

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
HELD November 21, 2016

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of East Hampton, Connecticut, was held at the East Hampton Middle School Library/Media Center, 19 Childs Road, East Hampton, on 21st day, November, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Steven Greco was chosen as moderator of the meeting and Ms. Sandra M. Wieleba acted as clerk.

Present: Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager, Stephanie Lee, Deputy Democratic Registrar of Voters, Lori Wilcox, Republican Registrar of Voters, Theresa Latimer, Democratic Assistant Registrar of Voters and Patricia Burnham, Republican Assistant Registrar of Voters, Jeffrey Jylkka, Finance Director and members of the Board of Finance.

Motion made by Ms. Melissa Engel and seconded by Mr. Pete Brown to waive and accept the reading of the notice for the meeting which was published in the Rivereast on November 11, 2016, which is recorded in these records immediately preceding these minutes.

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Item 1.

To discuss and vote upon a resolution to appropriate \$85,000.00 for the purchase of two parcels of land from the Estate of Dominic DiDomizio and authorizing an associated fund transfer and appropriation for the acquisition of the property.

Moderator Greco requested that the resolution prepared for this item be presented.

RESOLVED, to appropriate \$85,000 from unassigned General Fund balance for the purchase of two parcels of land from the Estate of Dominic DiDomizio ("the Property") and described in the resolution attached made a part of these minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Kevin Reich and seconded by Mr. George Pfaffenbach and adopted by voice vote to waive the reading of the resolution.

Motion made by Ms. Patience Anderson and seconded by Mr. Kevin Reich, the foregoing resolution was adopted by voice vote the following vote:

Number of "Yes" votes 45

Number of "No" votes 0

Moderator Greco stated that the meeting was open for discussion of the foregoing resolution. The following comments were made:

Public Comment:

Mr. Kyle Dostaler, 56 William Drive, asked the purpose for purchasing this property.

Ms. Patience Anderson, Chairperson of the Town Council, explained that the property was very valuable to the town since it abuts the Airline Trail and land owned by the Middlesex Land Trust. She mentioned the land could be used towards the expansion of Memorial School and also help with the water issues at Royal Oaks.

Marge Foran, 11 Sunset Drive, asked if the town could use the property to expand Memorial School.

Ms. Patience Anderson confirmed that the land could be used to expand Memorial School in the future.

Hunt Voelker, 52 Chestnut Hill Road, mentioned that this property would be very desirable to a builder and supported the purchase of the property by the town.

Stephen Kistner, 21 Dogwood Drive, mentioned that the wells on Dogwood have gone dry because of Royal Oaks. He asked if the town was planning on building a community well on this property.

Ms. Patience Anderson indicated that the property could be used to alleviate the water issues in this area.

Cindy Gaines, 71 North Main Street, inquired about where a well would be dug on the property.

Mr. Tim Smith, Public Utilities Administration at the Water Pollution Control Facility responded to her question. He further stated that another well would act as an insurance policy during droughts in the future.

Mr. Albert Lawrence, 16 Huckleberry Acres Road, mentioned the issues with water around the lake and the lack of resolution.

Mr. Tim Smith mentioned the need for a community water system in East Hampton.

Ms. Melissa Engel, 7 Markham Road, asked if the property was a good source of water.

Mr. Tim Smith indicated that the area where the other wells are located were good. He further stated that he was unaware of problems with wells running dry on Dogwood Drive. The well that is used by Memorial School produces ten (10) gallons of water per minute. The wells at Royal Oaks would be a backup for the Memorial School and vice-a-versus. The goal would be to tie into the village center and connect more homes.

Ms. Melissa Bartel, 12 Harlan Place, asked if there was need for a second entrance onto the property.

Mr. Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager, indicated that the property was wide enough to put in a road to connect to Memorial School if and when the need arises.

Mr. Marc Lambert, Member of the Board of Finance, mentioned that if the town did not purchase this property, a developer would purchase it.

Mary Ann Dostaler, 56 William Drive, asked which meeting the Town Council discussed this purchase in public session. She also expressed concern with funding this project from the unassigned General Fund.

Ms. Patience Anderson, stated that it was discussed at the meeting when the resolution was approved and the date set for this meeting.

Mr. Michael Maniscalco explained that the town had a healthy balance in the unassigned General Fund.

Wendy Mullaly, 26 Harlan Place, asked about the impact of testing and what areas would be included.

Mr. Tim Smith indicated that more information on testing and the area would be forthcoming after the purchase of the property.

Cindy Gaines, 71 North Main Street, commented on the need for testing.

Stephen Kistner, 21 Dogwood Drive, asked about getting the information and results from any testing in that area.

Following the conclusion of discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by voice vote the following vote:

Number of "Yes" votes 42

Number of "No" votes 3

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Motion by Ms. Patience Anderson and seconded by Mr. Peter Brown to adjourn the town meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Sandra M. Wieleba, Town Clerk

Town of East Hampton

RESOLUTION

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| <p>TOWN MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016</p> |
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**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$85,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO
PARCELS OF LAND FROM THE ESTATE OF DOMINIC DIDOMIZIO AND
AUTHORIZING AN ASSOCIATED FUND TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION FOR
THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY**

RESOLVED, to appropriate \$85,000.00 from unassigned General Fund balance for the purchase of two parcels of land from the ESTATE OF DOMINIC DIDOMIZIO ("the Property") and described as:

PARCEL A

A certain piece of parcel of land situated in the said Town of East Hampton, containing (9) acres, more or less, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of said lot running EASTERLY to a bound; thence NORTHERLY to heap of stones; thence WESTERLY to stump and stones; thence NORTHERLY to Airline R. R.; thence NORTHERLY to said Railroad to land of Louis Loffredo Estate; thence running Southerly by said Loffredo estate land and land of Lloyd Sellew et ux to point of beginning.

Bounded

North by Railroad and land of Lloyd Sellew, et ux;
Easterly by railroad and land of Lloyd Sellew, et ux;
Southerly by land of Lloyd Sellew, et ux and an Old Highway; and
West by Estate of Loffredo and land of Lloyd Sellew, et ux.

PARCEL B

A certain piece of parcel of land situated in the said Town of East Hampton, containing (21.5) acres, more or less, bounded and described as follows, to wit

Bounded NORTHERLY by an old Highway and land of Lloyd and Alice Sellew; EASTERLY by land of Lloyd and Alice Sellew in part and partly by land of N. Ethel Batschelet; SOUTHERLY by land of Orlando Pelligrini in part, partly by land of John Isacson and partly by land formerly of Harlan G. Hills; and partly by land of the Town of East Hampton; WESTERLY by land of the Town of East Hampton in part and partly by Highway (Smith St.)

Being the same parcels conveyed by deeds at Book 87, page 32 and Book 87, page 33 of the East Hampton Land Records.

This recommendation is made based upon the conclusion that the finances of the Town of East Hampton will not be adversely impacted by the appropriation. The appropriation shall not be made until the real estate purchase is approved in accordance with requirements of the Charter.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the purchase of the Property is approved in accordance with the Charter, the town Council authorizes a fund transfer from the general fund to a capital fund for the purchase of the Property in the amount of \$85,000.00 to include the cost of the purchase of the Property and any legal fees or expenses associated with the acquisition of the Property. Any unspent amounts will be returned to the general fund.