

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
LAND ACQUISITION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

A meeting of the Land Acquisition Commission will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 Via Conference Call Bridge and In-Person at the Birdcraft Museum, 200 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, Connecticut 06824.

Members of the Public: To View or Listen by Phone:

✓ By phone: Dial (518) 418-1465

Please note, if you call to listen, you will not be heard by the committee members and there will be no live public comment until called for by the Chair during the meeting. The public is encouraged to send their comments before the meeting to brown.kasandra@gmail.com.

LAND ACQUISITION COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

6:00 pm

Via Conference Call Bridge

And

**In-Person in the First Floor Conference Room, Birdcraft Museum, 200 Unquowa Road,
Fairfield, Connecticut**

Trey Bickers (FM)

Adam Goodman (FM)

Tara Hawley (FM)

Kasandra Marshall (FM)

Rob Wilkens (FM)

David Kanter (FM)

Ted Dezvane (FM)

Stephen Sivakoff (A) Joe DeMartino (A)

FM = Full Member A = Alternate Member

AGENDAa

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approval of Draft Minutes from the October 4, 2023 LAC meeting
- 4) Old Business
 - Update from Conservation Director Tim Bishop on acquisition property status. See current table below.
 - Fee in Lieu of Open Space Discussion

6) New Business

- Vote on 2024 Slate of Directors (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary)
- Vernal Pool Discussion. Acquiring properties with the most ecological value
- Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD) Discussion
- Public Outreach Initiatives for 2024

7) Adjourn

Link to POCD Updates:

https://fairfieldct.org/service/town_plan_zoning/pocd_update.php

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
LAND ACQUISITION WORKSHEET
PARCEL ACTIVITY SINCE AUGUST 2021

OWNER	LOCATION	ACRES	RECEIVING OPEN SPACE	DEL. TAXES	NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTED	STATUS
Gorlo	159 Beaver Street	0.19	Gypsy Springs	\$43,949.52	Inland wetlands/Watercourse	<i>Acquired June 14, 2022</i>
Barry	152 Beaver Street	0.17	Gypsy Springs	\$28,468.76	Inland wetlands/Watercourse	09/14/23 update: Town Counsel conducting Probate search for pursuit of foreclosure
Brown	145 Grace Street	0.11	Gypsy Springs	\$4,875.32	Inland wetlands/Watercourse	<i>Acquired June 9, 2022</i>
Fazekas	224 Riverview Circle	0.12	Mill River	\$4,429.09	Inland wetlands/Watercourse	<i>Acquired May 24, 2022</i>
Klinko	50 Concord Street	0.17	Ash Creek/Penfield Mills	\$28,824.41	Tidal wetlands	<i>Acquired on September 7, 2023</i>
Yovan	130 Welch Terrace	0.05	Oldfield Road North	\$10,881.30	Tidal wetlands	Made phone contact with listed heir and working with Special Counsel towards donation
Vežina	137 Deerfield Street	0.23	Gypsy Springs	\$5,090.06	Inland wetlands/Watercourse	Request denied at this time - owner working to pay back taxes
236 Woodside Circle, LLC	236 Woodside Circle	0.27	Woodside Circle	N/A	Inland wetlands/Watercourse	03-23-23 internal Zoom call with Town Attorney to proceed with historic enforcement action prior to pursuing acquisition
Laurelbrook Assoc., LLC	240 Red Oak Road	6.00	New Open Space	\$3,607.10	Inland wetlands/Watercourse	Reconnected with with executrix on December 22, 2023 regarding consideration of donation
Laurelbrook Assoc., LLC	300 Stonewall Lane	2.97	New Open Space	\$149,898.45	Inland wetlands/Watercourse	Reconnected with with executrix on December 22, 2023 regarding consideration of donation
Laurelbrook Assoc., LLC	305 Stonewall Lane	9.10	New Open Space	\$152,024.76	Inland wetlands/Watercourse	Reconnected with with executrix on December 22, 2023 regarding consideration of donation
Edison Services, LLC	1521 Congress Street	2.80	New Open Space	\$134,491.01	Inland wetlands/Watercourse	<i>Acquired February 24, 2023</i>
BC & Son Electrical Construction LLC	80 Hoydens Lane	1.01	Hoydens Hill	\$25,210.62	Inland wetlands/Watercourse	<i>Acquired February 10, 2023</i>
St. Thomas Church	200 Ruane Street	0.70	Oldfield Road North	\$0.00	Tidal Wetlands	Department mailed letter in September 2022; Town attorney making contact in January 2023
Estate-Elizabeth Metz	249 Pine Creek Avenue	0.20	Old Dam Road	\$0.00	Tidal wetlands	09/14/23 update: Town Counsel conducting Probate search for pursuit of foreclosure
Bragg	1207 Congress Street	3.00	New Open Space	\$130,509.89	Inland wetlands (confirmed vernal pool)	Marshall visited property on 09/15/23 to serve foreclosure notice
Gulash	191 Algonquin Road	0.63	Villa Avenue	\$157,291.89	Inland wetlands/Watercourse	Acquired October 20, 2023
Velez	798 Sturges Road	0.28	Perry's Mill Ponds	\$0.00	URA/Existing Open Space	Received Conservation Commission support on October 17, 2023. Met with owner and C&ED Director appraisal scheduled for 01/11/24.
Velez	816 Sturges Road	0.31	Perry's Mill Ponds	\$0.00	URA/Existing Open Space	Received Conservation Commission support on October 17, 2023. Met with owner and C&ED Director appraisal scheduled for 01/11/24.
Collins et. Al	3726 Post Road	4.20	Hulls Highway	\$41,406.94	Inland wetlands/Watercourse	09/14/23 update: Town Counsel conducting Probate search for pursuit of foreclosure

*Total **\$920,959.12**

Updated since last LAC meeting (bold)
Acquired Parcel (Italics)

TOTALS

32.51	TOTAL ACREAGE LISTED
7	TOTAL PARCELS ACQUIRED SINCE AUGUST 2021
5.03	TOTAL ACRES ACQUIRED SINCE AUGUST 2021
3.71	AVERAGE ACQUISITION FREQUENCY RATE (IN MONTHS)
27.48	TOTAL ACREAGE PENDING ACQUISITION

* Total may not be updated to reflect current dollar values

