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TOWN COUNCIL MAJORITY OFFICE

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION COMMITTEE

TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

JULY 9, 2018

PRESENT Linda Russo, Chair; Councillors Joseph Carlson and Caroline Torres

ALSO Marcia Leclerc, Mayor

PRESENT Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Eileen Buckheit, Development Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Russo called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 5, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Caroline Torres
to **approve** the minutes of the June 5, 2018 Real Estate Acquisition &
Disposition Committee Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 3/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

NEW BUSINESS

111 Ellington Road

After discussion of the offer to sell the property to the Town of East Hartford from the Minnie Libera Family Trust, Mark Libera Trustee, the consensus of all present was that the town should not pursue the acquisition of this land.

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Caroline Torres
to recommend to the Town Council that the Town **not** pursue acquisition of
the property known as 111 Ellington Road.
Motion carried 3/0.

13-17 Village Street

This is a town-owned property which formerly (1979) had been leased to the abutting business (Hartford Restoration Services) for its use as a parking area. The lease expired in 1999, and the property has continued to be used as parking for the business. Under consideration by the Committee was the formalization of the arrangement through the granting of an Easement Agreement.

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Caroline Torres
that this Committee, cognizant of all pertinent and applicable surveys and in receipt of the Planning and Zoning Commissions' favorable 8-24 report, and having determined to negotiate directly rather than seek bids, recommends that the Town Council, subject to Army Corps of Engineers approval, grant an easement to 13-17 Village Street LLC, in the form attached hereto, for the purposes of parking vehicles on Town land abutting the Town's levee, as such land is described in the attached easement, and in recognition of the fact that such property has been used for over 40 years for this purpose, waive the appraisal requirements set forth in 10-19 (c) of the Town Ordinances.
Motion carried 3/0.

41-43 Village Street

The property is being offered to the town for sale. The acquisition of this parcel by the Town would allow for more economical and permanent repairs to the levee. The Committee recommends that the Town Administration begin its due diligence of the property with respect to potential acquisition.

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Caroline Torres
that this Committee recommend that the Town's Administration begin its due diligence with respect to the acquisition of 41-43 Village Street, as required under §10-18 of the Town Ordinances, and report back to this Committee with its findings.
Motion carried 3/0.

OLD BUSINESS

10 Chester Street and 192-A Forbes Street

The property has been sold to Habitat for Humanity. The Town is no longer involved with this property.

No Committee action necessary.

1450 Main Street

The tenant no longer has an interest in the purchase of this Town-owned property and will allow the lease to expire in June 2019.

No Committee action necessary.

365-369 and 375-379 Burnside Avenue

This is State-owned property on the "Bend" (across from Callahan/Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home) which the State has offered to sell to the Town. The owners of the abutting properties, which includes the Seven-Eleven convenience store, have expressed an interest in acquiring the property for development of a shopping center, which may include a new or redesigned Seven-Eleven. The consensus of those present was that the Town had no need to acquire the property.

MOTION By Joe Carlson
 seconded by Caroline Torres
 that this Committee recommends that the Town not pursue acquisition of this property.
 Motion carried 3/0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Joe Carlson
 seconded by Caroline Torres
 to **adjourn** (6:21 p.m.)
 Motion carried 3/0.

cc: Town Council
 Marcia Leclerc, Mayor
 Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel
 Eileen Buckheit, Development Director