

June 4, 2007

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2007**

Present: Hal White, Chairman
Steven Halterman
Ted Goodwin
Arnold Wilson
William Emrich
James Malloy, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the executive session to order under MGL Ch. 39, §23B, Paragraph #6: To consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease or value of real property, not to reconvene in open session.

Land Acquisition

J. Malloy informed the Board that Brian Caron agreed to lower the price of his parcel to \$20,000, but isn't going to go down any further than that. He said that it will need to go to Town Meeting; even if gift funds are used, if the Town pays for land it's acquiring, a Town Meeting vote authorizing the acquisition is necessary. Brian Caron understands this and is willing to sign a purchase and sale and wait for the next Town Meeting.

The Board agreed that the price is acceptable.

MOTION: To authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the land owned by Brian Caron for \$20,000 subject to approval at Town Meeting and to use Lucent funds, by A.Wilson.

2nd: T. Goodwin

Roll call vote: All in favor.

River Land

A.Wilson said that Gerry Paquin has not sent the Board a written proposal yet. A.Wilson said that he was still in favor of going to Town Meeting with a standard article with a motion to take the land by eminent domain for \$800,000. He noted that the land has been the top priority for years on the Open Space Committee's list. H. White said that he was opposed to taking it by eminent domain if less than \$900,000 is offered.

J. Malloy said that Town Counsel told him that buying the land outside the auction was legal. H. White suggested keeping a dialogue going, and stressed the importance of getting something in writing. He suggested authorizing J. Malloy to send a letter indicating an amount.

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Burgess Property

Regarding the space between Cook's house and Burgess School Road, A.Wilson said that the Town does not have the money to buy this parcel at the auction, which is coming up shortly. J. Malloy was going to talk to the school, since it is school property and there is a matter of drainage for the school.

Old Fire Station

A.Wilson said that the appraisal report on the corner of the Old Fire Station stated that it is worth around \$400,000. He said that the Zoning Study Committee is looking at the zone. A.Wilson and T. Goodwin both felt that the Town should not sell the building. H. White suggested waiting to see what develops from the Zoning Study Committee.

MOTION: To adjourn, by S. Halterman.
2nd: T. Goodwin
Roll call vote: All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

BOS Clerk

Date