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REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

PRESENT Linda Russo, Chair; Councillors Joseph Carlson and Michael Kurker
ALSO Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel
PRESENT Tim Bockus, Public Works Director (arrived 5:50p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 20, 2017 Minutes

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Mike Kurker
to **approve** the minutes of the June 20, 2017 Real Estate Acquisition &
Disposition Committee meeting.
Motion carried 2/0. **Abstain:** Carlson

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Reginald Thibault, 42 Chester Street, is not in favor of the town's acquisition of 10 Chester Street. He believes that the property should remain on the town's grand list and thinks that there is no benefit to the Town to own it.

NEW BUSINESS

1238 Silver Lane

Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel, initiated a discussion regarding this parcel. The owners would like to gift this property to the town. The back parcel of land – approximately 12 acres – was gifted to the town in 1994 under the terms of Merwin Yanner's will. Per the terms of Mr. Yanner's will, the 12 acres and the house & land at 1238 Silver Lane are to be used as a public park in memory of John, Mary and Jack Yanner. \$30,000 is available from the Trust for design and construction of a gate, archway or other suitable monument commemorating the Yanners.

Tim Bockus, Public Works Director, stated that a Phase II environmental study would be approximately \$6,000 but believes that an environmental study is not necessary. Attorney Gentile will discuss this with him.

Tim Bockus reported that the town does not mow this property, but does shovel the sidewalk during the winter season.

146 Prospect Street

Attorney Gentile reported that this property abuts town property and provides another access into the town's levee system. The taxes are approximately \$600 annually. The Phase I environmental study came back clean and an appraisal of the property is not necessary. Tim Bockus stated that there is no cost to the town to maintain it, since there are no sidewalks and no grass to mow.

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Mike Kurker
to **recommend** to the Town Council that the town: (1) accept the gift of the property known as 146 Prospect Street from the Estate of Betty A. Weisner; and (2) **waive** the requirements of Town Ordinance 10-18(b) with respect to obtaining an appraisal and survey of the property, given the fact that there is no consideration for the acquisition, and the property will be utilized as open space, and accordingly it is in the best interests of the town to waive such requirements.
Motion carried 3/0.

1252-1256 Main Street – update

Attorney Gentile reported that Corporation Counsel is still in Court to enforce the demolition order. The town has liens against the property for the cost to relocate the tenants and secure the building.

Attorney Gentile will report back to the Committee as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Joe Carlson
 seconded by Mike Kurker
 to **adjourn** (6:17p.m.)
 Motion carried 3/0.

cc: Town Council
 Marcia Leclerc, Mayor
 Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel
 Tim Bockus, Public Works Director