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Re:

Alexander B.C. Mulholland, Jr., et al. v.

Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, et al.

No. ES09E0094QC (Essex Probate Court)

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am enclosing for filing and docketing Ipswich School Committee's Statement in Support of Motion of Selectmen Feoffees to Substitute Parties and to Join Parties as Defendants.

Please note that this matter is scheduled for hearing before Judge Sahagian on Monday, January 31, at 8:00 a.m.

Very truly yours,

Stephen M. Perry

SMP/lnm Enclosures

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ESSEX, SS.	PROBATE & FAMILY COURT NO. ES09E0094QC
ALEXANDER B.C. MULHOLLAND, JR, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,))
v.)
ATTORNEY GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, et al.;)))
Defendants)
)

IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION OF SELECTMEN FEOFFEES TO SUBSTITUTE PARTIES AND TO JOIN PARTIES AS DEFENDANTS

The three Town of Ipswich Selectmen who currently serve as Feoffees (the "Selectmen-Feoffees") have filed a motion to substitute parties so as to replace two former Selectmen, who no longer serve in that capacity, and therefore no longer serve as Feoffees, with the two Selectmen who have replaced them as Feoffees. In addition, the three Selectmen-Feoffees have moved to be realigned in the case as defendants, rather than plaintiffs, because they oppose plaintiffs' motion for partial summary judgment and, based on the information that has now been made available to them, do not necessarily support the proposed sale.

The Ipswich School Committee hereby supports the selectmen-Feoffees' motion for the reasons stated therein. The three selectmen-Feoffees, none of whom signed the Settlement Agreement, must act solely in the best interest of the beneficiaries. They have a right to retain counsel of their choice. Furthermore, to the extent they determine based on a full airing of the facts that the proposed sale is unnecessary and/or improvident, they have a right and duty, as co-

Trustees, to be heard on the matter. Although they are necessary parties to the case, they should not continue to be aligned in the case as plaintiffs if they do not support the positions that the majority of the Trustees are taking.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 28, 2011

Defendants and Counterclaim Plaintiffs, IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND RICHARD KORB, SUPERINTENDENT By their attorneys,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 28, 2011, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by via first class mail upon all counsel of record.

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