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SPONSORED BY: Mayor C. Kenneth Gray **BILL No** 2016-073

Amesbury City Council Resolution to request the Municipal Council vote to support the LEAD program or Leverage Economic Access *for* Development to create a clear path to enabling actions which will provide access to prime development sites.

WHEREAS, the City of Amesbury understands the need to act proactively creating solutions and accessing resources for economic development before the need arises; and

WHEREAS, the City of Amesbury understands the need to establish economic policy to promote offsite infrastructure expansion to access larger sites for development; and

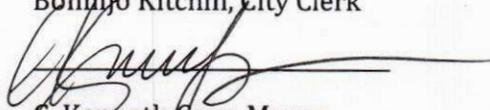
WHEREAS, There are two such sites at the Golden Triangle site off Elm Street, in excess of 50 acres, and the 49 acre Waste Management Site adjacent to Margaret Rice Park, on the top of the hill behind the Sports Park off South Hunt Road, both of which require access; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council does hereby respectfully concur with the Mayor and recommends to support the LEAD program or Leverage Economic Access *for* Development to create a clear path to enabling actions which will provide access to prime development sites. Through the LEAD program the City will:

1. Create partnerships with property owners to facilitate access to prime development sites.
2. Create partnerships with prospective development teams to facilitate leverage opportunities to access prime development sites.
3. Identify City owned property that can enhance access to prime development sites and determine the steps necessary to employ the use of those sites.
4. Create financing plans that will leverage outside funding to develop access opportunities for prime development sites.
5. Work with the City Council and the public to take the required action to facilitate the above.

Witness my hand and seal for the City of Amesbury this _____ day of July, 2016

Bonnie Kitchin, City Clerk


C. Kenneth Gray, Mayor

7/22/2016
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July 21, 2016

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Dear Mayor Gray,

The LEAD Program Order was reviewed at the Ordinance Committee meeting of the City Council on July 19, 2016. Prior to the meeting further research on Margaret Rice Park recognized that the property was transferred to the Parks Commission and therefore in their control. Therefore the only Council actionable item in the Order, the roadway request at Margaret Rice Park, is within the jurisdiction of the Parks Commission. In this regard I have drafted an action for consideration by the Parks Commission. They have not voted on the matter or heard the presentation and therefore the Decision is only provided as background.

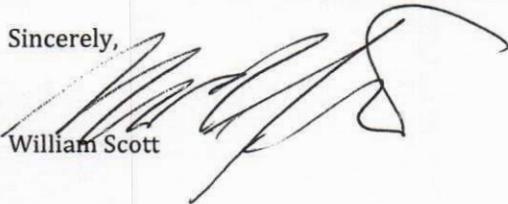
At the meeting on the 19th the Ordinance Committee recommended the following:

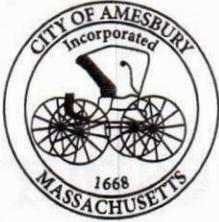
- LEAD as a Resolution: The City Council Ordinance Committee recognizes that the Order requests support for actions rather than specific permissions. A Resolution is therefore more appropriate for the LEAD program.
- Two Separate Issues: The Ordinance Committee recommended that the LEAD Policies be a separate Resolution from the Margaret Rice roadway request. The LEAD program is an overall set of policies and the Margaret Rice action is a step within those polices. Therefore this recommendation has merit.

Given that LEAD is a set of proactive polices to set the foundation for future actions a Resolution is more appropriate for the program. Because the roadway issue is dependent on actions by the Parks Commission the need for a Resolution on this matter may not be necessary until the Commission takes action. Therefore it may not be necessary to move forward at this time with a City Council Resolution regarding a roadway at Margaret Rice. However, I would recommend we continue the Margaret Rice dialogue with the City Council as a function of transparent implementation of the LEAD policies.

While my office originally recommended the Order as structured the recommendations of the Ordinance Committee have merit. Therefore I have attached the LEAD Resolution for consideration by the City Council at their next meeting. This will require that the original Order be rescinded prior to the need for notification for the Council hearing in September. I will make myself available for the Finance Committee to discuss the above, and in September to present the issue to the City Council.

Sincerely,


William Scott



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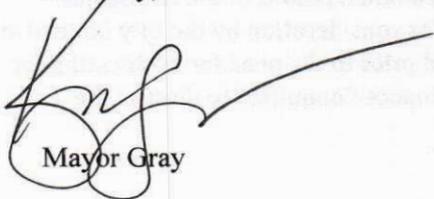
Dear President Scorzoni;

The Ordinance Committee recommendations, as outlined by the letter from William Scott, have value to properly articulate the intent of the LEAD Program request by my office. While the LEAD Program deserves the weight of an Order, the intent of the request is support from the City Council. Therefore I have attached a Resolution to address the LEAD Program and with this letter I will rescind the Order for the program.

In reference to the Margaret Rice Roadway issue I have requested that the Community Development Director approach the Parks Commission. The separation of the two issues makes sense to allow the LEAD Program to proceed, and the Margaret Rice Roadway issue deserves more time for a dialogue. Regardless of the move to the Parks Commission, I have asked the Community Development Director to continue our dialogue with the Council regarding this issue.

The intent of these early policy programs is to start a transparent dialogue early before we ask for concrete actions. I believe LEAD will open a new avenues for economic development and create viable opportunities at our prime development sites, and the City Council support for the attached Resolution will begin that process.

Sincerely,



Mayor Gray