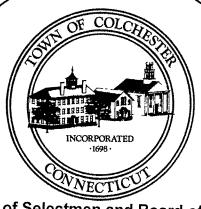
Linda M. Hodge



Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance Special Joint Meeting Minutes Monday, October 5, 2009 Colchester Town Hall Meeting Room 2 – 6:30 p.m.

First Selectman



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Linda Hodge, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman John Malsbenden, Selectman Greg Cordova

BOARD OF FINANCE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bruce Hayn, Ron Goldstein, Mike Ryan, Brian Smith, Ron Crabb, John Ringo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Caplet, Jon Sandberg, Gregg Schuster, Katy Nally, Andy George, Glenn Morron, Adam Turner, Leslie Curtis, and other citizens

- 1. **Call to Order:** First Selectman L. Hodge called the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:32 p.m. Chairman B. Hayn called the Board of Finance to order at 6:32 p.m.
- 2. Citizen's Comments: None
- 3. **Discussion and Possible Action on McDonald Road Land Acquisition:** R. Goldstein moved to approve the conveyance of the 31-acre piece of property located on McDonald Road adjacent to the Ruby Cohen property, to the Town by way of fee simple transfer through the estate of Mary-Claire Flemming, with \$100,000.000 to come from the land acquisition fund, \$40,000.000 from the open space fund, with minor adjustments subject to legal council, seconded by J. Ringo. Following discussion, all Board of Finance members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
 - J. Malsbenden moved to approve the purchase as proposed, with \$100,000. 00 to come from the land acquisition fund, \$40,000. from the open space fund, with minor adjustments subject to legal council, seconded by G. Cordova. Following discussion, all Board of Selectmen members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
 - S. Soby moved to forward the McDonald Road land acquisition to town meeting, for a total expenditure of \$182.250.00, with \$100,000.00 from the land acquisition fund, \$40,000.00 from the open space fund, and \$42,250.00 to come from the Colchester Land Trust, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board of Selectman members agreed that the town meeting would be scheduled for October 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

4. **Adjourn:** G. Cordova moved to adjourn the Board of Selectmen at 6:52 p.m., seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED. J. Ringo moved to adjourn the Board of Finance at 6:52 p.m., seconded by R. Crabb. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachments

 Agreement for Purchase of Property between the Colchester Land Trust and the Town of Colchester

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- 2. Contract for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate
- 3. Memorandum (and enclosed supporting documents) dated 09/30/09, from Adam Turner to Linda Hodge, regarding "McDonald Road Purchase"
- Colchester Conservation Commission Regular Meeting Motions, Wednesday, September 9, 2009
- 5. Letter dated 08/24/09, from Dan Donahue to Chuck Toal, regarding "Loan #09-07"
- 6. Fax dated 09/16/09, from Flanagan Associates, regarding "Restricted Use Appraisal Report"
- 7. Memorandum (and enclosed supporting documents) dated 09/17/09, from Craig Grimord to Linda Hodge, regarding "CGS 09-038 Land purchase of 31 Acres off McDonald-Road-Estate of Mary-Claire Fleming, Assessor's Map: 03-07; Lot #003-000, R-60 Zone."

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Caplet

Executive Assistant to the First Selectman

Agreement for Purchase of Property between the Colchester Land Trust and the Town of Colchester

THIS AGREEMENT made and concluded this _____

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By and between **Colchester Land Trust, Inc. (Trust)** and the **TOWN OF COLCHESTER**, a municipal corporation duly existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut and having its territorial limits within said Town of Colchester, (hereinafter referred to as "Town");

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WHEREAS; Both the Trust and the Town support the acquisition of approximately 31 acres of land on MacDonald Road (hereafter "property" as described in schedule A as attached), that would remain permanently protected for open space and passive recreational and educational use; and would supplement the Town's Cohen focus area.

WHEREAS: the Trust has made a \$5,000 payment to Maureen Howley, Executrix of the Estate of Mary Claire Fleming a/k/a Claire Fleming a/k/a M. Claire Fleming, the seller of the property (the "Seller"), in partial payment for the property.

WHEREAS; the Town has entered or will enter into a Contract for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate (the "Purchase Contract") with the Seller.

- WHEREAS; the Trust and the Town agree that the property will remain dedicated for open space and passive recreational and educational purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises hereinafter contained, the parties hereby agree to the following;

1. That the Trust will, on or before (date), deliver to Town payment of \$37,250.

If such amount is not paid by the Trust by such date, the Town may, in its sole discretion, either purchase the property with funds from another source or terminate the Purchase Contract on or prior to ______ and the Trust agrees that the \$5,000 payment to Seller shall be used towards the purchase

price if the Town purchases the property or shall be kept by the Seller if the Town terminates the Purchase Contract.

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- 2. The Town upon receipt of the payment agrees that it will utilize the payment to secure purchase of the property. The payment will supplement the Town's payment of \$140,000. The total purchase price for the property is \$182,250.
- 3. The Trust agrees that the Town will be the sole owner and exercise sole administration and maintenance of the property. The Town agrees that the use of the property will be restricted to open space and passive recreational and educational uses as deemed appropriate by the Town.
- 4. The Town agrees to refund the Trust payment of \$37,250 if the Town does not complete the purchase of the Property by -----.
- The Trust acknowledges that there are other conditions in the Purchase

 Contract that must be met in order for the Town to close on the property and the Town may terminate the Purchase Contract in its sole discretion if those other conditions are not met.

If any term or provision or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provisions to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered In the Presence Of:		TOWN OF COLCHESTER
		By: Linda Hodge First Selectman
		COLCHESTER LAND TRUST, INC.
		By: Lisa Hageman President
STATE OF CONNECTICUT	ss:	September 4, 2009
COUNTY OF		
Personally appeared, Lin	da Hodge,	First Selectman, Town of Colchester, Signer of
the foregoing instrument, and ac	knowledge	d the same to be her free act and deed before me.
		Commissioner of the Superior Court Notary Public My Commission Expires:
STATE OF CONNECTICUT COUNTY OF HARTFORD	ss:	September 4, 2009
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CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

THIS AGREEMENT made and concluded this 15th day of September, 2009, by and between Maureen Howley, Executrix of the Estate of Mary Claire Fleming a/k/a Claire Fleming a/k/a M. Claire Fleming of the Town of Bristol, County of Hartford and State of Connecticut (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Seller") and the Town of Colchester, a municipal corporation duly existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut and having its territorial limits within said Town of Colchester, (hereinafter referred to as "Purchaser"):

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Purchaser approached Seller to Purchase the premises hereinafter described for open space and active and passive recreational use; and

WHEREAS the Seller was agreeable to the concept that if the property remained open space and was used for passive recreation and educational purposes then she was willing to sell the premises to the Purchaser and willing to sell the premises at a price less than fair market value.

NOW THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises hereinafter contained, the parties hereby agree to the following:

1. That Seller will, on or before the date set forth in Section 4 hereof, make and deliver to Purchaser a good and sufficient Fiduciary Deed, containing the usual covenants in such deed contained, free and clear of and encumbrances except as set forth in Section 2 herein, of a piece or parcel of land, together with any buildings and improvements thereon, situated, lying and being in the town of Colchester, County of New London and State of Connecticut, as more fully

described on Schedule A which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, hereinafter referred to as the "premises." Purchaser further agrees and acknowledges that some boundary lines may be uncertain as to their exact location. The parties agree that such legal description may be amended when and if the A-2 Survey contemplated in Section 7 hereof has been completed.

- 2. That Purchaser shall pay to Seller the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand,
 Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$182,250.00), to be paid as follows:
- A. Five Thousand and No One-Hundredths (\$5,000.00) Dollars as an option payment non-refundable, except as described herein, that has already been paid and received by Seller on , 2009. Seller is holding such payment. The purpose of the Five Thousand and No One-Hundredths (\$5,000.00) Dollars payment was to provide the Purchaser a secure option to purchase the property assuming the conditions herein are satisfied and to provide the Seller with consideration for granting this option for purchase of the Property; and
- B. The balance of One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty (\$177,250.00) Dollars by certified check, attorney's trust check or cashier's check at closing.

THE PARTIES HERETO FURTHER COVENANT AND AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Purchaser represents that it is not the customer of any real estate agent or broker for the purchase of the Premises and that no such agent or broker brought the premises to its attention. Seller represents that the herein described premises are not subject to any listing agreement between Seller an a real estate agent.

- 2. The premises shall be conveyed by Fiduciary Deed and free and clear of all encumbrances, except as herein set forth. In the event that upon examination of title, Purchaser finds that the premises are not free and clear of all encumbrances, except as herein set forth or the title to the premises is not good and insurable (in accordance with the Standards of Title of the Connecticut Bar Association), Purchaser shall immediately deliver written notice of the particular defects encountered to Seller. Thereafter Seller shall endeavor diligently to cure, at its own expense, the defects of which is was given notice. If Seller is unable to cure such defects within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of notification or until the closing date, whichever is the longer period. Purchaser shall have the option of either:
- a. Accepting such title as Seller can then convey in return for the purchase price; or
- b. Declaring by written notice to Seller, its unwillingness to accept such title, whereupon this Agreement shall terminate and Purchaser shall be entitled to the return of all monics paid pursuant hereto and all rights and duties of the parties hereunder shall cease.
- 3. Real estate taxes shall be adjusted, apportioned and allowed up to the date of taking title on the basis of the Uniform Fiscar Year, covering the period from July 1 through June 30 of the following year.
- 4. The closing of title shall take place on or before November 1, 2009 at the Office of Hanrahan, Grabowski & Hayes, P.C., 683 Farmington Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut, or at such place as shall be mutually agreed upon between the parties. Seller shall also deliver to Purchaser an owner's affidavit acceptable to Purchaser's title insurance company and any other document reasonably requested by Purchaser or Purchaser's title insurance company.

- other than as a direct result of Seller's default, this Agreement may, at the option of Seller, be deemed terminated. If, prior to Closing, Seller shall default in any material respect in the performance of any of Seller's obligations under this Agreement for any reason other than as a direct result of Purchaser's default, then Purchaser may terminate this Agreement, in which case Purchaser shall be entitled to receive a return of all monies paid pursuant hereto and all rights and duties of the parties hereunder shall cease. This provision, however, shall in no way affect the rights of either party to enforce the specific performance of this Agreement, or of proceeding with any other remedies available to them.
- 6. Any assessment or lien imposed against the premises prior to the date of this Agreement and any assessment or lien hereafter imposed for any improvements completed prior to this Agreement or in progress at the premises on the date of this Agreement, shall be the obligation of Seller and Seller shall pay such assessment, in full, prior to the closing, or at Purchaser's option, Purchaser may assume and agree to pay such assessment and receive a credit against the purchase price for the amount so assumed.
- 7. The Purchaser shall have the right, on or before November 1, 2009, at its expense to have the premises surveyed by a licensed surveyed.
- 8. Purchaser and Seller agree and acknowledge that Purchaser shall receive partial funding from the Colchester Land Trust with which it will consummate a portion of the purchase of the premises. In the event Purchaser fails to obtain this funding on or before October 1, 2009, Purchaser may, in its sole discretion, elect to (I) purchase the premises with funds from another source of (ii) terminate this Agreement, in which event the parties hereto shall have no further

obligations to the other hereunder, and the Five Thousand and No-One-Hundredths (\$5,000.00) Dollar option shall remain the property of the Seller.

- 9. Purchaser agrees to restrict the use of the premises to a) open space and b) passive recreational and educations uses as deemed appropriate by the Town.
 - 10. This agreement shall survive the closing and transfer of title.
- 11. Whenever use, and as the context may require, the singular number shall include the plural, the plural number shall include the singular and the use of any gender shall include all genders.
- 13. This Agreement contains the entire agreement by and between the parties hereto affecting the premises and supersedes any and all previous agreements, written or oral, between said parties and affecting the premises.
- 14 This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereof and their heirs, assigns, administrators and executors.
- 15. The parties agree that this Agreement shall <u>NOT</u> be recorded on the land records of the Town of Colchester. If this Agreement is recorded it shall automatically be deemed revoked and shall be null and void.
 - 16. This sale is conditioned upon the Seller receiving Probate Court permission to sell

this property. If Seller does not obtain Probate Court permission to sell the Premises by October 15, 2009, then either party may terminate this Agreement and Purchaser shall be entitled to the return of all monies paid pursuant hereto and all rights and duties of the parties hereunder shall cease.

obtained final and binding approval to purchase the premises and funding for the same, as follows: Town Conservation Commission recommendation. Town Board of Selectmen approval, a positive Section 8-24 report by the Town Zoning and Planning Commission (or if disapproved, subsequent approval by the Town Meeting of such report, in accordance with Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes). Town Board of Finance approval and Town Meeting approval (which shall be in addition to the June 30, 2009 Town Meeting approval) (or, if petitioned to referendum, referendum approval) on or before November 1, 2009 and provided further that any applicable petition or appeals periods following said approvals have expired with no petition or appeal having been filed. If Purchaser does not obtain such approvals by November 1, 2009, then either party may terminate this Agreement and Purchaser shall be entitled to the return of all monies paid pursuant hereto and all rights and duties of the parties hereunder shall cease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals and to a duplicate instrument of the same tenor and date, on the day and year first above mentioned.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of:	Seller: Estate of Mary Claire Fleming a/k/a Claire Fleming a/ka M. Claire Fleming
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	Buyer: Town of Colchester
	BA:
STATE OF CONNECTICUT)) SS. COUNTY OF HARTFORD)	Bristol September , 2009
	owley, Executrix of the Estate of Mary Claire aire Fleming Signer of the foregoing instrument and deed, before me.
	Bernard F. Grabowski Commissioner of the Superior Court

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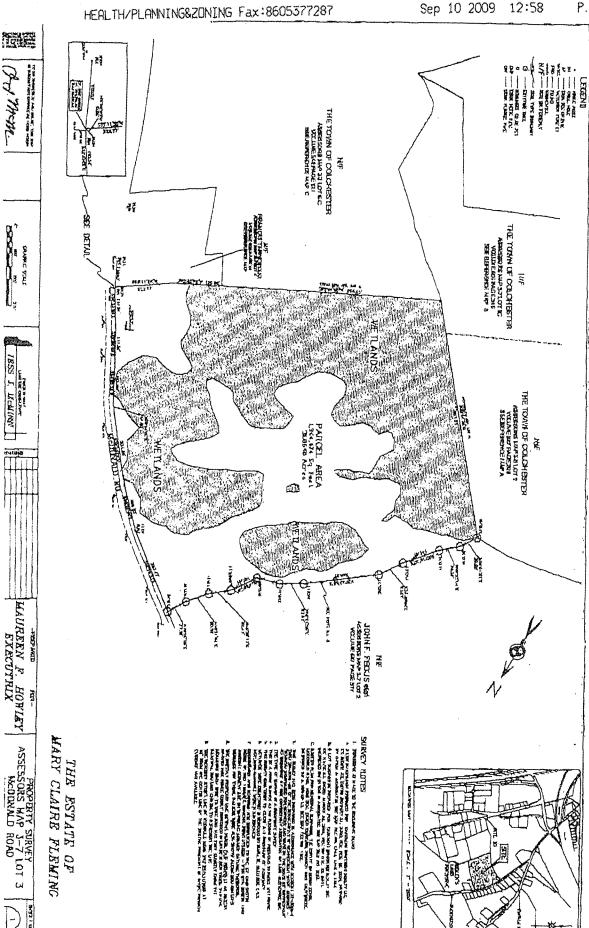
SCHEDULE A

A certain piece or parcel of land with all improvements thereon, situated on the westerly side of McDonald Road in the Town of Colchester, County of New London and State of Connecticut and shown as "PARCEL AREA" on a map prepared for Maureen F. Howley, Executrix of The Estate of Mary Claire Fleming Property Survey Assessors Map 3-7 Lot 3 McDonald Road and more particularly shown on Schedule B attached hereto.

The intention of the sale is to sell all property located on McDonald Road, Colchester, Connecticut which is owned by the Seller, Mary Claire Fleming a/k/a Claire Fleming a/k/a M. Claire Fleming.

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SCHEDULE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals and to a duplicate instrument of the same tenor and date, on the day and year first above mentioned.

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		Buyer: Town of Colchester
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Personally appeared, Maureen F. Howley, Executrix of the Estate of Mary Claire Fleming a/k/a Claire Fleming a/k/a M. Claire Fleming Signer of the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be her free act and deed, before me.

Herrard F. Mahranka Bernard F. Grabowski

Commissioner of the Superior Court

To: Linda Hodge

From: Adam Turner

Date: September 30, 2009

Re: McDonald Road purchase

MEMORANDUM

This memo updates actions taken this week regarding the potential purchase of land on McDonald Road Assessors Map 3-7 Lot 3.

The Board of Finance comments centered on two items:

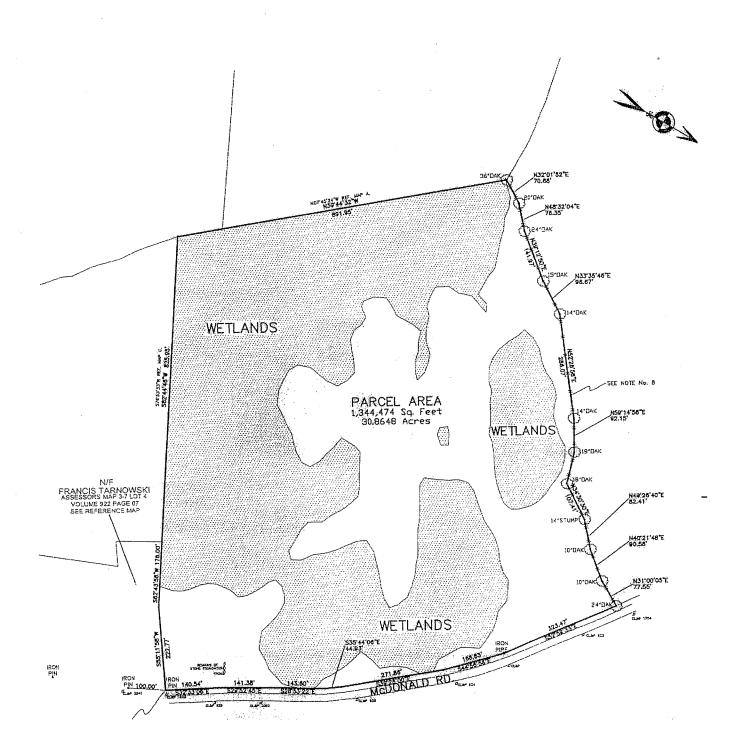
- The accuracy of the survey given that the Town Tax Assessor had the property listed at 24 acres while the survey had identified 31 acres of land.
- Whether the appraisal of land could be relied upon given that there was no assurance that two lots could be created on the site.

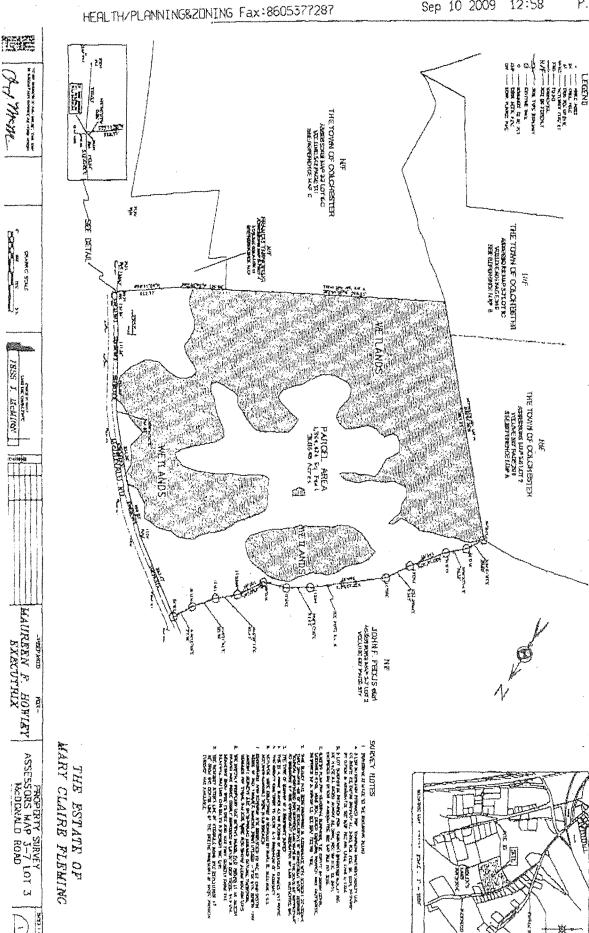
Staff met with Board Chair Bruce Hayn and Surveyor Jess McMinn on September 21, 2009. Mr. McMinn summarized the methodology used for his survey and certified its accuracy. He indicated that he was present on the site for several days and had also used other property line survey information to establish his final product. Regarding the discrepancy between the tax assessment data and the survey, Mr. McMinn spoke to the survey being done in the field as opposed to the Tax Assessment estimate being prepared based on the relative lot lines shown on the property maps. He concluded that his survey was entirely accurate. Mr. McMinn's prepared survey is included.

We also discussed the property appraisal prepared by Flanagan and Associates prepared May 11, 2009 and updated September 15, 2009. Chairman Hayn explained the Boards reluctance to accept the report's findings given that no soil testing had been completed and because of that, the findings of value based on two developable building lots was not definitive. Staff summarized a State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) soil inventory analysis that showed that soils in the area could support two septic tanks and two house lots but admitted that no specific soil testing had been done given the cost and personnel needed to complete the effort. Chairman Hayn concluded that soil testing should be completed. Staff completed detailed soil testing for the property on Monday September 28, 2009. Analysis focused on two areas and did conclude that both areas could support house lots. We included the detailed soil data for your review.

We distributed copies of the proposed contract for purchase and side agreement to the Board of Finance at their meeting on September 16, 2009. Both contracts have been reviewed by the Town's legal counsel and have been modified to reflect the different significant dates given the progress of the town's approvals.

As the property is in probate and sale requires approval from the Court, as well as requires normal title and closing process, we request that the Board authorize the First Selectman to sign the option contract for purchase. The contract is totally dependent on all town processes being completed and is void should any fail. The completion of the option purchase contract allows the background processes to begin as well as the Land Trust to process paperwork to receive their funding needed for the purchase.





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SITE INVESTIGATION FOR A SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

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COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2009 TOWN HALL, 127 NORWICH AVENUE 7:00 P.M.



MOTIONS

Members Present: Chairman Gary Avery, Vice Chairman Falk vonPlachecki,

Kurt Frantzen, Moe Epstein, Andy George, Sue Bruening (7:02p.m.)

Members Absent: Mary Bylone, Darrell York

Others Present: Jay Gigliotti, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, John Malsbenden, BOS Liaison, Peter Carli, John

Matheson, Sandy Matheson, David Sherwood, Matthew Duvet, Ben Duffy

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order: Chairman Avery called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and noted that alternate, A. George, would be a voting member for the meeting.

2. Additions to Agenda: F. vonPlachecki motioned to add to Item 10 Conservation, 10 D. Pierpont Plaza, seconded by M. Epstein. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

- 3. Approval of Minutes 8.12.09******Amend Minutes of 6.10.09: F. vonPlachecki motioned to table the approval of the 8.12.09 minutes due to the fact that members had not been able to review prior to the meeting, seconded by M. Epstein. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. F. vonPlachecki motioned to amend the 6.10.09 minutes to include the property evaluation worksheet for the land acquisition of Mc Donald Road/ Ruby Cohen parcel, seconded by K. Frantzen. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- (S. Bruening arrived at this time.)
- 4. Public Comment: None
- 5. New Applications---- To be accepted
 - A. W2009-2918, Settlers Greene, LLC, 312 Lebanon Ave., Mixed use development, Commercial and residential buildings, 630 sq ft direct wetland impact for sidewalk, no buildings within review area, water/sewer and 2 detention ponds, and storm water treatment, Plan date February 4th, 2009 revised through August 24th, 2009 DRD11.13.09:

F. vonPlachecki motioned to accept W2009-2918, seconded by K. Frantzen. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- 6. Pending applications---- To be discussed and possibly take action
 - W2009-2915, Bill Wolf, 275 West Rd, Assessor's Map # 1-11 Lot # 6, Construction of a garage within 100' of pond: F. vonPlachecki motioned to approve W2009-2915 with the garage being a minimum of 60-65 ft. from the pond, the limits of the building staked out and the Wetlands Enforcement Officer verifying, and if possible without interfering with the septic system move the further away from the house, seconded by M. Epstein. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
 - <u>W2009-2916</u>, Ben Duffy, 126 River Road, Assessor's Map 6-14, Lot 17-1, clear brush, stumps, roots & reseed for increased yard within 75' upland review area *DRD 10.16.09*:
- **Chairman Avery recused himself from this application. Vice-Chairman vonPlachecki took over the meeting.

S.Bruening motioned to approve W2009-2916, seconded by M. Epstein. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

** Chairman Avery returned and took back over the meeting.

THE NORCROSS WILDLIFE FOUNDATION, INC.

30 Peck Road

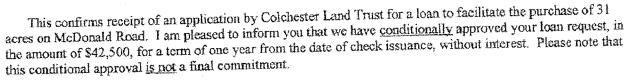
Monson, MA 01057 Phone/Fax (860) 429-5709

August 24, 2009

Chuck Toal Colchester Land Trust PO Box 93 Colchester, CT 06415

Re: Loan #09-07

Dear Chuck:



There are key terms and conditions that must be worked out by your lawyer and ours before Norcross can grant final approval and extend the loan. Most importantly, you will need to provide security for the loan to our satisfaction and briefly explain your plan for raising the funds necessary to repay Norcross within the one-year term. Norcross prefers that loans are secured with unrestricted funds in one form or another. If there are any changes in the terms of your transaction, including arrangements for securing the loan, Norcross will revise the terms of this conditional approval accordingly. If all goes well and you are granted final approval, a regular check will be issued at the appropriate time via first class US Mail or wire transfer. We do not issue certified checks.

Our attorney is:

Harold S. Poster, Esq.

Gilmartin Poster & Shafto 845 Third Avenue (18th floor) (212) 425-3220 (tel)

New York, NY 10022

(212) 425-3130 (fax)

Please have a conversation with Hal, or ask your attorney to have one, to get the paperwork underway and clear the way to the operative loan agreement, which Hal will draft. Also, please copy me on all your correspondence (regular US or email) with Hal. Thanks for approaching us; we look forward to being a part of your land protection effort.

Sincerely.

Dan Donahue

Director of Land Protection & Stewardship

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RESTRICTED USE APPRAISAL REPORT

This is a Restricted Appraisal Report which is intended to comply with the reporting requirements set forth under Standards Rule 2-2© of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice for a Restricted Appraisal Report. As such, it does not present discussions of the data, reasoning, and analyses that were used in the appraisal process to develop the appraiser's opinion of value. Supporting documentation concerning the data, reasoning, and analyses is retained in the appraiser's file. The depth of discussion contained in this report is specific to the needs of the client and for the intended use stated below. The appraiser is not responsible for unauthorized use of this report.

CLIENT:

Lisa Hageman, President

Colchester Land Trust

P.O. Box 93

Colchester, CT 06415

APPRAISER:

Stephen R. Flanagan, MAI

William G. Ryan Flanagan Associates

Suite 104, 567 Vauxhall Street Extension

Waterford, CT 06385

SUBJECT:

66 McDonald Road, Colchester, Connecticut

30.86 acres of vacant land zoned "R-60" Residential

OWNED BY:

Mary Claire Flemming c/o Maureen Howley

VALUATION ESTIMATE:

\$212,000

DATE OF VALUATION:

September 15, 2009 (update of previous report dated

May 11, 2009)

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SCOPE OF THE WORK:

Identification of the Subject Property: The property is located at 66 McDonald Road, Colchester, Connecticut. It is identified as Parcel Map 03-07, Lot 003

Interest Valued: Fee simple

Identification of the Client: Lisa Hageman, President of the Colchester Land Trust

Identification of Other Intended Users: The client and her assigns

The Intended Use of the Appraisal: To assist the client in estimating the market value of the subject property for possible acquisition.

Type of Value (or Objective of the Assignment): Market value as defined in this report.

Effective Date of Appraisal: September 15, 2009

Relevant Property Characteristics: The subject property consists of a rectangularly-shaped parcel of vacant land on the west side of McDonald Road. The bulk of the parcel is heavily encumbered with wetlands. The wetland area is also located in a 100-year flood zone (Zone A). There are the remains of a concrete/masonry foundation in the southeast section. A "Class A" survey furnished to this appraiser indicates a land area of 30.86 acres with 1,234.61 feet of road frontage. There appear to be two buildable areas along the road frontage in the north and south sections of the property.

Assignment Conditions: This assignment contains no hypothetical or extraordinary conditions.

APPRAISAL DEVELOPMENT

AND REPORTING PROCESS: In preparing this appraisal, the appraiser has inspected the subject site, gathered information from the subject's neighborhood and similar competitive neighborhoods in the Colchester area to include comparable vacant land sales. The appraiser confirms all comparable sale information with at least one party to the transaction; analyzed the information gathered and applied the sales comparison approach.

To develop the opinion of value, the appraiser performed an appropriate appraisal process, as defined by the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. The scope of the work is sufficient for the needs of the intended user.

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This Restricted Appraisal Report sets forth only the appraiser's conclusions. Supporting documentation is retained in the appraiser's file.

HIGHEST AND BEST USE:

Highest and best use as though vacant - Limited residential development. It appears that two residential building lots could be developed; one in the southeast and one in the northeast frontage sections. The remaining land would be excess land or open space.

VALUATION:

For valuation purposes subject is projected to yield two 1.4-acre lots with 28.06 acres of open space land. Recent vacant lot sales in Colchester have been reviewed.

Sales of vacant lots in Colchester and the region have slowed considerably since the fall of 2008. The few sales that have occurred are selling at rates lower than those sales prior to October 2008. Current listings of vacant land have also been reviewed. Listing information is particularly useful in a changing or declining market. A review of the listing data indicates a decrease in asking prices since the fall and an increase in number of lots and subdivided acreage on the market. Asking prices since May 2009 have remained relatively stable.

In consideration of this data, the two (1.4-acre) building lots are projected to have a value estimate of \$95,000 each. The open space acreage, 28.06 acres, is projected to have a value of \$1,500 per acre. Development costs to include additional engineering, survey, subdivision appeals, and legal fees are projected at \$10,000 per lot.

The rate estimate is as follows:

\$95,000/lot - \$10,000 development costs/lot = \$85,000/lot x 2 lots =

\$170,000

30.86 acres - 2.8 acres = 28.06 acres (excess land)

 $28.06 \text{ acres} \times \$1,500 \text{ per acre} = (rounded)$

Total

<u>42,000</u> \$212,000

CONCLUDED VALUE:

\$212,000

ESTIMATED EXPOSURE TIME:

10 - 12 months

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ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS

This appraisal is made subject to the assumptions and limiting conditions as follows:

- 1. No liability is assumed by the appraiser for matters of a legal nature affecting the property, such as title defects, encroachments or liens. The title is assumed to be good and marketable. The property is appraised as being free and clear of any indebtedness or easements, unless otherwise stated.
- The plots and measurements, while not representing an actual survey of the property, were derived from reliable records.
- 3. Unless otherwise stated, mechanical equipment, heating and plumbing systems, and electrical systems have not been specifically tested, and they are assumed to be in working condition. It is assumed that there are no hidden or inapparent conditions of the property, subsoil or structures which would render it more or less valuable than otherwise comparable property. The appraiser assumes no responsibility for such conditions or for engineering which might be required to discover such things.
- 4. No specific test for vermin has been made by the appraiser, unless otherwise stated.
- Unless otherwise stated in this report, the existence of hazardous substances, including without limitation asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum leakage, or agricultural chemicals, which may or may not be present on the property, or other environmental conditions, were not called to the attention of nor did the appraiser become aware of such during the appraiser's inspection. The appraiser has no knowledge of the existence of such materials on or in the property unless otherwise stated. The appraiser, however, is not qualified to test such substances or conditions. If the presence of such substances, such as asbestos, urea formaldehyde, foam insulation, or other hazardous substances or environmental conditions, may affect the value of the property, the value estimated is predicated on the assumption that there is no such condition on or in the property or in such proximity thereto that it would cause a loss in value. No responsibility is assumed for any such conditions, nor for any expertise or engineering knowledge required to discover them. The client is urged to retain an expert in the field of environmental impacts upon real estate if so desired.
- 6. The distribution of land and improvement values applies only under the existing program of utilization and conditions stated in this report. Separate valuations for either the land or improvements may not be used in conjunction with any other appraisal.
- 7. The information and opinions furnished by others and used in this report are considered reliable and correct, however, no responsibility is assumed as to their accuracy.
- Possession of this report, or any copy or part thereof, does not constitute the right of publication nor may the same be used for any other purposes by anyone but the recipient without the consent of the appraiser.
- The appraiser, by reason of this appraisal, is not required to give testimony in court or attendance on its behalf, unless arrangements have been made previously therefore.
- 10. The Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") became effective January 26, 1992. I (we) have not made a specific compliance survey and analysis of this property to determine whether or not it is in conformity with the various detailed requirements of the ADA. It is possible that a compliance survey of the property, together with a detailed analysis of the requirements of the ADA, could reveal that the property is not in compliance with one or more of the requirements of the Act. If so, this fact could have a negative effect upon the value of the property. Since I (we) have no direct evidence relating to this issue, I (we) did not consider possible non-compliance with the requirements of ADA in estimating the value of the property.

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CERTIFICATION

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- the statements of fact contained in this report are true and correct.
- the reported analyses, opinions, and conclusions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions, and are my personal, impartial and unbiased professional analyses, opinions, and conclusions.
- I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report, and I have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved.
- I have no bias with respect to the property that is the subject of this report or the parties involved with the assignment.
- my engagement in this assignment was not contingent upon developing or reporting predetermined results.
- my compensation for completing this assignment is not contingent upon the development or reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors that cause of the client, the amount of the value opinion, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event directly related to the intended use of this appraisal.
- my analyses, opinions and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared, in conformity with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.
- I have made a personal inspection of the property that is the subject of this report.
- no one provided significant professional assistance to the person signing this report.

I certify that the use of this report is subject to the requirements of the Appraisal Institute relating to review by its duly authorized representatives. As of the date of this report I have completed the continuing education program of the Appraisal Institute.

The opinion of market value of subject property, as described in this report, is certified as follows:

Value Estimate:

\$212,000

Date of Appraisal:

September 15, 2009

Stephen I. Flanagan, MAI

CERTIFIED GENERAL REAL ESTATE APPRAISER

LICENSE NO. RCG.0000202

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\$212,000

Date of Appraisal:

September 15, 2009

William G. Ryan

CERTIFIED GENERAL REAL ESTATE APPRAISER

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STEPHEN R. FLANAGAN, MAI 567 Vauxhall Street Extension - Suite 104 Waterford, Connecticut 06385 STATE OF CONNECTICUT CERTIFIED GENERAL REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSE NO. RCG.0000202

Professional Experience:

Partner, Flanagan Associates, Appraisers - Consultants, since 1988;

Associated with Robert J. Flanagan, MAI, New London, CT, real estate appraiser, concentrating in commercial, apartment, office, industrial, and land development appraisals since December 1985-1988; Fee Appraiser, Buckley Appraisal Services, New London, CT specializing in residential properties, June 1984

Data Collector, Finnegan Revaluation Co., Groton, CT -July 1981 -December 1981.

Education and Training:

B.S. Business Economics - Southern Connecticut State University -1986

Licenses and Memberships:

- December 1985;

State of Connecticut-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser - License No. RCG,0000202 Member Appraisal Institute, MAI Designation, 2003

Special Education:

Highest & Best Use and Market Analysis - December 1993 - The Connecticut Chapter of the Appraisal Institute;

Appraisal Law - 1993, University of Connecticut Continuing Education Program;

Real Estate Fair Housing - 1993, University of Connecticut Continuing Education Program;

Valuation Analysis & Report Writing (Exam 2-2), October 1989 -American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers;

Case Studies in Real Estate Valuation (Exam 2-1), March 1989, American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers;

Capitalization Theory & Techniques, Part A (Exam 1B-A), June 1988, American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers;

Capitalization Theory & Techniques, Part B (Exam 1B-B), October 1988, American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers;

Real Estate Law, 1988 -University of Connecticut Continuing Education Program:

Real Estate Appraisal Principles (Exam#1A-1/8-1), June 1987-American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers; Basic Valuation Procedures (Exam#1A-2), August 1987-American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers;

Real Estate Appraisal I, Residential Valuation, 1986 -University of Connecticut Continuing Education;

Real Estate Appraisal II, Introduction to Income Property Appraisal, 1987 -University of Connecticut Continuing Education Program:

Real Estate Finance, 1987 -University of Connecticut Continuing Education Program;

Real Estate Principles and Practices, 1986 - Southern Connecticut State University.

Court Experience:

Appeared and testified as an expert witness before Superior Court, CT since 1987.

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Professional Experience:

Associated with Stephen R. Flanagan, MAI, Waterford, CT, real estate appraiser, concentrating in commercial, apartment, office, industrial, and land development appraisals since March 1, 2006;

Data Collector/Land Use Associate, Flanagan Associates, Waterford, CT -January 2004 - February 2006.

Subcontractor/Consultant, Mystic Engineering & Design, J. Dempsey Land Surveying, New London, CT - performed design layout, illustration services - June 2003 - December 2003

Land Planner/Engineering Designer, Provost & Revero, Plainfield, CT - land use planner, engineering designer, specializing in residential, commercial municipal projects - March 2002 - June 2003

Land Planner/Engineering Designer, Carlile Macy, Santa Rosa, CA - land use, conceptual design layout, specializing in subdivision layout, utility infrastructure design; commercial, industrial, municipal, & recreational projects - January 1992 - December 2001

Real Estate Appraiser Trainec, Flanagan Associates, Waterford, CT - specializing in residential properties - January 1990 - December 1991

Designer/Drafter, Total Technology, New London, CT - specializing in residential, commercial survey and engineering projects - 1987 - 1991

Designer/Illustrator, Hydrospace Systems, New London, CT - submarine and marine design, drafting, artistic renderings for U.S. Navy subcontractors - 1981 - 1987

Education and Training:

Attended University of Connecticut - 1976-1977

Enrolled in engineering program at Thames Valley State Technical College, Norwick, CT - 1980

Licenses:

State of Connecticut- Certified General Real Estate Appraiser -Liceuse No. RCG.0001239

Special Education:

Real Estate Economics - June 2007

Commercial Real Estate - Understanding Investments - June 2007

Market Analysis - Highest and Best Use - June 2007

Basic Income Capitalization - Course 1310 - September 2006

When Good Houses Go Bad - August 2006

Real Estate Law Update 2006 - Connecticut Continuing Education Program

Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) - September 2005

USPAP Yellow Book Seminar - Federal Land Acquisitions - Appraisal Institute - August 2005

Appraisal II - Income Property Valuation - CT Real Estate Commission - May 2005

Appraisal I - CT Real Estate Commission - March 2005

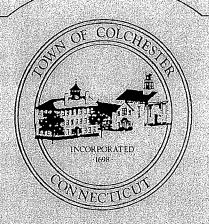
Adobe Photoshop Seminar - Santa Rosa, CA - 2000

Auto Cad Design/Drafting Course - Santa Rosa Jr. College, Santa Rosa, CA - 1993

Appraisal I - CT Real Estate Commission - 1991

Real Estate Principles and Practices - University of Connecticut - 1987

Code Administration
Building Official
Fire Marshal
Wetlands Enforcement



Planning and Zoning
Planning Director
Zoning Enforcement
Town Engineer

Linda Hodge, First Selectman Town of Colchester 127 Norwich Ave. Colchester, CT 06415

September 17, 2009

RE: CGS 09-038- Land purchase of 31 Acres off McDonald-Road-Estate of Mary-Claire Fleming, Assessor's Map: 03-07; Lot #003-000, R-60 Zone.

The above referenced referral was reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their regular meeting held on September 16, 2009. The Commission was unanimous in their support of a resolution to forward a favorable report on this proposal pursuant to CGS 8-24.

The Notice of Decision will be published in the Rivereast News Bulletin on Friday September 25, 2009.

Respectfully,

Craig Grimord

Assistant Planner & ZEO

CC: J. Cohen, Director Parks & Recreation

TOWN OF COLCHESTER, CT. - ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION

APPLICATION NUMBER: C65 09 - 038 SUBMITTED DATE: 9/10/09 than noon on the Thursday regularly scheduled meeting RECEIVED DATE: 9/16/09 TO Holiday periods).	the Zoning Office no later before the next g (the 1st and
APPLICANT: Town OF Colchoster	
TOWN: Colchester Ct ZIP CODE: 06415 TELEPHONE: 5	
TOWN: Colotester Ct ZIP CODE: 06415 TELEPHONE: 53	37-7280
OWNER OF RECORD ON COLCHESTER LAND RECORDS: Manie - Clair	re Fleming
STREET/ROAD ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: Mc Dow of ROAD	
ASSESSOR'S MAP: 03-07 LOT#: 003 ZONE: R-0	60
NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE OF PERSON TO WHOM CORRESPONDENCE INQUIRIES	
SHOULD BE DIRECTED: TELEPHONE:	
APPLICATION IS FOR (Check one of the following): 1. Zone Change from Zone to Zone (Public Hearing). 2. Amendment to Section(s) of the Zoning Regulations (Public 3. Special Exception to Section(s) of the Zoning Regulations (In the Zoning Regul	
SIGNATURE(S) THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT AND THE OWNER PROPERTY AND SUBMITTED ALONG WITH FIVE (5) SETS OF THE PLANS.	OF THE
APPLICANT OWNER(S)	

*See reverse for fee schedule.

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127 Norwich Avenue Colchester, CT 06415 (860) 537-7220



Linda M. Hodge

First Selectman

MEMORANDUM

To:

Adam Turner, Town Planner

Mary Jane Slade, Board of Finance Clerk

Maggie Cosgrove, CFO

CC:

Linda Hodge, First Selectman

From:

Mike Caplet, Executive Assistant to the First Selectman

Date:

September 4, 2009

Re:

Purchase of Land on McDonald Road

The Board of Selectmen addressed this at last night's regular Board of Selectmen Meeting per the excerpt below from the draft minutes yet to be posted:

Update and Possible Action on Purchase of Land on McDonald Road: First Selectman L. Hodge updated the board on the status of the purchase of land on McDonald Road. G. Cordova moved to forward the Conservation Commission's recommendation to purchase the 31-acre piece of property located on McDonald Road adjacent to the Ruby Cohen property to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 8-24, and to the Board of Finance for action, with a recommendation that the Town's share be paid out of the Land Fee in Lieu account (\$40,000) and the Land Acquisition Account (\$100,000), and that closing/legal costs be paid from the legal budget line, and to include the "Proposed Process & Timeline for Approval of McDonald Road Open Space Purchase" document, which are components of the town ordinance, as an attachment to these minutes, seconded by J. Malsbenden. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Please advise this office if any other action is needed to move this forward.

Attachment

Step #4 – Provide contracts between Town and Seller, as well as Town and Land Trust (plan to get money), and projected costs of legal review and closing to Boards of Selectmen and Finance for review

D. Following action by the Board of Finance and the issuance of the Zoning and Planning Commission's report, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 8-24, final action on the proposed acquisition shall be taken by the Board of Selectmen or, if required by Town Charter, by the Town Meeting.

Step #4 - Board of Selectmen forward to Town meeting.

Proposed Motion for BoS 9/3/09: Move to forward the Conservation Commission's recommendation to purchase the 31-acre piece of property located on McDonald Road adjacent to the Ruby Cohen property to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 8-24, and to the Board of Finance for action, with a recommendation that the Town's share be paid out of the Land Fee in Lieu account (\$40,000) and the Land Acquisition Account (\$100,000), and that closing/legal costs be paid from the legal budget line.

To: Planning and Zoning Commission

September 9, 2009

From: Adam Turner

RE: McDonald Road Land Acquisition

Introduction:

The Town has been approached regarding the purchase of a 31-acre piece of property located on McDonald Road directly adjacent to the Ruby Cohen property. The land would be conveyed to the town by way of fee simple transfer through the estate of Mary-Claire Flemming.

Property assessment:

The property is 31-acres in size and is directly linked to the Ruby Cohen property nature preserve located at 86 McDonald Rd. The Ruby Cohen property and the surrounding town owned land totals about 142-acres.

The parcel considered for acquisition is almost entirely flat, wooded, with significant amount of wetlands including a stream which runs through the property. The parcel is within the town of Colchester's Aquifer Protection Zone and is within one of the towns "greenways" as identified in the Open Space Plan. Due to the large amount of undeveloped land in this area, there is an abundant amount of wildlife that resides on these properties. A detailed assessment has been completed (attachment)

The site is restricted to development due to the wetlands and the stream. If development was proposed, it is likely that no more than two houses and septic systems could be installed.

Cost

The property was assessed at \$220,000. The total proposed cost of purchase is \$182,000 which is proposed to be paid by the Town (\$140,000) and the Colchester Land Trust (\$42,000). No new funds are necessary for this purchase. The Towns share would be paid out of the Land Fee in Lieu account which has a balance of \$40,000 and the Land Acquisition Account which has a balance of \$100,000.

Open Space Committee and Conservation Commission Action

The proposed purchase of the 31 acre parcel was presented to the Open Space Committee on June 9, 2009. The purchase was recommended for purchase by a vote of 6-0. The proposed purchase was presented to the Conservation Commission on June 10, 2009. The Commission also unanimously recommended that the Town purchase the property.

The Board of Selectman reviewed the proposed transaction and transmitted the proposal to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Section 8-24 Municipal planning review.

Parcel Name: Ruby II			Map # 3-7		Submitted By: P&7
Owner: Estate of Marie-Claire Flemming	ng		Lot # 3		Date: 6.8.09
low-lmpact lise-	Moderate Impact III	-			
Committed Open Space	Playing Fields, Parks & Playgrounds	Playgrounds	Facilities & Infastructure	tructure	Remarks
Criteria Rating 0 1 2 3	Criteria	Rating 0 1 2 3	Criteria	Rating 0 1 2 3	
Wetlands, Watercourses, tidal Marshes, Vernal Pools, Etc X	Accessibility: roads, utilities	×	identified Purpose		
Productive Wildlife , Habitat, Corridors X	Topography: flat, rolling, steep (High/Low)	×	Need	×	
Presecence of Endangered Species X	Adequate Soils Indication	×	Buildable Soils	×	
Natural Feautures, Waterfalls, Vistas X	Uplands, No Wetlands	×	Favorable Topography	×	
Cultural Feautures, Historical Features, Archaeological, Etc X	Adequate size Fields, etc	×	Accessibility: roads, utilities	×	
Adjacent to Protected Open Space X	Adjacent to other town owned land	×	Favorable Location: Sensible & Convient	×	
Identified Priority Area X	Need	×	Size: suits Purpose	×	
×	Waterfornt, lakes, ponds, river or stream	×	Alternatives: Identified &	×	
or stream X					
Total Score (Class A) 16	Total Score (Class B)	15	Total Score (Class C)	10	Total Score: 38
Summary: The Parcel is located within the within the Cohen Woodlands Focus area	1 .0 (ld Brook and th	Sherman Brook, Judd Brook and the Meadow Brook Greenway's & and is directly located	nway's & and is	directly located
Salmon River Watershed			STATE STATE OF STATE	carea within it did is part of	ation is part of
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Parcel scores high in rankings for low and moderate impact uses	nd moderate impact us	es :			

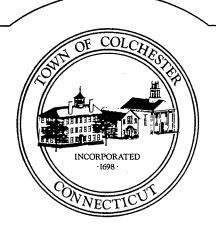
APPENDIX B PROPERTY EVALUATION WORKSHEET

Natural Resources and Resource Abut or contain a watercourse or				YesX	No	
Contain soils identified as potent	ial potable wate	r supplies (strat	ified drift)	YesX	_ No	
In the drainage basin of an identi Deep River Reservoir Cabin/Nelkin Brook Judd Brook	Yes _X	No				
Contain a significant wetland rese	ource:					
Open marsh Shrub swamp Wooded wetland Vernal pools	Yes YesX Yes _X	No No No				
Has significant flood control valu Flood plain ofunnam Potential flood storage are		stream res				
	ains endangered, threatened, or species of special concern Yes No _XList					
Contains rare or unusual flora or f	auna		Yes			_
Contains rare or unusual wildlife l			Yes	No _	_X	 -
Has unusual forest resources Describe			Yes	No _	_X	
Contains open field/edge habitat:				Yes	No_	_X
Minimum width of 100' and provi	de a wildlife co	rridor and/or a	buffer from YesX			
Particularly large tract of land, wh cover, rather than edge	ich will provide	habitat for tho	se species r Yes			
Contains unique natural features, i landforms; notable or unusual land Describe		•	~	-		

Cultural Resources/Community Character/Quality of Life Contain scenic vistas or areas of special scenic quality, or water	vistas? Y	(es	NoX
Specimen trees on the property? List	Yes_	No	X
Contain roadside stonewalls?		No	
Known or inferred prehistoric site or archeological resources?	Yes_	No _	X
Built features or remains from the historic period, i.e. foundation milldams, structures, etc.? List		valls, wells	
Contain historic buildings? List		No_	XX
Identifiable cultural resources, such as a stone animal impoundment Yes No _X List	ent or co		
Contain active agricultural use Yes NoX Prime agricul	tural soi	ls Yes	No
Recreational Opportunities Trails, connections with other recreational or open space properties	es Yes	X N	0
Adequate public access, or the potential for it	Yes _	_X N	Ó
Suitable for improved/active recreation (ball fields, etc)	Yes _	No) X
Close to municipal facilities, which may provide parking	Yes_	_X No)
Contribution to Greenway Form a connection with other protected properties or municipal fa	acilities	YesX_	No
Within a State designated greenway Judd Brook Greenway Meadow Brook Greenway Pine Brook Greenway Yes X No Yes X No			
Abut the Airline Trail, Colchester Spur, or potential trail right of		h as old to No _	
Other Considerations Important in managing residential growth (development avoidance)			 No
Constitutes important remaining open parcel in otherwise built are	ea	Yes _X_	No
Recognized by local residents as particularly important to preserv	e	Yes _X_	No
By sheer size or location it provides a nucleus for a future greenw	ay	Yes	NoX

September 11, 2009

Code Administration
Building Official
Fire Marshal
Wetlands Enforcement



Planning and Zoning
Planning Director
Zoning Enforcement
Town Engineer

To:

Colchester Conservation Commission and Zoning & Planning Commission

From

Salvatore A. Tassone P.E. – Town Engineer

Re:

Grading Plan prepared for Cody Camp Memorial Field, Halls Hill Road - Colchester Connecticut,

By Dutch & Associates, dated September 8, 2009.

- 1) Provide dimensions for proposed dugouts and indicate finish floor elevations on plans. Also show associated grading around dugout structures.
- 2) Indicate type/size of stone for proposed riprap splash pads and note dimension of splash pads.
- 3) The 6" PVC piping between proposed lawn drains should be a curtain drain system consisting of filter fabric wrapped; perforated pipe encased in a crushed stone trench to help control any groundwater present in the earth cut areas. If desired, the top 6-inches of the curtain drain can be backfilled with topsoil placed over filter fabric to protect the crushed stone trench. Provide a construction detail for the curtain drain system.
- 4) Will there be a score board on site? If so, show location on plans.
- 5) Provide_a proposed seeding/turf establishment schedule for baseball outfield and other disturbed lawn areas.
- 6) Per the previously drafted agreement between Cody Camp and the town, need to post a site restoration bond in the amount of \$11,355.00 prior to commencing any earth moving/construction activity.