

Kathy Spofford

From: Stephen Sheldon <sjs488@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 12:15 PM
To: rao@townsend.ma.us; Kellymkelly@comcast.net
Subject: Massachusetts Public Records Request

Today's Date: August 10, 2017

To: RAO, Town Administrator
Town of Townsend
Massachusetts, 01469
RE: Massachusetts Public Records Request

This is a request under the Massachusetts Public Records Law (M. G. L. Chapter 66, Section 10). I request that I be provided with the following:

Any and all email, with any attachments from 02-26-2017 to 8-10-2017 from the Town Administrator, any and all members of the Board of selectmen, Town Administrators Executive Assistant, Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk to any print or media outlet.

I recognize that you may charge reasonable costs for copies, as well as for personnel time needed to comply with this request. Electronic copies instead of paper would be acceptable. If you need me to supply a thumb-drive, let me know.

If you expect costs to exceed \$10.00 each, please provide a detailed fee estimate for EACH request before proceeding.

The Public Records Law requires you to provide me with a written response within 10 calendar days. If you cannot comply with my request, you are statutorily required to provide an explanation in writing.

Please respond to this email when you receive it in your office so I may have a record of your receipt for my records.

Sincerely;

Stephen J Sheldon

18 Horseshoe Dr

West Townsend, MA 01474



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Carolyn Smart

Questions

Carolyn Smart

To: Chris Lisinski <clisinski@lowellsun.com>

Hi Chris:

-Are you aware of a sticker campaign to write in your name for selectman in the upcoming town elections? Have you worked with this campaign? If the campaign is successful and you win as a write-in candidate, will you accept and serve another term?

I'm truly humbled by the trust and belief some folks have in me, however, I am not involved in any write-in campaign. My focus at this time is getting the budget for FY18 in balance and addressing the capital needs of our town departments. I think serving your community in public service, whether as a selectman or playground volunteer is the highest of calling, I'm sad that some folks have vilified that. My heart will always be with Townsend and the loving, caring people who reside here.

-What happens following approval of the four advisory personnel articles at last week's Special Town Meeting? Does the Board of Selectmen have a response planned? Will the advice of those articles be implemented?

The Board has not discussed this issue, however, the advisory articles at town meeting are just that, advisory. I hope people will understand that employees have rights within our charter, mass general law, and personal service contracts. I can not discuss personnel issues or I would be opening the town up to liability. I hear that folks are angry, but their anger could be misplaced and I hope when all the facts are able to come out, they will understand that and the decisions we have made.

Please fix any typos for me Chris :) typing on my cell is tough for us old people!

take care,
Carolyn

[Quoted text hidden]

8/10/2017



Questions

Chris Lisinski <clisinski@lowellsun.com>

To:

Hi Carolyn,

I have two questions for you if you could please respond when you get a chance. As requested, I am submitting these questions via email:

-What happens following approval of the four advisory personnel articles at last week's Special Town Meeting? Does the Board of Selectmen have a response planned? Will the advice of those articles be implemented?

-Are you aware of a sticker campaign to write in your name for selectman in the upcoming town elections? Have you worked with this campaign? If the campaign is successful and you win as a write-in candidate, will you accept and serve another term?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Chris Lisinski

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From: Anne O'Connor <aoconnor@nashobavalleyvoice.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Kathy Spofford
Subject: papers

Hi Kathy,

I need to do a story on who has pulled and returned papers. I know you sent something a week or so ago. Can you send me the latest tomorrow morning? They also want to know how many years someone had their seat. Is that something that you have?

And, I think that Sue Lisio pulled papers. What years was she a selectman?

I left you a voice mail, but I don't know if you closed the office because of the power outage.

Thanks,

Anne

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From: Kathy Spofford <kspofford@townsend.ma.us>
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 8:39 AM
To: 'Anne O'Connor'
Subject: RE: papers

Hi Anne, I will see what I can come up with. I am under pressure for these petitions and having a power outage yesterday did not help. I will get back to you asap.

Thanks,
Kathy

Kathleen M. Spofford
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Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 8:40 AM
To: 'Anne O'Connor'
Subject: RE: Never mind!

OK, just got this e-mail, that's even better. Hopefully things will calm down by then.
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Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 8:43 AM
To: Kathy Spofford
Subject: Re: Never mind!

Great. There's always too much to do these days!

On Fri, Mar 3, 2017 at 8:39 AM, Kathy Spofford <kspofford@townsend.ma.us> wrote:

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To: Kathy Spofford
Subject: meetings tomorrow?

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Thanks,

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From: Kathy Spofford <kspofford@townsend.ma.us>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 4:44 PM
To: 'Anne O'Connor'
Subject: RE: meetings tomorrow?

Hi Anne,

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Yes, you too.
Thanks,
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From: Anne O'Connor [mailto:aoconnor@nashobavalleyvoice.com]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Kathy Spofford
Subject: Re: meetings tomorrow?

Thanks Kathy. Be careful out there.

On Mon, Mar 13, 2017 at 4:44 PM, Kathy Spofford <kspofford@townsend.ma.us> wrote:

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From: Kathy Spofford <kspofford@townsend.ma.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 12:44 PM
To: 'Chris Lisinski'
Subject: RE: Recall petitions
Attachments: Clark recall petition.pdf; King recall petition.pdf

Hi Chris,
The recall petitions were brought in on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 9:00 am. They have the same wording as the affidavits but I have attached a copy of each.
Thank you,
Kathy

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From: Chris Lisinski [mailto:clisinski@lowellsun.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Kathy Spofford
Subject: Recall petitions

Hi Ms. Spofford,

Hope all is well and you have survived the weather. I understand from social media that the recall petitions were filed. Could you please confirm that and provide me with whatever documentation you can at this point — I think last time, you had sent me the text of the affidavits, so if you could do something like that, I'd really appreciate it.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions. I'm on the breaking news desk today, so the number is (978) 970-4674.

Thank you for your help.

All best,
Chris

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Chris Lisinski

**TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND:**

Harold M. Spofford
TOWN CLERK
(signature and seal)
Dated: 3/13/2017 9:00 AM

This **Recall Petition**, issued to the 10 persons whose names are printed below in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 27 of the Acts of 1995, seek to recall from office **Gordon Clark, Selectman**, for the grounds of misfeasance and neglect of duty in his role of Selectman as stated in the **Recall Affidavit** filed in accordance with Section 2 of the Act and set forth below in the same form in which they appear in said **Recall Affidavit**, and demands the election of a successor to the office:

- Whereas, Gordon Clark has neglected his duty to adequately represent the people of Townsend by refusing to argue in the affirmative for the public to be allowed a time for public communication at the Board of Selectmen meetings when no other board before this has refused to hear public comments or concerns and
- Whereas, Gordon Clark has impeded our Police Chief's ability to do the job he was hired to do by using his position of authority and by imposing his views on day-to-day management of the Police Department and
- Whereas, Gordon Clark neglected to support prior agreements made by the town with our Police Lieutenant and
- Whereas, Gordon Clark neglected to speak for obtaining an official and full background check on an applicant for a senior position with the Town of Townsend prior to signing the employment contract and
- Whereas, Gordon Clark participated in searches and discussions to hire a new Police Chief, his wife's supervisor, which caused a perception on the part of members of the community that he was not unbiased and
- Whereas, Gordon Clark acted outside of his Board's authority and as a lone member, by initiating discussions for a separation agreement with Townsend's former Police Chief.

Therefore, we the undersigned, consider these reasons to be an overall neglect of his duty, and have lost all confidence in Gordon Clark's ability to adequately represent our town as a Selectman and that he should therefore be recalled from his position on the Board of Selectmen.

Joseph Z. Shank	Elaine R. Shank	Leann Jackson	Erica Art	Kelly Michele Kelly
Michael P. Kelly	Lisa Lewand	Stacy C. Sheldon	Stephen J. Sheldon	Jennifer Ann McLaughlin

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**TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND:**

Robert M. Spafford
TOWN CLERK
(signature and seal)
Dated: 3/13/2017 9:20AM

This **Recall Petition**, issued to the 10 persons whose names are printed below in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 27 of the Acts of 1995, seek to recall from office **Cindy King, Selectman**, for the grounds of misfeasance and neglect of duty in her role of Selectman as stated in the **Recall Affidavit** filed in accordance with Section 2 of the Act and set forth below in the same form in which they appear in said **Recall Affidavit**, and demands the election of a successor to the office:

- Whereas, Cindy King has neglected her duty to adequately represent the people of Townsend by refusing to argue in the affirmative for the public to be allowed a time for public communication at the Board of Selectmen meetings when no other board before this has refused to hear public comments or concerns and
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Subject: RE: Recall petitions

Hi Chris,
There were 31 pages for each filed, not all the lines were filled. I can't tell you how many signatures yet until we certify them.
Thanks,
Kathy

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Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 1:31 PM
To: Kathy Spofford
Subject: Re: Recall petitions

Can you indicate either how many signatures or how many pages of signatures were received?

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Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Kathy Spofford
Subject: question on posting warrant

Hi Kathy,
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If you don't do have a suggestion about who might?
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From: Kathy Spofford <kspofford@townsend.ma.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 4:12 PM
To: 'Anne O'Connor'
Subject: RE: question on posting warrant

Gee, Anne, I have no idea. It has been one of the posting places since I have been here. I would have to research back to see how long we have been posting in that location.

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From: Anne O'Connor [<mailto:aoconnor@nashobavalleyvoice.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Kathy Spofford
Subject: question on posting warrant

Kathy Spofford

From: Kathy Spofford <kspofford@townsend.ma.us>
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 3:10 PM
To: 'Anne O'Connor'
Subject: RE: question on posting warrant

So I did a little bit of research and the first warrant to be posted at the Harbor Church was in 2008. But I haven't found anything to tell me why.

Kathy

Kathleen M. Spofford
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From: Anne O'Connor [mailto:aoconnor@nashobavalleyvoice.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 4:15 PM
To: Kathy Spofford
Subject: Re: question on posting warrant

It is kind of a mystery. Jeannie at the historical society things someone asked permission sometime around 2007.

On Thu, Mar 23, 2017 at 4:12 PM, Kathy Spofford <kspofford@townsend.ma.us> wrote:

Gee, Anne, I have no idea. It has been one of the posting places since I have been here. I would have to research back to see how long we have been posting in that location.

Kathy

Kathleen M. Spofford
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Kathy Spofford

From: Anne O'Connor <aoconnor@nashobavalleyvoice.com>
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 3:13 PM
To: Kathy Spofford
Subject: Re: question on posting warrant

Thanks Kathy,
I heard from John Barrett, who came up with a similar date. He had a few theories!
Anne

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Kathy Spofford

From: Kathy Spofford <kspofford@townsend.ma.us>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 11:04 AM
To: Jennifer Paluzzi
Subject: letter to the editor
Attachments: Thank you voters of Townsend.docx

Hi Jennifer,
Could you please post this letter in the next Nashoba Valley Voice?
Thank you,
Kathy

Kathleen M. Spofford
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Thank you voters of Townsend

I would like to thank the voters of Townsend who voted in the Annual Election on April 24, 2017. It is an honor to serve the residents of Townsend in the capacity of Town Clerk and I look forward to doing so for another three years.

I would also like to thank Kathy Herrick and Sue Funaiole for running the Election and the Town Clerk's Office on that day and for all our election workers and registrars who give their best to run our elections professionally. And, thank you to Cliff's Café for their nourishing meals they serve the election workers. You are all very much appreciated.

Kathleen M. Spofford
Town Clerk
Town of Townsend

Kathy Spofford

From: Jennifer Paluzzi <jpaluzzi@nashobavalleyvoice.com>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 11:05 AM
To: Kathy Spofford
Subject: Re: letter to the editor

Yes! I'll throw it into the mix. Nice to meet you in person last week!

On 4/28/17, Kathy Spofford <kspofford@townsend.ma.us> wrote:

> Hi Jennifer,

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> Could you please post this letter in the next Nashoba Valley Voice?

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> Thank you,

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> Kathy

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Kathy Spofford

From: Chris Lisinski <clisinski@lowellsun.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2017 5:28 PM
To: Kathy Spofford
Subject: June 19 recall

Hi Ms. Spofford,

I wanted to check in and see if you had any update on whether a recall election against Gordon Clark will proceed on June 19. I've seen some chatter online about it, but wanted to confirm with you. What is the status of the Clark recall? Do you have to print new ballots, or can you use the old ones? If new ballots are required, what is the additional cost? What happens to the absentee ballots already cast?

Could you also remind me which of the two candidates is running against Clark?

I appreciate any information you can provide. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Chris Lisinski

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Chris Lisinski
Reporter, Lowell Sun
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Kathy Spofford

From: Kathy Spofford <kspofford@townsend.ma.us>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 1:06 PM
To: 'Chris Lisinski'
Subject: RE: June 19 recall

Hi Chris,

I do not have any updates on the election for June 19 and I do not have the cost of ballots as of yet. As far as the candidates, it is Wayne Miller who is running for Gordon's seat.

Thanks,
Kathy

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Sincerely,
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Kathy Spofford

From: Chris Lisinski <clisinski@lowellsun.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 10:23 AM
To: Jim Kreidler; Kathy Spofford
Subject: Records request — George Reidy IA materials 062217
Attachments: Records request — George Reidy IA materials 062217.pdf

Dear Mr. Kreidler and Ms. Spofford,

Please see the attached public records request. You can reach me at (978) 970-4776 or via email if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Chris Lisinski

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June 22, 2017

Townsend Records Supervisor
272 Main St.
Townsend, MA 01469

To whom it may concern,

Under the Massachusetts General Law chapter 66, section 10, The Sun requests requests you provide copies of any and all internal affairs reports involving Townsend Police Officer George Reidy.

Exemption (c) of the public records law does not apply to the file containing information from an internal affairs investigation performed to address complaints against an employee and possible misconduct (Worcester Telegram & Gazette Corporation v. Chief of Police of Worcester, & another, 58 Mass. App. Ct. 1 (2003).

Additionally, The Sun requests you provide copies of minutes from Board of Selectmen executive sessions held on June 13, 2017 and June 21, 2017 as well as any and all documents presented at or related to those executive session discussions.

The Massachusetts Attorney General's guide to the Open Meeting Law states that executive session minutes must be released "once disclosure would no longer defeat the purposes of the executive session." The guide also states "at the time of a request, the public body has not conducted a review of the minutes to determine whether continued nondisclosure is warranted, the body must perform such a review and release the minutes, if appropriate, no later than its next meeting or within 30 days, whichever occurs first."

I am a reporter with The Sun and I am seeking these records for the purpose of gathering news. Therefore, I request a waiver of any fees associated with this request. However, please inform me prior to filing the request if there will be any fees with an itemized list of how the cost will be incurred.

Under recent changes to the public records law, you have 10 days to provide the document. If there is any cost involved, or should you have any questions, please contact me at clisinski@lowellsun.com or (978) 970-4776.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Chris Lisinski
Reporter, The Sun

Kathy Spofford

From: James Kreidler <jkreidler@townsend.ma.us>
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 11:47 AM
To: 'Chris Lisinski'; 'Kathy Spofford'
Cc: 'Rick Bailey'
Subject: RE: Records request — George Reidy IA materials 062217
Attachments: Reidy IA PRR- Lowell Sun 6.28.17.pdf; Reidy Apology and Acceptance of Responsibility- Sun PRR 6.28.17.pdf

Mr. Lisinski:

After consultation with Town Counsel please accept the following as a response to your public records request re: George Reidy IA.

1. A copy of an Internal Affairs Report (redacted), and
2. A letter of apology and acceptance of responsibility from Officer Reidy. This letter was read into the public record at the June 21, 2017 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

I am unable to provide you copies of the executive session minutes and any documents associated thereto as they are exempt from disclosure under the public records law exemption C, the privacy exemption, of the open meeting law.

As always you can appeal this decision to the Supervisor of Public Records in the Secretary of State's Office.

Regards,

Jim
James M. Kreidler
Town Administrator
Town of Townsend
272 Main Street
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-1700
jkreidler@townsend.ma.us

If this email is received by a multi-member public board, commission or committee please take care to never "respond to all" as you may inadvertently create a violation of the open meeting law.

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Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 10:23 AM

Kathy Spofford

From: Chris Lisinski <clisinski@lowellsun.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 3:27 PM
To: Jim Kreidler; Kathy Spofford; rbailey@townsendpd.org
Subject: Records Request — Townsend IA Reports Since July 11, 2012 071117
Attachments: Records Request — Townsend IA Reports Since July 11, 2012 071117.pdf

Hello,

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Kathy Spofford

From: Chris Lisinski <clisinski@lowellsun.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 7:43 PM
To: rao@townsend.ma.us
Cc: Jim Kreidler; Kathy Spofford; rbailey@townsendpd.org
Subject: RESENDING Records Request — Townsend IA Reports Since July 11, 2012 071117
Attachments: Records Request — Townsend IA Reports Since July 11, 2012 071117.pdf

Hello all,

Per Carolyn's request, I am resubmitting this records request including the town's official RAO email address. Please let me know if you have any questions. You can reach me via email or at (978) 970-4776.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Chris Lisinski

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Sincerely,
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Kathy Spofford

From: Kathy Spofford <kspofford@townsend.ma.us>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 3:32 PM
To: 'rrudranath@mediaonene.com'
Subject: Legal Ad
Attachments: AG Posting.docx

Good Afternoon Rebecca: Could please tell me the cost to put the attached legal ad in the earliest edition of the Sentential & Enterprise.

Thank you for your assistance, (see attached)

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Kathy Spofford

From: phammond@mediaonene.com on behalf of Legals Advertising
<legals@mediaonene.com>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Kathy Spofford
Subject: Re: Legal Ad

What account number for billing?

Paula

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Attorney General's Notice

*Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by
Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000*

Town of Townsend -- Case No. 8573 Special Town Meeting of March 28, 2017 Articles # 12 and 13

Attorney General's Limited Authority to Waive Procedural Defects in the Notice of the Planning Board

Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000, if the Attorney General finds there to be any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment of any zoning by-law relating to the form or content of the notice of the Planning Board hearing prescribed by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, or to the manner or dates on which said notice is mailed, posted or published as required by that section, then instead of disapproving the by-law or amendment by reason of any such defect, the Attorney General may elect to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32. Under those provisions, the Attorney General is conditionally authorized to waive any such defect.

Defect Determined in Notice of Planning Board Hearing

The Attorney General has determined that the planning board hearing notice relating to the above Articles failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing established by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Section 5 provides in part (with emphasis added):

No zoning...by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a...town has...held a public hearing thereon...at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.... Notice of the time and place of such hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the...town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the...town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the department of housing and community development, the regional planning agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting city and town...In cases involving boundary, density or use changes within a district, notice shall be sent to any such nonresident property owner who has filed such a request with the city or town clerk and whose property lies in the district where the change is sought.

Based on the materials submitted to this Office, we have identified the following defects: (1) the planning board hearing notice was posted on February 21, 2017, six days prior to the February 27, 2017 hearing rather than the fourteen days-notice required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5; and (2) notice of the planning board hearing was not sent to the Department of Housing and Community Development as required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Apart from these defects, the notice appears to satisfy the requirements of the statute.

Kathy Spofford

From: Hammond, Paula <phammond@mediaonene.com>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 4:04 PM
To: kspofford@townsend.ma.us
Subject: Proof AG Posting
Attachments: OrderConf.pdf

Hi Kathy

Atatcjed siyor proof. Please let em now idf the ad isa ll set t o run SE 8-4-17 cost is %1305.72.

Thanks
Paula

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<http://www.avg.com>

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Attorney General's Election to Proceed Under the Waiver
Provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32

The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the limited defect waiver authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Suspension of Review of Zoning By-Law Amendments
The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General's review of local by-laws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Posting and Publication of This Notice

The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice in a conspicuous place in the Townsend Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Townsend.

Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice Was Misleading or
Otherwise Prejudicial

Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Townsend, any resident of the Town of Townsend, or the owner of any real property in the Town of Townsend, or any other party entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must include the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be actually on file with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.

Town Clerk's Certification of Compliance with This
Notice

After the expiration of the 21-day period, the Town Clerk

Kathy Spofford

From: Kathy Spofford <kspofford@townsend.ma.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 8:56 AM
To: 'Hammond, Paula'
Subject: RE: Proof AG Posting

Hi Paula,
Thanks for your quick reply. If this is not going to be published until Friday, is there still time to publish it in the Nashoba Voice and what would that cost be?
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Kathleen M. Spofford
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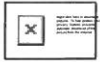
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Subject: RE: Proof AG Posting

Hi Paula,

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Kathy

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To: 'Legals Advertising'
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Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 5:10 PM
To: rao@townsend.ma.us
Cc: Jim Kreidler; paulr@townsend.ma.us
Subject: Records Request — Water Department and Town Correspondence
Attachments: Records Request — Water Department and Town Correspondence 080717.pdf

Hello,

Please refer to the attached records request. You can reach me at (978) 970-4776 or via email if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Chris Lisinski

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I am a reporter with The Sun and I am seeking these records for the purpose of gathering news. Therefore, I request a waiver of any fees associated with this request. However, please inform me prior to filing the request if there will be any fees with an itemized list of how the cost will be incurred.

Under recent changes to the public records law, you have 10 days to provide the document. If there is any cost involved, or should you have any questions, please contact me at clisinski@lowellsun.com or (978) 970-4776.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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