



Town of Fairfield Land Acquisition Commission

CHAIR Stuart Manley

VICE-CHAIR Henry Skiba Jr.

SECRETARY Karen Hinch

COMMISSIONERS Gina Giannone Mary Cody Wendy Radovic Jeanne Harrison Jeanne Konecny Letitia Ferguson

February 17, 2010
(Draft) Minutes

Present: Chairman Stuart Manley, Vice Chairman Henry Skiba, Secretary Karen Hinch, Jeanne Konecny, Jeanne Harrison, and Wendy Radovic

Absent: Letitia Ferguson, Mary Cody, and Gina Giannone

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm in John Sullivan Independence Hall, and appointed Karen Hinch to represent Letitia Ferguson.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Hinch, seconded by Konecny, to approve the 12/2/09 Minutes.
Passed 6-0.

3. Announcements

A) Chairman Manley reported that the Edison Tax Service, who owns the tax lien on the Blanco property at 2045 Hillside Road, would be donating the land to the Town, after paying \$9,850.51 of the amount due for 2009 property taxes on the property. The Town will agree to abate any 2010 taxes that may be due.

B) Chairman Manley distributed copies of the Budget Message that he submitted as part of the Commission's budget request of \$1,000 to cover Secretarial charges for 12 monthly meetings. Presentation to the Board of Finance will be on the evening of March 16 at the BOE building.

First Selectman Flatto arrived at 7:55 p.m.



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4. New Business

- A) First Selectman Flatto wondered about the possibility of putting together a grant application for State funding of open space acquisition. Any proposed acquisition would require a Yellow Book appraisal, and the deadline for such a grant application is in April.

5. Old Business

- A) The Open Space Plan and inventory was briefly discussed.
- B) Greenfield Hill Grange: First Selectman Flatto and Ms. Konecny updated the Commission on the status of the Greenfield Hill Village Improvement Society's efforts to buy the Grange. The Grange was also discussed as another possible property for grant funding. The Commission had previously passed a resolution in favor of entering negotiations to acquire the Grange, and has expressed support for the First Selectman to facilitate further negotiations by the GHVIS.
- C) Cascella property at 120 Riverside – Currently in probate, and Town Attorney Saxl is working through the process to assist in its donation to the Town by the surviving heirs.

6. Executive Session

None

7. Adjournment

Motion by Skibo, second by Harrison, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.
Passed unanimously.



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Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Hinch, Secretary