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**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of Harwich, acting by and through its board of selectmen, may acquire by gift, conveyance, purchase or eminent domain a certain unnumbered parcel of land adjoining Kelley Cemetery in the town for cemetery purposes. The parcel is shown on Assessor's Map No. 48 as parcel T1-3.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved August 4, 2008.

**Chapter 237. AN ACT DESIGNATING MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK.**

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15FFFFF the following section:-

Section 15 GGGGG. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the third full week in September as Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week, in recognition of the number of residents of the commonwealth affected by mitochondrial diseases, and the need for increased public awareness, research and support for victims and their families, and recommending that the week be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.

Approved August 4, 2008.

**Chapter 238. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS CREDIT UNION SHARE INSURANCE CORPORATION.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Subsection (a) of section 80A of chapter 171 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 3 sentences:- A credit union insured by the Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation shall file notification of its intent to convert with said corporation at least 90 days before the date of the proposed special meeting of the members of the credit union. No credit union may convert pursuant to this section so long as any financial assistance provided by said

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corporation to such credit union remains unpaid or has not been compromised or settled. Any such repayment, compromise or settlement shall be approved by the commissioner.

Approved August 4, 2008.

**Chapter 239. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 11 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph the following paragraph:—

When a planning board or department is also the special permit granting authority for a special permit applicable to a subdivision plan, the planning board or department may hold the special permit public hearing together with a public hearing required by sections 81K to 81GG inclusive of chapter 41 and allow for the publication of a single advertisement giving notice of the consolidated hearing.

**SECTION 2.** The last sentence of section 81T of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following words:— ; provided, however, that when the planning board is also the special permit granting authority for a special permit applicable to the plan, the planning board may hold the definitive plan public hearing together with the public hearing required by section 9 of chapter 40A and allow for the publication of a single advertisement giving notice of the consolidated hearing.

Approved August 4, 2008.

**Chapter 240. AN ACT DESIGNATING STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 116 IN CERTAIN TOWNS AS A SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

State highway route 116 located in the towns of Deerfield, Conway, Ashfield, Plainfield, Savoy and Adams is hereby designated a scenic byway corridor in order to recognize, interpret, preserve and promote its unique scenic, cultural, archeological, natural and recreational resources in the counties of Franklin, Hampshire and Berkshire through the development of a corridor management plan and an accompanying public participation process.

Approved August 4, 2008.

**Chapter 241. AN ACT DESIGNATING A CERTAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AS REVEREND PAUL A. PHINN WAY.**