

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE
December 10, 2015

The meeting of the Farmington Land Acquisition Committee was held on December 10, 2015 at the Farmington Town Hall. Present were Committee Members Mastrobattista, Cowles, Kramer, Quigley, Vibert, and Wadsworth and Land Acquisition Consultant Dolphin. Also in attendance were Farmington High School students Emily Byfield, Abigail Griffin, Jeanel Mercado, Isabella Alfano, Jordan Isner and Jirelle Mercado.

Call Meeting To Order:

Committee Chair Mastrobattista called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Public Comment:

Six Farmington High School students from various grades attended the meeting as part of a Government class to learn about the Land Acquisition Committee. Students asked several questions about the formation, purpose and history of the Committee, and Committee members and Ms. Dolphin responded. Chairman Mastrobattista explained that much of the meeting is held in Executive Session to discuss pending land negotiations so that the public is not allowed to attend, but that several items at tonight's meeting can be discussed during the public session.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon MOTION made and seconded (Cowles/Wadsworth) it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015 meeting as written.

Correspondence: None

New Business:

Adopt 2016 Meeting Schedule:

Upon MOTION made and seconded (Wadsworth/Kramer) it was VOTED unanimously to approve the 2016 meeting schedule as proposed with meetings remaining on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm.

Committee Member Vibert discussed an email he received about the potential to list the Frechette property off of Main Street. Ms. Dolphin reviewed her knowledge of the property and its potential development. Committee members requested that Ms. Dolphin bring more details about the property to the next meeting.

Old Business:

Acquisition Update:

Ms. Dolphin reported that she had attended a Special Town Meeting for the Town of Burlington regarding a resolution approving the Town of Farmington's purchase of a portion of Lot 8 Collinsville Road (YMCA property) that is in the Town of Burlington. The resolution was successfully passed. She noted that the resolution was needed in order for Farmington to receive the grant funds from the State that it was awarded.

Ms. Dolphin officially announced that after many years, the Town had finally closed on the rear portion of 70 Mountain Road. Committee Members discussed the acquisition and explained to the students present the difficulties encountered during this acquisition.

Ms. Dolphin reported that the transfer of Lot 10A Slater Road was put on hold after the Town's title search revealed several liens against the property. Committee Members discussed this pending acquisition and explained to the students present that the Town was not proposing to purchase this property, but would rather acquire the property in exchange for taxes due.

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At this point in the meeting, Chairman Mastrobattista explained that the Committee would be going into Executive Session, and that the public was not allowed to attend this portion. He thanked the students for attending the meeting and their interest in land preservation as indicated by their questions. He encouraged the students to go the Town's web site to learn even more.

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

Upon MOTION made and seconded (Quigley/Vibert) it was unanimously

VOTED: to go into Executive Session. The session was opened at 5:50 p.m. Attending were Committee Members Mastrobattista, Cowles, Kramer, Quigley, Vibert, and Wadsworth and Land Acquisition Consultant Dolphin.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

A MOTION (Wadsworth/Kramer) to adjourn was adopted at 6:21 p.m.

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