

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

Present: Shawn Dahlen, Chair; Elizabeth H. Sullivan, Vice-Chair; and Christopher Donato, Clerk.

Absent: None

Staff: Richard MacDonald, Town Manager, John Madden, Finance Director, and C. Anne Murray, Adm. Asst.

Also Present: Mr. Joe Grady, Conservation Administrator
Ms. Pat Loring, member of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC)

At approximately 6:50 PM Ms. Sullivan moved that the Board of Selectmen go into an Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property as discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body and to reconvene in Open Session, following the completion of the Executive Session, in accordance with Mass. General Laws Chapter 39, Section 23b. Second by Mr. Donato.

In accordance with Open Meeting Law, the Chair declared that the public discussion of the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body, and therefore warrants discussion in an Executive Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Donato "aye"; Mr. Dahlen "aye"; Ms. Sullivan "aye".

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Grady and Ms. Loring indicated that they are here to ask for authorization by the Board of Selectmen to proceed with the purchase of Parcel #020-011-015, which is a 1.96 acre parcel. This is a parcel that has been of interest since 2002, but due to other matters being settled by the Estate was not a priority for the family. In recent conversations with the Executor the purchase price would be \$25,000. and associated legal costs (i.e., legal fees for recording, etc.). The funding would come from the Conservation Fund. The parcel has an assessed value of \$177,000.

Mr. Grady and Ms. Loring provided additional information regarding the desirability of the parcel. Some of the points mentioned were as follows:

- The parcel would add 1.96 acres of additional open fields and woodlands to the existing 4.76 acres of Swanson Conservation Land.
- The parcel would extend the historic roadside vista to the Keene Street intersection.
- The parcel is not buildable under current conditions, but might be a buildable lot if an irrigation well on the property is removed.
- The parcel would provide habitat for field nesting birds and small mammals, as well as a linkage to existing conservation land, large open field.
- Both the Conservation Commission and the CPC have voted in support of the purchase.

Ms. Sullivan moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the purchase of parcel #020-011-015, in the amount of \$25,000. and associated costs to be funded through the Conservation Fund. Second by Mr. Donato. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Donato "aye"; Mr. Dahlen "aye"; Ms. Sullivan "aye".

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:00 PM, Ms. Sullivan moved that the Board adjourn from the Executive Session and re-convene in Open Session. Second by Mr. Donato. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Donato "aye"; Mr. Dahlen "aye"; Ms. Sullivan "aye".