefits to the region and to the Commonwealth; the local and regional social, environmental, traffic, and infrastructure impacts; the cost to the host community and surrounding communities; and the estimated municipal and state tax revenues to be generated by the proposed gaming establishment. The Commission is also charged with establishing an annual research agenda in order to understand the social and economic effects of expanded gaming in the Commonwealth. To that end, the Commission issued a Response for Information (RFI) on September 18, 2012 to solicit the advice and expertise of academic researchers, public health professionals, statisticians, research institutes, and others for suggestions on how the Commission can best design and implement the research agenda prescribed in the Gaming Act.

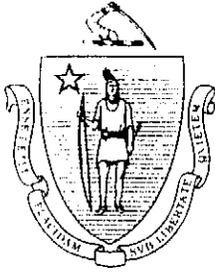
The section establishing the Community Mitigation Fund, *Section 61*, requires the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to establish an annual process to assist host and surrounding municipalities with costs associated with the gaming establishment. These costs include any associated expenses in the following areas: education, transportation, infrastructure, housing, environmental issues, and public safety. It is my understanding that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission has not yet begun the process of writing its regulations; however, I encourage the Town of Charlton to closely monitor the Commission's website (www.mass.gov/gaming/) for updates on its progress and to ensure the Town has the opportunity to participate in the process.

It is a pleasure to be of service to you and the residents of Charlton. Please feel free to contact me should I be of assistance to you in the future.

Sincerely,


STEPHEN M. BREWER
State Senator

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Enclosure



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September 26, 2012

Stephen Crosby, Chair
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Dear Chairman Crosby:

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Charlton (Peter J. Boria, Chair, Board of Selectmen, 37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507) relative to its concerns with the development of casinos in the Commonwealth.

Please find enclosed a copy of correspondence I have received from Chairman Boria relative to the Town's concerns. I would greatly appreciate your reviewing these items at your earliest convenience and contacting the Town of Charlton directly. It would also be appreciated if you would provide me with copies of any correspondence you may have with the Town in this regard.

Thank you for your attention to and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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STEPHEN M. BREWER
State Senator

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