

Land Acquisition Committee Minutes
February 18, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Nichols Conference Room
Trumbull Town Hall

The Land Acquisition Committee of the Town of Trumbull held a meeting on February 18, 2020 in the Nichols Conference Room in the Trumbull Town Hall.

Members Present: Commissioners Larry Dinkes, Paul Lavoie, Jennifer Sommer (arrived at 7:05 p.m.) and Richard White.

Members Absent: Chair Scott Wich.

Also present: Town Dan Schopick and Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Katske.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Mr. White followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior Minutes

Moved by Dr. Dinkes, seconded by Mr. Lavoie to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Dr. Dinkes, seconded by Mr. Lavoie to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting, Approved unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Staff Reports

Attorney Schopick stated that he has been contacted by the estate of Hugo James because in his will Mr. James granted the town a right of first refusal in two properties on Franklin Street, specifically 7 and 11 Franklin Street. Attorney Schopick notified the Director of Public Works, George Estrada, as well as Town Engineer Bill Maurer and Parks Superintendent Dmitri Paris. They will go out and look at the properties to see if the town has any interest in purchasing them. The properties are in a FEMA flood zone. There is a contract to purchase 11 Franklin Street. There is no time limit on the right of first refusal. The committee will wait to hear back from the town employees who are looking into this.

Moved by Dr. Dinkes, seconded by Mr. Lavoie to enter executive session at 7:07 p.m. to review appraisals of 7 and 11 Franklin Street, with the committee members, Town Attorney Dan Schopick and Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Katske present. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Dr. Dinkes, seconded by Mr. White, to exit executive session at 7:19 p.m. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Dr. Dinkes, seconded by Ms. Sommer to enter executive session at 7:21 p.m. to discuss a second piece of correspondence received by Attorney Schopick, with the committee members, Town Attorney Dan Schopick, and Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Katske present. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Dr. Dinkes, seconded by Mr. White to exit executive session at 7:53 p.m. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Sommer to continue pursuing the \$12 million bonding resolution with the Town Council. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Dr. Dinkes, seconded by Mr. White to start negotiations with the owners of the property discussed in executive session. Approved unanimously.

Confirm Date/Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on March 17, which is St. Patrick's Day. The better date for everyone to meet is March 24, so that will most likely be the meeting date if there is business to conduct. Mr. White stated that it might be good to bring in some Board of Finance and Town Council members for a discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Lavoie to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Sommer and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Katske