

Town of Fairfield
Land Acquisition Commission

July 6, 2011

(Draft) Minutes

Present: Henry Skiba Jr, Jeanne Harrison, Wendy Radovic, Mary Cody, Phil Dwyer, Letitia Ferguson, Jeanne Konecny (7:40)

Absent: Karen Hinch, Stuart Manley

Others Present: Marcia Miner, Linda Crowley, Ron Fazekas, Lawrence Aiken

Co-chair Skiba called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm in John Sullivan Independence Hall

Mr. Skiba appointed Phil Dwyer to represent Manley

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes

Motioned by Dwyer, seconded by Cody to approve the minutes of June 1, 2011. **Passed unanimously**

3. Announcements

Ms. Miner after attending the July 6, 2011 Board of Selectman meeting, stated that the BOS approved the creation of the Penfield Reef Lighthouse Preservation Committee.

4. New Business
 - A. Penfield Reef Lighthouse General discussion

Linda Crowley, Penfield Reef Lighthouse Preservation Committee , President Fair Acres Committee addressed the Commission. She discussed the application process, condition of the structure and the long term plans for the lighthouse. Ms. Crowley requested a letter of support from LAC and its importance, to be attached to the DEP application. Mr. Dwyer to draft letter.

Dwyer **motioned** and Ferguson seconded to support the towns efforts to gain ownership of the Penfield Reef Lighthouse to ensure this historic landmark stays a part of Fairfield and will provide a letter of support which the Penfield Reef Lighthouse Preservation Committee can attach to the DEP application. **Passed unanimously**

- B. Ms. Konecny stated that a BHC/Aquarion parcel in the Hoydens Hill area may be up for sale. She will follow up and update the Commission at the next meeting.

5. Old Business

- A. 224 Riverview Circle. Ron Fazekas, herra to property, stated that the family is currently working with an attorney to reopen the estates of his deceased father and uncle in order to establish ownership. The Fazekas family intends to donate the property to the town of Fairfield in lieu back taxes.
- B. DOT conveyance of 1.19 acres on Cross Highway. Lawrence Aiken, adjacent property owner, addressed the committee. He stated that he tried to purchase the property from the state but did not feel the states asking price of \$52,000.00 was reasonable. After speaking with State Representative Fawcett he would like to see the town acquire the property. A general discussion followed and a letter from Thomas Steinke Sr (attached) was read to the commission by Mr. Skiba. Skiba **motioned** and Cody seconded to move forward with the phase one testing recommended by Mr Steinke of the soil at the 1.19 acres State DOT property on Cross Highway for potential acquisition. **Passed unanimously .**

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Harrison and seconded by Coby. Skiba called the meeting at 8:45pm.
Passed unanimously

The next Land Acquisition Commission meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2011 at John Sullivan Independence Hall at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Radovic
Secretary, LAC