

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES  
AUGUST 6, 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 Chapter 39, §23B, Paragraph #6: To consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease or value of real property; not to reconvene in open session.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION: To accept the executive session minutes of May 14, 2007 as amended, to remain confidential, by S. Halterman.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: T. Goodwin**

**Roll call vote: All in favor.**

**MOTION: To accept the executive session minutes of May 21, 2007, to remain confidential, by T. Goodwin.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Halterman**

**Roll call vote: All in favor.**

**MOTION: To accept the executive session minutes of June 4, 2007 as amended, to remain confidential, by T. Goodwin.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Halterman**

**Roll call vote: All in favor.**

**River Land**

H. White said that the Board had received a letter from Gerry Paquin on July 9, 2007 (copy on file) and he suggested that the Board respond to it. G. Paquin stated in his letter that he "(1) could accept (for a complete buy out of the whole parcel) approximately 1.5 million dollars, which is equal to my investment to date, which can be documented; or (2) Sell the Town 100 acres for about half that price, but we must work together and revisit my first proposal marked 'Exhibit A'." He stated in Exhibit A that he would like to have rights to gravel removal for five years from permit approvals; for every yard of gravel sold X per yard will be donated to the Town to be held in escrow for the development of a great park for the Town's residents at the dam location and along the river; to also permit the removal of gravel on 80 acres on River Road.

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J. Malloy said that it would be necessary to use Ed Calcutt's bridge to access the property. A.Wilson suggested that the Board express its interest in acquiring the property, and per past discussions the Town would be willing to offer \$800,000 with no qualifications and no considerations for the entire parcel, and that G. Paquin should contact the Board if he wishes to continue this discussion. It was the consensus of the Board to send a letter with A.Wilson's suggestions in response to G. Paquin's letter.

**MOTION: To authorize the Town Administrator to send a letter to Gerry Paquin in response to his letter of early July, by S. Halterman.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: W. Emrich**

**Roll call vote: All in favor.**

A.Wilson said that G. Paquin had called him requesting a FAX to confirm the fact that the Board couldn't meet on a certain night because it was a work session, and the following week during the regular meeting the Board was dealing with the death of Christian Frechette. A.Wilson read into the record his response (copy on file).

**Firefighters Contract**

A.Wilson noted that J. Malloy had suggested the Board meet in executive session to discuss changes to the union contract for the firefighters. J. Malloy said that they had agreed to the terms, so the contract is all set.

**Blue and Gold Development**

A.Wilson said that regarding the Blue and Gold Development on Hall Road, the ZBA had an opinion from Town Counsel that was similar to the situation coming up on Route 131. The Board asked J. Malloy to discuss it with Town Counsel.

**MOTION: To adjourn, by S. Halterman.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: T. Goodwin**

**Roll call vote: All in favor.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

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BOS Clerk

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Date