

SELECT BOARD
Executive Session Minutes
Joseph F. Bilotta Meeting Room, Town Hall
September 21, 2021

Select Board members present: Tom Alonzo, Chairman; Lou Franco, Clerk, Todd Dwyer, Jim Marino

Member not present: Michael-Ray Jeffreys, Vice Chairman

Also present: Heather Lemieux, Town Manager, Al Futterman, Nashua River Wild and Scenic Stewardship Council- NSN Wild and Scenic Rivers Forest Legacy Program

The meeting opened at 9:25 p.m.

Mr. Futterman is seeking a letter of support from the Select Board for a federal grant in order to incorporate one tract of privately-owned donated land totaling 20 acres in Lunenburg out of a total of 25 tracts of woodlands included in the Nashua, Squannacook and Nissitissit Wild & Scenic Rivers (NSN) Forest Legacy Program (FLP) application. The property is located off Holman Street and abuts North County Land Trust property to the west and the Town of Lunenburg's conservation area and Town Forest to the east.

He stated this application will be reviewed in November by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation but will take years to be approved as the federal funding has to go through congressional and presidential budget approval. We will not know it is approved until 2023. The tract will be have a conservation restriction or a fee sale, the property owner has not informed us yet which it will be. In either case, it will be assumed by the Lunenburg Conservation Commission.

Ms. Lemieux asked if the land was currently in Chapter 61. Mr. Futterman was not sure but would ascertain that. The value of the property is not determined as an appraisal is not required until the grant is approved.

Motion: J. Marino

2nd: L. Franco

To send a letter of support for the FLP application and authorize Mr. Alonzo to sign it on behalf of the Select Board

Vote: Mr. Marino-aye, Mr. Dwyer-aye, Mr. Franco-aye, Mr. Alonzo-aye

Mr. Futterman thanked the Board for their support.

Motion: J. Marino

2nd: L. Franco

To adjourn the meeting and not reenter Open Meeting

Vote: Mr. Marino-aye, Mr. Dwyer-aye, Mr. Franco-aye, Mr. Alonzo-aye

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elaine M. Peterson

Executive Assistant to the Town Manager