

TOWN COUNCIL MAJORITY OFFICE

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION COMMITTEE

JANUARY 7, 2014

PRESENT Linda Russo, Temporary Chair; Councillors William P. Horan, Jr. and Anita Morrison

ALSO Tim Bockus, Public Works Director
PRESENT Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

Temporary Chair Russo called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Anita Morrison
to **nominate** Linda Russo as **Chair**
of the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee.
Motion carried 3/0.

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Anita Morrison
to **nominate** Bill Horan as **Secretary**
of the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee.
Motion carried 3/0.

ADOPTION OF RULES GOVERNING MEETINGS

MOTION By Bill Horan
seconded by Anita Morrison
to **adopt** Robert's Rules of Order as the rules that shall govern
parliamentary procedure at all subcommittee meetings, with the exception
that (1) the Chair shall not be required to restate the motion of any
Council member unless requested by another Councillor, or when in the
discretion of the Chair, such restatement is necessary to avoid any
confusion as to the motion; and (2) where such rules are in conflict with
the provisions of the State Statutes, the Town Charter, or Town
Ordinances.
Motion carried 3/0.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES

MOTION By Anita Morrison
seconded by Bill Horan

to **hold** meetings at the **call** of the Chair.
Motion carried 3/0.

STORAGE OF RECORDS

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **store** records in the Town Council office.
 Motion carried 3/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 30, 2013 Meeting Minutes

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **approve** the minutes of the September 30, 2013 Real Estate Acquisition
 & Disposition Committee meeting.
 Motion carried 2/0. **Abstain**: Morrison

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

NEW BUSINESS

355 Maple Street

Assistant Corporation Counsel Rich Gentile initiated a general discussion of 355 Maple Street, which is a parcel at the corner of Maple Street and Forbes Street. The Town has been maintaining the parcel for years, including plantings on the site. There are no environmental issues. The parcel will remain open space. Tim Bockus, Public Works Director, feels that the parcel is an important piece of land and that the Town should own it. Attorney Gentile recommends that the Town accept the parcel from the State for the nominal fee of \$1,000 which is the standard fee for property transfers from the State.

MOTION By Bill Horan
 seconded by Anita Morrison
 that this Committee **recommend** that the Town Council accept from the
 State of Connecticut the piece and parcel of property known as 355 Maple
 Street, together with referenced easements and rights of way, described on
 the attached deed, for the state mandated release fee of \$1,000 and **waive**
 the acquisition requirements set forth in §10-18(b) of the Town Ordinances.
 Motion carried 3/0.

OLD BUSINESS

Two Parcels on Park Avenue/Main Street (Route 5 North)

Assistant Corporation Counsel Rich Gentile discussed the two parcels at Park Avenue and Main Street that the State acquired at some point in time in connection with the realignment and redesign of Park Avenue. The parcels would need to remain open space. Owning the parcels would permit the Town to ensure that the property will remain open space rather than possibly having a business open there that may not be desirable.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
 seconded by Bill Horan
 that this Committee **recommend** that the Town Council accept from the State of Connecticut the pieces and parcels of property located at Main Street (Route 5) and Park Avenue, together with referenced easements and rights of way, described on the attached two deeds, for the state mandated release fee of \$1,000 and **waive** the acquisition requirements set forth in §10-18(b) of the Town Ordinances.
 Motion carried 3/0.

Update – 11.4 acres abutting 244 Lombardo Drive (f.k.a. Meat Town Property)

Assistant Corporation Counsel Rich Gentile initiated a general discussion of the history of the Meat Town property in this Committee. The Town completed a Phase I and Phase II environmental study but a Phase III was recommended which would, or could, be very expensive. Attorney Gentile suggested that the Town Council refuse to accept the property from the State.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Anita Morrison
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (6:15 p.m.)
 Motion carried 3/0.

cc: Town Council
 Marcia Leclerc, Mayor
 Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel
 Tim Bockus, Public Works Director