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Book 3059, Page 371, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the northwesterly corner of said parcel and thence running N 32°-26'-16" E 90 feet to a point, thence S 57°-33'-44" E 70 feet to a point, thence S 32°-26'-16" W 90 feet to a point, thence N 57°-33'-44" W 70 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6,300 square feet, as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Westfield, Massachusetts surveyed for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of State Colleges, date: May 20, 1981, Heritage Surveys, Bruce A. Coombs, R.L.S."

SECTION 2. Said parcel shall be used for the construction of an interfaith counseling center and related facilities and if construction has not begun within two years, or if said land is used for any other purposes, title to said land and any buildings thereon shall revert to the commonwealth.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved October 29, 1981.

Chap. 492. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECALL AND REMOVAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE.

Be it enacted, etc. as follows:

SECTION 1. Any holder of an elective office in the town of Northbridge may be recalled and removed therefrom by the qualified voters of the town as herein provided.

SECTION 2. Ten qualified voters of the town of Northbridge may file with the town clerk of said town an affidavit containing the name of the officer sought to be removed and a statement of the grounds of removal. Said town clerk shall thereupon deliver to the voters making such affidavit a sufficient number of copies of petition blanks for such recall and removal. Said blanks shall be issued by said town clerk with his signature and official seal attached thereto; and shall be dated and addressed to the selectmen of said town. Said blanks shall contain the name of the persons to whom issued, the number of blanks so issued, the name of the person sought to be removed, the office from which removal is sought, the grounds of removal as stated in said affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor to such office. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of said town clerk. Said recall petition shall be returned and filed with said town clerk within twenty-one days after the filing of the affidavit. Said petition before

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being returned and filed shall be signed by qualified voters of said town, equal in number to at least fifteen per cent of the qualified voters of said town as of the date such affidavit was filed with said town clerk, provided that the petition shall contain the signatures of at least fifty qualified voters residing in each precinct within said town.

SECTION 3. If the petition shall be found and certified by said town clerk to be sufficient, he shall submit the same with his certificate to said selectmen without delay, and said selectmen shall forthwith give written notice to said officer of the receipt of said certificate and shall, if the officer sought to be removed does not resign within five days thereafter, thereupon order a removal election to be held on a day fixed by them not less than twenty-five nor more than thirty-five days after the date of said town clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition is filed; provided, however, that if any other town election is to occur within sixty days after the date of said certificate, said selectmen may, in their discretion, postpone the holding of the removal election to the date of such other election.

SECTION 4. Any officer who has been removed by a vote at the removal election may be a candidate to succeed himself in an election to be held to fill such vacancy. The nomination of all candidates, the publication of the warrant for the removal election and any election to fill a vacancy caused by a removal election, and the conduct of the same, shall all be in accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections, unless otherwise provided in this act. A majority of those voting at the removal election shall be sufficient to recall such elected officer.

SECTION 5. The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of his office until the removal election. If said incumbent is not removed, he shall continue in office for the remainder of his unexpired term, subject to recall as before. If said incumbent is removed in the removal election, he shall be deemed removed and an election shall be held to elect a qualified successor, who shall hold office during the unexpired term.

SECTION 6. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of the town of Northbridge at the next annual town meeting in the form of the following question, which shall be placed on the official ballot to be used for the election of town officers at said meeting:- "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and eighty-one, entitled 'An Act providing for recall and removal elections in the town of Northbridge', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes cast in

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answer to said question is in the affirmative, this act shall take full effect, but not otherwise.

Approved October 29, 1981.

Chap. 493. AN ACT INCREASING THE TIME LIMITATION ON CERTAIN ACTIONS FOR WRONGFUL DEATH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 229 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the fourth sentence, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 699 of the acts of 1973.

SECTION 2. This act shall apply to causes of action arising on and after January first, nineteen hundred and eighty-two.

Approved October 29, 1981.

EMERGENCY LETTER - October 29, 1981 @ 11:06 A.M.

Chap. 494. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF HUBBARDSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any holder of an elective office in the town of Hubbardston may be recalled and removed therefrom by the qualified voters of the town as herein provided.

SECTION 2. Ten qualified voters of the town may make and file with the town clerk an affidavit containing the name of the officer sought to be recalled and removed and a statement of the grounds of removal. The town clerk shall thereupon deliver to the voters making such affidavit a sufficient number of copies of petition blanks for such recall and removal. Said blanks shall be issued by the town clerk with his signature and official seal attached thereto; and shall be dated and addressed to the selectmen. Said blanks shall contain the name of the persons to whom issued, the number of blanks so issued, the name of the person sought to be removed, the office from which removal is sought, the grounds of removal as stated in said affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor to such office. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the town clerk. Said recall petition shall be returned and filed with the town clerk within fourteen days after the filing of the affidavit. Said petition before being returned and filed shall be signed by qualified voters of the town, equal in