

SECTION 1. The town of Harwich is hereby authorized to purchase or to acquire by gift the following described parcel of land or easements therein, or both, for beach, recreation and related purposes. Said land is situated at the end of Belmont road in the town of Dennis, and is shown as "Dennis Area" on a plan by the town of Harwich engineering department entitled, "Plan of Land in Harwich, Mass. Easement at Belmont Road, Scale 1" = 40' May 1, 1978", and is more particularly bounded as follows:

Beginning at a point on Harwich and Dennis town line, which point is 430' ± Southerly from the sideline of Chase Avenue, thence running S15°-09'-08"E along the Harwich and Dennis town line a distance of 263'± to Nantucket Sound. Thence westerly by said Sound a distance of 35'±. Thence N07° 48' 30"W a distance of 253'± to the Harwich and Dennis town line and the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains four thousand four hundred and ninety-five square feet, more or less, and title to said parcel is in Green Belmont, Inc., according to Certificate of Title No. 75003 recorded at the Barnstable County registry of deeds.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved July 23, 1979.

Chap. 416. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF A CITY SOLICITOR IN THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 26 of chapter 280 of the acts of 1932 is hereby amended by striking out the eighth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

The mayor shall appoint at such time and in such manner as may be established by ordinance a city attorney or solicitor, who shall be a member of the bar of the commonwealth. Such appointee shall, during the term of his appointment, reside within the city.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved July 23, 1979.

Chap. 417. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TREASURER-COLLECTOR OF TAXES IN THE TOWN OF DOVER BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF SAID TOWN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section one of chapter forty-one of the General Laws or of any other contrary provision of law, commencing on April fourteenth, nineteen hundred and eighty, the treasurer-collector of taxes of the town of Dover shall be appointed by the board of selectmen of said town, and the person so appointed shall have all the powers and duties now or from time to time vested by law in the office of treasurer-collector of taxes. The town of Dover may establish by by-law such qualifications for said office as it deems necessary and ap-

appropriate. Any vacancy in such office shall be filled in like manner for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved July 23, 1979.

Chap. 418. AN ACT VALIDATING THE ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ANDOVER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. All acts and proceedings of the annual town meeting of the town of Andover in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-nine, and all acts done in pursuance thereof, are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed, notwithstanding the failure of the finance committee to mail a copy of the warrant for such meeting and a copy of its report to each household in said town at least ten calendar days before the first scheduled business session of such meeting, as required by the by-laws of said town.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved July 23, 1979.

Chap. 419. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PUBLICATION OF LISTS OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC OFFICE IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Part II of chapter 621 of the acts of 1911 is hereby amended by striking out section 44 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 44. Appointments to any office, offices, board or boards established by this act or by city ordinance, except foremen and day laborers and such offices as pertain to the school committee, shall be subject to the following provisions, to wit:- Two weeks preceding the appointment to any such office, offices, board or boards a statement of the position or positions to be filled shall be published in at least one daily newspaper of the city under the signature or signatures of the director or directors empowered to appoint, and he or they shall therein request any candidate or candidates for said position or positions to submit his or their candidacy in writing to the director or directors aforesaid, but nothing herein contained shall prevent the appointing power from rejecting any or all applicants and publishing a new statement of positions to be filled. Not less than two nor more than four days prior to said appointment, the said director or directors shall cause to be published in at least one daily newspaper of the city a list of the names of all candidates who have made written applications as aforesaid. All removals from appointive offices shall be accompanied by a statement of the reason or reasons therefor under the signature of the director removing the officer or officers, and a copy of the statement shall be filed in the office of the city clerk.