

Town of *Dunstable* Selectboard
Executive Session Minutes
December 28, 2016
Town Hall, Dunstable, MA 01827

Entered Executive at Session: 8:15 pm

Present: Daniel F. Devlin, chair, Walter F. Alterisio, Leah D. Basbanes, member(s); Tracey Hutton, Town Administrator; James Dow, Chief of Police

Executive Session 2) – Real Estate

Ms. Hutton reported that she and Chief Dow have met with the property owners who abut the property the town is looking at purchasing from the Dumont's. The owners appear to be open to negotiating a price. The current owners are the Coulouras family. There would be a negotiation of price with the town entering into a purchase and sales agreement contingent on town meeting approval. There was debate on how transparent this should be and how public to go with the matter. Ms. Hutton responded that this will be addressed at the town meeting. The town has had public meetings that were posted to discuss the construction of a public safety complex and the acquiring of property to do so. The meeting will be informative and provide the public with all the information they need. There was some ensuing discussion of the Master Plan and the impact it will have on projects like this. Chief Dow then turned discussion back to the process that the town has gone through so far. The Board noted that part of the decision around this and the property the town is looking at is to bring this complex into being without overly impacting the look and appearance of the town. Ms. Hutton agreed noting that the location makes sense for many reasons in part because it will not impact the town center. Ms. Hutton then stated she would like to acquire the property at town meeting, and then move forward with design and approval for the actual construction. It was noted that the property being considered is not visually appealing at this stage, so building there is a positive change. Ms. Hutton then noted that the Coulouras's intend to retire in the next few years, and it would be possible to allow them to remain during the time it will take to actually go from purchase of the property to construction. This means they won't have to move out the next day after town meeting if the purchase is approved. There was then discussion of the site work and what will be done and how it would tie into any water projects. The Board determined that it would allow Ms. Hutton to negotiate for a purchase price.

A motion to exit this Executive Session and enter the next was made by Leah D. Basbanes at 8:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Walter F. Alterisio. The motion was adopted without objection by Daniel F. Devlin, Walter F. Alterisio and Leah D. Basbanes.

Respectfully submitted by



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Approved and adopted on 4/18/18