

TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE  
March 8, 2018

The meeting of the Farmington Land Acquisition Committee was held on March 8, 2018 at the Farmington Town Hall. Present were Committee Members Boye-Williams, Cianci, Cowles, Kramer, Wadsworth, and Wolf and Land Acquisition Consultant Dolphin.

*Call Meeting To Order:*

Committee Chair Boye-Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

*Public Comment:* None

*Approval of Minutes:*

Upon MOTION made and seconded (Wadsworth/Kramer) it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2018 meeting as written.

*Correspondence:* None

*New Business:*

Consider Listing 8469 Forest Hills Dr.:

Ms. Dolphin passed around a map of 8469 Forest Hills Dr, and reported that Christine Silansky, Farmington Tax Collector, had requested that the Land Acquisition Committee consider whether this property was of any interest to the Town. She explained that back taxes were due on the property, but that the company listed as the owner no longer exists. Committee members discussed the property and concluded that the property had no value to the Town. They suggested that the property would be of most value to the abutting property owners.

Discuss Procedures for Removing Properties from the Land Acquisition List

Committee Chair briefly reviewed the memo sent to the Committee by Ms. Dolphin suggesting that the Committee review the Land Acquisition list including properties that had previously been suspended. Ms. Dolphin explained that properties had in the past been suspended rather than removed when for various reasons they were no longer being considered for acquisition. The reason for this was to allow the property to be returned to the list more easily if situations changed. This, however, is bound to cause confusion over time as the suspended properties are not shown on the current Land Acquisition List. Committee members discussed the pros and cons of this method and agreed that a single list should be established, and that properties would no longer be suspended rather than removed. Members further noted that the Land Acquisition List including all previously suspended properties should be reviewed at the next meeting. Committee members agreed, however, that properties that have been developed or that have been acquired by the Town of the Land Trust could be removed from the list without a formal vote from the Committee.

Land Acquisition List Review

Committee Members postponed the review of the list and asked Ms. Dolphin to prepare a complete list for the next meeting, including properties that had been previously suspended but not removed. Ms. Dolphin reported that the following properties would be removed from the list as they had been developed or acquired as open space:

- Lot 7 Settlement Rd. (LA #36)
- Lot 2 Scott Swamp Rd. (LA #68)
- 150 New Britain Ave. (LA #150)
- Lot 6A/B Settlement Rd. (LA #95)
- Lots 46A & 46A1 Coppermine Rd. (LA #105)

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*Old Business:*

Committee Chair Boye-Williams updated the Committee on the proposed Farmington Land Trust conservation easement over 8885 South Ridge Rd. She noted that the Council had discussed a license agreement versus an easement. Committee Members Kramer and Cowles reported that Land Trust Executive Committee considered this at their last meeting and voted that they would not be interested in a license agreement.

Ms. Dolphin reported that concerns with lead contamination in the soils continues to cause delays with the acquisition of 440 and 8658 Plainville Avenue.

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

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

VOTED: to go into Executive Session. The session was opened at 6:02 p.m. Attending were Committee Members Boye-Williams, Cianci, Cowles, Kramer, Wadsworth, and Wolf, and Land Acquisition Consultant Dolphin.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

A MOTION (Kramer/Cianci) to adjourn was adopted at 6:19 p.m.

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