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August 30, 2016

Blythe Robinson, Town Manager
Town of Upton
1 Main Street
Box 1
Upton, MA 01568

Dear Ms. Robinson,

On behalf of the Southbridge Town Council and myself, we would like to express the Town's sincerest gratitude and appreciation to all of those that helped fight the recent fires on Sunday, August 28th. Your Fire Department came to the mutual aid of the Southbridge Fire Department for a 6 alarm structure fire on Main Street and a later fire on Benefit Street. The two combined fires were only extinguished with a lot of hard work and long hours in very extreme temperatures. It is because of the hard work of the professionals involved that they were able to keep these fires contained to the primary sites with no loss of life involved.

Again, thank you to every person involved with this effort that were ready, willing and able to assist the Town of Southbridge in a time of need. You should be very proud of your firefighters for their dedication and commitment to help anyone in need to protect the lives of the citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ron San Angelo".

Ron San Angelo
Town Manager

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CC: Town Council



**The Unitarian Universalist Society
of Grafton and Upton**

PO Box 102, Grafton MA 01519

September 1, 2016

Mr. James Brochu, Member of the Board of Selectmen
Upton Town Hall
1 Main Street
Upton MA 01568

Dear Mr. Brochu,

I am the newly settled minister of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Grafton and Upton. I write to introduce myself and the congregation I serve to your office. I appreciate your leadership on the Upton Board of Selectmen.

My congregation is committed to the principles of the inherent worth of all people, the search for spiritual truth and the interconnectedness of all life. We are engaged in social justice efforts locally and internationally. Moreover the church strives to foster interfaith and multicultural dialogue in our communities of Grafton and Upton.

If there is ever an occasion for us to lend assistance in the cause of supporting a worthwhile effort in our towns or region that is consistent with the church's values, I hope you will not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

The Reverend Daniel Gregoire, Minister.

Your Opinion Matters

Which Department did you visit: police station

What was the date: 9-5-16

What was the nature of your visit: for directions

Please share your thoughts with us: The lovely lady at the desk was very pleasant and helpful. She turned me over to an officer, who was great. It was a difficult place to find, but he located it using his I-phone - perfect!

What a great town you have.

Thank you all very much. We'd love to come back

John & Hope Anna

09/06/16

Town Manager Blythe Robinson
Board of Selectmen
Town of Upton
1 Main Street
Upton, MA 01568

Town of Upton
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Selectmen's Office

Dear Ms. Robinson and Board of Selectmen:

On 06/06/16 I sent you a letter about the deplorable conditions at the home at 104 Westborough Road.

Since that time nothing has been done to address the conditions other than the new owners moving in and taking up residence in a home that is uninhabitable that is literally falling down, the chimney fell to the ground; there are holes in the roof covered with plywood; and access to the home by animals through the gaping holes.

How can the Town allow people to live in this condemned uninhabitable place? When will the Town address the deplorable conditions of this home?

The new owners park their vehicles behind the house to avoid detection by Town inspectors who drive past and see an empty driveway.

Again, in addition to the concerns about animals taking up residence and the property being an eyesore to the neighbors, we are very concerned that it poses a serious fire hazard.

Thank you for addressing our concerns about this neighborhood hazard and blight.

CONCERNED TAXPAYERS

06/06/16

Town Manager Blythe Robinson

Board of Selectmen

Town of Upton

1 Main Street

Upton, MA 01568

Dear Ms. Robinson and Board of Selectmen:

I know that you were very successful in addressing the blight that existed with a home in town that was abandoned by its owner.

My neighbors and I hope that you can do the same with the home at 104 Westborough Road, Upton, MA.

If you review the attached pictures you will see,

1. Some of the holes in the roof are covered with plywood that will likely be blown to the ground after the next windy storm.
2. There is access to the house by animals and vermin through the gaping hole under the porch and at other places on this home.
3. The house is literally falling apart. As you will see in the pictures the chimney fell to the ground on the left side of the house.

In addition to the concerns about animals taking up residence and the property being an eyesore to the neighbors, we are very concerned that it poses a serious fire hazard.

Thank you for addressing our concerns about this neighborhood hazard and blight.

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