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December 8, 1997

Mr. Clayton T. Ryan, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Ryan:


Many thanks for your letter dated November 14, 1997, and our subsequent telephone conversation. I have surveyed the NHRR Valuation map collection and provided a listing for you to examine. Our most comprehensive collection involves maps rolled into sets and stored by valuation map number. In order to reproduce these maps we would need to reproduce each rolled set that pertains to one or more Norfolk county towns/cities. There are approximately ten maps in each roll.

As you will note via the attached list I looked at the various towns, matched them to the valuation numbers and then the roll numbers. I then eliminated duplicate rolls and finally I counted the maps in each roll.

By this method, I estimate there are 302 maps that relate to Norfolk County towns. Val maps are 4.5 long— at \$1.00 per linear foot the copying cost is \$1359. Shipping cost is \$17. The total at current prices is \$1376. Since we have had modest increases in prices each year, I recommend you budget no less than \$1500 for this project if you proceed to do it in FY 98-99.

Please let me know if I can provide more information.

Sincerely yours,


William Uricchio
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November 14, 1997

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Re: Railroad Valuation Maps, Norfolk County, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Uricchio:

I have come upon your name and list of archives from your recent written reply to a Mr. Joseph McNichols, a member of this office.

We have been trying to build a file of valuation plans within our office for the last three or four years. Since the railroads left our area these records have become a valuable resource. They are one of the most frequently asked for sources of information that the local surveyors look for in our office and it would certainly be a great help to them and our operation to have copies available.

I am wondering whether you have the capability to reproduce the val plans for Norfolk County and whether it would be possible for the County Engineer's office to purchase same? If it is within the realm of possibility could a total price be established along with the details for purchasing so that I may ask for the amount in my 1999 Fiscal Year budget?

I am very much interested in hearing from you and also to the possibility of visiting your facility at some time in the near future. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Asst. County Engineer

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November 9, 1997

Mr. Joseph McNichols
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Dear Mr. McNichols:

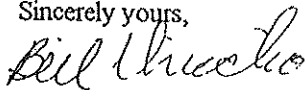
Many thanks for your call concerning land registry records for Norfolk County, Massachusetts. We have four railroad collections that may be of interest to you:

1. New Haven Railroad Archives. These are the corporate archives of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. A large card file held at our location can be searched for real estate files related to specific towns. I searched Avon and Bellingham and found a few cards for each indicating land conveyances. The numbers on the card files point to more detailed files in the archive boxes.
2. New Haven Railroad Historical and Technical Association (NHRHTA). NHRHTA's collection, on deposit with us, augments the bigger New Haven Archives. I found a bound registry volume for Norfolk County which lists all the land conveyed to and from the railroads prior to 1915. I also located an inventory of railroad owned buildings keyed to the Valuation Maps (see following). The inventories sometimes have drawings of details and photographs.
3. Railroad Valuation Maps. The index to this collection indicates we have maps that cover almost every town in the county. Any town serviced by the NHRR, the Old Colony or the Boston and Providence should be represented in the collection. Often the maps have land title and conveyance information on them.
4. Karl Steig Collection. Mr. Steig's materials, which are mostly NHRR real estate related, arrived in two donations. The initial acquisition contains information on NHRR abandonments for some of the Norfolk County towns. The 1997 acquisition has town-by-town folders throughout Massachusetts. I looked in the Bellingham and Canton files and found many leases for railroad property from various manufacturers, etc.

Also, you may be interested to know that our entire NHRHTA finding aid is now on the internet. You may want to look through it to see if other items are of interest. We are slowly working to get the bigger NHRR finding aid up as well. Both can be found at "www.lib.uconn.edu/DoddCenter/ASC/raillist.htm"

If I can be of further assistance please let me know.

Sincerely yours,



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RAILROAD VALUATION MAPS

TOWN	VAL. INDEX	MAP
Dedham	3.18	1 + 1.1
Boston	3.19/20	3 + 3.1
" " / Dedham	3.20	4 + 4.1
" " " "	"	5 + 5.1
Dedham	"	6
Canton	3.22	1 + 1.1
" "	"	2 + 2.1
Canton / Stoughton	"	3 + 3.1
Stoughton	"	4 + 4.1
Boston / Milton	4.11	10
" " / Dedham	"	11.2
" " " "	3.15	3.1
" " " "	4.11	11.3
" " " "	3.15	Misc.
Dedham	4.12	12
" " / Westwood	"	13
Dedham	4.13	1
" " / Westwood	"	2
Westwood / Norwood	4.14	14
Norwood	"	15,16
" "	4.14/15	17
Norwood / Walpole	4.15	18
Walpole	"	19
" "	"	20 + 20.1
" "	4.16	21,22
Walpole / Norfolk	"	23
Norfolk	"	24,25,26
" " / Franklin	"	27
Franklin	"	28
" "	4.16/17	29
" "	4.17	30,31
" " / Bellingham	"	32
Bellingham	"	33,34
" " / Blackstone	"	35
Boston	4.26	1
" " / Dedham / Needham	"	2
Needham	"	3,4
Newton	4.27	1
" " / Needham	"	2
Needham	"	3
Mansfield / Foxboro	3.13	16 + 16.1
Foxboro	"	17 + 17.1
" " / Sharon	"	18 + 18.1
Sharon	"	19 + 19.1
" "	"	20 + 20.1, 21 + 21.1
" "	"	22 + 22.1
" " / Canton	"	23 + 23.1
Canton	"	24
" "	3.14	25 + 25.1, 26
" " / Westwood	"	27 + 27.1
Westwood / Dedham	"	28 + 28.1
Dedham / Canton	" / 15	29 + 29.1
" " / Boston	3.15	30, S.L. 30.1 + 30, S.T. 30.

RAILROAD VALUATION MAPS

TOWN	VAL. INDEX	MAP
Franklin	4.34	1, 2
" " /Wrentham	"	3
Wrentham	"	4
" " /Cumberland R.I.	4.34/50	5
Quincy	5.14	7, 8, 9
" /Braintree	5.14/15	10, 10x
Braintree	5.15	11, 11x, 11a
Boston	5.11-12	4, 4x
" " /Quincy	5.12-13	5, 5x, 5a, 5b
Quincy	5.13-14	6, 6x
Braintree	5.15-16	12
" " /Weymouth	5.16	13
Weymouth	"	14, 15
" " /Abington	"	16
Needham	4.27-28	4
" "	4.28	5
" " /Dover	"	6
Dover	"	7, 8, 9
" /Medfield	"	10
Medfield	4.28-29	11 + 11.1
" " / Millis	4.29	12
Millis	"	13, 14, 15
" " / Medway	"	16
Medway	"	17, 18
" " / Bellingham	"	19
Bellingham	"	20, 21
" "	4.29-30	22
" "	4.30	23
" " /Mendon	"	24
Franklin	4.32	1, 2
" " /Bellingham	"	3
Bellingham	"	4
" "	4.32-33	5
Boston	5.24	1
" " /Milton	5.24/25	2
Milton	5.25	3
" " /Boston	"	4
Quincy/Milton	5.26	1
Milton	"	2
" " /Quincy	"	3
Quincy	"	4
" " /Braintree	"	5, 5a
Braintree	5.27	1
" " /Weymouth	"	2, 2x
Weymouth	"	3, 4, 5
" " / Hingham	"	6
Hingham	5.28	9
" " / Cohasset	"	10
Cohasset	"	11, 12, 13
" " /Scituate	"	14

RAILROAD VALUATION MAPS

TOWN	VAL. INDEX	MAP
Boston / Dedham	3.15	32, 32 + 32.1
" "	"	33 + 33.1, 34 + 34.
" "	"	35 + 35.1, 36 + 36.
Wellesley Farms	1.0	13, 15
" " Hills	"	14
" " / Natick	"	16, 17
Braintree	5.31	1
" "	" / 32	2
" " / Randolph	5.32	3
Randolph / Holbrook	"	4
Holbrook	"	5
Holbrook / Avon	"	6
Avon / Brockton	"	7
Braintree / Randolph	5.42	1
Randolph	"	2, 3
" " / Avon	"	4
Avon / Stoughton	"	5
Stoughton	"	6, 7
" "	" / 44	8
" "	5.43	1, 2
" " / Easton	5.44	9
Medfield	7.31	15
" " / Sherborn	"	16
Walpole	7.33	8
Mansfield / Foxboro	7.34	1
Foxboro	"	2, 3, 4, 5
" " / Walpole	"	6
Walpole	" / 33	7
" "	7.33/32	9
" "	7.32	10
" " / Medfield	"	11
Medfield	"	12, 13, 14
Walpole	7.42/43	16
" "	7.43	17, 18, 19
Wrentham	7.42	10, 11, 12
" " / Norfolk	"	13
Norfolk / Walpole	"	14
Walpole	"	15
" " / Norwood	7.43	20
Norwood	"	21, 22
N. Attleboro/Plainville	7.42	5
Plainville	"	6, 7
" " / Wrentham	"	8
Wrentham	"	9
Mansfield / Foxboro / Sharon	10 ⁻ 3.13	A, B, C, D, 3 16, 17, 18, 20, Misc.
Sharon / Westwood / Dedham / Boston	10 ⁻ 3.13 3.14	A, B, C, 4 22 27
	" / 15	29 + 30
	3.13/15	Misc.

RAILROAD VALUATION MAPS

TOWN	VAL. INDEX	MAP
Boston	10 ⁻	5
	3.15	Misc.
Boston / Dedham	10 ⁻	6
	3.15	Misc.
Boston	10 ⁻	7,8,9
	3.15	Misc.
Needham	10	A
	4.27	A
Edgartown	10	1
	6.18	Misc.
Canton	10 ⁻	A
	3.22	1
	10 ⁻	B
	3.22	2
	10 ⁻	1
	3.22	Misc.
Boston	10	1
	4.10	Misc.
Dedham	10 ⁻	1.1
	3.18	1
Oak Bluffs	10	2
	6.18	Misc.
Boston	10 ⁻	2.1
	3.19	2
Canton / Stoughton	10 ⁻	3.1
	3.22	3
Stoughton	10	4.1
	3.22	4
Boston	10	A
	3.16	38
	10	B
	3.16	39-39.5-40
	10	C
	3.16	40.5
Attleboro / Mansfield / Foxboro	10	11
	3.16	Misc.
	11	A
	3.21	2
	11	B
	3.21-11	5
	11	C
	3.12	12
11	D	
Sharon	3.13	17
	11	1
	3 21-11/12-13	Misc.
	11	A
	3.13	19-20
Sharon	11	B
	3.13	21
	11	2
	3.13	Misc.

RAILROAD VALUATION MAPS

TOWN	VAL. INDEX	MAP
Sharon / Canton	11	3
	3.13	Misc.
	11	4
	3.13	Misc.
Westwood / Boston	11	A
	3.14	28
	11	B
	3.15	33
	11	C
Boston / Dedham	3.15	33-34
	11	5
	3 14/15	Misc.
	11	4.1
	3.20	4
	11	5.1
	3.20	5
	11	5.1-x
	3.20	5
Bellingham	4.33	6
" " / Hopedale / Milford	"	7

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TOWN town total

VAL. MAP TOTAL

Wellesley 5, Westwood 3, Weymouth 7, Wrentham 7 =	22
Sharon 9, Stoughton 8, Walpole 16 =	33
Norwood 6, Oak Bluffs 1, Plainville 3, Quincy 11, Randolph 4 =	25
Millis 4, Milton 4, Needham 7, Newton 2, Norfolk 5, No. Attleboro 1 =	23
Franklin 11, Hingham 2, Holbrook 2, Mansfield 3, Medfield 7, Medway 3 =	28
Dedham 10, Dover 4, Edgartown 1, Foxboro 7 =	22
Braintree 12, Canton 9, Cohasset 4 =	25
Boston 33 =	33
Attleboro 1, Avon 2, Bellingham 12 =	15
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