

TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
AND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE  
February 23, 2022

The meeting of the Farmington Land Acquisition Committee was held on February 23, 2022, in the Town Hall – Development Wing Conference Room. Present in Conference Room A were Committee Members Chair Capodiferro, Hannon, Cowles, Wadsworth.

Present over Zoom were Connolly, Nelson, Statchen.

The staff present in Conference Room was Kathleen Blonski, Town Manager.

**Call Meeting to Order:**

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

**Introductions:**

Chairman Capodiferro introduced himself to the group. Other members introduced themselves.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made and seconded (Cowles/Wadsworth) it was unanimously VOTED to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2021, meeting as written. (Hannon, Capodiferro abstained)

**Correspondence:**

None

**New Business:**

1. Approval of Meeting Schedule – **Attachment 1**

A motion was made (Hannon/Wadsworth) to approve the attached meeting schedule. Unanimous.

2. Other

Bill Wadsworth informed the Committee that Russ Arnold, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer has requested that 1535 and 1541 Farmington Ave be added to the land acquisition list. He stated that the Town is interested in acquiring that property for the future State third bridge project. The Commissioners asked broad questions about the future bridge project and process. The next step would be that the Town Council would need to obtain appraisals for the properties.

A motion was made (Wadsworth, Hannon) to add both properties to the Land Acquisition list (Unanimous).

**Old Business:**

1. Update on the Bland Property Purchase.

Ms. Blonski and Mr. Wadsworth updated the Committee on the purchase of the Bland properties. The Town Council is slated to approve the purchase at its March 8, 2022, Town Council meeting. The Committee asked if the Town was planning on applying for a State grant for the property. Ms. Blonski stated that she was unaware of a grant at this time. Mr. Hannon said he would contact the State to see if the State Open Space Program was accepting grants at this time. Mr. Wadsworth also stated that he thought that the Blands were interested in the Town purchasing the property with a conservation easement restriction. It was discussed that the agreed upon purchase price did not have any restrictions tied to the property. If the Town was required to have a conservation easement on the property, then the price needs to be renegotiated. Ms. Blonski also stated that she is uncertain if the Town wants any type of restrictions on the property. The property is near the Westwood's school and the Town may want to use the property for something other than open space.

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

None

**Adjournment.**

A motion was made (Wadsworth/Hannon ) to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Blonski  
Town Manager

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## Land Acquisition Meeting Schedule

Farmington's Land Acquisition Committee meets quarterly.

Date: April 14, 2022

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Location: TBD

Date: July 14, 2022

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Location: TBD

Date: October 13, 2022

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Location: TBD

Date: January 12, 2023

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Location: TBD