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Town of Chelmsford
Board of Selectmen Minutes
50 Billerica Road, Room 204
Chelmsford, MA 01824

January 28, 2019

Attending:

Glenn Diggs, Chairman
Emily Antul, Clerk
George Dixon, Selectman
Pat Wojtas, Selectman

Paul Cohen, Town Manager
Michael McCall, Assistant Town Mgr.
Paul Haverty, Town Counsel

Absent:

Kenneth Lefebvre, Vice Chairman

Chairman Diggs called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Motion: by Selectman Wojtas to enter Executive Session for the purpose of considering the value of real property regarding the granting of an easement across town-owned land off Tobin Avenue, to return to Regular Session at 7:00PM. Selectman Antul seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Diggs: Aye
Selectman Antul: Aye
Selectman Dixon: Aye
Selectman Wojtas: Aye

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Note: Selectman Lefebvre arrived at the meeting at approximately 6:15PM

Chairman Diggs asked Mr. Haverty to explain the process for granting the requested easement across the town property, and how it may impact the residents who currently have a similar easement. Mr. Haverty noted that granting an additional easement on this property would not impact other residents in any way, provided this Board does not grant an easement that would limit other easements.

Mr. Haverty explained that Town Meeting must vote to grant the authority to the Board of Selectmen to grant the easement and negotiate consideration for the easement.

Chairman Diggs reviewed the improvements that the proposed developer had indicated he will make to the subject property and surrounding areas. He also reported that the developer has publicly stated he is willing to donate up to \$30,000 to the town for other purposes, such as improvements to Varney Playground.

There was some discussion as to whether to accept this offer, or ask for a higher amount.

Motion: by Selectman Wojtas to request a donation of \$50,000 from the developer in consideration for granting the proposed easement off Tobin Avenue. Seconded by Selectman Antul.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Diggs: Aye
Selectman Antul: Aye
Selectman Dixon: No
Selectman Wojtas: Aye
Selectman Lefebvre: Aye

The motion carries, 4-1.

Chairman Diggs then asked Mr. Haverty to confirm how the motion should be worded when the Board takes its vote on recommending the subject article for the Special Town Meeting. He also asked Mr. Cohen to include the \$50,000 amount in the motion for the warrant article when it is presented at the Special Town Meeting on February 4.

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Motion: by Selectman Lefebvre to adjourn the Executive Session meeting at 6:55PM, and return to Regular Session. Seconded by Selectman Antul.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Diggs: Aye
Selectman Antul: Aye
Selectman Dixon: Aye
Selectman Wojtas: Aye
Selectman Lefebvre : Aye

Motion carries, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Wojtas
Board of Selectmen