

Special Town Meeting July 7, 2010

First Selectman, Rudy Marconi, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level conference room of Town Hall. Mr. Marconi announced that the first order of business was to appoint a Moderator.

John Katz, 473 Ridgebury Rd., moved; Jan Rifkinson, 169 New Rd. seconded to appoint Ed Tyrrell of 17 Pond Rd. as Moderator.

Vote: “Aye” votes unanimous, and Mr. Tyrell was elected Moderator.

The Moderator called the meeting to order and requested a motion to appoint Barbara Serfilippi, Town Clerk, as Secretary.

John Katz moved, Jan Rifkinson seconded to appoint Barbara Serfilippi as Secretary.

Vote: “Aye” votes unanimous, and Barbara Serfilippi was elected Secretary.

The Moderator read the call of the meeting that appears on page 289 and asked for a motion to accept the donation of vacant land on Seymour Lane, Assessors Map #E17-0039.

John Katz moved, Jan Rifkinson seconded to accept the donation.

Discussion:

Mr. Marconi read a letter from Michelle Luo, the present owner of this property. (See attached letter) Mr. Marconi explained that Ms. Michelle Luo had purchased the property at a tax sale held by the Town for unpaid taxes; however, after she bought it, she discovered it was unbuildable because of the wetlands. She now wants to donate it to the Town. A public hearing was held on June 23rd and there were no comments from the public.

Mr. Katz explained that the land is “unusable” because it is not usable for building purposes, since there is not enough percentage of dry land as required by regulations.

Mr. Rifkinson asked if the Town accepts the land, would the owner receive anything in exchange.

Mr. Marconi replied she would not receive anything.

John Katz asked if the land would be donated to the Town under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Marconi answered that it would not come under the jurisdiction of Conservation at this time.

Mr. Rifkinson asked if it could be used for a playground.

Mr. Marconi replied that it was unbuildable as a building lot, but it did not preclude the use for something else.

Mr. Tyrrell suggested the possibility of adjoining property owners buying it to increase the square footage of their property, which would allow them to build something bigger

on their property. Mr. Marconi commented that the Selectmen stated that if the Town accepted this property, they would talk to the neighborhood about purchasing the property.

After the discussion, the Moderator asked for a vote on the motion to accept the donation.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and the motion was passed.

Jan Rifkinson moved, John Katz seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Serfilippi, Town Clerk