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## FRRR Weighs in on National Grid's Minor Modification Request

On Monday, February 6, 2017, Kenneth Fiola, Jr., Executive Vice President of the Fall River Office of Economic Development (FROED) addressed the Fall River Conservations Commission to express his views on behalf of the Fall River Redevelopment Authority (FRRR) regarding the modification request put forth by National Grid and related waterfront public access issues. Fiola also sent a letter dated January 31, 2017 to Ben Lynch, Program Chief for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protections expressing the same views.

The FRRR received a copy of National Grid's January 4, 2017 request for a minor modification under Chapter 91 and its regulations to authorize relocation of existing towers and realignment of wires associated with the Z1 and Y2 transmission lines that cross the Taunton River in the area of Remington Avenue and Bicentennial Park in Fall River. National Grid's proposal includes removal of the existing large lattice towers that are located on solid fill piers and installation of new

monopole structures landward of the existing towers and a fence along the southerly side of Remington Avenue.

This request is of particular interest to the FRRR because the City of Fall River, through the FRRR and the Harriman Group, has been performing work associated with a Waterfront Urban Renewal Plan with a particular focus on Taunton River waterfront. A major objective of this planning process is to provide the means for enhanced public access along the Taunton River shoreline. Therefore, the FRRR conditionally supports the National Grid proposal.

The FRRR supports removal of the existing lattice towers, installation of the new monopole structures, and the planned maintenance and repair activities on the solid fill pier structures. The significantly reduced size of the transmission towers and the new landward location of the monopoles provides a significant opportunity for

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## FRRA Weighs in on National Grid's Minor Modification Request

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National Grid and FRRA to establish a public walkway along the perimeter of the Taunton River shoreline at this location that would extend and complement the waterfront boardwalk from Heritage State Park to Bicentennial Park and provide shoreline access for the patrons of the recently renovated mill building at 1082 Davol Street, which houses Bristol Community College, Remy's restaurant and soon to be 103 market rate

residential units currently under construction. However, National Grid's proposal to maintain or replace fencing along Remington Avenue is inconsistent with Chapter 91 regulations pertaining to public accessibility and interferes with the City's plans for a continuous riverfront walkway along the shore that is a component of planned public shoreline access under the urban renewal planning process.

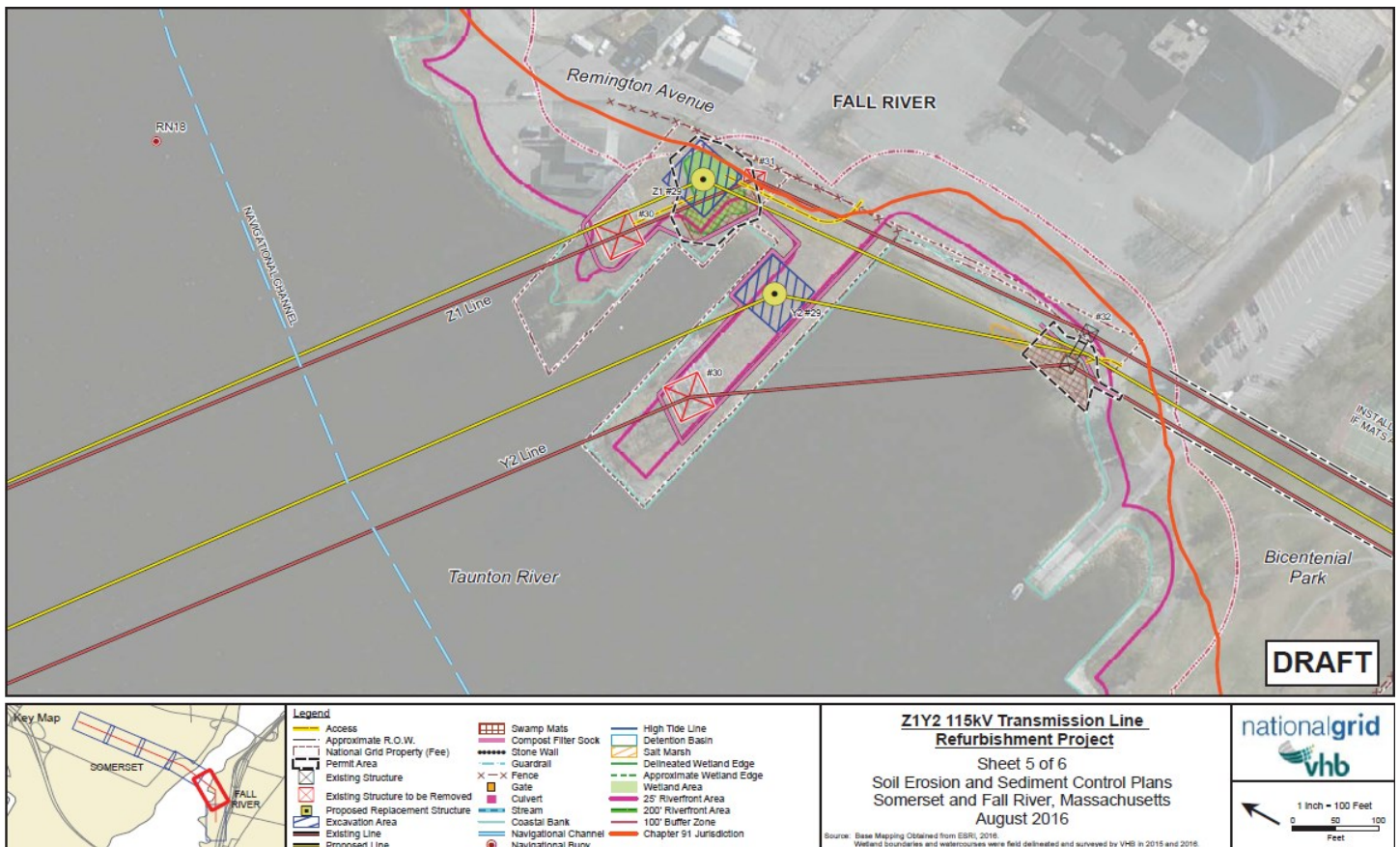
Therefore, the FRRA, on

behalf of the City, requested that National Grid be required to remove any fencing, either proposed or existing and construct a user friendly, pedestrian perimeter walkway along the perimeter of the southern pier within the corridor as a condition of approval for the minor modification request. If such a condition is not made, then the City requested that the minor modification be denied and a license be required for the proposed work and

that public hearings be held regarding the application.

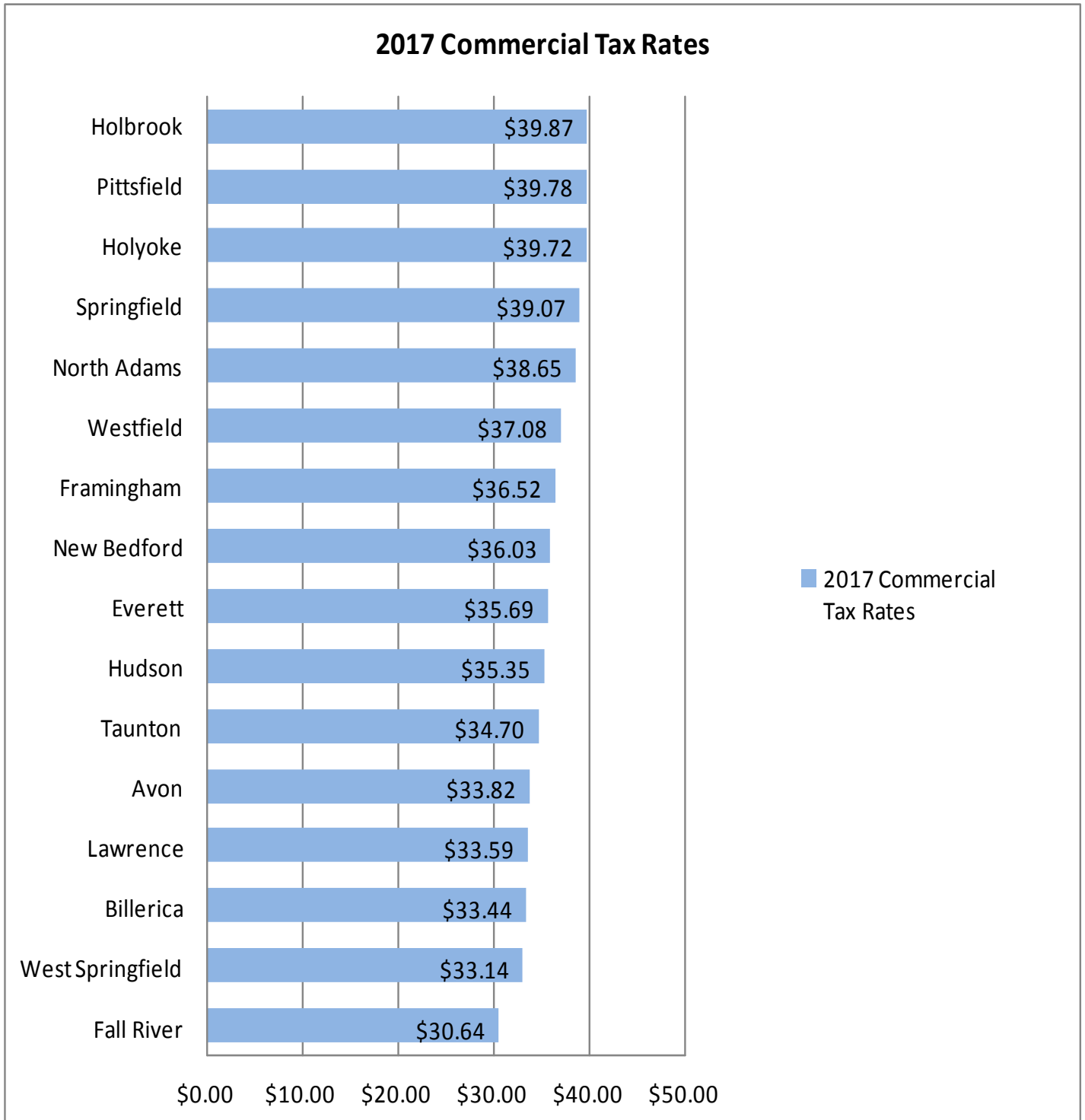
The FRRA will continue to have dialogue with National Grid as it pertains to the northern pier and its utilization for public access once it is in a condition to accommodate such access.

Below is a draft diagram of the proposed Transmission Line Refurbishment Project as submitted by National Grid.



Above: Draft diagram of the proposed Transmission Line Refurbishment Project as submitted by National Grid.

**Fall River by the Numbers...**



Source: Boston Business Journal, Massachusetts Department of Revenue



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## Free Workshop Series “The ‘Real Scoop’ on Business Financing”

The Fall River Office of Economic Development (FROED) will host the second seminar of the 2017 Free Workshop Series entitled “The ‘Real Scoop’ on Business Financing” on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 from 4:00pm to 6:30pm at the Cherry & Webb Building located at 139 South Main Street, Fall River, MA 02721.

Would you like to get the “Real Scoop” on what it takes for your company to get financing? Come to a workshop where you’ll hear from Mike Motta, Microloan Technical Assistance Specialist with FROED, about the process of obtaining loans for your Fall River business. The workshop will be appropriate for both existing businesses in Fall River and someone starting a new business in Fall River.

All interested participants are required to register by Thursday, March 2, 2017. The link to register is available on the FROED website at <http://froed.org> under the “Microloan Seminars” tab. Any questions should be directed to Michael Motta, FROED Technical Assistance Specialist at [m.motta@froed.org](mailto:m.motta@froed.org) or 508-324-2620.

We look forward to seeing you at “The ‘Real Scoop’ on Business Financing” seminar on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 4:00pm at the Cherry & Webb Building located at 139 South Main Street, Fall River, MA 02721.



## Fall River’s Finest: Malcolm G. Kispert

Born in Fall River in 1923, Malcolm G. Kispert was the son of Edward and Margaret Kispert and lived on Warren Street. He married his wife, Janice, and had two sons and two daughters. He died at fifty-two in 1975 and is buried in Dover, Massachusetts.

Kispert was educated in local Fall River schools including BMC Durfee High School before receiving his S.B. and S.M. in Aeronautical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

After receiving his degrees from M.I.T. in 1944 and 1946 and serving his country, Kispert returned to the Institute and was named assistant to the president. In 1952, he became Executive Assistant to the President and then Assistant Chancellor in 1956. In 1961 he was named Vice President, and ten years later Kispert was named Secretary and Vice President until his untimely passing four years later.

Kispert was a member of the Greatest Generation and served in the Navy in the Pacific Theater as an aeronautical engineer during World War II.

Kispert received the William Barton Rogers Award at M.I.T. in recognition of high scholarship, character, and leadership in student affairs. Today he is remembered with the presentation of the Malcolm G. Kispert Award to the male and female scholar-athletes of the year.



*(Excerpt from “Cream of the Crop—Fall River’s Best and Brightest” by John B. Cummings, Jr.)*



### Mission statement of the Fall River Office of Economic Development:

*Incorporated in 1978 as a 501(c)(4) corporation to promote the prosperity and general welfare of the citizens of Fall River through the stimulation of economic strength and expansion of new and existing business.*

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