

Rutland City  
City-Owned Properties Committee

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**MEETING MINUTES – April 27, 2020**

**Committee Members:** David Cooper, Brennan Duffy, Tara Kelly, Rebecca Mattis and Chris Ettori.

**Others present:** Robert Pelletier, Building Inspector

Meeting occurred via conference call due to COVID 19 restrictions. There appeared to be another person present on the call who chose not to identify themselves.

TK, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

**Additions and Deletions to the Agenda** – None.

**Public Comment** – None.

**Approval of minutes of September 10, 2019** – RM moved to approve the minutes of September 10, 2019 as presented. DC seconded. Motion was approved.

**New Business**

**31 East Street**

This property was previously sold to Andrew Kiernan through this program. He has been actively working on the redevelopment of the property per the approved plan. At this juncture, he would like to add his parents to the deed. This is not a sale of the property, but rather a manner in which to spread the liability and reduce the insurance costs.

The Committee reviewed his request and is recommending to the Board of Aldermen that Jon and Bethany Kiernan be allowed to be added as co-owners of the 31 East Street .

**31 Howe Street**

This property was previously sold to Joseph and Barbara Giancola et al. The Giancolas submitted a request to change the Development Plan. Per the materials submitted (on file), the existing structure is not salvageable. Per the Giancolas, the cost to rebuild a duplex in this location is prohibitive. Therefore, the Giancolas are requesting to demolish the structure and then divide the land between the two adjacent properties (which they own).

The Committee discussed the request. There was general support for the concept. The leading reasons given are the existing Housing Needs Assessment indicates that a reduction in the number of rental units in the City and addition of greenspaces and yards would be a plus to the neighborhood. And, the prior marketing of the property did not elicit any competitive proposals. However, before sending a recommendation for approval to the Board of Aldermen, the Committee would like Mr. Giancola to submit a plan that shows how the lots will be divided and how the land will be treated with respect to

limiting the amount of pavement and installing some greenspace. TK will make this request to Mr. Giancola. Another meeting of this Committee will be scheduled once the plan is ready for review.

**Old Business**

TK and BD reported on the fact that Habitat for Humanity is actively seeking another property in the Northwest neighborhood to build upon. BD discussed the goals and timelines of the organization with Eric Solsaa. BD is recommending that rather than pulling a property off the list, the City market the properties per usual and ensure that Habitat is notified and given the chance to submit an application.

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:23 PM.**