

HULL FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HULL-OWNED PROPERTY REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010

PROPERTY REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Roger Atherton, (Citizen-at-large), Clerk  
Brian McCarthy (Citizen-at-large, Council on Aging), Chair  
Stephanie Peters (School Committee)

STAFF MEMBERS

Philip Lemnios (Town Manager)  
Jim Lampke (Town Attorney)

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM at Town Hall in the Selectmen's Meeting room. Peters nominated McCarthy as chair, second by Atherton, vote: unanimous in favor. Peters nominated Atherton as clerk, second by McCarthy, vote: unanimous in favor.

Lemnios provided a new list of all the Town-owned properties and made sure that all had a copy of the earlier list provided to the FPC of vacant town land that are potentially buildable lots. Lemnios explained again that there are different procedures for disposal depending on whether the property was acquired by gift or taken for tax default. It was decided that land currently being used by the Town as parks, parking or playgrounds would not be evaluated. Nor would land seen as Conservation land or Conservation Restricted land. HRA land was also excluded. After careful discussion with input from Lemnios and Lampke, some 64 properties were selected for further review and analysis.

McCarthy promised for the next meeting to put together material on these sites so they could be further analyzed. It was decided that in addition site visits would be needed to evaluate the relationship to the neighborhood. The Sub-Committee (S-C) would need to prioritize the list in terms of likely financial benefit to the Town and the likely speed with which revenues might be recognized. Research is needed to determine how the Town came into possession as that affects disposability and possible approvals required (Board of Selectmen or Town Meeting) and restrictions that might need to be imposed. A member of the audience was particularly insistent that the Beacon Road property be carefully evaluated as well as its relationship to the surrounding properties.

Peters brought up the subject of blighted properties and mentioned an article regarding

how the Town of Quincy was dealing with this problem. Lemnios and Lampke described Hull's approach (combination of Police and Fire Departments and the Board of Health). It was agreed the S-C needs to look into this further as it was a charge to the S-C from the FPC.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15 PM. Peters moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by McCarthy; unanimous in favor. Meeting ended at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Roger Atherton, Clerk