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BOARD OF SELECTMEN NONPUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2022

PRESENT:

Nancy Rollins, Chair
Janet Kidder, Selectman
Bill Helm, Selectman
Kimberly Hallquist, Town Administrator
Police Chief Emily Cobb

[Released by a voted of the Board August 18, 2022]

The Board entered nonpublic session at 6:50 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (d): “consideration of the 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.”

Hospital Property [Unsealed 8-18-2022]

Kim Hallquist reported that she spoke with Tom Manion, CEO of New London Hospital, regarding the possible sale of the land behind Hubert’s (Map 72 Lot 19) to the town for a police station. Mr. Manion reported that he could see the benefit of having the police station next to the hospital so he would support the request to his Board. He also noted that he was asked about the availability of the property by the committee studying locations for the police station and at that time, he told the committee member that the hospital would not be interested in selling as they were investigating other uses by the hospital. Since that discussion, the hospital has done some investigation into possible uses so it may be possible now. Mr. Manion asked that before the Board goes public with the potential plan, he would like the opportunity to speak to that committee member to explain why the answer is now yes.

Mr. Manion will speak with others at the hospital to see if there is interest in selling the property to the town, and if so, how they would like to proceed. He will report back as soon as he can

The Board asked the Chief for an update on the issue Belltronics’ opinion on the tower at the hospital site. The Chief noted that she has not heard back yet from Belltronics; she is confident that the tower would work on the site however the power lines raise additional issues that she would like to hear from Belltronics on. Chief Cobb will get the information from Belltronics and submit it to the Board as soon as possible.

Continuum Property (former Bewley property) [Unsealed 8-18-2022]

Kim Hallquist reported that Doug Lyon communicated with Joe Hogan (Continuum) regarding the town’s question of whether they would sell the lot across from Hannaford (Map 59 Lot 10) for \$165,000 or the two lots behind the Gallery (Lots 11 & 15) for \$300,000. Mr. Hogan responded that he would prefer to sell all three lots to the town for \$600,000 which would give them a 12% return on investment. They would be willing to wait until Town Meeting vote in March. If the town passes on the purchase, they will seek to subdivide the two lots behind the Gallery into three lots and sell them for house lots.

The Board discussed the Continuum property and questioned whether the \$600,000 sale price is worth it. Selectmen Helm noted that he prepared some analysis of the numbers of the land values and possible amounts for counteroffers the town might offer; that information will be provided to Selectman Rollins and Kidder for further discussion. Selectman Kidder noted that questioned whether a counteroffer should be given to Continuum before the Board knows if the hospital property is a possibility. The Board agreed that no counteroffer would be made until the Board has an opportunity to review the numbers prepared by Selectman Helm.

The Board noted that there are currently three sites under discussion: the hospital property, Continuum's 7 acre parcel across from Hannaford and Continuum's parcels on County Road. Selectman Helm wanted to make it clear that he did not have any problem having the Police Station next to Great Pines, it is a nonissue for him, however he understands that Hilltop residents have raised concerns about development on the County Road parcels.

Chief Cobb noted that a New London resident offered to assist the town by purchasing a property to hold it for the town until a Town Meeting vote could be secured.

**IT WAS MOVED (Bill Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to return to the public session
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Board reentered the public session at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Hallquist
Town Administrator