

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REAL PROPERTY REUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

Present: Ald. Lipof (Chairman) and Ald. Samuelson; absent: Ald. Albright, Danberg, Gerst, Harney, Salvucci, and Schnipper

Also present: Ald. Coletti

City staff: Michael Kruse, Director of Planning & Development

#284-05      DENNIS QUEREUX offering to purchase a portion (approximately 2,000 sf) of surplus city-owned property, identified as Section 51, Block 29, Lot 34, located on Chandler Place adjacent to #8 Chandler Place, Newton Upper Falls.

NOTE: Mr. Quereux wishes to purchase a portion of this city-owned property to create a larger yard for an abutting house he is renovating. This request was received in August and placed on the September 6 docket. Today, the Chairman was informed by the Law Department that the entire parcel, originally declared surplus for potential development of affordable housing and the subject of a Joint Advisory Planning Group report in 1986, has reverted to the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works. Consequently, this request is premature since the parcel is subject to the provisions of Section 2-7, which require the Board to follow particular steps for disposition of surplus city-owned property.

The Chairman apologized to Mr. Quereux for the delay, but explained that usually the formation of a Joint Advisory Planning Group for such a small parcel, should it ultimately be declared surplus, is waived. Mr. Kruse said he would begin the process by asking the Commissioner of Public Works if the parcel is surplus. If so, other city departments have the right to acquire it first; however, the Fire Department, whose property abuts this parcel, has indicated it has no wish to acquire it. Ald. Coletti suggested that several other parcels also declared surplus in 1986 be revisited for their potential use or disposition.

Aldermen Lipof and Samuelson agreed the item should be held.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Lipof, Chairman

