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West Newbury

--EXECUTIVE SESSION--

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting date & place: 7:30 pm, January 6, 2020 Conservation Commission Office, 1910 Building

Members Present: Chair Dawne Fusco, Wendy Reed, Margaret Hawkins, Tom Atwood, Conservation Agent Bert Comins.

The Commission made a unanimous roll call vote to go into Executive Session, citing M.G.L. Ch 30A sec. 21(a)6. Proceedings were conducted in closed session because an open meeting would have a detrimental effect upon the negotiation of a potential real estate acquisition.

Executive Session--- MGL Cb. 30A §21(a) 6: To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Vanessa Johnson Hall of Essex Greenbelt provided a map and explained that Greenbelt, in conjunction with entities in Newburyport, as well as West Newbury's Open Space Committee and Water Commissioners, is working on acquisition of 38 acres on Artichoke reservoir for conservation purposes. Ms. Johnson Hall stated that the agreed price is \$985,000 (the appraisal was higher) and described a range of funding sources from a variety of sources, including proposed use of \$175,000 from West Newbury's Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds.

The Commission voted 4-0-0 to co-sponsor the CPA funding request.

The Commission made a 4-0-0 roll call vote to go out of Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Meeting Documents

Presentations and records associated with each matter identified, as included in Mr. Comins' files.

Respectfully submitted