

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REAL PROPERTY REUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2005

Present: Ald. Lipof (Chairman), Ald. Salvucci, Albright, Danberg, Gerst, and Harney;
absent: Ald. Samuelson and Schnipper
City staff: Michael Kruse, Director of Planning & Development; Linda Finucane (Clerk)

#41-05 TREASURER/COLLECTOR declaring surplus approximately 1,760 sq.ft. of city-owned land with no street frontage, taken for non-payment of taxes in 1971, located between Hyde Street and Floral Place in Newton Highlands.

ACTION: FORMATION OF JOINT ADVISORY PLANNING GROUP
WAIVED 6-0

NOTE: This is a land-locked parcel adjacent to several residences, which one of the abutters would like to purchase.

#42-05 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS declaring surplus a .07 acre of city-owned land adjacent to 6 Grove Street in Auburndale.

ACTION: FORMATION OF JOINT ADVISORY PLANNING GROUP
WAIVED 6-0

NOTE: The abutting owners would like to purchase this small parcel.

#42-05(2) ARJE & ELIZABETH LATZ, 6 Grove Street, Auburndale offering to purchase an .07 acre of city-owned land adjacent to 6 Grove Street.
PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ASSIGNED FOR MAY 17

#43-05 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS declaring surplus a .13 acre parcel of city-owned land at the intersection of Auburn and Evergreen Streets, south of Commonwealth Avenue, Auburndale.

ACTION: FORMATION OF JOINT ADVISORY PLANNING GROUP
WAIVED 6-0

NOTE: The owner of 15 Evergreen Street wishes to purchase the portion of this parcel on which his driveway has been sited since the house was built in 1948.

#43-05(2) MILLARD HARMON, 15 Evergreen Avenue, Auburndale offering to purchase a .03 acre portion of a .13 parcel of city-owned land at the intersection of Auburn and Evergreen Streets, Auburndale.
PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ASSIGNED FOR MAY 17

Mr. Kruse explained these proposals were initiated by abutters over a year ago. The committee discussed the somewhat cumbersome ordinance (Section 2-7) governing

the reuse process. Created to deal with surplus school buildings, the committee agreed it did not contemplate these kinds of situations. The past-policy (not requirement) of asking petitioners to engage an appraiser to determine fair market value was brought up; however, the committee felt in this case, given the size of the parcels, the assessed value will suffice, noting the Board of Aldermen only sets the minimum sale price; the Mayor determines the ultimate sale price. Ald. Gerst didn't disagree about the ordinance, but expressed some concern about the appearance of circumventing its requirements, pointing out that although it may be cumbersome it is in effect. The Chairman said he and Mr. Kruse will docket an item to amend the ordinance. The committee then voted 6-0 to waive forming Joint Advisory Planning Groups for the three parcels and to set public hearings for Tuesday, May 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lipof, Chairman