

TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE  
July 9, 2020

The meeting of the Farmington Land Acquisition Committee was held remotely on July 9, 2020 via Zoom. Present were Committee Members Chair Mastrobattista, Connolly, Cowles, Wadsworth and Wolf and Land Acquisition Consultant Dolphin.

*Call Meeting to Order:*

Chair Mastrobattista called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

*Public Comment:* None

*Approval of Minutes:*

Upon MOTION made and seconded (Wadsworth/Cowles) it was unanimously VOTED to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting as written.

*Correspondence:*

Ms. Dolphin presented a letter from Ann Vibert Wuelfing, Farmington resident, requesting that 1507 & 1509 Farmington Avenue be listed on the Land Acquisition List. Committee members agreed to continue this discussion under New Business.

*New Business:*

Ms. Dolphin highlighted information she had sent to the Committee in advance regarding a proposal by Ann Vibert Wuelfing to acquire 1507 & 1509 Farmington Avenue as a pocket park to add to the Town's existing open space that celebrates historic waterworks projects in Farmington, including the Farmington Canal and its Aqueducts, the Unionville Feeder Canal, and Unionville Power Dams. 1507 & 1509 Farmington Avenue properties are located near the historic location of the Feeder Dam that provided the water source for the Feeder Canal that subsequently fed the historic Farmington Canal. Ms. Dolphin reported that the houses on both properties had been demolished and at least one property was for sale. She believed that 1509 could not be rebuilt due to its location within the Farmington River Floodway. She indicated, however, that she would be talking to Russ Arnold to find out more about the properties and would bring additional information to the next meeting.

Following discussion, a MOTION was made and seconded (Wadsworth/Cowles) to add 1507 & 1509 Farmington Avenue to the Farmington Land Acquisition List following review and recommendation by the Conservation Commission.

*Old Business:*

Acquisition Update

Ms. Dolphin reported that 9485 Mountain Road had been transferred to the Town of Farmington on June 25, 2020, following the filing of 4 out of 5 Quit Claim deeds received back from the heirs of the property's now deceased owners: Joseph and Stella Mitchell.

Ms. Dolphin further reported that the Purchase & Sales agreement for the acquisition of 8489 Meadow Road had been signed and that a closing was anticipated within the month.

*Executive Session to discuss selection of site or purchase of real estate*

Upon MOTION made and seconded (Wadsworth/Wolf) it was unanimously

VOTED: to go into Executive Session. The session was opened at 5:23 p.m. Attending were Committee Members Chair Mastrobattista, Connolly, Cowles, Wadsworth and Wolf and Land Acquisition Consultant Dolphin.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

A MOTION (Wadsworth/Cowles) to adjourn was adopted at 6:15 p.m.

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