

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 14, 2022, **5:00 PM**

PLACE: **Farmington Town Hall, Development Wing**

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87870659246>

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approve Minutes of February 23, 2022 Meetings (**Attachment 1**)
4. Correspondence
 - a) None
5. New Business
6. Old Business
 - a. Update on the Purchase of the Bland Property
7. Executive Session to discuss selection of site or purchase of real estate
8. Adjourn Meeting

MOTION:

Agenda Item 7

Executive Session—To discuss matters concerning the sale or acquisition of real property.

To adjourn the meeting to executive session as permitted by Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-225 (a) for the following purposes as allowed by Section 1- 200(6), that is

Discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate by a political subdivision of the state when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would cause a likelihood of increased price until such time as all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions concerning same have been terminated or abandoned;

That attendance in the Executive Session shall be limited to:

Members of the Land Acquisition Committee
Town Manager

NOTE: Approval of this motion shall be by 2/3 vote.

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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