

Present: Jane Connolly, Chairman; Stephan Grozinger, Pierre Ratte, Ken Edgar, Britta Lerner

Absent: Joe Limone, Vice Chairman; Don Saltzman

Meeting digitally recorded 1/18/12

SPECIAL MEETING 6 P.M.

REFERRAL FOR A REPORT PURSUANT TO C.G.S. SECTION 8-24 CONCERNING THE LEASE AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WESTON AND THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CONNECTICUT, INC. FOR THE LACHAT PROPERTY, 106 GODFREY ROAD, WESTON CT.

Present: First Selectman Gayle Weinstein and Selectman Dennis Tracey

The Chairman called the meeting to order and discussion ensued as to whether the newly proposed changes to paragraph 6 of the Agreement and Amendment to Cooperative Agreement between the Town and the Nature Conservancy dated January, 2012 concerning the Lachat property at 106 Godfrey Road (the "Agreement") constituted a material change so as to warrant a further CGS 8-24 review and report by the Commission. That change involved a modification and lessening of the percentage payout to the Town from the Conservancy's endowment fund.

Mr. Tracy summarized the situation for the members, noting that this recent change occurred after the making of the prior 8-24 Report by the Commission, which positive Report was predicated upon the meeting of certain conditions specified therein. Discussion ensued as to whether a further report was necessitated by the change in paragraph 6.

MOTION: The chairman made a motion, seconded by Pierre Ratte, to decide this issue. It was found that the proposed change was material and that further 8-24 review was required. Vote in favor (5-0). Joe Limone and Don Saltzman, absent.

A discussion then followed as to whether the change from a 5% payout to one of 4 1/2% or less to the Town was such as to support a change of the Commissions prior positive report to a negative one. Discussion was also had on two other proposed changes to the Lachat Lease, which changes were non-material. The commissioners and the public voiced their respective opinions on the payout change, including the present state of the market and the possibility of receiving a higher return. The Commission also discussed the need for approval by the Attorney General should the Town deem it appropriate to move the management of the funds from the control of the Nature Conservancy to a different entity.

MOTION: Ken Edgars moved that the Commission amend the 8-24 Report to approve the proposed change to paragraph 6 of the Agreement as discussed and set forth in the Agreement. Seconded by Pierre Ratte. Vote in favor (4-1); Stephan Grozinger opposed; Joe Limone and Don Saltzman absent.

APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Jane Connolly noted that James would be on medical leave and, accordingly, moved that the Commission to appoint Tracy Kulikowski, as temporary Zoning Enforcement Officer, commencing retroactively from January 17, 2012 through January 23, 2012. Seconded by Stephan Grozinger. Vote in favor (5-0) Joe Limone and Don Saltzman absent.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Joan Lewis, Administrative Assistant

Approval: