

July 10, 2013

On the above date the Board of Selectmen held an Executive Session at Town Hall at 8:18 PM. Chairman Duval presided, and present were members Michael Ouellette, Arthur Harrington, Richard Blanchard, and Joseph Nowak. Also present was Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator.

Chairman Duval called the meeting to order at 8:18 PM.

Donna Cesan, Community Development Director, and Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator, explained to the Board that they were reaching out to a land owner on Hoosac Street regarding property that adjoins the Rail trail project in hopes of purchasing it for the Town to develop a new park – the “Adams Station.” Mr. Butler explained that as previously discussed with the Board, the Town hopes to use a grant program (PARC) that Ms. Cesan has identified, which has an application due date in a week. In order to apply for the Grant it would be contingent upon the Town being able to come to an agreement with the land owner. The grant program is the same which was last utilized by the Town when Renfrew Park was renovated. This is a matching program, 70/30 Town match. They are proposing to apply for up to \$400,000 and match with approximately \$150,000, which would give the Town \$550,000 for the proposed Adams Station Project.

The property owner is asking for over \$200,000 for the piece of land that is critical to this project. Ms. Cesan and Mr. Butler are requesting the Board’s support to enter into negotiations with the land owner to purchase the property. All of the Board Members were very supportive and gave consensus to Mr. Butler and Ms. Cesan to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the Hoosac Street property. The Board also authorized and approved the Community Development Department to apply for funding under the FY14 Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant.

Motion to close executive session made by Member Harrington, second by Member Ouellette.
Unanimous vote, passed

Motion to adjourn by Member Harrington, second by Member Ouellette. Unanimous vote, passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Schaffrick
Recording Secretary

Approved for release on October 1, 2014





