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TOWN COUNCIL MAJORITY OFFICE  
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EAST HARTFORD  
REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION COMMITTEE

JANUARY 23, 2019

PRESENT Linda Russo, Chair and Councillor Caroline Torres

ABSENT Councillor Joseph Carlson

ALSO Mike Walsh, Finance Director

PRESENT Scott Chadwick, Corporation Counsel  
Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Esther Clarke, Minority Leader  
Karraine Moody, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Russo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 11, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Caroline Torres  
seconded by Linda Russo  
to **approve** the minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting.  
Motion carried 2/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

NEW BUSINESS

67 Woodbridge Avenue

Mike Walsh, Finance Director, initiated a discussion of the history of 67 Woodbridge Avenue. The Town acquired this property through a tax deed sale in 2018. The annual taxes are approximately \$4000. Karraine Moody, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, addressed the Committee on the homes Habitat built in East Hartford. She stated that her organization has built ten homes in town and that most everything donated to Habitat is "bricks & sticks". For this particular house, that monetary value is between

\$150,000 and \$180,000. Once started, the house will take approximately 8 to 10 months to build and will be financed through Thrivent Financial, who also provided a \$70,000 grant toward the cost to build this house.

No action taken at this time.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1252-1256 Main Street

The Committee received an update on the property at 1252-1256 Main Street by Scott Chadwick, Corporation Counsel. He stated that the town initiated a tax deed sale on the property and that the owner had 6 months or until Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 to redeem the property by paying the back taxes. He further stated that a New York firm purchased the property for \$100,000, which was approved by the Glastonbury Probate Court. The Town is working with the new owner per a court stipulation to renovate the building and pay the back taxes by February 15, 2019. The new building will consist of 19 apartments and will take approximately 18 months to build, with a 3-month extension if needed. If the current owners fail to abide by the dates set forth in the stipulation, the Town will go back to court to seek demolition of the property by the owner per the stipulation.

No action taken at this time.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Caroline Torres  
                  seconded by Linda Russo  
                  to **adjourn** (6:11 p.m.)  
                  Motion carried 2/0.

cc:      Town Council  
          Marcia Leclerc, Mayor  
          Mike Walsh, Finance Director  
          Scott Chadwick, Corporation Counsel  
          Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel