

RTM Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes for 3/20/2017

The special meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Adele Conniff who presided.

Nine members were present with an additional member joining the meeting late: Chairman Conniff, Vice-Chairman Diane Conologue, Curtis Butler, Chris Ezbiansky, Ken Fiveson, Harry McLachlin, Bill Van Loan, Sue-Ellen Mitchell, Tim Goertel, and Heather Pommernelle

Absent were: Andrew Millar, Cheryl Russell, Phyllis Hawkins, Carlo Cantavero and Susan Lauritzen

The committee discussed the purchase of 41 Hecker Ave. by the Town of Darien. The committee reviewed the agreements and supporting contracts. One of our members was particularly interested that the RTM recognize that flood mitigation was of primary importance in the use of the property. Some clearing of brush and removal of invasive plants may be necessary, but maintenance costs are expected to be minimal. Closing costs are the only expense for the town for which there are existing funds.

We voted 9 in favor of supporting the acquisition of 41 Hecker Ave., accepting the State Grant, authorizing an Open Space and Watershed Easement with the State, accepting a gift from the Darien Land Trust, and authorizing the Conservation Easement with the Darien Land Trust. 0 voted against. One member arrived late and agreed with the committee vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Adele Conniff