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MEMORANDUM

TO: Athol Board of Selectmen
FR: Shaun A. Suhoski, Town Manager
RE: Town Manager's Report
DT: May 1, 2018

Dear Board: Please see following update for tonight's meeting.

Package Store License Request: Town Counsel has provided the Board a memorandum (copied in your packets) summarizing the status of the wine and malt package store license application for Rt. 32 Corporation d/b/a Athol Mini Mart, 464 Crescent Street, owned by Rameshchandra Patel. The license application lists Rameshchandra Patel as the manager.

Note that Atty. Nicholas Kimball has indicated that the ownership of Kashvi, Inc. d/b/a Athol General Store, 390 Crescent Street, has agreed to surrender that license upon operations starting at the new location.

The only other comment I have heard is from an abutter that requests the "fence behind the garage" be retained so people are not migrating into nearby residential areas or using backyards as a "shortcut".

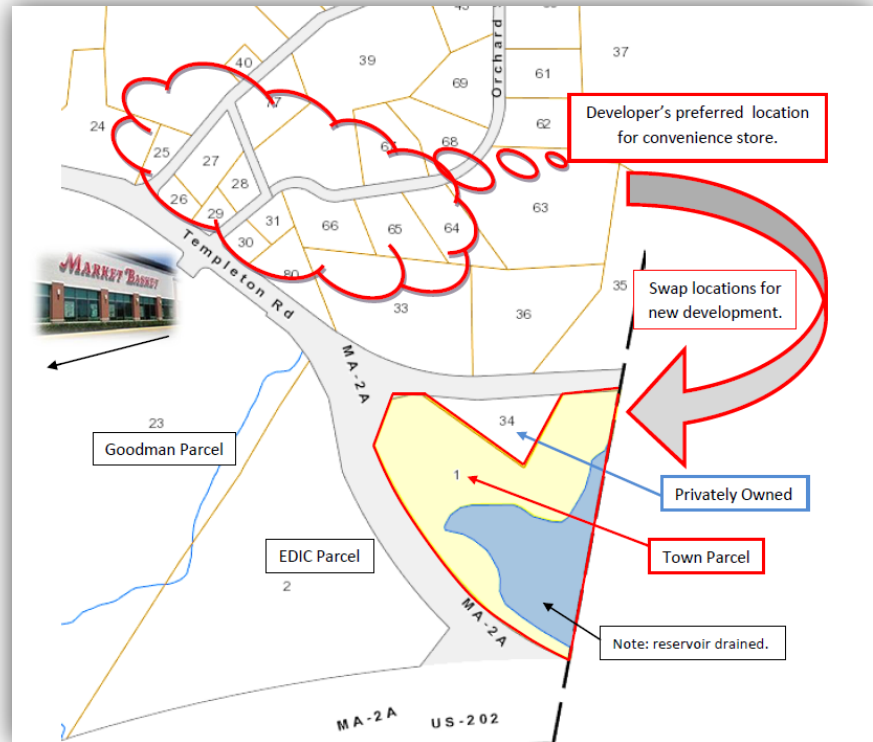
If the Board is satisfied that the ownership is separate – and it appears to be – you might consider approval of the two license applications (wine and malt package store and common victualler) with the following conditions:

- 1) Subject to surrender of existing wine and malt package store license by Kashvi, Inc. d/b/a Athol General Store upon commencement of operations of Rt. 32 Corporation d/b/a Athol Mini Mart at 464 Crescent Street, and
- 2) That the applicant maintain a lawful physical barrier between the licensed premises and the abutting residential properties, and
- 3) That the Common Victualler license application for Athol Mini Mart be amended to list Rameshchandra Patel as manager of record.

Additional Exit 18 Development Potential: It appears that a new gas station and convenience store will now be developed on the easterly side of Exit 18 off Templeton Road. The Board will recall that this site is comprised of land that the Town made available and private land acquired by Athol Development LLC. The planned site was actually the result of a “swap” in intended location for this facility (originally at foot of Orchard Street) in response to resident concerns.

Engineering for the facility is underway and I would anticipate that initial meetings with the Conservation Commission will ensue in the coming month or two.

The location of a fuel and convenience center is a further amenity that will help secure a hotel for this area. Stay tuned.



Miscellaneous:

- Met with Virtual Town Hall regarding migration of Web site to more secure “https” function
- Attended Route 2 Task Force meeting in Erving
- Met with administrative stakeholders regarding underwriting services and “re-boot” of the North Quabbin Loan Fund (anticipated summer 2018 – will come before BOS)
- Joined Sen. Anne Gobi to address state and local governance issues with students at Athol High School
- Held monthly meeting with Superintendent of regional school district
- Participated in MassDOT’s public hearing regarding Crescent Street Bridge repair project
- Held discussion with planning, CDBG consultant and DPW Supt. regarding need for master planning of downtown initiatives in order to obtain local and matching grant funds
- Initiated review of host community agreement templates for potential marijuana cultivation facilities; researching issue further relative to marijuana retail sales facilities
- Worked with staff and department heads to finalize proposed Annual Town Meeting warrant
- Attended retirement send-off for Lt. Kevin Heath; appointed Kevin Heath as a special police officer authorized to work traffic details