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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Present: Elizabeth Sullivan, Chair and Christopher Donato, Vice-Chair.

Absent: Jon Witten, Clerk

Staff: Richard MacDonald, Town Manager and Barbara Ripley, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:31 PM, Ms. Sullivan moved that the Board enter Executive Session in order to consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property since such discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body, and to reconvene afterward in Open Session in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 23B. Second by Mr. Donato. Roll call vote: Mr. Donato---aye; Ms. Sullivan---aye.

Mr. George Wadsworth was present to represent the Local Housing Partnership (LHP). He explained that there is a 40,000 square foot parcel on Route 53 that the LHP would like to buy for affordable housing purposes, using money from the Community Preservation Act Funds. The proposal is currently Article XXXIX on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. There is a house on the lot, but it is in poor condition, and would likely be torn down. There would be several options for developing the affordable housing, including: 1) moving a house from another property; 2) working with an organization such as Habitat for Humanity; or 3) proposing a Local Initiative Project (LIP) for multiple family housing on the property. The price of the lot is approximately \$215K. Mr. Wadsworth said that this is a very good price for a buildable lot in Duxbury. The property is also located on a public transportation route, which is also desirable for affordable housing.

Ms. Sullivan commented that the Local Housing Partnership has started several initiatives, but has not brought any affordable housing projects to fruition. She also commented that the LHP negotiated a price for the property without input from the Town Manager or Selectmen. She said that she is not inclined to support the purchase.

Mr. Donato said that he would like more information about the proposal. However, with the information available so far, he would not be inclined to support the purchase.

Mr. MacDonald offered to meet with members of the LHP, and encourage them to complete some outstanding projects before moving forward with others.

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:05 PM, Mr. Donato moved that the Board end the Executive Session, and re-convene in Open Session. Second by Ms. Sullivan. Vote: 2:0:0.