

TOWN COUNCIL MAJORITY OFFICE

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

PRESENT Linda Russo, Chair and Councillors Bill Horan and Anita Morrison

ALSO Tim Bockus, Public Works Director

PRESENT Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Russo called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 22, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION By Anita Morrison  
seconded by Bill Horan  
to **approve** the minutes of the May 22, 2014 Real Estate Acquisition &  
Disposition Committee meeting.  
Motion carried 3/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

NEW BUSINESS

1855 & 1859 Main Street

Assistant Corporation Counsel Rich Gentile initiated a general discussion of the property at 1855 and 1859 Main Street, which parcels were offered to the Town by a resident owner, along with the possibility of a 3<sup>rd</sup> parcel. The Town had asked the owner to perform the environmental evaluation in the past, but the owner has not done any environmental assessments. Attorney Gentile was of the opinion that the Town not pursue the acquisition of the property, which is in the flood plain.

MOTION By Bill Horan  
seconded by Anita Morrison  
to advise the property owner that the Town does **not** want to acquire the property at 1855 and 1859 Main Street.  
Motion carried 3/0.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Two Parcels on Park Avenue/Main Street (Route 5 North)

Attorney Gentile initiated an update of the Town's progress with acquiring the subject parcels at the corner of Park Ave and Main Street. Recent correspondence with the State DOT was reviewed and discussed – specifically the DOT provided documentation that indicated that the parcel formerly used as a gas station was not an “establishment” under Connecticut law.

MOTION        By Linda Russo  
                     seconded by Bill Horan  
                     that this Committee **recommends** that the Town Council accept from the State of Connecticut the pieces and parcels of property located at Main Street (Route 5) and Park Avenue, together with referenced easements and rights of way, described on the attached two deeds, for the state-mandated release fee of \$1,000, and **waive** the acquisition requirements set forth in Section 10-18(b) of the Town Ordinances.

*A discussion of the DOT correspondence continued, as well as the possible uses of the property by the Town and the reversionary right reserved by the State.*

Motion carried 3/0.

### 118 Main Street

Attorney Gentile initiated an update of the issues regarding the parcel at 118 Main Street. The building has since been demolished.

No further action taken.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION        By Bill Horan  
                     seconded by Anita Morrison  
                     to **adjourn** (5:58 p.m.)  
                     Motion carried 3/0.

cc:      Town Council  
            Marcia Leclerc, Mayor  
            Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
            Mike Walsh, Finance Director  
            Tim Bockus, Public Works Director  
            Eileen Buckheit, Development Director