



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE, MAYOR

Office of the Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

FROM: Monica R. Lamboy, Executive Director *ML*

DATE: April 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Request to accept a gift of unknown value in the form of three railroad artifacts from KSS Realty Partners

The Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) respectfully requests that you forward this request to accept MBTA rail artifacts from the former railroad right-of-way adjacent to the former MaxPak site to the Board of Aldermen for their approval. These artifacts are a gift from KSS Realty Partners which is developing the site.

Background

In the course of removing old MBTA railroad ties and clearing a right-of-way for the future Community Path, KSS Realty Partners salvaged several historic artifacts. They have offered to donate these items to the City for re-installation as part of the Community Path project. The artifacts will enhance the rail-to-trail project and remind users of Somerville's past transportation and industry elements.

The items to be donated are: one (1) grade crossing signal; one (1) switch signal and switch stand; and one (1) railroad frog (part of the track where two lines intersected).

The MBTA has granted KSS permission to make this donation. Correspondence from KSS Realty confirming the donation is attached to this report.

Recommendation

The Board of Aldermen accept these donations of unknown value in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A, which requires a vote of the Board of Aldermen for the expenditure of grants or gifts from the federal government and from a charitable foundation, private corporation, or an individual, or from the Commonwealth, a county or municipality or agency thereof.