

THE HAGER PARK COMMISSION

Town Hall - 11 South Street Westminster, MA 01473

MEETING MINUTES

23 September 2021 4:30 PM

Town Hall Room 112 CCM, MEP, APW Guests: Jim Delisle Adam Hurd Ned Lafortune

Jim Delisle (Selectboard) asked if the parcel under consideration for the Public Safety Building was part of the original Joseph Hager bequest. CCM responded yes. Delisle stated he has read Hager's will and feels that the intention is clear that the property is to be used for forestry purposes and not a fire / police station. He left.

CCM had a written a letter of support for the Open Space committee's effort to establish a stabilization fund for land acquisitions. The commissioners found a typo. Voted unanimously to have CCM revise the letter and sign it for the Commission and deliver to the Town Planner.

Continued discussion about the Public Safety Building. At the most recent Public Safety Building Committee (PSBC) meeting, we learned from Town Counsel that the process to transfer the land to the PSBC would require a town meeting vote, a vote of the state legislature, approval from the probate court and a unanimous vote of the HPC. The PSBC was hoping to have an article at the Fall Town Meeting on 17 Nov. 2021 to take care of that part of the process. Because of some of the concerns discussed at that meeting, the Fall Town meeting idea appeared to be in limbo.

After further discussions, the HPC voted to have CCM approach the town administrator to get help with preparing a solid memorandum of understanding in the event that the PSBC went forward with the land transfer. The help would likely come from the administrator, Town Planner and Town Counsel. MEP and APW in favor, CCM abstained.

Planned to schedule another meeting soon to discuss any progress.

Adjourned 5:20 PM