

Article 39

The Town has leased parcels within the Cochituate Aqueduct to several businesses or owners of sites occupied by businesses. These leases are expiring in calendar 2007, fiscal 2008. These sites are adjacent to the following locations: 438 Washington Street (Shaws Market); 366 Washington Street (Haynes); 342 Washington Street (Bank of America); 346-358 Washington Street (Salvatore DeFazio); 958 Worcester Street (Jarvis); and 458 Washington Street Parcel "B" (Capt. Marden's). Some of the expiring leases relate to parcels that may be significant in connection with the anticipated High School project. Discussions are already underway with some of the leasees and at least one lease renewal may be completed shortly.

This article would provide the Board of Selectmen with authority to negotiate the terms and conditions of leases for these sites. Advisory concluded that it is appropriate to afford the Selectmen this authority. Advisory understands that it is contemplated that leases would provide the town with the ability to terminate in the event that a site is needed for Town uses.

Advisory recommends favorable action, 11 to 0.