

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Teleconference
Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Dan Jerram, Selectman Laura Garay, Selectman Alesia Kennerson (participation by Speakerphone); Administrative Assistant Christine Hayward.
Others Present: 2 students from Northwestern Regional #7 (Mackenna Oberheim, Emma Jerram)

Discussion/action regarding requesting 8-24 referral for the Butler Farm Property:

First Selectman Jerram called the meeting to order at 3:45 PM. He stated that this special meeting was for the specific purpose of determining if the Board of Selectmen wished to refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission the Butler Farm property for consideration in accordance with CT General Statutes 8-24. Jerram summarized that this parcel of land has been the topic of discussion at several meetings. He stated that the Town has signed off on a Grant agreement with the State of CT Department of Agriculture where the State has indicated their willingness to pay for roughly 55% of the cost of the land.

Mr. Jerram stated that in order for the Selectmen to move this initiative forward, it must be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration in accordance with Section 8-24. Planning and Zoning meets on Wednesday evening. Mr. Jerram noted that the State has not completed the final survey; but this does not mean that the property cannot be considered by P&Z. The Commission is asked to determine if acquisition of this property is consistent with the Plan of Conservation and Development. Jerram noted that land preservation is consistent with the plan, therefore he did not foresee any problems with gaining a positive recommendation.

MOTION: by Kennerson to refer the acquisition of the Butler Farm property to Planning and Zoning Commission for a referral in accordance with CT General Statutes 8-24; seconded by Garay.

Selectman Garay asked for an explanation of what the next steps would be if this gains a positive response. Mr. Jerram replied that the State needs to deliver the final survey so that the actual cost of the property can be determined. There will be a need to go before the Board of Finance to seek their approval to move it forward to seek funding. Ms. Garay asked if this would be a Town Meeting or Referendum item. First Selectman Jerram answered that the Board of Selectmen would be the ones to determine if this should be a Town Meeting approval or a Referenda vote.

Unanimous.

MOTION: by Garay to adjourn at 3:50 PM; seconded by Kennerson.

Unanimous.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Hayward, Administrative Assistant*