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Certificate of Appointment

March 18, 2024

I appoint Lois Honegger to the position of Ad Hoc member of the Disposition Committee for a term to expire at the conclusion of the Committee's work relative to the disposition of the former Trader Alan's Truck Stop (per passage of Bill No. 2020-051 in May 2020). I certify that said person is qualified to perform the duties of the said office, and I make this appointment solely in the interest of the City of Amesbury.

This appointment shall not become effective until twenty-one days following filing with the city clerk, in accordance with the Amesbury Home Rule Charter.

Kassandra Gove

Mayor



**CITY OF AMESBURY
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY**

SPONSORED BY: Kassandra Gove, Mayor **BILL No. 2020-051**

At the meeting of the Amesbury City Council held on May 12, 2020 the following action was taken:

An Order transferring the public property known as the former Trader Allen's Truck Stop located at 21 Pond View Avenue (a.k.a. Route 150 Extension) consisting of approximately 6.77 acres of commercially zoned land from the Treasurer/Collector for tax title purposes to the Mayor for the purpose of disposition pursuant to a development proposal.

Historically the property was privately owned and operated, being used as a truck stop that included a diner, motel, and fueling station/service garage. This type of use occurred since the 1950s with commercial permit records for Amesbury dating to the 1980s. The property was abandoned in the 1990s. The property was taken by the City through tax foreclosure in 2001 and has since been held by the Treasurer/Collector acting as Tax Title Custodian.

The property is identified as a Brownfield under state and federal definitions. It is also listed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) as a waste site with Release Tracking Numbers (RTN) 3-25667, 3-25880, and 3-25885. MCP work was conducted on the site by the City in the early to mid-2000s and over the last 2 years. The site has been remediated to some extent through the removal of underground storage tanks (UST) from the former fueling station. The City is currently summarizing those past reports and preparing recommendations for possible continued MCP actions.

As the property was taken through tax foreclosure and certain protections are afforded the City under M.G.L. c. 21E and the Brownfields regulations, the City must prevent further contamination and be actively trying to divest itself of the property. The action of selling the property will help the City fulfill those requirements and remove a potential liability from the City property inventory.

Summary: The Mayor seeks to sell and encourage redevelopment of this underutilized and vacant property to remove the obligation of maintenance costs and potential liability and to place the site on the tax rolls in order to increase revenue to the City. Such process of redevelopment shall involve the coordination with the neighborhood to ensure compatibility of the proposed use with the surrounding area.

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40, sec. 15A, the City Council hereby votes to transfer the care, custody, management, and control of the property known as the former Trader Allen's Truck Stop located at 21 Pond View Avenue (a.k.a. Route 150 Extension) consisting of approximately 6.77 acres of commercially zoned land, currently held by the Collector/Treasurer acting as Tax Title Custodian for tax

title purposes, to the Mayor for the purpose of disposition of said property by sale or lease of all or any portion thereof for private redevelopment pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30B, sec. 16; and further, to authorize the Mayor to execute such agreements, instruments, and documents as are necessary to effectuate the purpose of this order.

Councilor Nicholas Wheeler moved to replace the original order with the revised version from the Mayor's Office. Councilor Adrienne Lennon seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

Councilor Scott Mandeville moved to approve 2020-051. Councilor Timothy Kisielecki seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

Witness my hand and seal for the City of Amesbury this 13th day of May, 2020



City Clerk



Mayor

5/13/20
Date



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I appoint David Frick to the position of member of the Disposition Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2025 and I certify that said person is qualified to perform the duties of the said office, and I make this appointment solely in the interest of the City of Amesbury.

This appointment shall not become effective until twenty-one days following filing with the city clerk, in accordance with the Amesbury Home Rule Charter.

Kassandra Gove
Mayor

