



TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
LAND ACQUISITION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
April 21, 2021

Present: Michael Widmer, Tara Hawley, Jeff Galdenzi, Kevin Helmich, Trey Bickers,

Absent: Linda Batchelder, Adam Goodman, Kasandra Marshall, Nick Mirabile

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05pm via voice-only conference call.

II. Appointment of Alternates if Necessary

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes

Galdenzi motioned and Hawley seconded to approve the January 20, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Chairman's Report

Continued discussion on the role of the LAC - although we serve solely in an advisory role to both the First Selectwoman and the Conservation Commission, it is time for the role of the LAC to be reviewed and maybe redefined. Widmer met with First Selectwoman Kupchick and she suggested we as a Commission should review, discuss, and present our ideas and our vision. Widmer asked each commission member to reflect and forward all thoughts for us to begin the process and, in addition, with an eye on land acquisition, identify and include any properties that may be of interest to the Town.

VI. New Business

- **2780 Redding Road**

Subdivision review for Open Space set aside per section 2.3 of the Town's Subdivision Regulations. Total property is 5.1 acres being divided for 2 lots. Subdivider is proposing 0.527 acres parcel that fronts Brett Road. A portion of the proposed parcel is mapped wetlands and there is no nearby connectivity with existing town-owned open space.

Motion: Batchelder motioned LAC recommend the Town ask for a Payment of Fee in Lieu Of Open Space due to the lack of connectivity with existing open space. Galdenzi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business

a. 150 Villa Avenue

Appraisal has been completed and the Town has connected with the realtor for the property to begin discussion and potentially move forward with negotiations. Still developing and to be updated for our next meeting in July.

b. 145 Grace Street

LA motioned the Town move forward to acquire this property and it is now formally moving forward with Conservation staff developing necessary forms and backup to present to Town bodies.

c. 760 Oldfield Road

From the Conservation Commission 12.16.20 minutes - *The Tucker Fund Donation of \$18,500 to the Fairfield Conservation Department for the construction of a bird blind on Town Open Space at 760 Oldfield Road.*

VIII. Adjournment

Widmer called the meeting at 6:51pm. Next meetings July 21 and October 20, 2021.

Respectively submitted by,

Mike Widmer Chair, LAC