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To: Town Meeting

From: Guilford Mooring, Superintendent

Re: Information for Public Works Articles 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 for the 2014 ATM

Article 7- Street Discontinuance: Eastman Lane.

This Article will discontinue the old County Layout for Eastman Lane. Eastman Lane has been considered a University of Massachusetts roadway for many years. The road is maintained and controlled by the University. During the master planning process it was determined that there was an old County Layout under parts of the existing roadway. About 50% of the roadway is not in the County Layout and is on University property.

By discontinuing the old County Layout that was transferred from the Hampshire Council of Governments to the Town last year the Town is cleaning up the paperwork and ownership of Eastman Lane.

See Plan below. The yellow area is the actual layout of the roadway. The pink highlighted area is the actual pavement of the current roadway that is not in the roadway layout.

Article 8 - Easement: Southeast Street CDBG Sidewalk Project.

This Article is to support the Town's proposed Community Development Block Grant Project (CDBG) to construct a sidewalk from Route 9 to Colonial Village Apartments entrance on South East Street. The easements will need to come from the following properties and are shown on the attached plans.

Owner	Address	Map and Parcel
Amir Mikhchi and Fatemeh Giahi	126 Southeast Street	15C-7
Amir Mikhchi and Fatemeh Giahi	140 Southeast Street	15C-8
Amir Mikhchi and Fatemeh Giahi	148 Southeast Street	15C-9
Shu Chang Liao, Ching Yun Lee, and Chin Shao Lee	156 Southeast Street	15C-41
162 Amherst LLC	162 Southeast Street	15C-42
Amherst-Colonial Village, LLC	200 Southeast Street	15C-10

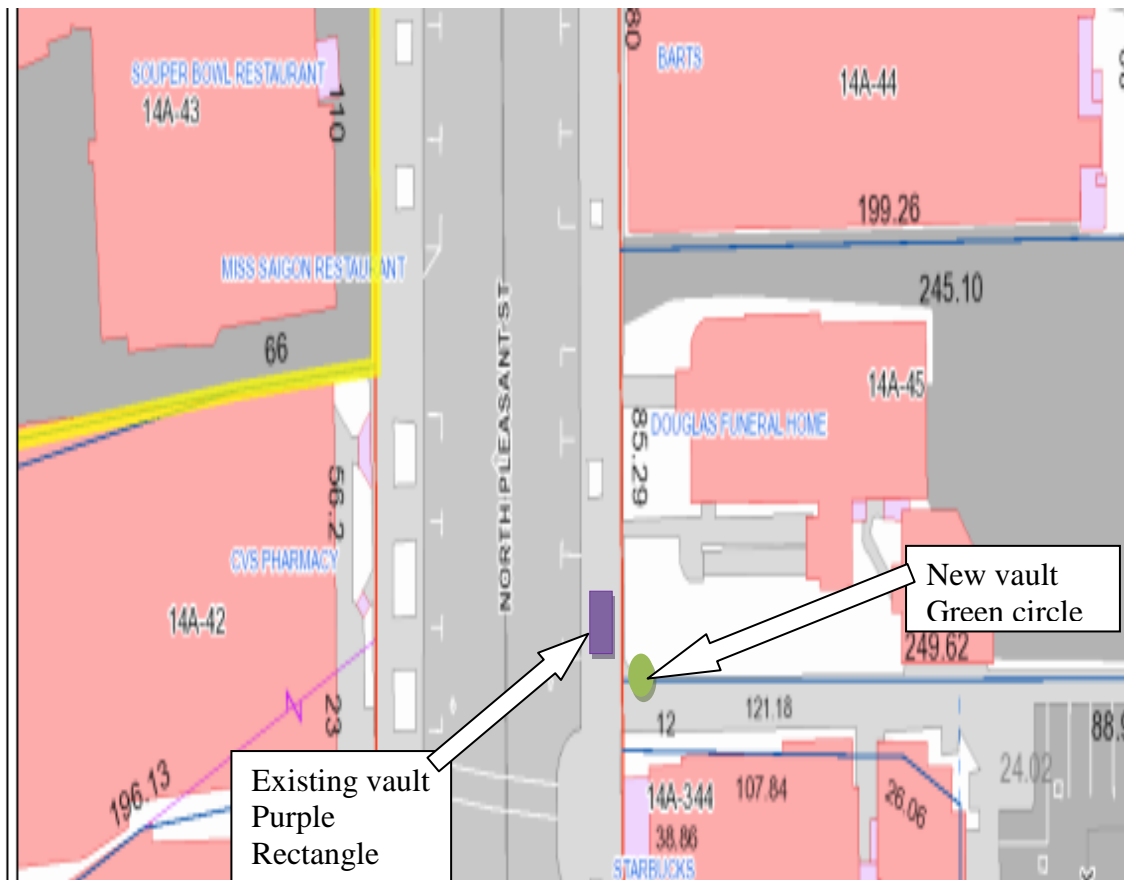
The proposed plans are attached.

Art 9- Grant Easement: WMECO – Boltwood Walk.

Currently electrical power is provided to a section of North Pleasant Street through an underground transformer vault in front of the Douglas Funeral Home at 87 North Pleasant Street. This vault has become problematic and often causes power outages in the area. Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO) has work out a solution for the area that will replace the below grade transformer vault with an above ground pad mounted transformer (a green box about 4 ft by 4 ft by 2 ft high). Because of the underground power arrangement WMECO may need to place part of the ground pad mounted transformer in the planted area on Town of Amherst property adjacent to the Boltwood Alley walkway.

This article will allow the Town to grant an easement if needed to WMECO to place the Transformer.

See the picture below.



## The Atkins Corner Project and Articles 10 & 11

At long last the end of the Atkins Corner project is in sight. The final action that must be completed is to accept the altered street layouts for West Street, West Bay Road and Bay Road and to convey the excess layout to the adjacent property owners as agreed to in the easement taking agreements.

These plans are attached. The yellow area is excess right of way that is to go to Atkins Market or Hampshire College per previous agreements. The green area shows the two new public ways and the pink line shows the centerline of the new layout.