

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 2, 2011**

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, May 2, 2011 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman G. Smith opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. noting the meeting had been posted in the New Haven Register on April 22, 2011.

Board Members Present

B. Bevan
B. Bier
B. Blake
A. Giannattasio
F. Goodrich
M. Hardiman
B. Joy, Jr.
G. Smith
P. Smith
P. Staneski
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor James L. Richetetelli, Jr.
P. Erodici, Acting Finance Director
L. DiLullo, Mayor's Admin. Asst.

Absent

D. German
J. Patterson

Chairman G. Smith declared the public hearing open at 7:06 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak concerning the following matters:

Public hearing concerning consideration of request to purchase the following City owned property:

Harriet Avenue (Map 25, Block 216, Parcel 20)
Way Street (Map 25, Block 217, Parcel 7)
Way Street (Map 25, Block 217, Parcel 8)
Way Street (Map 25, Block 218, Parcel 8)
Way Street (Map 25, Block 218, Parcel 10)
Way Street (Map 25, Block 218, Parcel 12)
Way Street (Map 25, Block 218, Parcel 13)
Westmoor Road (Map 30, Block 644, Parcel 8)

Speakers in Favor (Harriet Avenue):

H. Astriab – 197 Marion Avenue – stated she had some concerns with the hamlet which borders her property. She stated she has taken care of it for over 40 years.

M. Williams – 427 Meadowside Road – stated she believes the parcel for sale is located next to her property and asked if that in fact is the property for sale.

R. Dunphy – 109 East Broadway – asked why the property is being sold.

Speaker Opposed:

None.

Speakers in Favor (Way Street):

G. Field – 183 Wolf Harbor Road – stated he owns six properties that abut this property. He stated these are six non-conforming properties that he would like to purchase and make it more conforming to the neighborhood.

J. Wharmby – 155 Harrison Avenue – stated he is a longtime owner on Harriet. He stated he would like to purchase Block 217, Parcel 8. He stated it is not sure how it would be done, but that he was in favor.

A. Schmitz – 453 Meadowside Road – stated she is interesting in purchasing on Way Street. She stated the area is flood prone and for that she was looking to make the purchase for the security of her own property.

N. Szygiel – 441 Meadowside Road – spoke regarding three properties on Way Street. She stated she is neighbors to Parcels 10, 12 and 13. She stated she has written to the City Attorney's Office to inquire as to how to purchase these parcels. She stated she has never received a response. She stated she wanted to state for the record that she would like to purchase these properties.

Speakers Opposed:

None

Speakers in Favor (Westmoor Road)

C. Field – 17 Beacon Hill Lane – stated he would like to combine the city lots with two other lots he owns and make them more conforming.

Speakers Opposed:

R. & S. Cleary – 95 Atwater Street – commented they have a safe haven for children and that there neighborhood is a no thru traffic area. They stated there are no playgrounds in the neighborhood. She stated the area being considered for sale is where the children play and that the area will be destroyed with the proposal of a building to buy this. They stated there would be added traffic in the area as well.

A. Walsh – 9 Northmoor Road – stated her property abuts this parcel, which she has been maintaining. She stated the rest of the area is a swamp and that those roads are all just paper roads that they are trying to sell.

Chairman G. Smtih declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor Richetelli stated for clarification that item 4 on the agenda is for the abandonment of the streets. He

stated the land would become protected wetlands by the city and would be protected from development.

Ald. Vitali and Ald. Vetro made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary