

City of Gloucester City Council

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CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE

Budget and Finance

Thursday, January 28, 2010– 6:30 p.m.

1st Fl. Council Conference Room – 9 Dale Avenue, City Hall

AGENDA

1. CC2010-001 (Tobey/Ciolino) Order that City Council Continue to Consider Becoming a member of the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District (Continued from 01/14/2010)
2. Report from City Auditor re: Accounts Having Expenditures Which Exceed Their Appropriations
3. Other Business

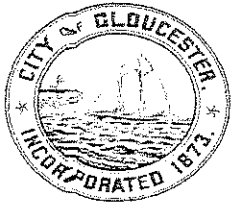
COMMITTEE

Councilor Steven Curcuro, Chair
Councilor Paul McGeary, Vice Chair
Councilor Jacqueline Hardy

Committee members – Please bring relevant documentation

Back-up and Supporting Documentation all on file at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall

CC: Mayor, Jim Duggan
Marcia McInnis



**CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2010
CITY COUNCIL ORDER**

ORDER: #CC2010-001
COUNCILLOR: Bruce Tobey and Joe Ciolino

DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL: 01/05/2010
REFERRED TO: O&A & B&F
FOR COUNCIL VOTE:

Ordered that City Council continue to consider whether Gloucester should become a member of the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District as established by Chapter 463 of the Acts of 2004 and Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2006.

Councillors Bruce Tobey and Joe Ciolino



**NORTH SHORE REGIONAL
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Amelia P. O'Malley
Superintendent-Director

December 7, 2009

City Clerk
Gloucester City Hall
Nine Dale Avenue
Gloucester, MA 01930

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CITY CLERK
GLOUCESTER, MA

Dear City Clerk:

The merger of the North Shore Regional Vocational School District and the Essex Agricultural and Technical School, as defined in Chapter 463 of the Acts of 2004, calls for the Town or City Clerk to send a certified copy of the vote to join the new District to the Commissioner of Education.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you send said certification to Commissioner Mitchell D. Chester at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 75 Pleasant St, Malden, MA, 02148 at your earliest convenience.

Upon receipt of this, Commissioner Chester will, in turn, certify the local adoption of this chapter to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and fix a time and location for the initial meeting of the new school committee.

If I, or either of the Superintendents, (Roger Bourgeois, Essex Agricultural School, 978 774 -0050, Amelia O'Malley, North Shore 978 762-0001) can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Wayne Marquis, Chairman
Merger Oversight Board

cc: Mitchell Chester, Commissioner of Education
Secretary of State Galvin
Senator Frederick Berry
Superintendent Roger Bourgeois, Essex Agricultural
Superintendent Amelia O'Malley, NSRVSD

Participating Communities:

Beverly	Danvers	Gloucester	Lynnfield	Marblehead	Nahant	Salem	Topsfield
Boxford	Essex	Hamilton	Manchester-by-the-Sea	Middleton	Rockport	Swampscott	Wenham

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December 17, 2009

Wayne Marquis, Chairman
Merger Oversight Board
N. Shore Regional Vocational School District
30 Log Bridge Rd.
P.O. Box 806
Middleton, MA. 01949

Re: Vote by Gloucester City Council to Join New Regional School District

Dear Mr. Marquis:

This letter is written in response to your December 7, 2009 letter to this office in which you requested that we send a certification of the vote to join the new North Shore regional school district under Chapter 463 of the Acts of 2004 to the state Commissioner of Education. We have not sent the certification following a December 1, 2009 City Council vote for the reasons explained below.

The Gloucester City Council, on December 1, 2009 did vote to join the new school district. Under the Gloucester City Charter that vote was required to be approved by the Mayor who had ten days to approve or veto the vote. On December 10, 2009 the Mayor vetoed the vote to join the new district. Under the City Charter this veto was returned "forthwith" to the City Council at its next meeting on December 15, 2009. In order to override the veto the City Council was required to have a 2/3 vote of the full council (six votes) in favor of override. The override of the veto failed as there were only five votes in favor.

The City Council understands that under the special acts governing the new district and the anticipated amendments to the acts by the state legislature that the vote to join may be considered again by the new council when its term begins in January 2010 up until July 2010. City Council President, Bruce Tobey, has asked me to advise you that this issue will be returned to the new City Council in January 2010 for review, debate, and vote with the intention of completing the vote before the deadline for municipalities to join. We will inform the office of the Commissioner of Education of any further votes to join by the Council and approved by the Mayor.

Sincerely,

City Clerk



Copy: Bruce H. Tobey