

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Zoom # 848 2388 2966
January 19, 2021, Tuesday**

Present: Michael Molisse, Chairman
Jane Hackett, Vice Chairman
Pascale Burga, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor

Also Present: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
James Malary, Finance Director

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chair Molisse called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

21 001-Acceptance of Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure-65 Greenvale Avenue

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on January 4, 2021 and was presented by Finance Director James Malary. The town received a request from the property owners to relinquish the deed over to the town. The parcel is valued at \$13,200; the taxes due on it are \$5,045, and it is 2.18 acres. The property was taken in 2008. His opinion is that it is worth it for the town to take ownership of the deed.

Chair Molisse asked if this represents a start to a tax-taking process and if there will be more going forward. Mr. Malary responded that the town will be proactive and will get into public auctions of parcels, tax-takings and land below value. It's a project that the Municipal Finance Department has taken on, and will go forward on an annual basis.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 001 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett- Yes, Chair Molisse- Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

21 002-Acceptance of Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure- 33 Bridle Path

This measure was referred to the Budget/Management Committee on January 4, 2021.

Vice Chairman Hackett pointed out the measure number is misprinted on the agenda and should be 21 002. Mr. Malary presented this measure also. It's another in which the

owner is relinquishing the deed to the town. The outstanding taxes are greater than the assessed value. It's a sliver of land tucked between two town-owned properties, so it isn't something that the town could offer at public auction. This action removes these properties from the books, and places them in the town's name.

Chair Molisse noted it is in a weird spot. Mr. Malary responded that it is one of three slivers of land, and they could potentially put it out at auction. The last title taking was completed in 2014, so they are behind.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hackett to forward measure 21 002 to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett- Yes, Chair Molisse- Yes. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:13 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor Hackett to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Vice Chair Hackett- Yes, Chair Molisse- Yes.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Molisse as Budget/Management Committee Chairman
Voted unanimously on 16 February 2021