

R-15-33

RESOLUTION: REGARDING THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Be it resolved by the Town Council of Cumberland as follows:

WHEREAS the Police Department of the Town of Cumberland has identified the immediate need for health and safety improvements at the current police station, and;

WHEREAS the Town Council, as a result, placed a local question on the November 2014 ballot for funding of the construction of a new public safety building, and;

WHEREAS the voters of the Town in the November 2014 election approved a question that empowered the Town Council to finance the construction of a new public safety building by the issuance of bonds and notes not to exceed \$12,500,000, and;

WHEREAS in November 2014 former Town Officials originally proposed that this building be constructed upon land commonly known as the Monastery, and;

WHEREAS the Town Council declined to tie the bond funding to any particular site during the November 2014 election, primarily due to lack of information on the legal restrictions relating to construction on the Monastery land, and;

WHEREAS at the request of the Town, the Attorney General of the State of Rhode Island recently ruled that the Monastery is protected by a statutory conservation easement, and that no construction can occur on the Monastery without meeting certain legal standards and obtaining the approval of a Rhode Island court, and;

WHEREAS other sites within the Town that are not subject to such legal obstacles appear to be suitable and appropriate for a new public safety building.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved:

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Section 2. That the Town Council will not authorize or support the initiation or funding of such legal proceedings.

Section 3. That, as a result, the Town Council believes that Mayor William S. Murray should remove the Monastery from possible locations for the new public safety building.

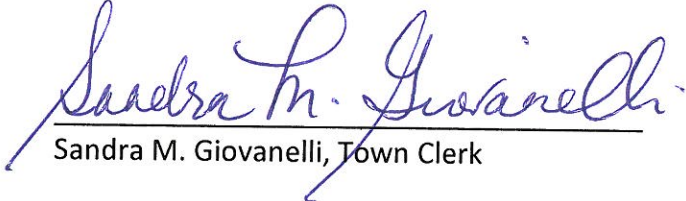
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12 Councilor Schmitt

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14 Date Adopted: July 15, 2015

15 A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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20 Sandra M. Giovanelli, Town Clerk
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