

COMMITTEE ON LANDS & BUILDINGS

September 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Chairman Long called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Long, Fajardo, T. Sapienza, Levasseur, Trisciani

Messrs.: R. Gagne

1. Communication from Atty. John Cronin on behalf of IV T, LLC to purchase city-owned property located at 896 Goffs Falls Road (Tax Map 871, Lot 4).
(Note: Recommendations from Planning & Community Development and Assessor are attached.)

Alderman Trisciani moved to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(d) for consideration of property acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. **Alderman T. Sapienza** duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Long, Fajardo, Levasseur, T. Sapienza and Trisciani voted yea. The motion carried.

Chairman Long called the meeting back to order.

Alderman Trisciani moved to accept the Assessor's recommendation and direct staff to negotiate the price. **Alderman Fajardo** duly seconded the motion. Chairman Long called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

On motion of **Alderman Trisciani**, duly seconded by **Alderman Fajardo**, it was voted to seal the minutes.

2. Communication from Raymond St. Jean offering to forfeit ownership of a parcel of land located on Groveland Avenue (Tax Map 492, Lot 11) to the city.
(Note: Recommendations from Tax and the Assessor attached.)

Alderman Levasseur stated I have no issue with this. The only thing I find interesting is that he thinks he is paying \$14,200 for this property but it is actually assessed for \$14,200 which means he is paying about \$100. I don't know if he knew that because that is a big difference. I don't know if he would still want to give it up if he knows that. He thinks he is paying \$14,200. Am I correct Bob?

Robert Gagne, Assessor, responded that is correct. The assessed value is \$14,200 and the tax is around \$250.

Chairman Long asked what is the pleasure of the committee.

Alderman Fajardo stated I did note the recommendation to have the other person whose name is on the deed agree to this. That was my only concern.

Mr. Gagne stated right I think the Tax Collector pointed out that there are other owners and they would all have to be in agreement.

Chairman Long asked they would all have to be in agreement to revert it to the city.

Mr. Gagne answered yes.

Alderman Trisciani stated so just from the standpoint of maintaining this strip and everything the abutter is DPW so they would just be maintaining it and making sure it doesn't get overgrown.

Mr. Gagne stated I don't know what they are doing with the parcel next door. I think at one time it was used as a staging area to move materials in and out and that was pointed out in the letter but it was reclaimed quite a while ago. I looked at the overhead photos and there is no debris there now.

Alderman Levasseur moved to accept with the stipulation that all parties agree and that a letter be sent to them letting them know what the actual tax amount is. **Alderman Fajardo** duly seconded the motion.

Chairman Long asked Bob do you know who owns the property on the other side.

Mr. Gagne answered I do not know the ownership. That was not a question that was put before me so I didn't investigate that. I will tell you it on an unimproved section of that road. I would say that you will get a report on properties coming up for tax deeding and there are a couple that are on this section of the road where people stopped paying taxes. I guess the owner could try to sell it to the neighbor but I don't know if he has done that or not.

Mr. Gagne asked if the city doesn't own it April 1 is the city going to waive the taxes for this year if they accept the transfer.

Chairman Long stated we don't know if everyone will sign off on this.

Mr. Gagne asked so would we accept it with the taxes being paid for the year.

Alderman Levasseur stated or prorated like you would on a normal closing.

Chairman Long called for a vote. *There being none opposed, the motion carried.*

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Levasseur, duly seconded by Alderman Fajardo, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.



Clerk of Committee