

1. New Business Items

1.I. TR-2021-68

- A Resolution to appropriate funds for a feasibility study for Agawam High School pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 70B and the Massachusetts School Building Authority (Sponsored by Mayor Sapelli)

Documents:

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1.II. TR-2021-69

- A Resolution accepting a van as a gift from the Pioneer Valley Transportation Authority pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A for the Agawam Senior Center (Sponsored by Mayor Sapelli)

Documents:

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1.III. TO-2021-44

- An Order granting or renewing a PERMIT for Weekly Amusement for F.S.F. Inc., d/b/a Riverboat Bar & Grill, 11 South End Bridge Circle, Agawam, MA (Clerk)

Documents:

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1.IV. TO-2021-45

- An Order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's LICENSE to RNK Auto Sales, 28 Moylan Lane, Agawam, MA (Clerk)

Documents:

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1.V. TO-2021-46

- An Order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's LICENSE to V&F Auto, Inc., 7 Harding Street, Agawam, MA (Clerk)

Documents:

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1.VI. TO-2021-47

- An Order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's LICENSE to Auto Point Motors, Inc., 1039 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA (Clerk)

Documents:

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**A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR
AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 70B AND THE MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY**

(Sponsored by Mayor William P. Sapelli)

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has conducted a preliminary review of the Town of Agawam's inquiry for the construction of a new High School for the Agawam School District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MSBA guidelines, the next step in the process is for the town of Agawam to authorize and appropriate funds to conduct a feasibility study (the "Study") to consider all alternatives, including renovation/reconstruction and new construction, with respect to the high school; and

WHEREAS, a School Building Committee will be organized by the mayor to oversee the expenditures related to the study; and

WHEREAS, the Agawam High School is located at 760 Cooper Street and was originally constructed in 1955, with additions constructed in 1961, 1980, and 1997.

WHEREAS, the High School is a sprawling one floor design that is not energy efficient and also poses challenges from a public safety perspective; and

WHEREAS, The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA but further recognizes that the Town may be eligible to close to sixty percent (60%) reimbursement of eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, the amount of available funding or borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

NOW THEREFORE, THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL hereby hereby resolves to authorize that the sum of one million and two hundred and fifty thousand and zero dollars (\$1,250,000.00) be and hereby is appropriated to pay the costs of the feasibility study to consider alternatives for Agawam High School located at 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001 including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Study") and for which the Town of Agawam is eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Agawam School Building Committee; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum

under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provide further that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this resolution, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this resolution in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

Christopher C. Johnson, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Stephen J. Buoniconti, City Solicitor

Bulletin 11-01

Local Votes related to feasibility studies by cities and towns that have been invited to collaborate with the Massachusetts School Building Authority on conducting and/or reviewing a feasibility study

Requirements for Warrant Articles, Motions, Orders and Votes

Pursuant to G.L. c. 70B and 963 CMR 2.10, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) issues this Bulletin to inform cities and towns who have been invited by the MSBA to collaborate with the MSBA to conduct and/or review a Feasibility Study of the requirements for warrant articles, motions, orders, and votes related to authorization of a feasibility study. This Bulletin shall be applicable to all cities and towns that have been invited by the MSBA to collaborate on conducting and/or reviewing a feasibility study. *Regional School districts should consult Bulletin 11-03, which addresses the vote requirements for regional school districts and their member communities that have been invited to conduct a feasibility study with the MSBA.*

**** Please note that only those cities and towns that have been invited by the MSBA to collaborate on a feasibility study should be voting to authorize a feasibility study at this time. Communities are urged to contact the MSBA before finalizing an article, motion, resolution, ballot question or other vote because there may be additional requirements depending on the particulars of a feasibility study. If a city or town already has voted to authorize a feasibility study, please contact the MSBA immediately. The MSBA may require clarification of the vote or a new vote that meets the MSBA's requirements.**

Please also note that an invitation to collaborate with the MSBA on a feasibility study is not approval of a project, and there are no guarantees that the MSBA will approve a project. Cities and towns that proceed with studying, planning, designing, renovating or constructing a school facility without the collaboration and approval of the MSBA will not be eligible for MSBA funding.

****Cities and towns should consult with their local counsel and bond counsel to ensure that all warrant articles, motions, orders, and votes otherwise comply with municipal finance law and all other applicable laws, regulations, local bylaws, and ordinances.**

All articles, motions, resolutions, orders, Proposition two and one-half ballot questions, and any other votes of a city or town related to the approval, funding, and/or debt authorization for a feasibility study shall be a **separate, stand-alone vote, solely for purposes of the feasibility study**. The article, motion, resolution, order, vote and/or ballot question related to the feasibility study must not pertain to or be bundled with any other school or municipal project. The article, motion, resolution, order, vote must be specific to the feasibility study and must include specific information about the school that is the subject of the feasibility study.

A city or town must vote to appropriate and authorize the **full amount** of a feasibility study's cost, including both the local share and the MSBA's share, if any. The total budget amount must be authorized and approved.

All warrant articles, motions, resolutions, orders and votes, with the exception of a Proposition two and one-half ballot question (see below), must include the following provisions:

- A description of the site of the school that is the subject of the feasibility study, including the address of the school building and a description of the parcel.
- "The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs that the [City/Town] incurs in excess of any grant that may be received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the [City/Town]."
- For the debt authorization provision, the following language must be included: "and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the [City/Town] and the MSBA."

A form of article, motion, order, vote is attached as "Attachment A," and cities and towns must use this form to qualify for MSBA funding.

Proposition Two and One-Half Ballot Questions

- All ballot questions for a feasibility study must be solely related to that feasibility study. The ballot question related to the feasibility study must not pertain to or be bundled with any other school or municipal projects.

A form of ballot question is attached as "Attachment B," and cities and towns must use this form to qualify for MSBA funding.

Attachment A

ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of *[the School Building Committee]* for *[Insert description of feasibility study, including name of school, description of location, address]*, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

MOTION/VOTE/ORDER

That the *[City/Town]* appropriate the amount of _____ (\$_____) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of *[Insert description of feasibility study, including name of school, description of location, address]*, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which *[the City/Town]* may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of *[the School Building Committee]*. To meet this appropriation the *[Insert the appropriate local official or Board]*, with the approval of the *[Selectmen /Mayor/City Manager]* is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The *[City/Town]* acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the *[City/Town]* incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the *[City/Town]*, [and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½)], and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the *[City/Town]* and the MSBA.

Attachment B

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the [City/Town] of _____ be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to [*Insert description of the feasibility study*]?

TR-2021-69

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A VAN AS A GIFT FROM THE
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO
MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53A FOR THE
AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER**

(Sponsored by Mayor William P. Sapelli)

WHEREAS, the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (“PVTA”) has offered to donate a used van to the Agawam Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, the PVTA has donated vans from time to time to the Agawam Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, this summer the Senior Center had to take the backup van out of service due the condition which has left the Senior Center without a backup van; and

WHEREAS, the van has been inspected by the Town mechanic and deemed to be in good overall condition in spite of having been driven over 100,000 miles; and

WHEREAS, Agawam Senior Center provided 2,755 rides to residents over the past 18 months; and the van will serve as a backup to the primary van; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Agawam desires to accept said gift.

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam City Council hereby resolves, pursuant to Chapter 44, section 53(a) of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept a gift in the form of a van from the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority to assist in transportation at the Agawam Senior Center.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021.

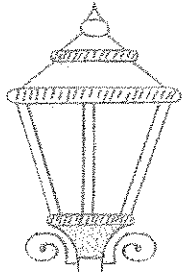
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Christopher C. Johnson, President

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Stephen J. Buoniconti, City Solicitor



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Sandra Sheehan
Administrator
PVTA
2808 Main Street
Springfield, MA 01107

October 28, 2021

Dear Ms. Sheehan:

I am writing to ask PVTA for assistance in continuing to provide quality transportation services to the residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills by donating a vehicle to the Town of Agawam for use by our All Aboard! Transportation services of the Council on Aging. You may or may not be aware that over the summer we had to decommission one of our vans, previously donated by PVTA. By replacing this vehicle through another donation, we will again have a backup vehicle for unforeseen needs.

For quick background, we initially were awarded a grant with your agency late in 2019 for the "Beyond ADA" program. In the first 6.5 months of service we provided 2,820 rides with a goal of 5,000 rides in the first year. Like everyone else, our services were dramatically reduced due to COVID, however we remained one of, if not the only PVTA "Beyond ADA" grantee to provide some level of service throughout the closure. During the 18 month shut down we provided 2,755 rides while maintaining proper social distancing regulations and limited capacity for service. Since June, when the Governor officially re-opened the state, we have seen a steady rise month after month in our ridership and have provided 1,799 rides as of this request. We are expecting to provide more than 400 rides this month making it our second highest October, and one of our highest months since becoming a grantee in this program.

With your support we will greatly reduce the concern that we would unexpectedly need to delay or cancel service to our patrons. I thank you for taking the time to review this request, and for your on-going support to meet the needs of riders in Agawam and Feeding Hills.

Should you have any additional questions or wish to speak further on this request or any transportation needs for Agawam and Feeding Hills please feel free to call me at 413-726-2835.

Respectfully,

Michael A. Squindo, LCSW

Michael Squindo, LCSW
Director of the Agawam COA
Agawam Representative to the PVTA Advisory Board

Stephen Buoniconti

From: Michael Squindo
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2021 4:37 PM
To: Sue Conlon
Cc: Stephen Buoniconti
Subject: Van Request/Donation
Attachments: Request for Van 2021.pdf

Hello,

Please see attached the letter I submitted to Sandra Sheehan regarding the need for a new van. I think this documents everything that you Steve has asked for regarding backup – in particular the growing number of rides provided.

I am waiting on a response from PVTA regarding the specific information on the vehicle that will be donated (Make, Year etc.). Ron Pignatare, Garage Foreman did look at the vehicle. He said that the vehicle has over 100,000 miles but is in generally good condition. He said that when he jumped the vehicle everything sounded good. We will need to replace the battery, but that was all that seemed to needed to be immediately addressed.

I am prepared to cover the insurance cost of this vehicle, as well as the cost to have it lettered with our "All Aboard Transportation" name and contact number for rides.

Best,
Mike

Michael Squindo, LCSW
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TO-2021-44

**ORDER GRANTING OR RENEWING A PERMIT FOR
WEEKLY AMUSEMENT FOR
F.S.F. INC. d/b/a RIVERBOAT BAR & GRILL LOCATED AT
11 SOUTH END BRIDGE CIRCLE, AGAWAM, MA. 01001**

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 177A and Section 75-1 of the Code of the Town of Agawam, the Agawam City Council hereby grants or renews a PERMIT for Weekly Amusement to the following applicant for the period commencing on January 1, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2022:

Name of Licensee F.S.F. INC. d/b/a RIVERBOAT BAR & GRILL

Business Address 11 SOUTH END BRIDGE CIRCLE, AGAWAM, MA. 01001

Business Type Bar/Restaurant

Purpose(s) for which permit is approved:

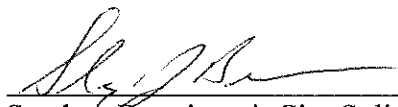
Juke Box, Live DJ and televisions

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021

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Christopher C. Johnson, Council President

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Stephen Buoniconti, City Solicitor

TO-2021-45

**AN ORDER GRANTING OR RENEWING A
CLASS 2 DEALER'S LICENSE TO
RNK AUTO SALES AT
28 MOYLAN LANE, AGAWAM, MA**

WHEREAS, RNK Auto Sales has submitted an Application for a License to Buy, Sell, Exchange or Assemble Second Hand Motor Vehicles pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140; and

WHEREAS, RNK Auto Sales currently holds a Class 2 Dealer's License issued by the Town of Agawam for its property located at 28 Moylan Lane, Agawam, Ma.


NOW, THEREFORE, the Agawam City Council hereby grants RNK Auto Sales a Class 2 Dealer's License for its property located at 28 Moylan Lane, Agawam, MA for the period commencing on January 1, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2022, subject to the previously approved site plan, all previously approved conditions and with a maximum of seven (7) vehicles.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2021

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

Christopher C. Johnson, President

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Stephen Buoniconti, City Solicitor

TO-2021-46

**AN ORDER GRANTING OR RENEWING A
CLASS 2 DEALER'S LICENSE TO
V & F AUTO, INC. AT 7 HARDING STREET, AGAWAM, MA.**

WHEREAS, V & F Auto, Inc. has submitted an Application for a License to Buy, Sell, Exchange or Assemble Second Hand Motor Vehicles pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140; and

WHEREAS, V & F Auto, Inc. currently holds a Class 2 Dealer's License issued by the Town of Agawam for its property located at 7 Harding Street, Agawam, Ma.

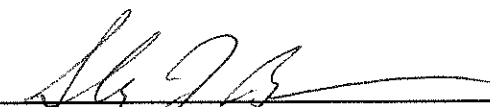
NOW, THEREFORE, the Agawam City Council hereby grants V & F Auto, Inc. a Class 2 Dealer's License for its property located at 7 Harding Street, Agawam, MA for the period commencing on January 1, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2022, subject to the previously approved site plan dated July 18, 2013, all previously approved conditions and with a maximum of fifty (50) vehicles.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2021

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Christopher C. Johnson, President

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Stephen Bucniconti, City Solicitor

TO-2021-47

**AN ORDER GRANTING OR RENEWING A
CLASS 2 DEALER'S LICENSE TO
AUTO POINT MOTORS, INC. AT
1039 SPRINGFIELD STREET, FEEDING HILLS, MA**

WHEREAS, Auto Point Motors, Inc. has submitted an Application for a License to Buy, Sell, Exchange or Assemble Second Hand Motor Vehicles pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140; and

WHEREAS, Auto Point Motors, Inc. currently holds a Class 2 Dealer's License issued by the Town of Agawam for the property located at 1039 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA; and


NOW, THEREFORE, the Agawam City Council hereby grants Auto Point Motors, Inc. a Class 2 Dealer's License for the property located 1039 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA for the period commencing on January 1, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2022, SUBJECT to the previously approved site plan for the property located at 1039 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA; SUBJECT to any and all previously approved conditions and with a maximum of fifty (50) vehicles.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2021

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Stephen Buoniconti, City Solicitor