

TOWN COUNCIL MAJORITY OFFICE

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION COMMITTEE

JANUARY 20, 2016

PRESENT Linda Russo, Temporary Chair; Councillors Bill Horan and Mike Kurker  
ALSO Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
PRESENT John Oates, Fire Chief

CALL TO ORDER

Temporary Chair Russo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Chair:

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

Secretary:

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Mike Kurker  
to **appoint 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 Linda Russo  
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 Bill Horan  
                  seconded by Linda Russo  
                  to **hold** meetings at the **call** of the Chair.  
                  Motion carried 3/0.

## STORAGE OF RECORDS

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### September 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes

MOTION        By Bill Horan  
                  seconded by Linda Russo  
                  to **approve** the minutes of the September 17, 2015 Real Estate Acquisition  
                  & Disposition Committee meeting.  
                  Motion carried 2/0. **Abstain**: Kurker

## OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1718 Main Street

Fire Chief John Oates discussed the need for a new fire station #2 – which is very close to this property. The existing fire station #2 is outdated and difficult to keep useful. This property is in an ideal location. A general discussion of the property followed. Assistant Corporation Counsel Rich Gentile suggested contacting the owner's attorney and suggest that an appraisal be performed.

No further action taken at this time.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 9-11 Moore Avenue

Attorney Gentile initiated a discussion on the history of this parcel and the expenses borne by the town in the foreclosure process.

No further action taken this time.

### Columbus Circle Extension

Kathleen Stephens, 58 Mill Road, asked questions regarding the subject property, suggesting that the proposed renovations will increase local property values. She therefore supports donating the property to the East Hartford Housing Authority (EHHA) at no cost.

A general discussion of the possible transfer of the parcel to the EHHA took place. Attorney Gentile will review the EHHA's proposal for the transfer as set forth in an email dated January 20, 2016 from the EHHA's legal counsel Ralph Alexander with Public Works Director Tim Bockus and will report back to this Committee.

No further action taken this time.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Bill Horan  
                  seconded by Mike Kurker  
                  to **adjourn** (6:51 p.m.)  
                  Motion carried 3/0.

cc:      Town Council  
          Marcia Leclerc, Mayor  
          Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
          John Oates, Fire Chief  
          Deb Bouchard, Executive Director, EHHA