

The meeting of the **Committee on City Property** was held on Tuesday June 4th, 2019, in the Memorial Middle School Library, 615 Rollstone St, Fitchburg, MA and was called to order by Anthony Zarrella (Chair) at 6:02pm.

Committee Councilors Present: Zarrella (Chair), Beauchemin, Green, Squailia, Fleming

Others Present (*as recognized by clerk*): Councilor Dave Clark, Anne Cervantes, Solicitor Pusateri, Jim Walsh,

Recording: Councilor Sam Squailia

Public Forum: *No speakers*

139-19 Anne M. Cervantes, Treasurer, to declare as excess the properties listed on the enclosed petition and designate them to the Side Yard Sales Program.

Solicitor Pusateri: There were 3 properties that were done by land of low value taking; 22 Wood St, 5 Depot St and 55 Bemis Rd. We didn't run a title search on these properties (hired), but when we looked at the title for these, only 55 Bemis Rd has a current existing lien, so this property is a problem.

Councilor Green: 5 Depot St is just an empty lot? AC: Yes CG: *Would this affect Reingold School?*

Councilor Beauchemin: This would have no bearing on Reingold.

Solicitor Pusateri: Now is the time to consider if any of these properties are of any value to the city.

Councilor Beauchemin: Does not believe there is any value to the city.

Councilor Fleming: Is there anything in the building to code? AC: There are no buildings on any of these properties.

Solicitor Pusateri: 2005, There is an approximate \$83k lien for cost of demolition.

Councilor Beauchemin: Wants to remove one lot for 43 Allen Place, believes it will just be a dumping ground for the adjacent property and believes that we can combine it with another city lot. Believes 46 Allen Place has value. Also wants to remove the 6 Hale St property as he believes it has value to the city with the adjacent lot. AC: does agree that there are lots adjacent in tax title and these could be valuable to the city if combined. Councilor Beauchemin notes that the adjacent property to 6 Hale (on Spruce and Hale) has debris and a truck on it.

- **Motion by Councilor Squailia to amend, Councilor Green Second, 5-0 Unanimous.**
- **Amended petition:** *to remove 43 Allen Place & 6 Hale St* from the Side Yard Sales list
- Keep: 22 Wood St, 5 Depot St, 55 Bemis Rd (*will likely be going through a more rigorous title cleaning process*), 46 Allen Place, 122 Harvard St, 16 Market St, 60 Albee St, 54 Hazel St.
- **Motion to Approve as Amended by Councilor Green, Seconded by Fleming; 5-0 Unanimous**

157-19 James M. Walsh, Friends of the Fitchburg Public Library, Chair-Library Board of Trustees, to install a self-serve bicycle work station on the property of the Fitchburg Public Library.

Representing Friends of the Library: Jim Walsh, 161 Boutelle St, President of Library Trustees & Mary Wiloughby, Treasurer of the FoFPL. Bicycles started being loaned the Fall of 2017. In the second year, has 7 bicycles being checked out. Councilor Joel Kaddy looking for more bikes to add, and is looking for someone to tune the bicycles. Wants to donate a self-service work station with the various tools one would need to fix their bicycle. These are common on rail trails and are infrequently vandalized.

Going with a ground mounted unit as shown in petition.

- **Motion to Approve by Councilor Green, Squailia second; 5-0 Unanimous**

Meeting adjourned 6:43pm

Minutes prepared by Councilor Squailia, Clerk, City Property Committee. Submitted 10/22/19