

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012 – 1:00 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

Meeting came to order at 1:04 p.m. with Selectmen Troy E. Garron, Kim R. Roy and Michael J. Also present was Paul Turner.

The following business was discussed:

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT

Mr. Turner – Wright Property – Franklin Street

Mr. Turner's attorney and town counsel, Lawrence Mayo, have been in contact with each other and reviewed the *Covenant* pertaining to 24.45 acres of land that Mr. Turner would like to donate to the town that is adjacent to Wright property at 60 Franklin Street, Halifax, MA.

Garron asked if the property transaction was not fulfilled by Mr. Turner where would that leave the town and it was said that the land would not be turned over to the town. Also it was stated that once the property is purchased by Turner a *Covenant* will be recorded and by doing so it is like having a lien on the property so no one will want to purchase it with a lien on the property.

The *Covenant* will be recorded by Mr. Turner at the time of the acquisition of the property.

A *Quitclaim Deed* was also presented from Mr. Turner, but will not be signed until after Town Meeting (Town Meeting is the only entity that can accept land).

The Board had asked Mr. Turner if he would be willing to pay the cost of recording the legal documents for the agreement and he stated he would.

No signatures were required from the Board today only a vote needed to be taken.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to relinquish the town's right of first refusal on the Wright property and that the *Covenant* be recorded at the time Mr. Turner purchases the property.

Schleiff had asked seeing as conservation is in support of the agreement Mr. Turner offered, maybe they should be asked to pay for any cost that may be incurred on the donated land. Garron said that no decision has been made at this time as to whether a parking lot would be made but if conservation wanted to open it up then Garron would agree to have conservation pay for it.

There being no further business, moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

Troy E. Garron
Clerk

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