

Minutes of the October 15, 2013

Rules Committee Special Meeting

Present: Sarah Seelye, Gary Swenson, Debra Ritchie, James Howe, Frank Kemp, Peter Kelly, Jeff Marsden, Mac Patrick, Patti Baumgartner, Dennis Maroney, Joanne Hennessy

Guests: Jayme Stevenson, David Bayne, Cheryl Russell

Absent: Seth Morton, Marilu Cleary

Mrs. Seelye called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm. Jayme Stevenson reviewed the potential acquisition of the Short Lane property. It is the only piece of residential property in the Weed Beach/Sewer facility area. The property is .75 acres and includes a house. The BOS is in regular contact with the listing agent and will update us when appropriate. Mr. Kelly inquired about the state of the property vis a vis Sandy damage and Mrs. Stevenson said there was no damage from the storm. Mrs. Russell said that Parks and Recreation wants the land to be dedicated park land. The Parks and Recreation Commission would have discretion on what to do with the land.

Frank Kemp asked about procedural issues surrounding the acquisition including timing given the RTM calendar. A discussion ensued about options for a special RTM meeting. No decision was made pending further information on the purchase.

The acquisition of 32 Hoyt Street was also discussed. This property is surrounded by Holmes School property. Mrs. Stevenson said that this parcel has been discussed since the mid 1990s, and is now available again. It is .23 acres and the BOS will forward information when it is available. The Board of Education wants to acquire this property to allow for flexibility for the school in the future.

Committee assignment for the two acquisitions are as follows:

4 Short Lane: Primary: Finance and Budget; Secondary: Parks and Rec, Planning and Zoning

James Howe moved, seconded by Deb Ritchie to approve the above assignments. Vote was unanimous.

32 Hoyt Street: Primary: Finance and Budget; Secondary: Planning and Zoning, Education

Dennis Maroney moved and Gary Swenson seconded to approve the above assignments. Vote was unanimous.

The Rules Committee continued a discussion on timing of a future RTM meeting to address these purchases. The meeting could be on any night, and the RTM should be flexible and nimble in response.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Hennessy, acting clerk

