
Chapter 477. AN ACT DESIGNATING A CERTAIN INTERCHANGE IN THE CITY OF MARLBOROUGH AS THE HARRY P. LOFTUS INTERCHANGE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The interchange on interstate highway route 495 in the city of Marlborough, to be constructed between the exits numbered 23 and 24 of said interstate highway route 495, shall be designated and known as the Harry P. Loftus interchange, in honor of Harry P. Loftus, in recognition of his service to his community and country. The department of highways shall erect suitable markers bearing said designation in compliance with the standards of said department.

Approved January 9, 1997.

Chapter 478. AN ACT CLARIFYING A CERTAIN CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 18 of chapter 12 of the acts of 1996 is hereby amended by striking out the words "said parcel to be more particularly described in a plan to be prepared by said division and" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- which shall include, as determined by said division, Parcel A and Parcel B as shown on a Plan of Land in Dedham, Massachusetts dated August 24, 1992, being plan number 633 of 1992 in plan book 408 on file and recorded in the Norfolk county registry of deeds.

Approved January 9, 1997.

Chapter 479. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MASHPEE WATER DISTRICT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 2 of chapter 136 of the acts of 1987 is hereby amended by striking out clause (b), as amended by chapter 73 of the acts of 1991, and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

(b) may take by eminent domain under the provisions of chapter seventy-nine or chapter eighty A of the General Laws, or acquire, by lease, purchase, gift, or otherwise, and hold, the waters, or any portion thereof, of any pond, spring or stream, or of any groundwater sources of supply by means of driven, artesian or other wells, within the territorial limits of the town of Mashpee, or towns adjoining thereto, not already appropriated for the purpose of a public water supply by another governmental body, and the water and flowage rights connected with any such water sources; may take as aforesaid, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold, all lands, rights-of-way and other easements necessary for collecting,

storing, holding, purifying and preserving the purity of the water and for conveying the same to any part of the district; provided, however, that the location and arrangement of dams, reservoirs, springs, wells, pumping, purification and filtration plants and such other works as may be necessary in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be subject to the approval of the department of environmental protection or any successor state agency; provided, however, that the provisions of section five C of said chapter seventy-nine shall not apply to the Mashpee Water District with respect to the taking of easements in private roads for purposes of laying and maintaining water pipes, but shall be applicable to any and all land takings.

Approved January 9, 1997.

Chapter 480. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE DISCHARGE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 183 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 54, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 54. For the purposes of sections fifty-four to fifty-five, inclusive, the following words, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the following meanings:-

"Discharge", a deed of release or written acknowledgement of payment or satisfaction of the debt or obligation secured by a mortgage or the conditions therein contained, or, in the case of a partial release issued by a mortgage servicer or noteholder pursuant to this section or section fifty-four C, a partial release evidencing that a payment has been made pursuant to the debt or obligation secured by such mortgage or the conditions therein contained.

"Federally related mortgage loan", a federally related mortgage loan as defined in the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974, 12 USC section 2602.

"Mortgagee" or "mortgage holder", the holder of record of a mortgage deed; provided, however, that if the mortgage deed has been assigned of record, mortgagee or mortgage holder shall mean the last person to whom such mortgage deed has been assigned of record.

"Mortgage servicer", the last person servicing a federally related mortgage loan who has provided a payoff statement with respect to said federally related mortgage loan, whether or not appearing of record as the mortgagee or the mortgage holder.

"Note holder", the holder of a note evidencing a debt or any other obligation secured by a mortgage; provided, however, that if the note holder is not the holder of record of the mortgage deed, said note shall contain the appropriate endorsements evidencing the transfer of ownership thereof to said holder.

"Payoff statement", a statement, oral or in writing, issued at the request of the mort-