

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2012**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing property acquisition and litigation captioned Levine v. Holliston. Vice Chairman Jay Leary, Clerk Kevin Conley and Town Administrator Paul Le Beau were present. Chairman Jay Marsden was absent. Also present were George Johnson and Ann Marie Pilch from the Open Space Committee and Bryan Clancy from the Housing Trust.

Mr. Johnson explained that Northeastern University is interested in selling two pieces of property off of Highland Street near the Ashland town line. One is about 24 acres of undeveloped land and the other is a subdivision of nearly 30 acres. Ms. Pilch said that the Town offered \$300,000 for the undeveloped parcel a few years ago but Northeastern never followed up on it. She said the Open Space Committee is still interested in the property and will continue to work with Massachusetts Audubon as they expressed some willingness to participate financially. She noted that it is part of a wildlife corridor. She said that the Open Space Committee is hesitant about the subdivision parcel. Mr. Le Beau noted that the subdivision approval may have expired and that public water supply is not currently available there.

Ms. Pilch and Mr. Johnson explained that Bullard Farm may be interested in selling development rights to the Town for as much as 100 acres of their property. The acquisition would include rights to public access.

There was a consensus that the Open Space Committee would continue to pursue Northeastern's undeveloped parcel and the Bullard Farm opportunity. Ms. Pilch agreed to communicate with Northeastern's broker and Massachusetts Audubon.

Messrs. Johnson and Clancy and Ms. Pilch left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

The Board reviewed a memorandum of legal options dated August 21, 2012, from Atty. Merrill regarding the Levine litigation. It was noted that Atty. Merrill had attempted the negotiation option but Ms. Levine refused to participate. He is now recommending that the Board pursue the option of ordering Ms. Levine to cease operating a kennel and reduce the number of dogs on the premises to three or fewer with a deadline for compliance. If she does not comply, the Board could pursue the matter in Superior Court.

MR. CONLEY MOVED, MR. LEARY SECONDED AND IT WAS VOTED BY ROLL CALL TO ISSUE AN ORDER TO RONDA LEVINE OF 623 WINTER STREET CITING HER FOR VIOLATION OF STATE LAW AND LOCAL BY-LAW; ORDERING HER TO CEASE OPERATION OF A KENNEL FACILITY; REQUIRING A REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF DOGS TO THREE OR FEWER; REQUIRING PROPER LICENSING OF THE REMAINING DOGS; AND TO COMPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE ORDER OR BE SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

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	AYE	NAY
Mr. Marsden	ABSENT	
Mr. Leary	X	
Mr. Conley	X	

AT 9:10 P.M., MR. CONLEY MOVED, MR. LEARY SECONDED AND IT WAS VOTED BY ROLL CALL TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

	AYE	NAY
Mr. Marsden	ABSENT	
Mr. Leary	X	
Mr. Conley	X	

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: _____

Released: _____

Paul D. Le Beau
Town Administrator