

**MINUTES  
PURCELLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 7:00 PM  
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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The GoTo/virtual meeting of the Purcellville Town Council convened at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with the following in attendance:

**PRESENT VIA REMOTE PARTICIPATION:**

Kwasi Fraser, Mayor  
Tip Stinnette, Vice Mayor  
Nedim Ogelman, Council member  
Ryan Cool, Council member  
Ted Greenly, Council member  
Joel Grewe, Council member  
Chris Bledsoe, Council member

**ABSENT:**     None

**STAFF PRESENT VIA REMOTE PARTICIPATION:**

David Mekarski, Town Manager  
Sally Hankins, Town Attorney  
Hooper McCann, Director of Administration  
Amie Ware, Division Manager-Parks and Recreation  
Patrick Sullivan, Director of Community Development  
Andy Conlon, Senior Planner  
Sharon Rauch, Director of Human Resources  
Jason Didawick, Director of Public Works  
Dale Lehnig, Director of  
Liz Krens, Director of Finance  
Chief Cynthia McAlister, Police Dept.  
Deputy Chief Dave Dailey, Police Dept.  
Diana Hays, Town Clerk/Executive Assistant  
Kimberly Bandy, Deputy Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fraser called the GoTo (virtual) meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

## **AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL**

None. David Mekarski referenced correspondence sent today regarding the CARES Act Funding.

Council member Ogelman referenced the retention pond item and that he has been requesting information for over a month to make sure independently that those pursuing the change that we hear back from those that participated in the public discussion. Council member Ogelman stated he does not feel comfortable voting on the item until he hears from those that participated in the discussion, and requested the item be for discussion only. David Mekarski stated that Dale Lehnig has contacted the four individuals that have objections and could provide an update.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **a. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2020 REVISED**

Council member Grewe made a motion that the Purcellville Town Council approve the Consent Agenda item 5 as presented in the agenda packet for the May 26, 2020 Town Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Bledsoe. Council member Ogelman stated there are two sets of minutes that will need to come back at a future meeting (November and March 24 minutes) with corrections. The motion carried 7-0.

## **CITIZEN/BUSINESS COMMENTS**

Sarah Stratton, 20<sup>th</sup> Street resident and Chair of Economic Development Advisory Committee, talked about ideas that the EDAC has been discussing to include Second Saturday, adding community engagement boards around the community and water misters. Mayor Fraser suggested the EDAC resume their meetings virtually.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council member Grewe talked about the effect of the COVID restrictions on citizens, including the cancellation of the July 4 parade. Council member Grewe asked if there have been changes to the timeline on the water tower project. Dale Lehnig stated it is on schedule for June 1. Council member Grewe referenced the CARES Act funding discussion and proposed the \$900,000 be divided into three categories to include small business coverage, municipal response costs, and relief to residents affected financially by COVID-19. Council member Grewe stated he would like to see the committees resume their meetings, even if virtually.

Vice Mayor Stinnette thanked staff for the virtual Memorial Day Ceremony and Council that attended. Vice Mayor Stinnette welcomed the news of the dismissal of the last case associated with the Police Department and added the plaintiff has 30 days from the judge's decision to amend claims, and talked about his tenure as a Council member.

Council member Greenly thanked Amie Ware and Hibah Salah for the Memorial Day Ceremony. Council member Greenly asked questions from the citizens about food trucks, a gathering in town that was ended by enforcement, COVID-19 relief funds for business owners and bulk trash pick-up. David Mekarski stated independent food trucks not associated with another business are prohibited in town. Sally Hankins stated the executive order does have the force of law that gives the government authority and the statute specifies that violation of an executive order will be a Class 1 misdemeanor. Mr. Mekarski talked about the CARES funding allocation provided and that the Town's allocation is coming from Loudoun County in the amount of \$837,000, and referenced this evening's conversation about allocation of the funds. Mr. Mekarski added that funds can be utilized for business relief or business stimulus and that the allocation is in accordance with federal guidelines with additional rules set forth by the Town not in violation of the federal guidelines. Mr. Mekarski added that the Town may partner with Loudoun County in the application and disbursement process. Hooper McCann stated American Disposal has not determined when bulk trash pick-up will be resume due to COVID-19 and staffing. Mayor Fraser questioned the amount of the CARES Funding and David Mekarski confirmed the amount is actually \$891,000.

Council member Cool stated he is glad the schedule for the cell tower is on track and talked about his time on Council. Council member Cool referenced the article about Chief Smith in the Town and City magazine.

Council member Bledsoe thanked staff for their organization of the virtual Memorial Day Ceremony. Council member Bledsoe remind residents the election is on June 4, the last day to request an absentee ballot is May 28 and in person voting will take place on June 4 at the Bush Tabernacle.

Council member Ogelman stated he was contacted by a citizen asking the town to celebrate graduation, and is looking forward to the upcoming discussion. Council member Ogelman thanked Mayor Fraser for his leadership and entrepreneurial experience, and stated he ran for office to represent certain things and feels he was clear to citizens what that was, and that the job of a Council member is represent the citizens, and to say what you will do and try to follow through. Council member Ogelman added that translating from representing to what you told citizens to the implantation can be difficult.

Mayor Fraser thanked staff for the virtual Memorial Day Ceremony and for embracing technology and innovation. Mayor Fraser requested that staff review July 4 and to make something happen.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **a. Purcellville CARES Fund Allocation from the State**

David Mekarski referenced the information provided in the packet, and that the funds will cover COVID direct related expenses through December 30. Mr. Mekarski added that the first step is to sign the authorization form to allow the Mayor to certify receipt of the funds. Mr. Mekarski added the town will be audited and the fiduciary requirements for control of the funds are high,

and reviewed ways the funds could be used to include testing, protective gear, business interruption funds for relief and stimulus, COVID overtime/leave, improvement of technology for teleworking opportunities, and a recovery plan. Mr. Mekarski stated funds cannot be used for damages not covered by an insurance policy, payroll benefits, payment for provision to meet tax obligations or to defer or subsidize utilities, and capital improvement projects. Mr. Mekarski added that an internal committee has been established to determine and submit an allocation plan to the County for consideration.

Hooper McCann stated the team pulled together a map to move forward including reviewing extensive reporting requirements with the County and with the Town's auditors. Ms. McCann added that a high-level spending plan needs submitted to the County for approval. Marty Kloeden talked about the process for receiving the funds as well as documentation, and the amount of work that it takes to manage this program, and talked about partnering with the County for assistance.

Vice Mayor Stinnette referenced the staff report and feels the priority is fortifying the community against a second round, business relief/stimulus followed by everything else. Vice Mayor Stinnette noted the difference in PPE (protective personal equipment) and CPE (collective protective equipment – face coverings, etc. for staff). Vice Mayor Stinnette referenced “through December 30, 2020” and asked how long the money lasts. David Mekarski stated anything not spent according to the categories goes back to the government.

Council member Ogelman talked about the grant thinking about protections and strategies with the community, and that everything done to prepare the community helps to protect the town economically and health-wise for the future. Council member Ogelman requested to think in terms of things that will protect us from this type of event in the future. David Mekarski talked about enhancing the SCADA system to help monitor water and sewer gauges.

Council member Grewe stated to remember to stay within audit rules as far as necessary expenditures within the COVID-19 guidelines. Council member Grewe noted that testing is an ongoing event and talked about a testing center, and talked about allocating funds to testing and if it is not all used for testing if the funds would be returned. Marty Kloeden confirmed and feels Purcellville is a logical place for testing by the County in western Loudoun.

Council member Greenly referenced non-profits and a communication plan to let residents know how money is being spent and may want to provide input. Council member Greenly talked about restaurants expanding capacity and tents, etc. becoming town property, and talked about opportunities with the County and neighboring towns.

Council member Bledsoe summarized the County would have money the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and the Town would have it mid-June. Council member Bledsoe stated he would like to see an executed plan at the June 9 meeting that everyone agrees on, and expressed concerns in making sure there are impacts to the citizens and businesses.

Mayor Fraser talked about transparency and having the plan online that will include the key dates and stated the plan would be brought back on June 9. Mayor Fraser added that he feels

small businesses should be first followed by residents then operations, and suggested engaging the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Council member Grewe talked about the entry into Phase 1 and the availability of outdoor seating and the Town's zoning. Patrick Sullivan confirmed outdoor seating is not recognized and is just seating for the business rather inside or outside. Council member Grewe stated the fire department should be included so that seating is not interfering with fire lanes.

Council member Ogelman agrees the town needs to allow the citizens and businesses as much input as possible and that confines and boundaries should be known. Council member Ogelman talked about a poll to get feedback and talked about getting the EDAC involved.

**b. Governor Order #62 Phase 1 Opening for Northern Virginia Region Including All of Loudoun County and the Town of Purcellville**

Mayor Fraser stated the decision needs to be made by the Governor to open Thursday at midnight. Vice Mayor Stinnette talked about communications on this item about a sanctuary town, and the issue of allocating space to businesses, and referenced government-owned spaces. Vice Mayor Stinnette talked about business across the United States using public space, including streets.

Council member Cool talked about being the voice for the businesses and to be aware of ways statements can be made as a government.

Council member Grewe asked what happens functionally if the town does not enforce. Chief McAlister talked about enforcing and not enforcing and stated the department would rather educate the public and explain the order they were asked to enforce. Council member Grewe asked if there is legal repercussion on the town if the department chooses not to enforce. Sally Hankins she does not believe there would be a penalty for not enforcing but that other authorities can enforce and prosecute.

Mayor Fraser stated he would table the sanctuary state item and asked for additional comments offline. Mayor Fraser asked if the Governor opens businesses if the town is ready to support it and accommodate outdoor dining. David Mekarski stated he has met with staff and staff is ready to assist as needed. Mayor Fraser asked if the town is ready to support businesses from an operational perspective. David Mekarski talked about the assistance staff is ready to provide to businesses.

**c. Comprehensive Plan Update**

David Mekarski stated the team has been aggressively working on completing the review process. Mr. Mekarski added that the document will be transmitted to Council as soon as possible for comment, and the goal this week is to have a final draft ready for publication for the 29<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing will be held June 23, with optional work sessions scheduled.

Council member Ogelman asked when the review will be finished if the public hearing is held June 23, and suggested communicating with Council sooner rather than later. Mr. Mekarski talked about scheduling a series of special Town Council work session in case they are needed for comments review from the public hearing. Sally Hankins stated work sessions would be announced for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday following the public hearing.

Council member Bledsoe summarized that a draft should be received tomorrow and staff would review that each of Council's comments are incorporated. David Mekarski confirmed.

Vice Mayor Stinnette thanked David Mekarski and Sally Hankins for holding dates for a series of work sessions and the rules of not voting the night of the hearing, and talked about capturing properties not within the contiguous boundary and that it would be helpful to have a picture or overhead map of each.

**d. July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade/Recognizing 2020 High School Graduates**

Amie Ware stated the communications team discussed ways to recognize graduates and alternatives to a July 4 parade.

Council member Ogelman stated the citizen he spoke with talked about having the high school seniors drive around and the citizens give them praise, and asked staff to consider. Chief McAlister stated she feels it would be difficult to coordinate with staff as they are currently working 7 on and 7 off, and talked about organization and asked if this event would be with both high schools.

Vice Mayor Stinnette talked about holding one for each school and compared it to the Santa riding through town event, and that the event should not take a lot of management.

Council member Bledsoe stated he feels the town has the skills to handle this and talked about the number of vehicles that could participate and talked about traffic safety and spoke in favor of some sort of support.

Council member Cool stated he would like to logistically get to yes instead of no, and supports doing something.

Council member Grewe stated he feels it can be done with a communication plan with a longer route to be able to spread vehicles out.

Mayor Fraser summarized that Council would like a parade to celebrate the high school seniors in a safe and efficient manner. Mayor Fraser talked about combining the two events noted by Ms. Ware, and feels it can be done. Mr. Mekarski added that COVID funds could be used for the parade for the seniors. Mayor Fraser suggested not canceling July 4<sup>th</sup>. Amie Ware talked about encouraging residents to decorate for July 4<sup>th</sup>, there would be an online application to participate in a contest for the best patriotic decorations, and having those that participate judged and the winner would receive two additional vouchers. Amie Ware also talked about combining July 4 with the Christmas Parade with a red, white and blue theme. Mayor Fraser stated he sees a lot of

issues with that idea and he prefers a July 4 parade. Council member Ogelman agreed, and feels a celebration could still be held on the appropriate day. Vice Mayor Stinnette agreed with Council member Ogelman and talked about bringing the parade to the citizens on July 4, make it visual and something that the citizens can participate in. Council member Grewe agreed with finding a way.

Council member Greenly asked Chief McAlister to consider whether Main Street would work. Chief McAlister agreed that not having the July 4 parade would not be right and asked the vision for the parade for the seniors and for July 4. Council member Cool stated to limit the number of streets and not go in and out of neighborhoods, and that a parade is a good opportunity to support the community.

Mayor Fraser summarized that Council is looking for a celebration for seniors and a July 4 celebration, and talked about getting ideas from the community.

**e. Election Preparedness**

David Mekarski stated the administration is ready to assist in any way possible. Chief McAlister stated that it has been customary for her department to not visit polling places and that they would only go if called.

Council member Grewe talked about signage for the candidates and if that is handled by the election board. Council member Bledsoe stated the Board of Elections will mark where signs can be placed.

**ACTION ITEM(S)**

**a. Certification for Use of Coronavirus Relief Fund**

Council member Grewe made a motion that the Town Council authorize Mayor Fraser, David Mekarski and Elizabeth Krens to execute the Certification for Use of Coronavirus Relief Fund. The motion was seconded by vice Mayor Stinnette.

Motion:	Council member Grewe
Second:	Vice Mayor Stinnette
Carried:	7-0

Grewe:	Aye
Greenly:	Aye
Cool:	Aye
Bledsoe:	Aye
Ogelman:	Aye
Stinnette:	Aye
Mayor:	Aye

**b. An Ordinance to Partially Vacate a Plat Restriction and Create a New Stormwater Management System Easement – Valley Industrial Park**

Ken Walsh, 37216 E. Richardson Lane, stated they were given the option if the County or Town regulations changed with the town as far as pervious load, would have deed of easements to dig up the underground piping to meet their needs, and feels it should be written in the Deed of Easement that there would be no penalty for loss of the business while the lot was being dug up, as well as the time of the day when it would be done during normal construction hours. Mr. Walsh spoke against the item being voted on this evening.

Sally Hankins deferred to Mark Nelis as to whether the items in question by Mr. Walsh could be added. Mr. Nelis stated the easement has been expanded to allow additional underground pipes to be installed and the easement does not require the construction be done at a particular hour, and that is driven by Town ordinance. Mr. Nelis added they would have no claim for economic damages or it would have been noted in the easement. Council member Ogelman proposed adding the language if there is no harm in adding it.

Council member Bledsoe stated he heard Mr. Nelis state the language in the easement is giving the easements to the adjacent plat owners who have the full right to expand the capacity under certain circumstances and since that is being done, they have no rights to pursue compensation for lost business and the language would not be needed. Sally Hankins agreed and summarized that Council member Ogelman was requesting it be added since it would cause no harm. Mr. Walsh stated it is not written but is understood that the Deed of Easement is granted, but feels it adds another layer to research through for property sales on the affected lot owners.

Mr. Nelis stated he could draft the language and requested Council move it forward and he would work with Ms. Hankins to complete the item. Ms. Hankins stated she had a slight change to the motion if adopted but does not prevent the ordinance from being adopted, but can still move forward with the vote.

Council member Grewe made a motion that the Town Council approve ordinance 20-04-02 removing Plate Note # 5 from the Valley Industrial Park Subdivision plat. The motion was interrupted by Council member Ogelman. Council member Ogelman stated he has been asking to hear from citizens who participated in the public hearing and asked for confirmation that staff had spoken with concerned businesses. Dale Lehnig stated she spoke with four property owners and addressed their concerns. Ms. Lehnig reviewed the concerns and responses provided. Sally Hankins confirmed the landowners are not required to sign the agreement. Dale Lehnig added that some businesses are struggling with the pandemic and keeping their businesses afloat and feel they were not given enough notice of the meeting and have not had time to review items with their attorneys.

Denise Schulze, 37232 E. Richardson Lane, stated she does not understand what is going on and ensured the lot owners that no restriction would be made (*Ms. Schulze's comments could not be heard due to poor connection*). Ms. Schulze talked about what businesses have been through and feels the transparency is poor, they have not been notified and that a decision should wait until after the pandemic. Ms. Schulze feels little information has been given to the lot owners and does



not feel the Council has the right to make a decision on behalf of the property owners. Mayor Fraser stated Council is trying to find a time to bring this back up and give the businesses the opportunity to speak, and does not know when the pandemic will be over but has an obligation to continue the business of the Town. Mayor Fraser added that Council is considering all comments in the decision. Ms. Schulze stated she keeps losing connection to the meeting. Sally Hankins suggested using the phone number for reliability. Ms. Schulze said she had no code to get into the meeting. Mayor Fraser stated the meeting information was sent out to everyone, and Ms. Schulze argued against the comment. Sally Hankins disagreed with Ms. Schulze's comment about the lot owners not being able to participate since they have since 2016. Landowners have been invited to several meetings and have had time to submit comments since the February public hearing and documents were sent to the landowners at least a month ago. Ms. Schulze asked how she could comment on something not received, and was not aware any of this was going on until advice from counsel was provided to try to get a release of the note in late 2017. Ms. Schultze added she was told to do a FOIA request for documents other than meeting notes.

Mark Miller, property owner next to the retention pond at 247 E. Richardson Lane, stated he found out about the meeting by accident and the last time it came to Council they had legal representation and that the way things were written was not quite legal and future property sales would be affected. Mr. Miller added he does not feel the item is ready to move forward and has also had connection issues to the meeting. Sally Hankins noted the Town is not doing anything unlawful by approving the item. Mr. Nelis stated Ms. Schulze attorney, Mr. Leigh, has sent communication and documents have been revised, the Town copied on the information, and when Mr. Leigh was contacted weeks later to see if he had any additional comments was told he no longer represents the client. Ms. Schulze stated she was not aware of this and noted again people are unable to get through to the meeting. Mayor Fraser stated the issues brought up have been addressed. Ms. Schulze argued she has not been able to consult with her attorney and Mayor Fraser noted that Mark Nelis had communicated with her attorney. Mr. Miller added that he feels there are too many things unaddressed and need discussed.

David Mekarski stated he was at the first public meeting at the Purcellville Train Station with Sally Hankins and Patrick Sullivan and at no time did staff indicate to Ms. Schulze she would have to submit a FOIA request and that she was offered copies free of charge. Ms. Schulze then verbally submitted her request for all communication between Mr. Nelis, the Town and Shea Enterprises. David Mekarski stated he directed Mr. Nelis that all property owners were notified with written correspondence. Mr. Nelis stated requirements from the Code of Virginia were met. David Mekarski stated two community meetings were scheduled at Town Hall and all property owners were invited and only Mr. Walsh attended. Ms. Schulze stated it does not seem the Town is trying to be transparent and it seems suspicious.

Sally Hankins asked Ms. Schulze how much time she would need to obtain legal counsel review and to provide a response to documents. *(Ms. Schulze comments could not be heard.)* Ms. Schulze stated the Town Council needs to postpone any decision until everyone can be notified of the meeting, we are not in the middle of a pandemic, and until she has time to consult with her attorney. *(The remainder of her comments could not be heard.)*

Council member Ogelman stated they need to determine what needs to be fulfilled for the lot owners to come to an understanding, knowing the pandemic could be around for a while. Council member Ogelman agreed with Sally Hankins asking when it could be bounded, and talked about communications with the lot owners. Sally Hankins referenced Dale Lehnig has spoken with the land owners not in favor of the application and the list of concerns have been covered and does not see them as addressing the substance of the proposal and are not specific about the improvements that could be made to the documents to make them acceptable. Ms. Schulze stated that is why Mr. Leigh is involved and she has not had time to communicate with him. Ms. Schulze comments could not be heard.

Mayor Fraser stated that due to the poor connections, Council should not move forward.

Council member Grewe suggested, due to Ms. Schulze's poor connection, that the item be deferred to the next meeting. Council member Ogelman agreed. Vice Mayor Stinnette agreed and recommended that staff get a critical path that is focused on informing Walsh, Schulze, and Miller and walk them through the details of the plan then give them the time they need to plan with their counsel, then report back to the Town Council.

Sally Hankins agreed with the critical path and having clear dates out to the public, and suggested the vote take place on June 23 so the current Council members have the opportunity to vote. Ms. Hankins stated staff has reached out to the land owners and proposed they contact staff with additional questions. Ken Walsh stated his parents own two affected properties and have not received one document by mail. Sally Hankins stated documents have been sent to properties that drain to the property and not every property in the subdivision drains to this property. Mr. Walsh stated they are in the condo unit and are affected, and Ms. Hankins requested their name and address for verification. Mr. Nelis stated the Code of Virginia requires the notices are sent pursuant to the tax records.

Mayor Fraser agreed to move the item to the June 23 agenda for action and after the meeting and over the next week that everyone has all of the information and staff will provide responses to all concerns raised. Sally Hankins stated the two concerns by Mr. Walsh can be incorporated into the documents and that other comments need submitted in a format that can be responded to. Ms. Schulze confirmed that in the next two weeks during a pandemic while trying to figure out how to stay in business that the town is asking her to speak to her attorney. Mayor Fraser asked if she had additional concerns that need addressed. Ms. Schulze stated that remains to be seen and she does not know how to answer. *(Her comments could not be heard.)*

Council member Greenly recommended the 23<sup>rd</sup> may or may not be feasible for the business owners and suggested the businesses review the documents and get back to the town. Council member Ogelman stated he has been asking the same questions over the last month and David Mekarski responded staff is on and Council member Ogelman stated he does not feel he received a response to the specific things he was asking. Council member Ogelman stated the town needs to hear what gets them to yes and alleviates their concerns and to include those in the documents. David Mekarski stated as soon as he received Council member Ogelman's request, he sent it to Dale Lehnig who reached out to the four property owners addressing their concerns also with the attorney. Mr. Mekarski added that before the public hearing, two community meetings were held

giving property owners the opportunity to speak and told Mr. Walsh, the only owner in attendance, that the property owners needed to attend. Sally Hankins stated there have been three community meetings plus a public hearing and restated all of the communications between the business owners and the Town.

Mayor Fraser stated the vote will take place on June 23 and comments are needed one week prior.

Council member Greenly asked for comments from the rest of the Council members about June 23. Council member Grewe talked about all of the conversations on this item, and agreed with Sally Hankins' layout. Council member Ogelman agreed with June 23 but that staff did not respond to his email even though they worked with the business owners. David Mekarski asked the town's engineer, that in the communication with the four opposing property owners, were there any substantive comments that would impact public record recommendations for the approval of the project. Dale Lehnig stated it would be helpful to include the cost of making the change to the stormwater management pond and compare it to the cost of changing the pond, and believes Sally Hankins is correct that the regulations might change in the future and the lot owners then feel they are giving up the right to modify the Lot 6F but the deed would give them the right to go on and modify it. Mr. Mekarski talked about the improvements to be made that benefit the business owners.

Sally Hankins confirmed with Mr. Walsh the three address for Nancy and Gerald Walsh where notices for all meetings were sent.

**c. Easement Conveyance to Town in Jacksons Run Subdivision**

Council member Grewe made a motion that Town Council accept the conveyance of a 25-foot trail easement located within the Jacksons Run subdivision, for the purpose of constructing, using, and maintaining a trail, as shown on the Jacksons Run Record Subdivision Plat. I further move that Council authorize and direct the Town Manager to sign the Deed conveying such easement to the Town. The motion was seconded by Council member Bledsoe.

Motion:	Council member Grewe
Second:	Council member Bledsoe

Council member Bledsoe asked if the town is obligated to install a path and/or maintain it by accepting the easement. Sally Hankins stated it gives the town the right to construct the trail and if the town constructs it they would be obligated to maintain it.

Council member Ogelman asked if this has any annexation or implications. Sally Hankins stated it does not. Council member Ogelman asked if it can be used for anything since it is disconnected from the town. Sally Hankins stated it is not entirely disconnected and abuts the land that was donated to the town by Beverly Chiasson. Council member Ogelman asked if the land is useful. Sally Hankins stated it is wooded, natural land and it was proposed for a conservation easement for trail usage but that has not been done. Ms. Hankins confirmed it is available for public use and the land does include a stream without a bridge.

Vice Mayor Stinnette asked the intent of the donated property. Sally Hankins stated she is not aware but feels it may be intended to be a park. Mayor Fraser asked if the only way to access the trail is to have a line going from the east towards it. Sally Hankins referenced the attached exhibit in the packet (blue/gray color) is a trail that dead ends at the northern boundary of the property to the east of the property at Walnut Park Lane. Ms. Hankins reviewed the walkable option.

Motion: Council member Grewe  
Second: Council member Bledsoe  
Carried: 7-0

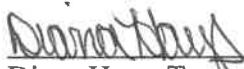
Grewe: Aye  
Bledsoe: Aye  
Cool: Aye  
Greenly: Aye  
Ogelman: Aye  
Stinnette: Aye  
Mayor: Aye

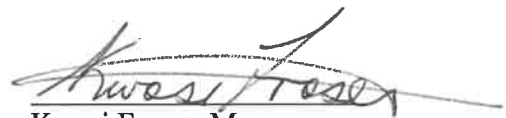
### **CLOSED MEETING**

Due to the time, the closed meeting was deferred to another meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Council member Bledsoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 PM. The motion was seconded by Council member Grewe and carried 7-0.

  
Diana Hays, Town Clerk

  
Kwasi Fraser, Mayor