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TOWN COUNCIL MAJORITY OFFICE

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION COMMITTEE

TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

OCTOBER 23, 2019

PRESENT Linda Russo, Chair, Councillors Ram Aberasturia and Caroline Torres

ALSO Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel
PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Russo called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 16, 2019 Meeting

MOTION By Caroline Torres
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **approve** the minutes of the July 16, 2019 meeting.
Motion carried 3/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

NEW BUSINESS

23 Cambridge Drive

Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel, began a discussion on the background of this parcel of land. He reported that the Town contacted the Executrix to see if the estate would have any interest in selling this property to the town. According to the appraisal that the Town received, the value of 23 Cambridge Drive is \$119,000.00. The Town performed a title search which indicated that there were no issues or problems with the title and that the property taxes are current. Since this property predates the Transfer Act, no Phase I environmental study is necessary. Milone & MacBroom, a consulting engineering and environmental firm, wrote a letter that there are no environmental risks with this property.

The lot will initially be used as a construction building site but eventually will be used as a parking lot for the new senior center only. The sale of this property will be added to the November 13th Planning & Zoning Commission to obtain an 8-24 approval.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Caroline Torres
that the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee **recommend**
to the Town Council that, subject to C.G.S. §8-24 review by the Planning &

Zoning Commission, and subject to the terms and conditions of the Purchase and Sale Agreement between Mary-Lynne Raymond, Executrix of the Estate of Joseph David Raymond, dated September 24, 2019 and the Town of East Hartford, the Town Council: (a) approves the acquisition of the Property known as 23 Cambridge Drive (the "Property") for the sum of \$119,000, a value consistent with the Town's appraised value for the Property; and (b) waives the requirements of Town Ordinances §10-18(b) with respect to obtaining a survey of the Property; and a Phase 1 Environmental Report on the Property, such waivers being in the best interests of the Town, given the fact that there is a subdivision plan filed in the Town Clerk's Office which includes the Property, and the Town has sufficient environmental background information on the Property given its recent acquisition of abutting property.
Motion carried 3/0.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Gentile updated the Committee on the following pending matters:

Columbus Street Extension – Veterans Terrace

- waiting for the 120 day appeal period to end in January 2020

78 North Meadow Lane

- as directed by the Real Estate Committee at its July 16th meeting, Attorney Gentile sent a letter to the executors of the estate of this property stating that the town did not have any interest in acquiring 78 North Meadow Lane. He has not heard anything further.

1252 Main Street

- the owners of this property continue to do renovations to the building.

1450 Main Street

- Councillor Torres inquired on the status of this building since it is no longer leased to Taste Buds. Attorney Gentile indicated that there is nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Caroline Torres
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 to **adjourn** (5:43 p.m.)
 Motion carried 3/0.

cc: Town Council
 Marcia Leclerc, Mayor
 Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel