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To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: Bob Bersani, Inspectional Services

Subj: Council Order #069, dated 12/16/96 RE: CONDEMNING OF THE ABANDONED BARN/BUILDING ON WEST STREET NEAR WEST STREET PLACE, WHICH REPRESENTS A FIRE HAZARD AND EYESORE(6 WEST STREET).

This structure was extensively damaged as a result of a fire in December 1991. A Board of Survey was held on this property on June 25, 1996 and was found to be a fire hazard, in need of major repairs, and structurally unsafe. The Board recommended that it be repaired or demolished if not repaired.

I have corresponded and spoken with the owner of the building on several occasions concerning the Board of Survey report. She has stated to me that her intention is to repair the building and she does not want to demolish it. She has been unable to provide me with a definitive time schedule for repairing the building, however.

In my most recent correspondence to her(copy attached), I have told Ms. DiNatale that the City is initiating action to demolish the building in accordance with the provisions of the State Building Code and a lien will be placed on her property in the amount of the demolition cost. There are currently no liens on the property and taxes are current.

The estimated cost to demolish this structure, based on quotes received in August, is \$15,000*. As this amount would virtually exhaust the funds available in the ISD emergency Boarding and Razing account and with 6 months still remaining in the fiscal year, I request that a separate appropriation be obtained in the \$15,000 amount for this demolition.

Very truly yours,

Bob Bersani
R. R. Bersani

* Note: As the cost is in excess of \$10,000, Purchasing has been requested to solicit formal bids.



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ROBERT R. BERSANI
Managing Director/
Acting Commissioner
Certified Mail

December 27, 1996

Gertrude B. DiNatale
6 West Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Garage Structure at 6 West Street

Dear Ms. DiNatale:

On July 19 and September 4, 1996, I provided you with a copy of the Board of Survey's report and recommendation for repair or demolition of the garage structure owned by you at 6 West Street and ordered you to repair or demolish this structure in accordance with Section 124.0 of the State Building Code. During conversations subsequent to those letters, you have indicated your intention to repair the structure but have yet to submit any definitive plans. Accordingly, as you have failed to comply with my order, I am, in accordance with Section 124.0 of the State Building Code, initiating action to demolish the structure.

The cost for the City to demolish the structure is estimated at \$15,000 and I am now in the process of soliciting contractor bids for the demolition. Costs associated with this work will be secured as provided for by paragraph 124.2 of the State Building Code and Chapter 139, paragraph 3A of the Massachusetts General Laws by placing a lien on the land upon which the structure is located for the cost incurred plus 6% per annum interest from the date such debt becomes due.

I will keep you advised of the status of the City's actions on this matter as they progress. You, of course, have the option to make necessary repairs or demolish the structure at any time prior to the City demolishing the building and I strongly encourage such action.

Please contact me at 349-6100 if you have any questions concerning the content of this letter. I am again enclosing a copy of the Board of Survey report along with Section 124.0 of the State Building Code for your information.

Sincerely,


R. R. Bersani
Commissioner



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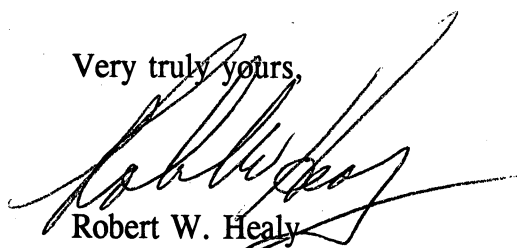
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

January 6, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 20, regarding the condition of the abandoned barn/building on West Street, received from Inspectional Services Commissioner Robert Bersani.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
attachment

Consent Agenda #12

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Relative to the condition of the
abandoned barn/building on West Street.

In City Council January 6, 1997

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