



Town of Weston Board of Selectmen

RESOLUTION

Concerning Lost and Unaccounted For Gas

February 23, 2016

WHEREAS. . . “Unaccounted For Gas” (UFG) or “Lost And Unaccounted For Gas” (LAUF) represents the difference between the total gas from all sources and the total gas accounted for a sales, interchange, and use and includes leakages or loss by other means, discrepancies in measuring or monitoring, variations of temperatures or pressures and other variations, and

WHEREAS . . . The cost of UFG is typically passed down from providers to consumers, and

WHEREAS. . . Leaking gas in the ground is harmful to vegetation and can kill valuable shade trees by depriving roots of oxygen, and

WHEREAS. . . There are 20,000 unrepaired gas leaks in the Commonwealth including 80 UGLs in Weston

WHEREAS. . . Unaccounted For Gas exceeds 8 billion cubic feet per year (worth more than \$50M)

WHEREAS. . . Unaccounted For Gas is a global warming gas that kills plants and creates ozone that affects human health and allergies

WHEREAS. . . Massachusetts House Bill (H2871), “An Act Relative to Gas Leak Repairs During Road Projects” seeks to require all gas leaks to be repaired when a road is opened up for a construction project, and

WHEREAS. . . Massachusetts House Bill (H2870), “An Act relative to protecting consumers of gas and electricity from paying for leaked and UFG”, seeks to protect all gas and electricity customers from paying for UFG by prohibiting providers from including the cost of UFG as well as the costs of reducing or remedying loss, in the rate base, and

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WHEREAS. . . H2970 will provide economic incentive to gas providers to mitigate loss, pushing development of improved technologies and practices, as well as to reduce heat-trapping gasses released during transportation, distribution, and storage, which have an impact on global warming,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED. . . That the Weston Board of Selectmen supports H2870 and H2781, and

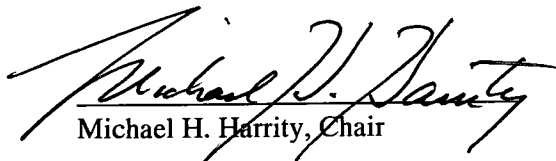
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. . . That the Weston Town Clerk forward an engrossed copy of this resolution to the elected Weston delegation in the House and Senate as well as House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo and Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg on behalf of the entire Weston Board of Selectmen.

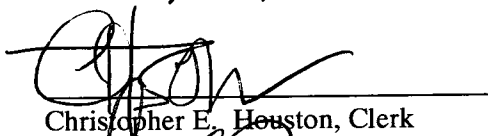
Read and adopted: FEBRUARY 23, 2016

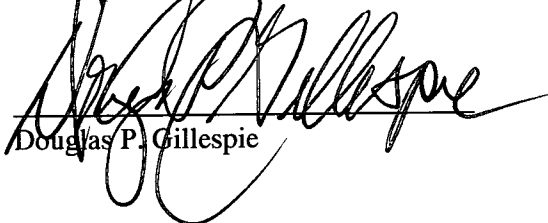
Attest: Deborah Davenport Town Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town of Weston


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