

Rutland City
City-Owned Properties Committee

MEETING MINUTES –August 20, 2018

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

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

TK, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:18 am.

Additions and Deletions to the Agenda – None.

Public Comment – None.

Approval of minutes of August 8, 2018 – BD moved to approve the minutes of August 8, 2018. DC seconded. Motion was approved.

**MH arrived*

New Business –

TK shared with the committee that the previously approved purchaser of 117 State Street has decided not to follow through with the purchase. However, it was discovered that significant alteration of the foundation had taken place at some point during July. It appears someone was preparing the foundation to be fixed. But, it was left in a vulnerable state and has become an emergency that the City now needs to repair. Discussions are occurring between Mr. Richards' attorney and the Attorney Bloomer to come to some agreement about this issue.

Meantime, Building Inspector Tanner has taking multiple steps to save the building. This included hiring a concrete foundation professional to put a triage fix to the foundation for \$2,000. This work is a very short-term fix simply to hold things in place until a solution can be found for the \$18,000 of work (minimum) needed to fix the foundation to the point where the building is no longer at risk.

The contractor, Ann and Richard Reed Jr. mentioned they would be interested in the building. Tara and Bob met with them to tour the full building and explain the process for purchasing City Owned Properties. The Reed's submitted a full application in the manner of other purchasers. The Committee was asked to consider the circumstances and decide whether or not it would be appropriate to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the Reed's be sold the building. The offer is for \$2,000 in the form of work already performed to triage the foundation issue.

Much discussion ensued related to the urgency of the need for repairs, the process itself, and the merits of the Reed's application.

WN moved to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that 177 State Street be sold to Ann and Richard Reed Jr. for \$2,000, payment in the form of work completed at this location. MH seconded the motion. The committee approved this recommendation unanimously. This recommendation will be brought to the Board of Aldermen for consideration.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 AM.