

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE
October 8, 2020

The meeting of the Farmington Land Acquisition Committee was held remotely on October 8, 2020 via Zoom. Present were Committee Members Chair Mastrobattista, Cowles, Wadsworth and Wolf and Land Acquisition Consultant Dolphin.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chair Mastrobattista noted that while a quorum was not present, the Committee would meet to hear updates on public activity since the last meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: No action

Correspondence: None

New Business:

2021 Meeting Schedule: No action

Old Business:

Adding 1507 & 1509 Farmington Avenue on Land Acquisition List

Ms. Dolphin reported that Shannon Rutherford, Acting Town Planner, had not forwarded this request to the Conservation Commission at this time due to ongoing discussions with the owners regarding the building potential of the properties. She indicated that since the property owners did not initiate this request, further discussions regarding listing the property on the Town's Land Acquisition List through her office at this time would not be appropriate. Ms. Dolphin noted that the Committee has precedent for not listing properties that were currently under application or discussions with the Town.

Acquisition Update

Ms. Dolphin reported that thanks to CFPA volunteers, the Metacomet Trail (NET) had been relocated onto the newly acquired 9485 Mountain Road. She noted that this completed nearly 30 years of efforts by the Town of Farmington and CFPA to permanently protect the Metacomet Trail between Route 6 and Route 4 along a natural and scenic setting.

Ms. Dolphin reported that the Town had closed on the Wollenberg property on 7/15/2020.

As no quorum was present to hold an Executive Session, Committee Members agreed to have Ms. Dolphin present publicly known property boundary updates for a few properties on the Land Acquisition List and to make recommendations on how to depict these on the Land Acquisition Planning Map. Ms. Dolphin presented LA Property #23 (Krell property at the corner of Judson Land and Meadow Road) and #42 (Schilling property on the corner of Ely Road and Old Mountain Road). She showed maps and noted that both listings are part of subdivisions that are now owned by multiple owners. Committee members discussed the best way to depict the properties on the List and Map, and it was agreed that designations of a, b, c, etc. would be added to the current number to show the divisions and new owners. Ms. Dolphin also showed a map of the newly subdivided LA Property #60 at 8446 Main Gate. She noted that all the new lots were still held by the same owner, and that the Committee's policy has been to maintain the property on the List until construction of the subdivision begins.

Executive Session to discuss selection of site or purchase of real estate: None

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45

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