

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION

March 21, 2013

At 10:30 PM, the Finance Committee entered into Executive Session. The following members were present: Ken Szajda, Michelle Zeamer, Michelle Johnson, Charlie Kaslow and Dan Alfred. Paul LeBeau, Town Administrator and George Johnson, Chair of the Open Space Committee were also in attendance.

Mr. Johnson said that there are discussions once again with Bullard Memorial Farm trustees since their plan for a solar farm on the property did not go pass. They are interested in selling the conservation restriction, covering 111 acres of land, to the town for 1.1 million. Conditions have changed since the town last discussed this. Bullard Memorial Farm is now a non-profit. The Farm trustees will continue to own the land, but the town will have public access. They are also asking that should a liable suit come up, the town will pick up the legal costs. George Johnson said that he is going to push back on that. Ken Szajda asked what the town will use the land for and was told passive recreation. Michelle Zeamer asked if it could be used for baseball or soccer and George said that is a sticky situation. The answer is also affected by whether they apply for a land grant or not. The Open Space committee is looking to expend \$16,000 from the Open Space Fund for a full conservation appraisal, a review appraisal and a land planner. There are 2 parts to the appraisal – how much the land is worth if developed (How many lots will perk, etc.?) and what it is worth as conservation land. Michelle Zeamer, seconded by Charlie Kaslow, made a MOTION to authorize the expenditure of \$16,000 from the Open Space fund for the purpose of hiring a land planner, a full appraisal and a review appraisal for the purpose of valuing a conservation restriction on Bullard Memorial Farm. A roll call vote was taken. Michelle Johnson: yes; Michelle Zeamer: yes; Charlie Kaslow: yes; Dan Alfred: yes; Ken Szajda: yes. Motion passed.

At 10:50 PM, Michelle Zeamer, seconded by Dan Alfred, made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Faith Antonioli, Secretary

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