

SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
October 19, 2016

Present:	Dave Adams Dave Tilton	Nanette Rogers
Guests:	Heather Armata Suzanne Blanchard	Barbara Peck

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

SALE OF SPILLER LOT

Dave Adams explained that this meeting is being held due to a Purchase and Sale Contract being entered into by the Town of Westford and Jeffrey Hutchins. Dave provide a brief history prior to today. The Selectboard discussed at a prior meeting selling the Spiller lot. During a site visit, Bernard Fleury attended and expressed interest in purchasing the property. The Town gave Mr. Fleury time to put in an offer which was declined because the offer was too low. Jeff Hutchins heard about the listing and put in an offer at list price, which the Selectboard accepted by signing the contract. An addendum drafted by the Town's attorney and Jeff's attorney has been added to the contract. Dave explained the process for selling town owned property. Property can be sold by receiving voter approval before listing the property or by entering into a Purchase and Sale Contract and posting public notice allowing voters 30 days to file a petition. If no petition is received, then the sale proceeds. The Town has not received voter approval to sell this property, therefore a public notice is required. He stated this is the step the Town is at in the process.

Barb Peck pointed out that the Town purchased the property from the Westford Historical Society for a new town office and septic capacity. Some residents have approached her expressing their concern how the proceeds from the sale will be used if the Town sells the property because voters approved the purchase for a specific use. Dave A. advised that since the purchase of the property, the Town has determined that the existing town office can be renovated to meet the needs of the Town. With regard to the septic, capacity has been found at the White Church to serve the church, town office, library and maybe a few more buildings. Based on quotes received, it makes financial sense to install and connect to a system located at the church versus the Spiller lot. Since the Town no longer needs the Spiller property, it makes sense to sell it and get it back on the tax roll.

Barb cautioned the Board on how to use the surplus given that voters approved the funds to purchase the lot for a new town office and septic.

Dave Adams made a motion to approve the public notice to sell the Spiller lot, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 2-0.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David E. Adams, Chair
Selectboard

Nanette Rogers
Town Administrator