



# Committee on City Property

February 25, 2013 – 6:55 PM - **Minutes**  
City Hall, 133 William Street, City Council Chamber, Room 214

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**MEETING: COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY**  
**DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2013**  
**TIME: 6:55 P.M.**  
**PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLORS JOHN SAUNDERS, CHAIRMAN; BRIAN GOMES, VICE-CHAIRMAN; DAVID ALVES; BRUCE DUARTE, JR.; STEVEN MARTINS**

**ABSENT: NO ONE**

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Councillor Saunders called the City Property Committee Meeting to order and took attendance, there was no one absent.

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Saunders, requesting on behalf of Sid Wainer and son, that a small piece of City-owned land abutting their commercial property on 1 Church Street be acquired by them for the purpose of the improvement of the area, possibly for the creation of a park, never to be built on (Ref'd 3/24/11, 5/26/11 – Refer to Legal Counsel, 4/10/12 – Referred to Legal Counsel and City Solicitor) was received and placed on file by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Duarte. (1)

Tax Title Attorney Blair Bailey was present and stated that he feels this is a great idea, but that he is currently waiting on a response from Environmental Stewardship that is required before he can move forward.

On motion by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Gomes, the Committee VOTED: To refer this matter to the Abutter's Lot Program and Attorney Blair Bailey. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Council President Martins, and Councillor Lawrence, requesting that the Committee on City Property look into using vacant lots for the improvement of Sassaquin Pond suggested by the Conservation Commission (Ref'd 2/9/12, 2/27/12 – Committee to send a letter to DEP authorizing the use of two parcels) was received and placed on file by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Gomes. (2)

Councillor Martins asked Attorney Blair Bailey if there are any updates on this issue. Attorney Bailey stated that he is not 100% sure what lot Councillor Lawrence is referring to in this motion. Councillor Saunders stated that the Conservation Commission would know which parcels are being referred to specifically.

On motion by Councillor Martins and seconded by Councillor Gomes, the Committee VOTED: To refer this matter to Attorney Blair Bailey and ask that he prepare a report to this Committee for its next meeting. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a request from the Department of Public Infrastructure that the vacant land denoted as Parcels "C", "D" and "F" located off of E. Chipaway Road, Freetown, MA, be declared as surplus City property (Ref'd 11/8/12) and An Order, that at the request of the Department of Public Infrastructure and the Mayor of the City of New Bedford, three (3) parcels of vacant land located off of E. Chipaway Road in the Town of Freetown, Massachusetts designated as Parcel "C", "D" and "F" on the plan of land on file with the City Clerk prepared by Romanelli Associates, Inc. entitled "PLAN OF LAND PREPARED FOR THE PENTACOSTAL ASSEMBLY, E. CHIPAWAY RD. IN FREETOWN, MA dated June 14, 2012, be, and are hereby declared to be, surplus property to be disposed of in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (Ref'd 11/8/12) were received and placed on file by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Gomes. (3, 3a)

Councillor Saunders stated that he feels this land will most likely be utilized as a water easement.

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Alves, the Committee VOTED: To send a letter to all City Departments to inquire if any of them have an interest in this land, and if so, to inform this Committee within thirty (30) days.

Councillor Gomes made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Alves.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Committees