

Rutland City  
City-Owned Properties Committee

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**MEETING MINUTES –August 8, 2018**

**Committee Members:** David Cooper (DC), Brennan Duffy (BD), Tara Kelly (TK), William Notte (*absent*) and Melinda Humphrey (MH).

**Also Present:** Bob Tanner (BT), Mayor Allaire, and City Treasurer Mary Markowski.

TK, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

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

**Public Comment** – None.

**Approval of minutes of June 27, 2018** – BD moved to approve the minutes of June 27, 2018. MH seconded. Motion was approved.

**New Business** – TK distributed copies of the applications received for the properties listed on the agenda. She also provided summary sheets for each property.

Review applications for 105 South Street

Two applications were received; one proposed living there while renovating the house and the other proposed demolition and then keeping the property as green space. The plan to live there and renovate was not accepted as it did not provide enough detail about applicant's plan and ability to renovate prior to occupation (which would be needed from a building safety code perspective). The second application only proposed to invest \$500 in the demolition. A normal demolition of a house can cost upwards of \$20-\$25K, and this property has an asbestos survey which would add additional costs and considerations to that amount. Given the deficiencies in these applications, neither offer to purchase was accepted. This property will be remarketed in the near future. The vote was unanimous.

Review applications for 114 South Street

Four applications were received; two did not demonstrate enough resources or detailed plan to support the level of renovation needed in order to make this house habitable.

DC began the discussion saying he feels it is generally preferable to support offers to purchase a house for single family use. A discussion ensued about the specifics of the applications submitted by Chamberland and by Jacobson. It was noted that the Chamberlands plan to do a full gut and renovation of the house as a single family which they would then rent (they have said to their son). They own property on Forest Street which has a back yard that abuts this

property. MH suggested that this proximity to their home suggests a vested interest in keeping the neighborhood in good stead. For these various reasons, BD moved to recommend accepting the Chamberland offer to purchase the property for \$5,000. MH seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### Review applications for 14 Chaplin Ave

Three applications were received. Two applications show a plan to rehabilitate as a single family, owner occupied home. A third application was planning to convert to retail. A discussion about the applications quickly turned toward the Voda application. Mr. Voda provided a detailed plan for renovating the property as a single-family home. He has expressed an intention to live in the house. He has demonstrated the ability to follow through on his plan.

MH moved to recommend accepting the Voda offer to purchase the property for \$5,000. DC seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Old Business** – TK provided a brief update about the properties previously sold. Most of the sales have been closed on or have closings scheduled. However, it is likely that 129 Robbins St and 117 State St may come back into the mix. Should that happen, those properties will be remarketed along with 105 South Street.

Additional properties remaining are 2 lots on Pine Street. One of these lots (37 Pine St) was previously held aside by the RRA. TK will prepare materials for the RRA board to reconsider the disposition of the property. Depending on the decision by the RRA, this property would be marketed at the same time as 68 Pine Street to the public.

Beyond the lots above, there are 4 lots in the Stonegate development that are on the list. The committee agreed there isn't a rush to put those lots out immediately. As such, they will be considered at a later date.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 AM.**