



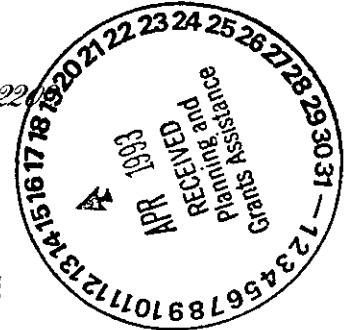
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

Division of Conservation Services

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MEMORANDUM

To: Deb Richards, National Park Service
From: Jennifer Jillson Soper, Statewide Coordinator *J. Soper*
Subject: #25-00017, Holyoke Pool, DEM
Date: April 13, 1993

It has taken 24 years, but the Department of Environmental Management has finally decided to throw in the last towel at the Holyoke Pool. A LWCF grant of \$121,341.23 was paid to the Department of Public Works, Waterways Division from 1968 - 1969 to build a pool and deed it over to DEM. It has been a very popular resource for the city of Holyoke but its rather remote location in a wooded area on top of a hill made it a tempting target for vandalism. The combination of repeated vandalism and advanced age of the equipment has forced DEM to consider demolishing the obsolete pool, filling the area and restoring the lawn and perhaps deeding the property over to the city.

According to the grants manual Post Completion Requirements regarding obsolescence, the change of use from a swimming facility to a passive picnic area requires approval from the National Park Service. Such approval is contingent on the age of the equipment and the quality of maintenance. Considering the fact that the pool is 24 years old and that DEM has invested considerable time and staff hours to maintaining the vulnerable facility, it is my judgement that the Department has fulfilled its obligation by complying with the intent of the LWCF program.

I have attached a memorandum from DEM regarding their plans for your review. One issue that they mention is the fact that although DPW built the pool, there is lingering doubt as to whether or not that agency actually deeded the property over to DEM. However, DPW's Waterways Division was replaced by DEM. As soon as DEM resolves the ownership issue, I will contact you.

The pool is approximately a 2 acre site in the middle of a much larger city owned park. DEM has already spoken to the city regarding the possible transfer of ownership to Holyoke. Of course, this cannot happen until the state ownership issue is resolved. DEM will continue to maintain the area until it is deeded to Holyoke. The city would then assume the responsibilities of the LWCF program by maintaining the site and using it strictly for outdoor recreation purposes.

Please let me know if you need any more information in addition to the ownership resolution to approve the planned demolition.

TO: TODD LAFLEUR
FROM: ROY GOODREAU
SUBJECT: HOLYOKE POOL DEMOLITION
DATE: MARCH 18, 1993

THE POOL THAT WE WISH TO DEMOLISH IS THE HOLYOKE POOL AT SCOTT TOWER IN THE CITY OF HOLYOKE. THIS POOL WAS BUILT IN THE LATE 1960'S BY MASS D.P.W.. AT THAT TIME D.P.W. BUILT ALL OF OUR POOLS AND THEN TURNED THEM OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. D.P.W. OBTAINED THE LAND FROM THE CITY OF HOLYOKE. AS OF 1983 D.P.W. WAS THE OWNER OF RECORD. WE HAVE NOT OPERATED THIS POOL SINCE THE 1989-1990 SEASON. THE POOL HAD REACHED A POINT WHERE IT WAS NOT PRACTICAL FOR US TO MAKE THE EXTENSIVE REPAIRS THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR US TO CONTINUE. THIS POOL IS A DEFINITE SAFETY HAZZARD IN IT'S PRESXENT CONDITION AND SHOULD BE DEMOLISHED. THE LAND THAT THE POOL SITS ON IS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A LARGE CITY PARK. THIS LAND SHOULD BE GIVEN BACK TO THE CITY AND THEY SHOULD ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6(F) (3) OF P.L. 88-578. THIS IS A MATTER THAT SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN YOU, JOEL, AND OUR LEGAL STAFF.

Hampshire
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS
~~Walter K. Carter~~, Register

Book *3307* Page *28*
Consideration, \$
Town *Holyoke*
Instrument *Taking*
Date *Nov. 29, 1967*
Dower—Curtesy—Homestead
Other Interests—Released

By:

References

Acknowledged

Date of Record

SEALS.

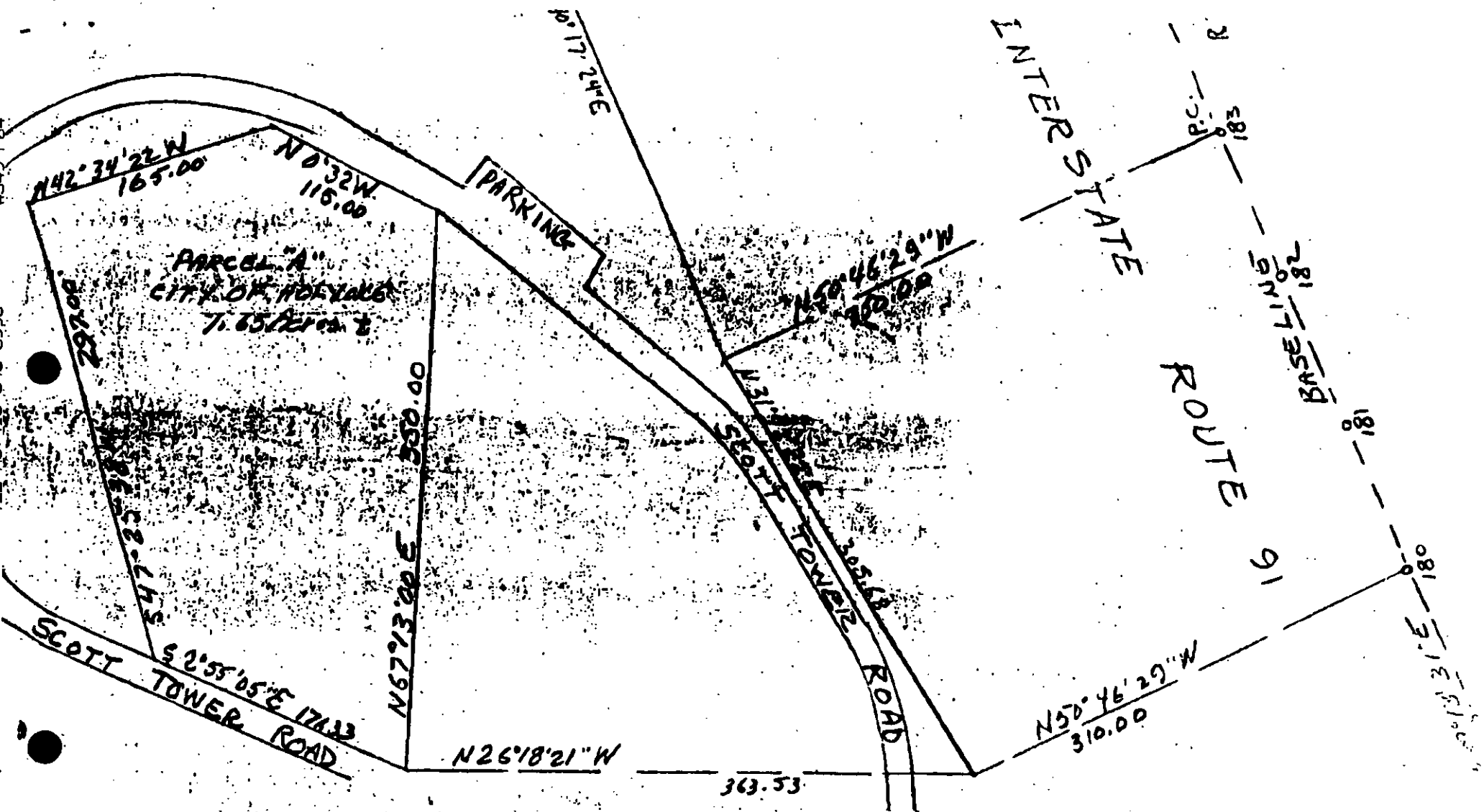
Grantor *Inhabitants of Holyoke*
Grantee *Mass. D. P. W.*

1.65 Ac. ±

See plan in Book 111, P. 9

(Holyoke Pool) -

*Land has not been transferred
to DEM as of
Jan. 3, 1983*



HOLIOKE

SHOWING CERTAIN OF LAND TAKEN
BY THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR
PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES - 11/29/67

PLAN BY JOSEPH SMITH, DEC. 7, 1967