

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2014**

The Board entered executive session at 8:50 p.m. in Room 105 at Town Hall. Chairman Kevin Conley, Vice-Chairman Jay Marsden, Clerk Jay Leary and Town Administrator Paul Le Beau were present. Ms. Carey and Mr. Johnson of the Open Space Committee and Mesdames Kramer and Horne and Messrs. Kilkelly, Lulek and Brown of the Agricultural Commission met with the Board.

Mr. LeBeau noted that the Town has a right of first refusal to buy two lots owned by the Serocki family off of Rogers Road for \$550,000. The Open Space Committee has applied to the CPC for funding for the purchase. The attorney representing the buyer has proposed that he would donate the eastern portion of the property to the Town if he could retain the western portion for industrial development. A plan showing the proposed division of the property was made available.

Ms. Carey said that they are awaiting a decision on funding from the CPC and that they would not have access to the property the buyer is proposing to give to them. Mr. Johnson said the best agriculture portion of the property is the western portion. Mr. Lulek said it is a unique opportunity to restore farming to the property, possibly through community farming, educational programs and/or leasing the property. It would be relatively inexpensive to bring farming back because the property has a farming history. Mr. Johnson said that there is a need for more open space in East Holliston and that these parcels would offer a variety: farming, wetlands, forests, etc. The house would have to be knocked down at an estimated cost of \$15,000 but the barn could remain. The possibility of adding industrial value to the tax base was discussed. Mr. Johnson said there is plenty of undeveloped industrial land in Hopping Brook Park.

At 9:25 p.m. the Board thanked the Open Space Committee and the Agricultural Commission for the information.

AT 9:33 P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED, MR. MARSDEN SECONDED AND IT WAS VOTED BY ROLL CALL TO ADJOURN THE ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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Mr. Conley	X	
Mr. Marsden	X	
Mr. Leary	X	

Respectfully submitted,

Paul D. Le Beau, Town Administrator

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