

Development Services Subcommittee
July 13, 2016
Enfield Room
4:15 pm

Present: Bill Lee, William Edgar, Carol Hall, Bryan Chodkowski

Absent: Peter Bryanton

Discussion: Tax Lien Sale – 5/26/16

Bryan stated there was meeting with Della Fremont, John Wilcox, Lee Erdmann, and himself. Property list reviewed at that time.

William Edgar stated that the list was reviewed and the Town Council did not approve the purchase of thirteen properties, and wanted to know what and how it took place on these properties.

Bill Lee mentioned that as in the past that if no one bids, then the Town could take the property for \$1.00. Per Bill Lee, Della Fremont stated to him that there were several properties that would not have a bid on, that if there was a Town interest in this property, it could be put aside for review to purchase.

Carol Hall stated that only the Town Council could approve the purchase, and no discussion took place on many of the properties. She mentioned that only Town Council could approve the tax money be forgiven when the Town takes property. Questioning liability of taking these parcels that have no value and worth to the town.

Bryan Chodkowski stated that Town Council should call a Special Session to review the property list and decide on whether the Town wants these properties or not. Walk away from you don't want, those that you do want – move to an 824.

A general discussion of the property list took place.

Bryan Chodkowski stated he needs to speak to Town Attorney on would the Town walking away from these properties invalidate the public sale and how that process would work. Preservation, and Conservation Commission commented on a few parcels. We will put together a special meeting packet that will highlight the address, have highlighted maps in color, staff comments with original rational or concern, conservation's option, answer how much right off, how much tax to come off roll, why acquire and what are we going to do with it. Abutters should also be included. Bryan Chodkowski to offer a disposition plan. These property owners have 6 months to pay the taxes in order to keep from losing the property through the Auction bid process. This would be around end of November 2016.

Town Attorney to look at Sid Manning estate through Probate. Bryan Chodkowski stated he will have all this information for the August meeting and we will schedule to discuss at a special meeting before the first meeting in Sept.

Bill Lee stated we will discuss Blight issues when Peter Bryanton gets back from vacation. It was taken off the agenda today. Bill Lee asking about the enforcement team and if it has slowed down due to hot weather.

Bryan Chodkowski stated there will be a discussion on the process of property maintenance on 7/14/16. He explained a few examples that in town that need to be looked at to improve the time to of

expedition. We need to look at why we are doing this – are we looking for punitive monies or for esthetics. If esthetics there are other ways to address the issue.

Discussion took place on a 16 Glendale for a business running out of the house. Bryan Chodkowski to follow up with the Town Attorney, and Roger O'Brien as it has been 3 weeks.

Carol Hall stated that we may need to review and make changes to the ordinance, like add abatements, injunctions, and civil or criminal citations.

Adjournment 5:20 pm.