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PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE BABSON PARK, MA BRANCH
AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
SERVICE BY CLASSIFIED BRANCH

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I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Babson Park, MA Branch and provide delivery and retail services by classified branch under the administrative responsibility of the Wellesley Hills Branch, located one miles away.

The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons; There are a number of alternate sites within a short radius of this office that can provide the sale of stamps and the mailing of most package items.

The Babson Park Branch provides retail service from 900 to 1300 - 1430 to 1630 Monday through Friday and closed on Saturday. Over the past several years there has been a decline in the amount of walk in revenue generated. The revenue trend is as follows: FY 07 \$ 253,330, FY 08 \$ 273,695, FY 09 \$ 216,258 and FY 10 \$ 190,328.

On November 15, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service will be available at Olin Hall Building at Babson College 231 Forest St. Wellesley, MA from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM to answer questions and provide information to customers.

On or about November 06, 2011, questionnaires were distributed to customers of the Babson Park Branch. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Babson Park Branch.

If this proposal is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Wellesley Hills Branch, an EAS-19 level office. Window service hours at the Wellesley Hills Branch are from 800 to 1700, Monday through Friday, and 800 to 1300 on Saturday.

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a manager position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Potential of some to have to travel additional distance.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Babson Park is an unincorporated community located in Norfolk County. The community is administered politically by Town of Wellesley. Police protection is provided by the Town of Wellesley Police Department. Fire protection is provided by the Town of Wellesley Fire Department. The community is comprised of population is a Mix of residential, commercial and students and those who commute to work at nearby communities and may work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: see attached, see attached . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Babson Park Branch will be available at the Wellesley Hills Branch. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Wellesley Hills Branch or by contacting your local government agency.

This Babson Park Branch is not listed as a historic landmark. The community name will be maintained for customer addressing, and the Zip Code is not expected to change.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community and every effort will be made to maintain the identity.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

Additionally there are 1 craft employees assigned to this unit. These employees will be relocated per the National Labor Agreements.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates a ten year savings of \$ 947,713 with a breakdown as follows:

Building Maintenance	\$ 0
Utilities	\$ 0
Transportation	\$ 22,288

EAS Craft & Labor	\$ 1,126,414
Contracts	\$ 55,908
Rent	\$ 8
Relocation One-Time Cost	\$ 0
Total Ten Year Savings	\$ 947,713

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Babson Park, MA Branch and provide delivery and retail services by classified branch under the administrative responsibility of the Wellesley Hills Branch, located one miles away.

The Babson Park Branch provided delivery and retail service to 30 PO Box or general delivery customers and no delivery route customers.

The Postal Service will save an estimated \$ 947,713 over the next ten years.

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