

Town of Fairfield Land Acquisition Commission

CHAIR	Stuart Manley	VICE-CHAIR	Henry Skiba Jr	SECRETARY	Karen Hinch	
COMMISSIONERS	Mary Cody	Wendy Radovic	Jeanne Konecny	Jeanne Harrison	Letitia Ferguson	Gina Giannone

July 7, 2010

(draft) Minutes

Present: Wendy Radovic, Henry Skiba Jr. , Gina Giannone, Jeanne Harrison, Karen Hinch, Stuart Manley, Jeanne Konecny, Letitia Ferguson

Absent: Mary Cody

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:40p.m. in John Sullivan Independence Hall.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Skiba, second by Radovic to approve the May 5, 2010 minutes. Passed unanimously

3. Announcements

A. Chair: RE: Sunshine laws of the Freedom of Information review of study. Common areas of improvement were that draft minutes were not submitted within 7 days; items were added to the agenda at the time of meeting without a formal motion, which requires a 2/3rds vote by the members present; insufficient information was given as the reason for a closed executive session. Some committee reports were not always posted and available on-line. There should be no motions in executive sessions, they have to be done in advance or after.

Skiba asked if these were general comments rather than specific to this commission. Manley said yes they were general , but that the Commission has on a couple of occasions added something to the agenda during the meeting without making a formal motion, and we have to be sure that we do not discuss more than one property in executive session.

B. Chair: RE: Organ Farm. Working its way through all the various parties.

- C. Chair: Jane Talamini, former LAC commissioner emailed Chair inquiring about resolutions concerning Parsells' property.

Chair noted Ken Flatto said that LAC unanimously approved active recreation. There were two unanimous votes for acquiring the property for the town for active and passive open space uses. So active use was part of the resolution.

- D. Hinch said she spoke with Mrs. Ross who has no immediate or future plans.

- E. Chair: Explained that the reason for canceling the June meeting was because the agenda and minutes were not received by the Town Clerk.

- F. Chair: A Realtor inquired about the process the Town has for the acquisition of land.

- G. Chair: Our budget for this fiscal year is enough to have Marcia Miner back to take minutes.

- H. Harrison: Mile-a-Minute vine is an invasion plant that needs to be removed or it will take over and harm the ecosystem.

- I. Chair: Re: Army Reserve Center. The town heard back via HUD from the Department of Defense to reach out to homeless providers one more time. A notice will be placed in the Minuteman. Anyone who provides for the homeless will get special attention. N.B. The Army Readiness Center in Wethersfield where they are planning to move has not been built yet, so it will be a number of years before they will move out, hence nothing can be done with the Reserve Center until they leave.

Harrison inquired about the former Dupont (Exide) property on the Post Road. The Chair said it will remain as it is.

- J. Chair: Douglas Zimmerman Connecticut DEP Supervising Environmental Analyst died age 52 after a lunch time run. He collapsed and could not be revived.

4. New Business

None

5. Old Business

- A. Chair: How can we move forward.?

Konecny suggested having an informational summit to explain the benefits of donating land which would benefit both the residents and the town. The summit needs speakers and topics that will attract people to attend. Ferguson mentioned Melissa Spears and a seminar titled "Anatomy of a Land Deal." She will find out information about potential

speakers. Harrison suggested everyone come to next meeting with additional information about a summit possibilities

6. Executive Meeting

None

7. Adjournment

Motion by Hinch, second by Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Pass unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by

Marcia Miner