

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
MUNICIPAL PLANNING & PROPERTIES COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 20, 2023**

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A meeting of the Municipal Planning & Properties Committee was held on Monday, March 20, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting held both in person and electronically via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 7:24 PM by Chair, Abdul Osmanu.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Abdul Osmanu, Chair; Ted Stevens, Vice-Chair; Adrian Webber; Kristen Zaehring; Cory O'Brien; Bob Anthony

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sarah Gallagher

**Public Input:** There was 1 speaker

The following items were addressed:

**1. Order authorizing the Town of Hamden to accept a donation of a bench and a memorial marker stone in memory of Elijah Gomez**

--Moved by Mr. Osmanu and seconded by Mr. O'Brien. DISCUSSION: Town Planner Eugene Livshits explained the proposed location of the bench placement. This was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and it is a favorable recommendation to the Legislative Council. Mr. Osmanu appreciates this donation in memory of Elijah Gomez.

A vote was taken. The item passed unanimously.

**2. Order authorizing the acceptance of property 250 Worth Avenue, Hamden and a donation for improvements**

--Moved by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Webber. DISCUSSION: Town Engineer Stephen White explained this is the pool owned by the Meadowbrook Pool Co-op. They do not have the funds to maintain it and have offered it to the Town. The Town has a pump station nearby which they currently wish to make significant upgrades to or replace. The property is immediately adjacent to it and owning

it would help when they design this. They would use the money that comes with the donation to abandon the pool and make this safe for the public.

Mr. Anthony asked if we are responsible for the liability and cleanup and how much money is being donated? Mr. White said he believes it is \$15,000 and it will be used for the demo work. Mr. Anthony is concerned with the timeline, that we will have an overlap in timeline and liability.

Ms. Zaehring asked if we have a sense of the project cost and will the \$15,000 cover it. Mr. White said most of the cost is the labor and equipment and when we last spoke with Public Works, it was believed it was something that could be handled. Ms. Zaehring asked about the pump station. Mr. White explained how it would help with the pump station.

Mr. Stevens asked if there are any plans or a concept of what might be done with this property afterward. Mr. White said his office has not developed any concepts, perhaps park space or playground area. Mr. Anthony asked is this a storm drain pump station or a sewer pump station? Mr. White said it is a flood control pump station designed by the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Anthony asked, is it the case that if this is abandoned, down the road the Town would end up with this property anyway? Ms. Gruen explained she is not sure we would wind up with the property, but we would wind up with the responsibility. The concern is that the owners will disband and we will not get any money for it. It would be an abandoned property with no one responsible and we will get the complaints no matter what. The best option is to take it willingly and make it safe immediately.

A vote was taken. The item passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk  
Rose Lion, Secretary  
for Abdul Osmanu, Chair